

Byron Johnson Papers

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Biographical Note

Born in Little Rock, Arkansas, on 19 September 1911.

Played semi-pro baseball in 1932 for the Little Rock Stars.

Earned a football scholarship and teaching degree from Wiley College in Texas.

Taught briefly in Little Rock's Dunbar High School and accepted a tryout offer from the Kansas City Monarchs Negro League Baseball team in 1937.

Excelled at shortstop for the Monarchs and Satchel Paige All-Stars from 1937-1940.

Served in World War II.

Relocated to Denver's Park Hill Neighborhood in 1958.

Scope and Content Note

The Johnson Papers contain family photographs and early pictures of Johnson as a football and baseball player. Also, included is an Army portrait. Newspaper clippings and baseball statistics also appear. Most of this material is in the form of photocopies.

Container list

Box 1 F1	Newspaper clips	1949-2000
Box 1 F2	Waymaker Project	2000
Box 1 F3	Photographs	1929-2000, n.d.