

Title: Johnson, Robert Colton Papers

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Abstract: Robert Colton Johnson was a prominent civil engineer who resided and worked in Milwaukee. After graduating from the University of Wisconsin in 1917 he fought as a soldier in WWI and served in the Navy in WWII. He then became vice president of Siesel Construction Co.; eventually, he would be named President and sit as Board Chairman. He played an essential role in the company's restoration work on Milwaukee's Majestic Building, including research on ground water and pile foundations.

In 1955 he was promoted to Rear Admiral by the U.S. Navy and also was named "Engineer of the Year" for 1954. Johnson was also appointed by Governor Kohler to the Milwaukee County Expressway Commission in 1951 where he sat as a board member for nearly two decades. During this time he had a critical role in the Expressway Commission planning for the Park and Lake Freeways, as well as the North-South, East-West Freeways, and the Marquette (Central) Highway Interchange.

Scope and Content: These papers include business and personal correspondences, photos, and newspaper clippings pertaining to major events, awards, and projects of Robert Colton Johnson in Milwaukee.

Access and Use: No restrictions

Language: English

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Arrangement:

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