

# **Asa Emery Johnson Collection**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	James K. Hosmer Special Collections Library
<b>Creator</b>	Johnson, Asa E., (Asa Emery), 1825-1906
<b>Title</b>	Asa Emery Johnson Collection
<b>Date</b>	undated
<b>Extent</b>	1.0 boxes
<b>Language</b>	English

## Biography

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Asa Emery Johnson was born in 1825 in Bridgewater, New York. After studying homeopathy, he entered into a three year medical apprenticeship with a Dr. Erastus King. He completed his professional studies by two courses of lectures at the University of the City of New York and was granted the degree of M.D., after which he moved to Beloit, Wisconsin, where he met his future wife Hannah Russel.

In 1853, he moved to St. Anthony in Minnesota Territory, where he entered into partnership with Dr. Le Boutillier and established a highly successful practice. Dr. Johnson was an able surgeon and specialized in eye problems. Dr. Johnson was a founding member of the first county medical society in Minnesota, the St. Anthony and Minneapolis Union Medical Society. Dr. Johnson presented the first paper to the society. In addition to his medical interests, Dr. Johnson was an avid botanist and geologist, and was one of the eleven charter members of the Minnesota Academy of Natural Sciences (which was, in fact founded in his office) in 1873. He died in Minneapolis in 1906.

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## Collection Description

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The collection consists of an undated 25 page hand written paper entitled "Whence Came the Different Species of Varieties of Man" that attempts to explain the origins of different races written for the Minnesota Academy of Science. There is also a small portrait of Johnson from Minnesota History Magazine.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

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## Controlled Access Headings

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**Corporate Name(s)**

- Minnesota Academy of Natural Sciences.

**Subject(s)**

- Ethnology
- Physicians
- Science--Societies, etc.
- Scientists.

## Collection Inventory

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	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Paper "Whence Came the Different Specied of Varieties of Man" circa 1873-1906	1	1
Portrait of Asa E. Johnson, MD undated	1	2