

THE EDGAR G. JOHNSTON COLLECTION

5 Manuscript Boxes

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The papers of Edgar Johnston were deposited in the Archives in 1969 by Mr. Johnston. They cover the period of 1943-1966.

In brief, this collection focuses attention on three major areas related to the study of migratory labor in Michigan and in the United States as a whole; (1) The governor's study commission on migratory labor 1951-1955 in Michigan, (2) Federal and state reports, agencies and organizations concerned with migratory labor throughout the country, and (3) Private national and state organizations involved in solving the problems of migratory labor. There are many gaps in the collection, both in primary and secondary source areas, but the collection nevertheless gives some insight to the problem of migratory labor in America.

Edgar G. Johnston was born November 28, 1890 and resides today in Ann Arbor Michigan. He has been active in many areas; not the least of which was his service to the state of Michigan as Co-chairman of Governor G. Mennen Williams' study commission on Migratory Labor from 1951-1955.

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Important Subjects are:

Michigan Migratory Labor Commission  
State Reports on Migratory Labor  
National Reports on Migratory Labor  
Private National and State Organization Reports on Migratory  
Labor  
Articles and speeches by Edgar G. Johnston  
Special Reports and Articles on Migratory Labor

Among the Correspondents are:

Veniette Caswell	Otto Yntema
Ira De A. Reid	Frank Rosenthal
Ellis Marchburn	Barry M. Freeman
Gertrude F. Zimand	Robert E. Sharer
Mary B. Ford	Richard G. White Jr.
Veniette C. Weil	Dorothy McAllister
Hubert H. Humphrey	Harry N. Rosenfield
William G. Diemond	Harry S. Truman
Elizabeth S. Magee	Frank Blackford
G. Mennen Williams	Robert D. Smith
David V. Addy	Max Henderson
Edgar Fuller	Helen L. Johnston
Earl J. McGrath	L. Morris McClure
John F. Thaden	Fay Bennett
Elizabeth B. Herring	Sol Markoff
lone L. Clinton	Patrick McNamara
Kenneth McKeller	George Meader
Paul Douglas	Philip Hart
John O. Pastore	Vera W. Mayer
M.M. Neely	Harrison A. Williams
Wayne Morse	Frank P. Graham
Irving Ives	Helen K. Shettle
Sam Rabinowitz	

The Edgar G. Johnston Collection is arranged in 5 series:

Series I; Box 1	General Correspondence, 1951-1959 chronologically by day. Notes and drafts 1952-1966 chronologically.
Series II: Box 1	Governor's Study Commission on Migratory Labor; committee meetings, conferences and field trips are all arranged chronologically.
Series III: Box 1	Reports of Governor's Study Commission on Migratory Labor; Articles and Reports written by E.G. Johnston; and special reports all arranged chronologically.

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Description of Series continued:

- Series IV: Box 1 Clippings and Miscellaneous arranged chronologically.
- Series V: Boxes 2-5 Related Reports and Organizations (1) State reports and organizations arranged alphabetically by state and chronologically within each state.  
(2) Federal Agencies and reports arranged alphabetically and chronologically within each agency.  
(3) Private national and state organizations arranged alphabetically and chronologically within each organization.

Folders within each manuscript box are numbered consecutively.

Correspondence - Series I

Correspondence from the years 1950 through 1959 is contained in the collection.

- Box 1
1. Correspondence; 17 August 1950 - 23 April 1952
  2. Correspondence; May 1952 - 29 July 1953
  3. Correspondence; 24 February 1954 - 14 September 1959
  4. Notes and Drafts; 27 May 1952 - 1966

Study Commission - Series II

Minutes, Field Trips and Conferences cover the period 1951 - 1953.

- Box 1
5. Minutes, Memos, Agendas, and Conferences
  6. Field Trips
    - Keefe Blueberry Plantation 23 July 1952
    - Grant Community 8 August 1952

Reports - Series III

Reports and Articles from the years 1943 through 1956 are contained in the collection.

- Box 1
7. Reports of the Governor's Study Commission on Migratory Labor; 1952 - 1955
  8. "Michigan Stepchildren" - Article by E.G. Johnston; 1943
  9. "The Education of Children of Spanish-speaking Migrants in Michigan" - Manuscript by E.G. Johnston; 1946

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Reports - Series III continued:

- Box 1      10. Hearings of the President's Commission on Immigration and Naturalization - Statement by E.G. Johnston; 1952
11. "The People Act" - Radio Broadcast; 1950. Federal Advisory Council Report on Coverage of Agricultural Labor; 1951. Recommendations of the President's Commission on Migratory Labor; 1952. "When the Migrant Families Come Back" - A Sketch; 1954. Report to the President on Domestic Migratory Farm Labor; 1956. First Report of the President's Committee on Migratory Labor; 1956.

Clippings - Series IV

Clippings cover the period 1948 - 1965 while most of the miscellaneous material cannot be dated.

- Box 1      12. Clippings; 1948 - 1965
- Detroit News
  - Detroit Free Press
  - Santa Barbara News-Press
  - Ann Arbor News
  - Benton Harbor News-Palladium
  - Michigan Catholic
  - Denver Post
  - Michigan Democrat
  - Look Magazine
13. Miscellaneous
- E.G. Johnston's directory of interested people
  - Membership of Governor's Study Commission on Migratory Labor
  - Suggested Subject Matter outline for Migratory Labor Study
  - Imperial Valley Reports; 1952 - 1953
  - U.S. Department of Labor message to farm workers in Spanish and English
  - 82nd Congress; membership list of House Committee on Education and Labor
  - Unidentifiable letter

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Related Reports and Organizations - Series V

Reports and Organizations cover the period 1942 - 1965

- Box 2
1. State Reports and Organizations  
-California; March 1951
  2. State Reports and Organizations  
-Colorado; 1949 and December 1951
  3. State Reports and Organizations  
-Florida; 1958  
-Illinois
  4. State Reports and Organizations  
-Michigan; September 1942 - May 1951
  5. State Reports and Organizations  
-Michigan; November 1951 - August 1952
  6. State Reports and Organizations  
-Michigan; 1951 - 1958
  7. State Reports and Organizations  
-Minnesota; 1950  
-New Jersey; 1953  
-New Mexico; December 1950 - August 1952
  8. State Reports and Organizations  
-New York; 1952  
-Texas; 1944 - June 1949
  9. State Reports and Organizations  
-Wisconsin; 1947 - December 1952
- Box 3
1. Federal Reports and Agencies  
-United States Department of Agriculture; 1950 - May 1953
  2. Federal Reports and Agencies  
-United States Department of Health, Education,  
and Welfare: Office of Education; 1954 - 1959
  3. Federal Reports and Agencies  
-United States Department of Health, Education,  
and Welfare: Office of Education; 1952 -
  4. Federal Reports and Agencies  
-United States Department of Health, Education,  
and Welfare: Office of Education; 1952 - 1957
  5. Federal Reports and Agencies  
-United States Department of Health, Education,  
and Welfare: Social Security Administration; 1952  
-United States Department of Health, Education,  
and Welfare: Public Health Service and Children's  
Bureau; 1943 - 1960
  6. Federal Reports and Agencies  
-United States Department of Labor:  
Bureau of Labor Standards; 1945 - 1960
  7. Federal Reports and Agencies  
-United States Department of Labor:  
Bureau of Employment Security; 1950 - 1954

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Related Reports and Organizations - Series V continued:

- Box 4
1. Federal Reports and Agencies
    - United States Department of Labor:  
Report from the Secretary of Labor;  
1965
  2. Federal Reports and Agencies
    - United States House of Representatives:  
Bills; 1951 - 1958
  3. Federal Reports and Agencies
    - United States Senate: Bills; 1952
  4. Federal Reports and Agencies
    - United States Senate: Committee on Agriculture  
and Forestry; 1951
  5. Federal Reports and Agencies
    - United States Senate: Committee on Labor  
and Labor Management Relations; 1952
  6. Federal Reports and Agencies
    - United States Senate: Committee on Labor  
and Public Welfare; 1960 - 1966
  7. Federal Reports and Agencies
    - Miscellaneous material; 1950 - 1951
- Box 5
1. Private Organizations
    - American Friends Service Committee; March 1951 -  
mid-April 1952
  2. Private Organizations
    - Consumers League of Michigan Bulletin;  
20 November 1950 - 31 January 1952  
(not complete for this period)
  3. Private Organizations
    - Home Missions Council of North America, Inc.;  
December 1950 -
  4. Private Organizations
    - Michigan Welfare League; 12 September 1951 -  
18 October 1964
  5. Private Organizations
    - National Advisory Committee on Farm Labor;  
21 November 1961 - 31 March 1965
  6. Private Organizations
    - National Child Labor Committee; 1950 -  
30 September 1952
  7. Private Organizations
    - National Consumer's League; 7 April 1951- June 1965
  8. Private Organizations
    - National Council on Agricultural Life and Labor;  
26 October 1950 - January 1963
  9. Private Organizations
    - National Sharecroppers Fund, Inc.; 1950 - 1965

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Related Reports and Organizations - Series V continued:

Box 5 continued:

10. Private Organizations
  - Miscellaneous material
  - National Catholic Welfare Conference,  
San Antonio, Texas; 20 - 23 July 1943
  - "American Unity" Volume II - Number 7;  
April, 1944
  - "American Journal of Public Health",  
Volume 39 - Number 9; September 1949
  - "The Story of Seabrook Farms"; April 1954
  - National Education Association Brochure