

MS 101 Philip Johnston Collection

This collection is composed of some lecture bureau announcements about Philip Johnston; a clipping about his father, W. R. Johnston, 90 years old; an important collection of photographs of W. R. Johnston's missions at Moenkopi, 1896 - and Tolchaco, 1900 - 1918; and a copy of the Coconino County Court record of the trial of Hosteen Boagetin (Begwo-ettin) for murder, 1900, a crime of which he was acquitted.

1. ~~Philip~~ Philip Johnston was born Sept. 14, 1892, in Topeka, Kansas. He came to Arizona with his parents, Margaret W. and William Riley Johnston, missionaries to the Navajo, in 1896. He was the interpreter for President Theodore Roosevelt at the age of nine, when his father took several Navajos to Washington to discuss land problems of the Leupp area. This resulted in the Leupp Extension of the Navajo Reservation. The Johnston's first mission was at Moenkopi, but in a few years they established one at Tolchaco, on the Little Colorado River. Philip graduated from Northern Arizona Normal School in 1915. In 1917 he enlisted as an infantryman in the U.S. Army. Ca. 1920 he entered the University of Southern California, from which he received a BS in Civil Engineering. He worked for the Bureau of Engineering of the City of Los Angeles until his retirement in 1950. In the 1920's (?) he married Bernice Eastman. During World War II, Philip devised a code in the Navajo language for the Marine Corps, and for two years was engaged in recruiting and training young Navajos for this service. He spent his vacations in Flagstaff and the Navajo Reservation, maintaining his friendship with the playmates of his childhood at Tolchaco. He published many articles on Arizona and California places, lectured with his own fine slides on the Navajos, "The Code Talkers", etc. He was a frequent visitor at the Museum of Northern Arizona. His death occurred on Sept. 11, 1978.

See also M.N.A. MS 14 "A Neglected People", publication of the Tolchaco Mission; MS 130 William R. Johnston letters, published in "The Indians Friend", New Haven, Conn. 1903 to 1908; and MS 136, Philip Johnston's correspondence, photos and documents on the establishment of the Navajo Code Talkers; and Two Ways in the Desert by Bernice Eastman Johnston, Socio-Technical Publications, Pasadena, 1972.

1. Information on Philip Johnston and W. R. Johnston Folder.
 - 1 Artist and Lecture Series Directory, 1966-67 Season, Henry Barzilai Bureau, Artists Manager. Includes Philip Johnston as lecturer on Navajos.
 - 2 Talent Directory - same as above, but later year (?)
 - 3 Brochure, 1 page, on Philip Johnston's illustrated "Living History" lectures: 1) My Friends, the Navajo, and 2) The Navajo Code, in Henry Barzilai's The American Heritage series. Contains a portrait of Philip vs. a background photo of Canyon de Chelly, 1966-67 season. (2 copies)

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- 1 Information on P. Johnston and W.R. Johnston (con't.)
 - 4 Clipping on William Riley Johnston, father of Philip.
 "First Missionary to Navajo Indians near 90th milestone."
 Los Angeles Times, Feb. 17, 1941. W. R. J.'s birthday
 was on Feb. 26.
 - 5 Obituary, Philip Johnston, San Diego Eve. Trib. Sept. 15, 1978.
 - 6 " " " Arizona Daily Sun, Sept. 14, 1978.
 Philip died on Sept. 11, 1978
- 2 Photographs taken at W. R. Johnston's missions at Moenkopi and Tolchaco.
 Gift of Philip in 1967 and identified by him at that time.
 - 1 The "Old Woolen Mill" at Moenkopi, was located at the base of the
 hill on which the village stands. It was constructed sometime
 in the 1880's by Mormon settlers at Tuba City; but the machinery
 for weaving textiles was never installed. In October, 1896,
 Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Johnston restored one end of the building for
 living quarters; the other end was used as a stable. From left:
 Avery McCune; unknown Hopi; Mrs. Johnston, front Philip;
 May-we, reigning Chief of Moenkopi, hold the infant Mary Johnston
 in her arms; Shoie (Navajo); W.R. Johnston; La-tok-sie, husband
 of May-we; unknown Hopi. July, 1897.
 MNA Neg. 66.2189
 - 2 Trading post owned by Charles Algert, was located midway between
 Tuba City and Moenkopi. From left: Philip Johnston; Mrs.
 Margaret Wray Johnston; Mary Johnston; Avery McCune; Navajo
 Indian, name unknown; William Riley Johnston; pioneer Mormon
 settler from Tuba City, name unknown. Photo taken in summer, 1898.
 MNA Neg. 67.539
 - 3 Right, Shoie Johnston. Threatened with blindness by trachoma, he
 was treated by Mrs. W.R. Johnston and retained his sight; sub-
 sequently he adopted his benefactress' name. Center, Chi-shi Nez;
 left, his wife. Moenave, 1898.
 - 4 Mission school at Tolchaco, constructed of small cottonwood logs
 plastered with adobe mud, with children sitting in front. Left,
 Constante Field, teacher; extreme right, Mary Johnston. 1908.
 - 5 Mission school at Tolchaco, ca. 1910. Children in front of same
 building as no. 4 above. 1, David Johnston; 2, Mary Johnston;
 3, Margaret Johnston; 4, Vina Jenkins (Hopi); right, Elsie
 Michel, teacher.
 - 6 School children at Tolchaco, 1910. 1, Mary Johnston, 2, Margaret
 Johnston; 3, La Pah, daughter of Atakai Tsosi (Slim Gambler).

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- 7 Atakai Tsosi (Slim Gambler) and his wife; center, their daughter, La Pah, who became the adopted daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Johnston in 1903. ...
- 8 La Pah and her brother. Though she was the adopted daughter of the Johnstons, she returned each summer to her parent's hogan for two or three months, during which time she wore her native dress. This photo was taken in 1909. ...
- 9 La Pah in 1959. She became the wife of Besh-ba-da-sa-ah-ni (He-who-wears-a-badge). This photo was taken at Tolani, south of Garces Mesa. (See also photos 7 and 8 above.)
- 10 Tuchene Teel, a Navajo who accompanied W.R. Johnston and another Navajo, Dana Yazzie, to Washington in October 1901, for a conference with President Theodore Roosevelt. Acting on the information presented during this interview, the President, by executive order, added the Leupp Extension to the Navajo Reservation. Photo made in Washington, 1901. MNA Neg. 66.2188
- 11 Tuchene Teel, left, and his family. ... See photo 10, above.
- 12 Hostine Begwo-Etten, who was critically wounded in the battle near the rim of Canyon Padre in November 1899. Subsequently, he was charged with murder and found not guilty in Coconino County Superior Court, Sept. 21, 1900. Picture taken ca. 1905. See "The Battle at Canyon Padre from the Navajos' point of view". Plateau, v. 14, no. 4, Apr. 1942, pp. 57-63. and MS 101-3.
- 13 Group of Navajos at Tolchaco, ca. 1905. 2nd from left, Hostine Bewwo-Etten.
- 14 Group of Navajos at Tolchaco ca. 1904. 1, Hostine Begwo-Etten; 2, Dana Yazzie, who accompanied W.R. Johnston and Tuchene Teel to Washington in 1901; 3, Peshlakai Etsitty; 4, Tuchene Teel.
- 15 Group at Tolchaco, 1904. Rear: F. G. Mitchell, also a missionary at Tolchaco; Pesh Lakai's wife; Pesh Lakai Etsetti; W. R. Johnston; Begwo-Etten. Middle: Lizzie Scott; Mrs. W. R. Johnston; Philip Johnston; David Johnston. Front: Mary Johnston; La Pah.
- 16 Peshlakai Etsitty. Photo taken in Washington, 1902. See "Peshlakai Atsidi (1850? -1939)", by P. Johnston, Plateau, v. 12, no. 2, Oct. 1939, pp. 21 -25.
- 17 W. R. Johnston and sons, David, left, and Philip, right. (1906? or 1908?. MNA Neg. 64.229
- 18 Group at Tolchaco, 1904. From left, front: John Williams, Navajo; S. M. Brosius, Secretary of the Indian Rights Association; W. R. Johnston; David Johnston; Mrs. Johnston; Elizabeth Mitchell, mother of F. G. Mitchell. Rear: unknown Navajo; Rev. Charles Sheldon, Topeka; F. G. Mitchell.

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- 19 Copy of studio portrait (very faded) of Margaret Wray Johnston, 1871 - 1946; Phillip Johnston, 1892; and William Riley Johnston, 1851 - 1943.
- 20 Group at Tolchaco, 1909. W. R. Johnston, John Craig; F. G. Mitchell; James Smith.
- 21 Miss Clara B. Macomber, mounted on a side-saddle. Tolchaco, 1902.
- 22 Miss Macomber, a graduate of the University of California, arrived at Tolchaco on Thanksgiving, 1902, and remained five months to tutor the two older Johnston children. In foreground, Mary, 5; David, 3; and Philip, 10. Photo taken in 1903.
- 23 Mr. Johnston visiting a Navajo family. His tent (background) and provisions were carried by a pack-horse.
- 24 Mission at Tolchaco, constructed of adobe, 1906; destroyed by fire, 1918.
- 25 Frame house at Tolchaco Mission, on Little Colorado River, 40 miles northeast of Flagstaff. Construction material was obtained by dismantling an abandoned saloon at Winona. 1903.
- 26 First church in Leupp, a frame structure erected in 1910.
- 27 Navajo laborers digging irrigation ditch on north side of Little Colorado River near Tolchaco. 1902
- 28 Navajo hogan in Coconino Basin. Mounted, Bascomb Johnson, Allotting Agent (from Bureau of Indian Affairs ?); seated, Peshalkai Etsitti, and Dana Yazzie. 1910
- 29 In 1910, extensive allotments were made to Navajos who had lived in the Coconino Basin. All interested parties were assembled and went to that location, where surveys were made and the allotments subsequently confirmed. This photo includes the following: 1, John G. Walker, trader at Leupp, who acted as interpreter; 2, Matthew Murphy, Superintendent, Tuba City; 3, Bascomb Johnson, Allotting Agent; 4, F. G. Mitchell, missionary at Tolchaco; and 5, W. R. Johnston, missionary at Tolchaco.
- 30 Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Johnston, in charge of the Indian Wells Hospital, made many field trips to render medical aid to Navajos in that vicinity. Much of their travel was through rough country, where shovel work was necessary. 1934 (Mr. J. cutting down a 3 - 4 ft. bank to make a road across a wash.)
- 31 Mrs. W. R. Johnston applying a bandage to injured foot of a small child, near the hospital at Indian Wells. 1934.

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- 32 Mrs. Johnston giving treatment for trachoma at a hogan near the Indian Wells Hospital. 1934
- 33 William Riley Johnston (1851 - 1943) and Margaret Wray Johnston (1871 - 1946), first protestant missionaries to the Navajo Indians, who commenced their work in September 1896. Picture taken in Eagle Rock, California, about 1925.
- 34 Christmas party at Wupatki, 1935. 1, Phillip Johnston; 2, Sarah Peshlakai; 4, Clyde Peshlakai; 5, Bernice E. Johnston; 6, Sally Brewer.
- 35 Christmas Party at Wupatki, 1935. From left, Sarah Peshlakai; Peshlakai Etsitti.
- 36 Christmas Party at Wupatki, 1935. Sarah Peshlakai and her daughter.
- 37 Following the Christmas party at Wupatki, 1935, Carl Beck, a representative of the Bureau of Indian Affairs with two assistants from Tuba City, accompanied Peshlakai Etsitti and others to locations once occupied and claimed by Peshlakai, for the purpose of securing information relative to the manner in which he was dispossessed of these holdings. Two cars and a group - 1, Philip Johnston; 2, Bernice Johnston; 3, Peshlakai Etsitti; 4, Carl Beck.
- 38 Massacre Cave in Canyon del Muerto is located about 300 ft. above floor of the gorge. In 1805, more than 100 women, children and old men were killed here by a force of Spanish territorial soldiers while the able bodied men were absent on a raid on the Spanish settlements in New Mexico. Picture was taken in 1934.
- 39 Wolf Trading Post on the Little Colorado, upstream from Grand Falls and 15 mi. downstream from Leupp. 1868 - 1900* (Ruins of)
- 40 Moenkopi Valley looking southeast from the village of Moenkopi, 1927.
- 41 Goosenecks of the San Juan River, west of Mexican Hat, 1929. This is a composite of four photographs. Neg. + 2 prints.
- 42 One of the bridges, Sipapu Bridge, at Natural Bridges Nat. Mon. in S.E. Utah. Neg. only. Formerly Augusta Nat. Bridge. 220 ft. high, 31 ft. wide, 53 ft. thick. *missing 6/89*
- 43 Hopi woman making bread. Location and date unknown. (She is grinding corn on a metate.)
- 44 Hopi girls grinding corn. Location and date unknown. (Girls wear hair in whorls, Hopi navy-black dresses over cotton blouses)

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45 (Old) Hopi man. Identity, date and location unknown.

46 Hopi man in cornfield. Identity, date and location unknown.
Man of late middle age, very thin, wearing only breechclout and moccasins, hold hoe. Excellent photo to show size of Hopi corn plants.

47 (View of Old Oraibi (in 1890's ?) before the southwest portion was abandoned. Buildings are several stories high.) From the Southwest Museum, George Wharton James photo, Pasadena.

48 Volz Trading Post at Canyon Diablo Station, ca. 1905. Fred Volz, the owner, is third from the left. 2 prints, 5 x 7", 8 x 10".

3 Copy of Coconino County Court records involving Hosteen Boagetin (Begwo-ettin) in murder trial, 1900. Folder

1 Photograph of Begwo-ettin, Navajo chief. Taken in Washington, 1902 when he and Peshlakai Etsitty went with W. R. Johnston to talk to President Roosevelt.

2 Letter from Philip Johnston to Catherine (K. Bartlett) which mentions date of Begwo-ettin's death as summer of 1908.

3 Photocopy of "November 1899 Gun Fight at Anderson Mesa, South of Winslow, Arizona" by J. Lee Correll. Events in Navajo History, No. 5, in Navajo Times, March 24, 1966, p. 16 & 23.

See Philip Johnston, "The Battle at Canyon Padre from the Navajos Point of View", Plateau, v. 14, no. 4, Apr. 1942, pp. 57 - 63. Also Separate 6371, P. Johnston, "The Bravest Man I Ever Knew", Los Angeles Times Magazine, June 18, 1933. (The Battle... was reprinted from this with title changed.)

4 Legal papers having to do with the murder trial of Hosteen Boagetin (Begwo-ettin), John Doe and Richard Roe, but not a transcript of the trial itself.

a Cover: Territory of Arizona vs. Hosteen Boagetin, John Doe, Richard Roe, Filed Sept. 5, 1900. Register No. 209, Indictment No. 198, In the District Court, of the Fourth Judicial District. For Coconino County, Arizona Territory.

b The murder indictment. W.A. Montgomery killed, Dan Hogan & Wm. John Doe was subsequently identified as Tohi-Begay, and (Roden Richard Roe as Ada Ki etsosi (injured).

c Motion for Change of Venue by Robt. E. Morrison, attorney for the defendants

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3 Copy of Coconino County Court records (con't)

4 Legal papers (con't.)

- d Statement of Tohi-begay and Ada-ki-etsose regarding prejudice of white people in Coconino Co. against Navajo Indians in general and against them individually because they are charged with having murdered a white man and wounding two other white men.

Accompanying statements for Change of Venue from
T.A.Riordan

C. H. Algert, Indian trader, has lived on Reservation
for 12 years.

E. E. Rogers, a Gov't. employee on Reservation.

Thomas A. Flynn, Flagstaff, attorney

Fred Allen, Flagstaff, missionary

Harrison Conrard, Flagstaff, a clerk

e Counter affidavits resisting the Notice of Change of Venue:

James Walsh , Ed W. Randolph

H. C. Lockett, W. H. Conrad

W. D. Black, John Moore

Chas. M. Heiser, John Hennessy, John Woody

List of Signers to Affidavits attached hereto:

Dr. G. F. Manning, Physician

T. A. Rickel, Salesman

D. Babbitt, merchant

A. T. Cornish, merchant

J. W. Weatherford, hotel-keeper

W. R. Poole, Bookkeeper

J. Herman, dry goods merchant

T. E. Pulliam, County Recorder

L. L. Burns, Expressman

W. H. Ashurst, Mine owner

T. J. Coalter, Postmaster

N. G. Layton, Judge Probate Court.

T. E. Pollock, Pres., Arizona Central Bank

Dr. W. R. Edwards, Druggist

George Hoxworth, County Treasurer

J. Aubineau, Wine Dealer

W. C. Bayless, Peace Officer, Flagstaff

f Jury List, Territory vs. Hostien Boagetin

g Demurrers to Indictment, filed Sept. 21, 1900

h Motion to Dismiss, by attorney for To-hi-begay and Ada-ki-etsose

i Verdict: To-hi-begay found not guilty. Signed Richard Graham, Foreman of Jury. Sept. 21, 1900