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Summary Information

Repository:	Maine Women Writers Collection
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Biographical/Historical Note

Eleanor Noyes Johnson was born in Newburyport, Massachusetts, and received her B.A. from the University of New Hampshire in 1932. She taught in New Hampshire and New York City, apprenticed at the Brooklyn Children's Museum, and earned her Masters degree from NYU in 1947. Johnson was a professor of literature for 12 years at Stephens College for Women in Columbia, Missouri and authored her first children's book, *Mountaintop summer*, in 1959. In 1960 she returned to New England to teach English composition and children's literature at Westbrook College. During her 14 years at Westbrook College, Johnson published four more books for children aged 8-12: *Buffington Castle* (1962); *Armitage Hall* (1965); *King Alfred the Great* (1966) and *Mrs. Perley's people* (1970). Her books portray spirited young heroes and heroines and close-knit family life, as well as historical topics. Johnson was an avid traveler, receiving much of the inspiration for her books while traveling, and she spent one summer in England expressly to conduct research on King Alfred. Johnson continued to write after retirement, and remained active in the Portland community. Although most of her writing from this time was not published, she did publish two illustrated children's books in 1985 and 1986: *Pirate, the lighthouse cat*, and *Whistle him in*. Her last book, *The wishing year*, was self-published in 1997. She died in 2004.

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Collection Scope and Content

This collection contains hand-written drafts and typescripts of Johnson's young adult novel, King Alfred II, as well as Armitage Hall. Also included is literary correspondence from 1957-1962, some publicity material, book reviews, and published short articles and stories.

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Arrangement

This collection is organized as a single series.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Children's literature
- Portland (Me.)
- Manuscripts
- Correspondence
- Clippings
- Promotional materials
- Photographs
- Obituaries
- Johnson, Eleanor Noyes
- Johnson, Eleanor Noyes
- Westbrook Junior College

General

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Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
King Alfred - Original manuscript	Box 1	Folder 001
King Alfred - Version I	Box 1	Folder 002
King Alfred - Version II "in which the editor found no merit"	Box 1	Folder 003
King Alfred - Version III (13 notebooks)	Box 1	Folder 004
	Box 1	Folder 005
King Alfred - Abandoned manuscript	Box 1	Folder 006

King Alfred - Final manuscript	Box 1	Folder 007
	Box 1	Folder 008
	Box 1	Folder 009
Armitage Hall - Manuscript	Box 1	Folder 009a-b
King Alfred - Correspondence	Box 1	Folder 010
King Alfred - Correspondence and bibliography	Box 1	Folder 011
Correspondence - Andrew Sacolick [student] to ENJ, 1964	Box 1	Folder 012
Correspondence and poetry from Jean Laier, 1973	Box 1	Folder 013
Mrs. Perley's People - Publisher's notice, 1970	Box 1	Folder 014
Whistle Him In - Publicity, 1985	Box 1	Folder 015
"Mr. Charles Chipmunk II" Christian Science Monitor, 1956 October 3	Box 1	Folder 016
"Circus Time in Birdland" The Missouri Farmer, 1958 March	Box 1	Folder 017
Lecture, 1975, 1976	Box 1	Folder 018
State Street Afternoon Guild - "Flying Geese" Quilt	Box 1	Folder 019
Reviews / Interviews	Box 1	Folder 020
"I Remember When... School Begins" [article] Central Square Times, 1991 September	Box 1	Folder 021
Photograph	Box 1	Folder 022
Correspondence, undated	Box 1	Folder 023
Letter from Brooklyn Children's Museum, 1932	Box 1	Folder 024
Literary correspondence, 1957	Box 1	Folder 025
Literary correspondence, 1958	Box 1	Folder 026
Correspondence, 1959 January-March	Box 1	Folder 027
Correspondence, 1959 April-June	Box 1	Folder 028
Correspondence, 1959 July-December	Box 1	Folder 029
Literary correspondence, 1961	Box 1	Folder 030
Literary correspondence, 1962	Box 1	Folder 031
Alfred the Great [reviews], 1966	Box 1	Folder 032
Armitage Hall [reviews], 1965	Box 1	Folder 033
Falmouth Forecaster, 1998	Box 1	Folder 034
Buffington Castle [reviews], 1962	Box 1	Folder 035
"Dolls Go to College", 1973 January 21		

	Box 1	Folder 036
Honorary Alumna, 1970	Box 1	Folder 037
Westbrook Student Publication	Box 1	Folder 038
Storytime, 1960 April 24	Box 1	Folder 039
Life and Celebration [Creative Curriculum], 1980	Box 1	Folder 040
The Student Writer - UNH, 1930	Box 1	Folder 041
Journal of Education, 1934 April 16	Box 1	Folder 042
"Her Wish Fulfilled"	Box 1	Folder 043
Black Sheep, 1998 August-September, 1999 August-September	Box 1	Folder 044
Stephens College Bulletin, 1959 March	Box 1	Folder 045
The Southern Churchman, 1945 June 16	Box 1	Folder 046
The Southern Churchman, 1945 June 23	Box 1	Folder 047
The Southern Churchman, 1945 June 30	Box 1	Folder 048
The Southern Churchman, 1945 July 28	Box 1	Folder 049
The Southern Churchman, 1945 August 25	Box 1	Folder 050
The Southern Churchman, 1945 September 1	Box 1	Folder 051
The Southern Churchman, 1945 September 8	Box 1	Folder 052
The Southern Churchman, 1945 September 22	Box 1	Folder 053
Macmillan Books for Boys and Girls, 1965-1966	Box 1	Folder 054
Westminster Juvenile Books - Fall, 1966	Box 1	Folder 055
[Meredith Press - Junior Books], 1962	Box 1	Folder 056
Obituary, 2004	Box 1	Folder 057