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INTRODUCTION

The collection contains a speech by ex-mayor of Kansas City, John Litt Johnson, in defense of the policies of the Republican Party and support for the election of Abraham Lincoln.

DONOR INFORMATION

The speech was donated to the University of Missouri by Jay Johnson on June 1, 1987 (Accession No. KA0420).

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

John Litt Johnson was born in England in 1816. He moved to New York where, in 1845, he met and married Diana Hausbrook Hoagland. From New York, Johnson moved his family to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where his children, Mary (1846-1848) and Arthur (1849-1935), were born. In 1852, Johnson moved to Kansas City, Missouri, where he engaged in the real estate business.

In 1855, Johnson was elected mayor, but resigned after 35 days. Johnson moved from Kansas City to Wyandotte County, Kansas, in the late 1850s and settled on a farm near Wallula, Kansas. John Litt Johnson died in 1903.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The speech, "A Defense of Republicanism," was presented by John Johnson, ex-mayor of Kansas City, before the Kansas City Republican Club on September 15, 1860. In his address he argues the policies of the Republican Party, particularly toward slavery, are not radical and destructive, as other parties have asserted, but that Republicanism is an economically, morally and socially sound position. The speech was printed at the Free State Republican Office, Kansas City, Missouri.

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