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Hist. Mss. 1-252. Oscar M. Johnson Collection, 1916-1949.

Oscar Marvin Johnson (1900-1950) was the son of Preacher and schoolmaster Henry M. Johnson (1874-1960) and Mary W. Johnson of the Lower Skippack Mennonite Church and residents of Creamery, Skippack Twp., Montgomery County. His grandfather Henry H. Johnson (1842-1928) was also a preacher and schoolmaster at Skippack, as well as his great-grandfather, Henry G. Johnson (1806-1879) of the Lower Skippack Mennonite Congregation, making Oscar the fourth generation of Johnson Mennonite schoolmasters from Skippack.

Oscar M. Johnson graduated from the Creamery (Skippack) grammar school in 1916, with his uncle Elwood Heacock as schoolteacher, then went on to the Collegeville High School where he graduated in 1919. He later took some classes at West Chester State Teacher's College (Normal School). Oscar began his teaching career at the Garges' School, Lower Salford Township in the fall of 1919. We find him teaching at the Meetinghouse School in Lower Salford in the late 1920s until 1936, when he transfers to the Fairview School in Limerick Township where he remains until 1949. Johnson was also a part-time farmer and may have had a few years off from teaching. His records reflect the transitions in his school and teaching career.

Oscar Johnson never married, lived in Creamery, near his father's small farm, and was a member of the Lower Skippack Mennonite Church. He died in 1950 and is buried at Lower Skippack Cemetery.

Inventory:

1. Photographs of Oscar M. Johnson.
2. Grade Cards from Creamery School and Collegeville High School, 1914-19; Schoolbooks from Collegeville High, 1917-18.
- 2A. (Oversize) Diplomas and Certificates, 1916-1926
- 2B. (Oversize) Teacher's Record Book, Garges' School, Lower Salford, 1914-1921. (outside of box)
3. Workbook, West Chester State Teacher's College, 1925-26.
4. Meetinghouse School, Lower Salford, Records and Test Scores, 1928-29; 1933-34.
5. Fairview School, Limerick Township, Records, 1937-38; 1942-47.
6. Fairview School, Limerick Township, Records, 1946-48.
7. Oscar Johnson teacher contracts & other records, 1932-1948.
8. Oscar Johnson Income tax returns, 1943-47.
9. Miscellaneous students and teacher's workbooks and magazines.