

COLLECTION FINDING AID

Collection number:	Univ. MS 9
Title:	Sharon Johnson letters
Dates:	1988-1990
Creator/collector:	Johnson, Sharon
Extent:	1 folder (.05 cubic feet)
Provenance:	Material was acquired from Sharon Johnson, 2011.
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Related materials:	Not applicable.
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Biographical information:	Sharon Moseley Johnson was born in McKinney, Texas, on August 9, 1938, to Wendell Holmes Moseley and Ruth M. Gantt.

The second of four children, she was born at her paternal grandmother's house on her grandmother's birthday. Johnson graduated as valedictorian from Allen High School, Allen, Texas, in 1956 and married Richard Edwin Johnson in 1959. They had two sons and one daughter: Richard Edwin Johnson, Jr., Sofia Lorraine Johnson Birden, and Arlen Dogen Hall Johnson.

Johnson received a B.A. in English with a history minor from North Texas State College (today named University of North Texas) in 1960, where she was a member of Alpha Chi honor society. She received an M.S. in Information Science from North Texas State University (today named University of North Texas) in 1987.

In September 1987, Johnson was hired by the University of Maine at Fort Kent as the Assistant Librarian and Computer Center Supervisor to help automate the library as part of the University of Maine System project to automate all system libraries. She was promoted to Acting Director of the Library on August 16, 1990, when Directory Kathy Parker left the position. Johnson was promoted to Director of Information Resources on April 1, 1991, then to Dean of Information Services on July 9, 1995. In this position, she oversaw Blake Library, Academic Computing, Audio-Visual Services, ITV Services, and Distance Education. She retired from the University of Maine at Fort Kent in December 2007.

Scope and content:

This collection consists of two letters written by Sharon Johnson to her family, January 3, 1988 and January 27, 1990. These two letters update Johnson's family on her life in Fort Kent and her work in Blake Library at the University of Maine at Fort Kent. In the letters, Johnson describes her position as assistant librarian, daily life in the library, with particular focus on the library's automation and other technological aspects of the library.

Inventory:

	Folder 1
Sharon Johnson to "Those Who Wanted to Know and Some Who Didn't [family members]. Fort Kent, Maine, Jan. 3, 1988. 3 pages. Typed.	Item 1
Sharon Johnson to "Y'all" [family members]. Fort Kent, Maine, Jan. 27, 1990. 3 pages. Typed.	Item 2