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Administrative Information

Natchez National Historical Park was established by Congress on October 7, 1988, by Public Law 100-479. The William Johnson House, a unit of the park, was built in 1841 as the primary residence of William Johnson, a free African American man who owned and operated several barbershops in Natchez. The house remained in the Johnson family until 1976, when it was purchased by the Preservation Society of Ellicott Hill. The Mississippi Department of Archives and History established a trust fund for the restoration and acquisition of the property in 1986.[1] The Preservation Society of Ellicott Hill commissioned a Historic Structure Report in 1979. Based on the recommendations outlined in that report, the Society performed needed repairs and restored the building to its antebellum appearance.[2]

In 1990, the Preservation Society of Ellicott Hill sold the Johnson House to the City of Natchez. The City immediately donated it, as well as the adjacent McCallum House, to the National Park Service. Between 1990 and 1994, the National Park Service did additional restoration work on the building, as outlined in the 1996 Historic Structure Report.[3] As of this writing, the exterior of the building has been restored, but the interior is in its original condition. Plans for the Johnson House include the rehabilitation of the first floor for use as exhibit space. The second floor will be restored to its antebellum appearance and historically furnished to the period 1840–60.

The William Johnson House is listed on the National Register, but it is not listed as a National Historic Landmark. Its number on the National Park Service List of Classified Structures is LCS No. 90307.[4]

Management Summary

The management objectives for the William Johnson House are "to preserve, rehabilitate, and restore the William Johnson complex to interpret the life and times of William Johnson and the African American experience in Natchez and the surrounding region."[5] Fortunately, the Johnson house is extremely well documented by both manuscript and artifact collections. William Johnson was an avid record keeper and diarist, keeping close track of expenditures and daily activities for more than 20 years. His diary, which covers the years 1835 until his death in 1851, has been published and is widely available.[6] William

1 *Historic Structure Report: William Johnson House, Natchez National Historical Park, Natchez, Mississippi* (Boston, Mass.: Ann Beha Associates, 1996), 7.

2 The work performed on the building is described in a second Historic Structure Report commissioned by the National Park Service and completed by Ann Beha Associates in 1996. See *Historic Structure Report*, 1996, 49–52.

3 *Historic Structure Report*, 1996, 51–52.

4 *Historic Structure Report*, 1996, 7.

5 *Draft General Management Plan/Development Concept Plan/Environmental Impact Statement, Natchez National Historical Park, Mississippi* (Denver: Denver Service Center, National Park Service, March 1993), 13.

6 The book is titled *William Johnson's Natchez: The Ante-Bellum Diary of a Free Negro* and is edited by William Ransom Hogan and Edwin Adams Davis. (Baton Rouge, La.: Louisiana State University Press, 1979).

Hogan and Edwin Davis, the editors of Johnson's diary, added an excellent and informative introduction describing Natchez during Johnson's life. The introduction also reviews the events in Johnson's life and covers Johnson's murder and the subsequent trial of his murderer. Also extant is the inventory of Johnson's household furniture taken after his death in 1851.

In addition to this excellent documentary evidence, many pieces of furniture original to the Johnson House still survive. Some pieces were donated to or purchased by the National Park Service, and a few are still in the hands of Johnson descendants. All of the pieces have been made available for examination and photography.

Documentation indicates that the first floor of the Johnson house was leased out to businesses, and the Johnson family occupied the second floor and attic space of the building as their home. The first floor of the Johnson House will be rehabilitated and used to house exhibits "interpreting the black history themes of Natchez, with special emphasis on seeing Natchez through the life of William Johnson."[7] The upper floors are the subject of this report. The second floor will be historically furnished based on Johnson's inventory and the other evidence outlined in this report, as recommended in the Development Concept Plan.[8] This report also contains a furnishing plan for the attic space, although there are no plans at this time for historically furnishing the attic because that space would be difficult for visitors to access. Any appropriate original furnishings owned by the park will be restored and placed on exhibit on the second floor. Other period objects will be obtained to fill in any gaps in the collection.

Four rooms and a hallway will be historically furnished on the second floor and will be accessible to visitors by self-guiding tour. Barriers and electronic security devices will be installed to ensure protection of the resource. Interpretive panels containing text and graphics will be located in each room. These panels may be supplemented by stationary or handheld audio programs or a brochure using excerpts from Johnson's diary.[9] Handicapped visitors may be able to access the second floor via an elevator to be installed in the adjacent McCallum House.

Interpretive Objectives

In the park's enabling legislation, the National Park Service is directed to

- preserve and interpret the history of Natchez, Mississippi, as a significant city in the history of the American South;
- preserve and interpret the sites and structures associated with all the peoples of Natchez and its surrounding area, from earliest inhabitants to the modern era, and including blacks, both slave and free;
- preserve and interpret the region's social, political, and economic development, with particular emphasis on the pre- and post-Civil War eras; and
- preserve and interpret the region's commercial and agricultural history, especially in relation to the Mississippi River and cotton.[10]

Of the six interpretive themes outlined for the park in the General Management Plan/Development Concept Plan/Environmental Impact Statement, themes three and four have the most direct applicability to the historically furnished rooms at the William Johnson House. Theme three states that "Natchez offers an excellent place to see the evolution of American architecture and the decorative arts."[11] The extant collection of original Johnson House furnishings will provide an eye-opening comparison and contrast with the extant furnishings on

7 *Draft GMP/DCP/EIS*, 52.
8 *Draft GMP/DCP/EIS*, 52.
9 *Draft GMP/DCP/EIS*, 52.
10 *Draft GMP/DCP/EIS*, 3.
11 *GMP/DCP/EIS*, 27.

display at Melrose. The style of furnishings at the sites provides visitors with a visual continuum of furnishings quality from some simple inexpensive items at the Johnson House to objects at the height of fashion and expense at Melrose. However, a considerable area of overlap in style and quality exists between the Johnson House and Melrose, with some items of middling quality equally appropriate in either location. William Johnson was at the apex of free African American society in Natchez and could afford some high-quality furnishings. Additionally, Johnson frequently purchased at auction items that had come out of the houses of elite white Natchez residents. Implementation of the furnishings plan will attempt to duplicate the mix of lower middling to higher quality objects that Johnson probably had in his home.

Theme four states that "Natchez provides an opportunity to portray the diversity of the American black experience during the 18th, 19th, and 20th centuries."[12] The details of William Johnson's life may prove to be surprising to many visitors, who have been inculcated with stereotypes of antebellum African Americans. Johnson was neither slave nor truly free. He owned hundreds of acres of property, but he could not vote, serve on a jury, or move about freely without papers documenting his free status. He owned slaves and even disciplined them with whippings, even though common sense would dictate that he should have been morally outraged by both practices. He participated in many aspects of free white society, such as attending horse races and conversing freely with the planter elite, yet he would never have presumed to consider himself a part of their circle. Johnson's activities and status in Natchez make it clear that one cannot draw quick conclusions about race and class relations in the antebellum South. Interpretive panels, occasional personal interpretation, and audio programs or brochures will help the visitor to put the personal and decorative objects displayed in the Johnson House into the context of Johnson's daily life in Natchez.

William Johnson moved into his house on State Street in 1841; he died 10 years later in 1851. This furnishings plan adheres as much as possible to evidence from that time period. The period of interpretation recommended by this report is 1841–51, when Johnson, his wife, and their ever-increasing family resided there.

12 *GMP/DCP/EIS*, 27.

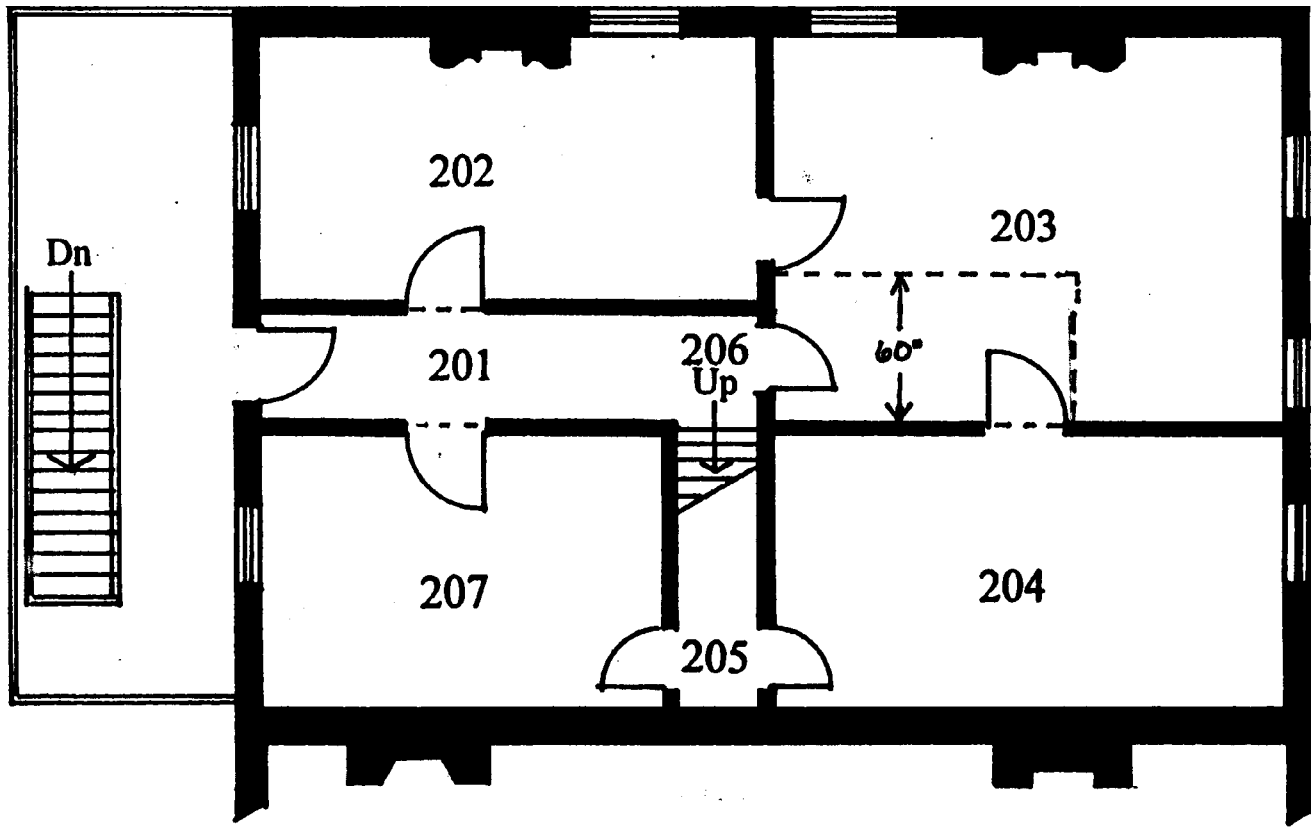
Tour Route

- - - - - - - - Location of barrier (40" height, wood or metal frame with glass panels)

Visitors will have free access to the hallway on the second floor. The stairs to the third floor will be blocked.

60" wide visitor path in Room 203 allows sufficient room for wheelchair turnaround, according to ADA Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG 4.2.3).

Pressure pads located beneath the carpeting behind the barriers will be connected to alarms that will ring in the staffed area of the site.



Operating Plan

The William Johnson House is currently open to the public only by specially arranged guided tour. When the site is fully developed, it will be open seven days a week, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., closing only on Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. The first floor of the Johnson House will contain exhibits interpreting the black history themes of Natchez. The first floor of the kitchen dependency, built in the 1890s behind the main structure, will also house exhibits. The hallway and four rooms on the second floor of the main house will be historically furnished and will be accessible to the public by the rear exterior stairs and possibly by an elevator to be installed in the adjacent McCallum House. The second floor rooms will typically be open for self-guiding tours, with interpretation provided by interpretive panels located in each room and possibly by an audio program or publication. The furnishings will be protected by barriers and an electronic security system *(see floor plan for proposed location of barriers)*. The barriers will be 40 inches in height, with a wooden or metal frame supporting glass panels. The upper railing of the barrier will be high enough that children and people in wheelchairs will still get an unobstructed view of the room. Interpretive panels will be floor-mounted inside the room, directly behind the barrier. Electronic security will consist of pressure pads installed beneath the carpets behind the barriers. Guided tours of the site may be available during special events. Although this report includes a list of furnishings for the third floor attic bedroom, there are no plans at this time to furnish the third floor due to the difficulty of getting visitors safely up the narrow, steep stairs that lead to the attic.

Each window on the second floor will be fitted with venetian blinds that can remain closed during the day to reduce light levels. Interior storm windows of ultraviolet filtering Plexiglas will be installed to further reduce the potential for light damage. Coordination with the architects working on the interior restoration will be essential to ensure that air handling vents and fire detection and suppression devices are installed sympathetically.

Prior Planning Documents

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Historical Information

A Note on Sources

The following sources were examined during the preparation of this report:

Collection of Furnishings Removed from the Johnson House or Donated by Family Members

The park owns a significant number of objects that were used in the Johnson House. Many of these objects require a considerable amount of conservation work before they can be displayed. The list of these objects is included as Appendix B.

Inventories

The inventory of William Johnson's house taken after his death provides the most complete furnishings evidence. Divided into household and barbershop furniture, the inventory also helps to determine the final destination of some of the objects that Johnson bought at auction. For example, the inventory lists two sofas, four mirrors, and 31 framed pictures for the barbershop. Many of these items are listed as auction purchases in Johnson's diary or daybooks. Without the inventory showing that these belonged in the barbershop, many of these might have ended up in the furnishings plan for the house. This inventory is reproduced in the evidence section of this report. Also included in the evidence section is the inventory of Robert Smith, a free black contemporary of Johnson's. Smith belonged to the same relatively small group of upper-class free blacks in Natchez, and thus his inventory is useful for comparative purposes.

William Johnson's Diary

Johnson's diary is an irreplaceable tool both for interpretation and for the furnishings planning for the site. The diary records Johnson's furnishings purchases at auctions and also records his daily activities, from which one can infer much additional furnishings information. Excerpts from the diary are included in the evidence section of this report.

Daybooks and Correspondence

The daybooks list Johnson's daily expenditures and are particularly important for evidence before 1835, when Johnson began his diary. Not only are the individual items of interest, but the overall impression of precision and minute attention to the smallest detail of expense certainly gives the reader a distinct picture of Johnson's character. Excerpts from Johnson's daybooks are included in the evidence section of this report.

Interviews

The interview with Mary Louise Miller, Appendix D in this report, includes excellent information on the occupants and furnishings in the Johnson house in the first half of the 20th century. Mary Louise Miller, who lived in the Johnson House, provides a room-by-room description of the furnishings as she remembers them being in the 1920s.

The history of William Johnson, his house, and mid-19th-century Natchez have been well documented in a number of National Park Service reports, including the historic structure reports, the Historic Resource Study, and the Special History Study. Additionally, the published edition of Johnson's diary contains an excellent introduction written by William Hogan and Edwin Davis, which summarizes Johnson's life and times. Therefore, this report will discuss only briefly the chronology of Johnson's life and the building of his State Street house since these subjects are covered so well by the above referenced reports. For the same reason, the historic occupancy section included in this report will primarily concentrate on the daily life of the inhabitants of Johnson's State Street home.

Analysis of Historic Occupancy

History of the House

William Johnson built his house on State Street on a lot owned by his mother-in-law, Harriet Battles. In fact, the house and lot remained in Mrs. Battles's name throughout Johnson's life, and was not owned by the Johnson family until it was willed to William Johnson's five daughters at the death of Mrs. Battles in 1873.[13] Johnson had built a house on the lot in 1837 that was destroyed by fire in 1839. Having collected $2,000 in insurance money as a result of his loss, Johnson began to rebuild on the lot in 1840. The Johnson family moved into the new brick home in March 1841.[14] After William Johnson's death in 1851, his wife Ann and nine surviving children continued to live in the house. In 1866 Johnson's eldest son William was committed to an insane asylum in New Orleans. That same year, Ann Johnson died, leaving her second oldest son Byron as head of household. In a chilling repeat of his father's fate, Byron was murdered in 1872. After Byron's death, Anna L. Johnson, the eldest daughter, became the head of the Johnson household. By the late 1860s the Johnsons were leasing out parts of the property and taking in boarders to raise money.[15] In 1897, the Johnsons tore down the kitchen dependency built in 1841 and replaced it with a new two-story brick kitchen.[16]

The Johnson siblings continued to live in their house on State Street until 1924, when the two surviving daughters, Alice and Josephine, deeded the property to their nephew, Dr. William R. Johnston and his wife Sallie, with the provision that the sisters be allowed to live in the house until their deaths.[17] Dr. Johnston passed away in 1939, but his wife Sallie and a variety of boarders occupied the property until her death in 1975. Sallie Johnston bequeathed the property to her nephew, Spencer Griggs, and niece, Mary Louise Miller. The Johnston heirs sold the House to the Preservation Society of Ellicott Hill in 1976.[18] After commissioning a Historic Structure Report and completing needed restoration work, the Preservation Society sold the house to the City of Natchez, which immediately donated it and the adjacent McCallum House to the National Park Service.[19] The Park Service has continued the restoration work begun by the Preservation Society, including major work on the 1897 kitchen dependency.[20]

13 *Historic Structure Report*, 1996, 45.
14 *Historic Structure Report*, 1996, 18–35. Johnson wrote extensively about the building of his house in his diary. All of the details concerning the construction of the house can be found in the *Historic Structure Report*, 20–42.
15 *Historic Structure Report*, 1996, 44.
16 *Historic Structure Report*, 1996, 46.
17 *Historic Structure Report*, 1996, 48. Towards the end of the 19th century, the Johnson children began spelling their name "Johnston." HSR, 1996, 46.
18 *Historic Structure Report*, 1996, 49.
19 *Historic Structure Report*, 1996, 51.
20 *Historic Structure Report*, 1996, 52.

Historic Occupancy

William Johnson's story is that of the self-made man, a frontier story of pluck and luck about a man who started from nothing and died with a large family and a very respectable estate of lands and property. His advancement followed a pattern similar to that of other successful men in Natchez: studying a trade as a young man and using that trade to acquire enough capital to purchase land and slaves and set himself up as the head of a plantation. However, this comparison falters in three places. Johnson did not start from nothing. Born a slave, Johnson started from less than nothing, without even the freedom to hold a paying job, let alone pursue the American dream. Even when free, many professions were closed to Johnson. For example, he could become a barber, but not a lawyer. Finally, Johnson walked a tightrope in society. On one side were the slaves and poorer free blacks and whites who resented his successes. On the other were the white elite who feared successful free blacks would foment a revolution amongst their fellow African Americans. Johnson's peers consisted of a very small group of successful free black families in Natchez, including the families of Robert McCary and Robert Smith. With everyone else in Natchez, Johnson had to be either aloof or obsequious.

William Johnson was born in 1809, the son of Amy, a slave owned by the white planter William Johnson. Amy's owner is believed to be young William's father. The elder William Johnson freed Amy in 1814 and Amy's daughter in 1818. In 1820 young William was freed by the elder Johnson by an act of the Mississippi State Legislature. Amy Johnson set up household in Natchez and put her son William to apprentice as a barber with his sister's husband, James Miller. From 1828 to 1830, Johnson ran his own barbershop in Port Gibson, Mississippi, north of Natchez. In 1830, when his brother-in-law moved to New Orleans, Johnson purchased the lease on his barbershop in Natchez, as well as the shop's accoutrements, for $300.[21] Johnson continued to operate this barbershop on Main Street until his death, purchasing the building in 1833 and expanding the business to include a bathhouse in 1834.[22]

Although Johnson's diary doesn't begin until 1835, the entries in Johnson's daybooks hint at his interests and activities. The young Johnson was a man about town, attending theater performances, circuses, and animal shows. He courted young ladies and bought them gifts. He played all kinds of games, including dominoes, checkers, and poker. He liked to gamble on anything, but especially on horse races. He played the violin and the piano, and he read a variety of books, magazines, and newspapers. Johnson bought and sold pet birds, especially canaries, and he owned at least two dogs.[23]

Johnson married Ann Battles on April 21, 1835, and he began his diary six months later.[24] Diary entries show that he was a man interested in making money and enjoying himself. Not satisfied with the profits from his barbershops, Johnson was constantly inventing new ways to augment his income. He hired out his animals and slaves, purchased items at auction and resold them at a profit, speculated in land and livestock, and leased out parts of his buildings. One of his most intriguing moneymaking activities was the lending of small sums of money at varying interest rates. His clients were both black and white and came from even the white

21 Hogan and Davis, *William Johnson's Natchez*, 15–20.

22 Hogan and Davis, *William Johnson's Natchez*, 24–25.

23 These item are extracted from Johnson's Daybook, May 1830–April 1835 (Vol. 11, located in Box 1, folder 29, Series III), The William T. Johnson and Family Memorial Papers 1793–1937, Mss #529, Louisiana State University. On August 10, 1831, Johnson paid $1.25 to the "City of Natchez for Dog Licenses."

24 All footnotes to the text portion of Johnson's diary have been drawn from Hogan and Davis, *William Johnson's Natchez*. For ease of use, the footnotes will refer to the date of the diary entry. Thus, this footnote is Diary, April 21, 1836, and October 12, 1835.

upper class. Johnson seems to have functioned almost like a 19th-century automated teller machine for the white planters, loaning them small sums of hard currency for day-to-day expenses.

In 1836–37, Johnson built a frame house on a piece of property on State Street owned by his mother-in-law, Harriet Battles. He rented the first floor of this building to Mr. A. Green and George W. Blake, who operated the Southern Exchange. Mr. McGetrick and his family rented the second floor as their residence. In August of 1838 Harriet Battles moved into the second floor of the building recently vacated by McGetrick. Johnson himself moved in four months later. Nine months later, in September 1839, fire completely destroyed the building on State Street. Fortunately, Johnson and his family were living in the country at the time in order to avoid a yellow fever epidemic.[25]

A few months later, in January 1840, Johnson began to rebuild on the lot on State Street. The new structure contained a large room on the first floor suitable for a storeroom and a four-room apartment upstairs with a finished attic. A full description of the construction of the house and outbuildings on State Street now known as the William Johnson House can be found in the Historic Structure Report published in 1996.[26] Johnson, his wife, and three sons moved into the house on March 15, 1841.[27] It is not clear whether Johnson's mother-in-law moved into the house with them, although it would be logical to think so since she had lived on the property before the previous house burned. The architectural finishes in the apartment seem to indicate that the two western rooms were more public spaces and the two eastern rooms and the attic private spaces. The western rooms have fireplaces surrounded by mantelpieces and inset with coal grates, while the other rooms only have access to flues for stovepipes. This may mean that the two western rooms were originally intended to be a dining room and parlor. However, the southwest room (202) may have been finished as a dining room but used by Mrs. Battles as a bedroom. The fact that Johnson constructed a large kitchen dependency may indicate that the family took their meals in that building. Johnson also records that the first floor portion of the rear gallery was enclosed with latticework for use as a warm weather dining room.[28] To add to the confusion, Johnson's diary seems to indicate that Johnson's mother lived with him in the late 1830s.[29] It is not clear whether she moved into his new house with him.

These first 10 years of Johnson's married life, from 1835 to 1845, were filled with work and family. Johnson worked in his barbershop and oversaw his slaves and apprentices. He watched his family grow, fretted over his children when they were ill, taught them to read and write, bought them toys, and took them with him hunting and fishing and on picnics.[30] In fact, Johnson talks about his children much more frequently than his wife in his diary. The family visited back and forth with Johnson's sister and brother-in-law, Delia and James Miller, who lived in New Orleans. Johnson frequented local auction houses and purchased clothes for his family, slaves, and apprentices and many items for use in his home and barbershops. Sometimes Johnson purchased things for resale, usually at a profit.

25 *Historic Structure Report*, 18–19.
26 See pp. 20–42.
27 Diary, March 15, 1841, 323.
28 Diary, July 22, 1841, 339.
29 See various diary entries concerning his mother's quarrelsome behavior in the summer of 1837, especially August 7, 1837, 187.
30 Johnson had nine children who survived past infancy: William, Jr. (b. 1836); Richard (b. 1837); Byron (b. 1839); Anna (b. 1841); Katharine (b. 1842); Eugenia (b. 1845); Alice (b. 1846 or 1847); Josephine (b. 1849); and Clarence (b. 1851). Hogan and Davis, *William Johnson's Natchez*, 44, fn. 66.

During this period Johnson was also accumulating enough capital to enable him to achieve the goal of many citizens of Natchez: to become a plantation owner. The last six years of Johnson's life were centered around the acquisition and working of farmland. Ironically, the achievement of Johnson's dream also led directly to his murder.

In August 1845, Johnson bought 120 acres of swampland south of Natchez, which he dubbed "Hardscrabble." A year later he bought more land adjacent to that parcel for a total of 345.5 acres. In 1846 he obtained a 99-year lease on 403.1 acres of school section land near Hardscrabble.[31] Johnson devoted more and more of his time to wresting an income out of his plantation. He raised corn, vegetables, and fruit, pastured cattle and sheep, and kept pigs and chickens. He and his hands cut timber and hauled it to the riverbank for sale to the steamboats traveling down the Mississippi.

Johnson hired a series of white tenant farmers as overseers of his plantation, but he was never happy with the quality of their work. In fact, Johnson's diary entries indicated that Johnson felt torn in two directions. He badly wanted to be a successful plantation owner, but he did not feel secure enough in that role to leave the barbering business. The initial outlay of work and money to put new land under cultivation, especially marginal swamp land like Johnson's, forced Johnson to spend long hours breaking ground, putting up fences, and building outbuildings on his plantation. When Johnson spent time at the plantation, he found that the barbershop was not run properly: "This Evening the Shop was not Lit up in time and Mr Boyd did not get Shavd. Edd in the Corner a Sleep, Winston over at Franks, This is the way."[32] However, when Johnson attended to business in the barbershop, his farmhands didn't work. "We got down thare [Hardscrabble] Late in the afternoon Found the hands doing nothing, as is usual."[33] Increasingly frustrated, Johnson spent much of his time "commuting" between his two jobs at the barbershop and on the farm.

Unfortunately, Johnson's plantation literally brought about his death. In 1846, Johnson and his neighbor Baylor Winn became embroiled in a boundary dispute between their adjacent lands in the swamp. The land was surveyed and resurveyed. Winn and his hands cut and sold timber off of lands claimed by Johnson. Winn had a fiery temper and threatened to kill Johnson. When the court-ordered survey showed that Johnson indeed owned the land in dispute, Johnson sued Winn for trespass. Even though he was clearly in the right, Johnson offered Winn a generous compromise offer before the case went to trial. Winn accepted, and it seemed as if the matter was settled. Six weeks later, Johnson was ambushed and shot by Winn as he was returning to the city from Hardscrabble.

Even though Johnson named his murderer on his deathbed, Winn was able to escape prosecution by claiming to be white, thus precluding the admission of the testimony of Johnson, his son, or his slave. Mississippi law barred the use of Negro testimony against a white man, so Baylor Winn went free.[34]

William Johnson did not live to see his labors come to fruition, but, as in many families, the children and grandchildren benefited from his hard work. Four of Johnson's daughters became schoolteachers, and his grandson became a highly respected medical doctor who practiced in Natchez until his death in 1939. Although Ann Johnson sold Hardscrabble in 1853, her daughters Anna, Catharine, Alice, and Josephine purchased Peachland Plantation north of Natchez in 1874, and this land remained in the Johnson family well into the 20th century.

31 *Historic Structure Report*, 42.

32 Diary, April 7, 1851, 784.

33 Diary, December 5, 1850, 762.

34 Hogan and Davis, *William Johnson's Natchez*, 55–60. This introduction contains a complete account of the murder of Johnson and the trials of Baylor Winn.

Evidence of Room Use and Furnishings

Note: Spelling throughout this evidence section is inconsistent. Although the entries have been transcribed verbatim, the reader should be able to interpret most misspelled words. The correct spelling of a word has been inserted in brackets only when the original spelling is nearly impossible to interpret. In 19th-century inventories, the word "ditto" or "do" is sometimes used to indicate the repetition of a word or words that appear on the line above.

William Johnson Inventory
Adams County Courthouse
Photocopy at Natchez NHP

Amount Brot forward	$5,056.40
Hous Hold Furniture	
2 Sopha's	15.00
9 Mahogany Chairs (damaged)	5.00
1 Center Table	2.50
1 pair Side Tables	10.00
1 Rocking Chair	1.25
4 Pictures and frames	20.00
1 Old P[i]an[o]fort and Stool	20.00
1 Work Stand	5.00
2 Mantle Glass	10.00
4 Spittoons	1.50
2 Book Cases and Books	50.00
1 Bureau	3.50
1 Writing desk	5.00
1 Clock	5.00
2 Bed Steads & Bedding $20 ea	40.00
2 Lo[u]nge	10.00
3 Small Stands	5.00
1 Mahogony Armoir	25.00
2 Small cherry do	10.00
1 Trundle Bed	2.50
24 Common Chairs 2/ea	6.00
1 Small Side Board	2.50
4 Safes 12/ea	6.00
3 dining Tables	10.00
1 Small Looking Glass	1.50
Kitching Utensils	5.00
Amount Carried over	$5333.65

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Negroes	
Amount Brot forward	$5333.65
Jim	1000.00
Old Philip	250.00
Sarah	700.00
Lucinda	600.00
John	200.00
Celia	300.00
Mary Jane	250.00
Old Rose	25.00
Barber Shop	
2 Sopha's	6.00
6 Barber Chairs & 4 Stools (Lot)	18.00
4 Mirrors	40.00
31 Pictures in frames @ $1.00	31.00
1 Show Case and perfumery	5.00
2 Wash Stands $1.00	2.00

1 Coat Rack	.50
1 Hat do	.50
1 Small writing desk	1.50
1 Table $1.00 1 small Stand 4/-	1.50
Raizors Scissors &C. (Lot)	5.00
Total	$8,769.65

Excerpts from the Diary of William Johnson

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October 15 [p. 66]: *I paid Mr Soria $18 for 12 Mahogna Chairs & two Dollars 25 cents for a Small Stove*

October 17 [p. 66]: *I Bought at Mr Gains store one Round Jacket & pantaloons for Stephen Amounting to 3/75 Eeach, all on a credit—$7.50—also One Rondabout for myself—creddit—$5.50*

October 19 [p. 67]: *I paid Mr. Barlow five Dollars for the hyre of Ben four Days—also one Dollar for a powder—Bought a game Bag from Col Throckmorton' Store Cash $3.00 Also 1.50 cents for a Razor from a Gentleman*

October 20 [p. 68]: *I paid Messrs Barlow & Taylor three dollars & 94 cents freight on my Box of perfumery from New York*

October 23 [pp. 68–69]: *William & John Stayed Out untill after ten Oclock I Beat them Both with my stick when they Came home*

October 24 [p. 69]: *I Bot Bill Nix a Blue Cloth Roundabout Paid seven Dollars for it to Owen & Fortune—I Bot 6 pair woolen socks from an Irish pedler Gave him 1.75 for them*

October 28 [p. 71]: *Shimon takes Down the old Bed and moves the Cloths press—I paid Mr Seviere $2.00 for a Cask & pd Paterson & Wiswall 1.00 for a Fossit for Barrell*

November 3 [p. 73]: *Finds William at Mr. Parkers Kitchen with his Girls Struck him with the whip 1st and then with the stick*

November 4 [p. 73]: *I took Bill Nix and gave him a whiping. He then Confessed that he had taken the Key of Side Bourd which unlocked Mothers trunk and that he had got money frequently to the amount of Eight or ten Dollars He had bought a finger Ring of Cockarill & Surie, cost $3.00, a whip from Mr Spielmans Zack, cost 1.00, a pair of Boots from Middleton, cost $2.50 He paid John for a pair of Pantaloons*

November 5 [p. 74]: *I paid Mr Bledsoes Boy $11 for 2 Gunea pigs*

November 6 [p. 74]: *I paid $2.50 for a Bundle of Shingles.*

November 9 [p. 75]: *I Commenced to pull Down the part of the Stable to Rebuild it up again—Paid $10.00 for 2000 Shingles*

November 11 [p. 75]: *My mule ranaway I sent John & Stephen down to Ragleys place for him. They Could not find him Mr Rowes has my old Roan Horse all Day*

November 13 [p. 75]: *Bought a Sorrel Horse—Rob. Roy—at Auction for $106 cash*

November 17 [pp. 76–77]: *Pollow & Spring* [dogs] *fights Pollow got hurt very much. I Rubed it with opedildoc* [footnote on p. 76 says "Opodeldoc was a solution of soap in alcohol to which camphor and other oils had been added. It was sometimes called 'soap-liniment.'"] . . . *I got the pair of shoes that I won of Young Reed at Masons store*

November 18 [p. 77]: *Mr Dolbear has a box of soap opened for himself I bot 4 pair socks of the old frenchman on a credit, 1.00*

November 20 [p. 77]: *I rode to the Landing and paid for in all 31 barrels of Coal*

November 26 [p. 79]: *Mr J Steele pd me $5 for the hyre of my carts*

November 27 [p. 79]: *Mr Dunbar sends the Guinea pig in for me to swap it for a male pig but I could not.*

November 28 [p. 80]: *I wrote to Mrs Miller by Harden and sent two Dollars for to get Cannary Seed with*

November 29 [p. 80]: *My Bird still very sick.*

December 2 [p. 80]: *I sent the old piano to the Masonic Hall to be Repaired by Mr Maury*

December 3 [pp. 80–81]: *Bought a Black Horse at the sale of Mr N. Gelespies property for the sum of $30, Six months Credit—Also pd cash for a pair of Saddle Bags and a powder horn*

December 8 [p. 82]: *I pd $7.12 1/2 for a Bale of Hay—The Hatters commences to Bourd.*

December 12 [p. 83]: *I Bought a pair of Boots from Carroll & Buttler, paid them cash for them, $6.25 I then Bought of Col Throckmorton and Paterson a pair of corded Pantaloons which I paid them $16.00 for—I also Bot a pair of slipers cash 1 dollar*

December 14 [p. 84]: *I got my coat mended by Mr Dolland . . . I Borrowed about two pounds of Canay Seed from McCary*

December 15 [p. 84]: *I sold Mr Wm R. Cammell One Female Canary Bird for $8.00*

December 19 [p. 86]: *I Bought 2 Baskets of Champain wine, 50 cts a Bottle Bunker Hill came up Last night. Fitchew as steward with a Letter and a Barrel of Oysters to Mother and 2 Dollars worth of Cannary seed to myself*

December 20 [p. 86]: *I gave Mother $7.00 that I sold her cannary Bird for To Mr Campbell of Vicksburg—Mother makes me a present of 2 Cannary Birds*

December 21 [p. 86]: *I pd Mr Linde for Mr Soria & Co. $12 for 2 doz of Champain*

December 22 [p. 87]: *I paid Mr Maury $15 for repairing my Piano Forte and gave him orders to sell it for the Best price he Could get for* [pp. 86–87] *it But that he must not sell it for Less than $70*

December 26 [p. 87]: *I Bought the following Articles and put the*[m] *up for John to take up to Jackson*

Eight Razors	*$5.37 1/2*
One Razor Strap	*.75*
2 pair of sissors	*1.50*
1 Box Powder & Puff	*1.25*
2 Bottles Lavender water	*.50*
1 Razor Hone Loaned	*00*

[2nd col.]

2 Shaving Brushes	*.50*
1 Metalic Shaving Box & soap	*1.00*
1 Flesh Brush	*1.25*
1 Comb	*12 1/2*
3 Cakes of fine Soap	*1.25*
1 Flesh Brush large	*.75*

. . .
[p. 88] *I sent a Barrell of Pork to the Boat*

December 31 [p. 89]: *I bot Blankets at $2 per Blanket—I Bot a Duch Barbers Chair Pd $6.00 for it*

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January 2 [p. 89]: *Just before Day this morning I herd the cry of fire I jumped up almost Naked and ran over to Mr Bells with a Bucket of water*

January 5 [p. 90]: *I sent by Mr Monroe Robetile a Barrell of Pork to Mrs Miller*

January 6 [p. 91]: *Mr Harris sends in his Account for the Bacon that we Bot of him in the Summer—the Ammount $17.60*

January 7 [p. 91]: *also sold a Razor for $2.00*

January 8 [p. 91]: *I sold a pair of Razors to Mr Chaille for $5.00 Made a bargain with Mr Reaton to set his Razors for One year for 3 Dollars per year I Loaned him one of my Razors—Old Sterns Cetches Dick stealing money from the draw*[er]

January 10 [p. 91]: *I shot a Bird with my pistol . . . I worked very hard at the fire, tore my coat all to pieces in the Back, spoiled my Boots also*

January 14 [p. 93]: *I Bought a Lantern to hang in the street. I pd Mr Vancampen $3 for it I subscribed for Mr Maffits Christian Herrald*

January 19 [p. 94]: *We Bought two cows from the Flat Boat at $25 a cow—Mother Bot 47 geese from same Boat at 75 cts per goose*

January 21 [p. 95]: *I then took out 22 dollars for Pork that was sent down and also $27.75 for 3 Pictures or Engravens . . . Articles That I Bought From John Williams at the Landing on account of his going up the River—*

2 Dozen of Winships Camphor Soap
4 papers of Coate Plaster, new
7 Tooth brushes—new
10 Shaving Brushes—new
14 Shaving Razors
2 Bran new razors
16 old Razors, no good
4 Emty cases
12 fine tooth combs, new
1 small Table with a draw[er]
9 Roller towels
15 Small hand Towels

[2nd col.]

1 old Thermometer
2 old Hair Brushes
1 Hat Brush
3 old Razors Straps
3 pair sissors & 1 broken pair
2 Little Small Looking Glasses
1 tin Box with powder and puff
2 glass Jars, 1 Large the other Small
1 Barbers chair—Broke at the Back

January 23 [pp. 95–96]: *I bot a stove from Mr Marsh for $12. He paid $10 for it—I Bot 4 Vests at Auction at Sorias at 1.37 per vest—I bot John a pair of pantaloons and a Roundabout and vest at Mr Barlows and Taylors, cash $6.56 I also got Milton a pair pantaloons, vest and Round Jacket at Mr Barlows, the*[y] *amounted* [to] *$7.25 or 7.75 . . . About 12 Oclock William was Borned*

January 24 [p. 96]: *I gave Bill Nix a pair of Boots, also John a pair of boots . . . At one Oclock to night sent for Dr Hogg to see the baby*

January 25 [p. 96]: *I Bot 5 dozen of wash ball soap from Sorias Auction, 87 1/2 cts per . . . I got a Bottle of Castor Oil at Dashiels & Potts*

January 26 [pp. 96–97]: *Dr Hogg came to get shaved. I requested him to walk up and see the Baby—he did so and prescribed some Powders. The*[y] *were in 3 separate papers—they were to be given in a Little Sugar or Mo-*

lasses—To repeat One Every third hour untill they were all taken—continued takeing the Sperrits of Nitre until the Child makes Dilleau—This medicine was not taken, we thought it too strong . . .I gave Mrs Bennet $25 for her attention &c. to my wife . . . Mr Walker puts up my stove and pipe

January 28 [p. 97]: *I Received 2 news papers and One Letter*

January 29 [pp. 97–98]: *Louis Winsborough sends me over a Pitcher of Coffee—very good coffee The old Black man pd me for 4 days hyre of my mule 1.50—I pd. For ten Barrells of Coal and the Hauling in all $7.50 . . . Mr T.J. Finny gets a bottlee of Bears Oil . . . The Calf Eats of*[f] *a part of my Horses Tale in the Stable yesterday morning . . . I subscribed to a Periodical and Geografical work to day to be delivered in April, Cost $10*

January 30 [p. 98]: *I paid Walker the tinner $7.50 for stove pipe . . . . I went after Dr Hogg to get him to Come to the baby—He did so and prescribed Borax and Castor Oil*

January 31 [p. 98]: *Mother gets a Cow from Mr Whiting price $15—Aunt Jinna came to see the Baby—Big Larence came to Blow upon it to cure it of the thrush*

February 4 [p. 99]: *I Bot three Coats at Auction at Sorias—1 Black close Bodied price $17 and 1 frock green $19.50 and one dito $19, for the three I paid him $55.50 I sent John to carry a Red Bird with the cage to Mrs Howels Little Daugter Stevenia*

February 5 [p. 99]: *Mr Taylor and myself repaird my Big Glass Frame*

February 11 [p. 100]: *Mr Rowes sends my new honeing table home*

February 17 [p. 101]: *I Sold Capt. Nevit five work Horses and a mule . . . I weighed 140 weight*

February 18 [p. 101]: *Lade has a calf in the stable this Evening*

February 19 [p. 102]: *The old woman* [his mother] *Buys a good many Birds—doves, Red Birds &c.*

February 22 [p. 102]: *Mr F. Taylor paid me in cash $25 and a Hat that I got which was $5 . . . I sold Louis Winsborough a Frock Coat that I Bot at Auction for $19.50 on a Credit until he could Raise the money*

February 24 [p. 103]: *Our old Dog Venus Died of Dropsey Late at Night*

February 25 [p. 103]: *I went for Dr Hogg to come and see the Baby—His perscription was some kind of Powders Every other hour, 3 powders*

February 29[p. 104]: *I called in Dr Hogg this Evening to see the child He came in and wrote a perscription—it was Hive Syrup*

March 3 [p. 106]: *Property Entered on Mr Coles List, the assessor, 1836*

my house & Lot at . . $4000
Steven at $800
Sarah at $500
Louis at $300
Walker do . . . . . .$ 55

March 5 [p. 106]: *I pd Mr F Taylor $5 for the Hyre of Sharlote as a nu*[r]*se*

March 8 [p. 107]: *I paid Mr Soria $16.50 for 2 pair pants and 7 pocket Hank kerchiefs, silk—Col. Bingaman gets by John 1 Botile of Antiqu oil, 1 Cake of Soap—price of Both $1.12 1/2*

March 11 [p. 107]: *I subscribed to paper called The Sperrits of Times. Pd cash for it $5.00*

March 19 [p. 110]: *I paid Col Fall $5 cash for one year subcription to his paper The Mississipian.*

March 22 [p. 110]: *I Bot a Keg of White Lead—Bill Nix & John Paints the Back part of the House.*

March 28 [p. 112]: *I wrode out to maj Chotard to Cut the Childrens hair, I cut 4 heads of hair . . . I paid Mr James Surget $21 for a Riffle that was sold at Auction from the Estate of Mr Car*

April 2 [pp. 112–113]: I *Bot a stock To Day for $2.25.*

April 7 [p. 114]: *To night I sent up and had my old Piano Brought Home from Mr Maurys*

April 9 [p. 114]: *I paid Messrs Soria & Co. $12.75 for a willow Cradle and 7 yards of Carpeting*

April 13 [p.115]: *I Bot two Double Barrel Guns at Mr Sorias & C, pd him $60 for them, $30 Eeach. I Sent my gun up to Auction to be Sold to the hyest Bidder*

April 15 [p. 115]: *We got a Letter from Mrs Miller and a present of 200 Orenges and 3 or 4 pine aples*

April 16 [p. 115]: *I paid Mr Rowes $18 for getting the Draught of my intended House drawn, it was done by Deadsmore the Carpenter*

April 19 [p. 116]: *Recevd of Mr F Taylor $45 in Cash and I took a Hat at $5 which made it aquivelent to $50.*

April 21 [p. 116]: *This Day One Year ago I was married*

April 22 [pp. 116–117]: *I Bot a Bay Horse at auction To Day for $56. He did belong to old Dr Branch—To day I Received $8.44 net money for my old shot gun. She sold for $9.*

April 24 [p. 117]: *I Bot a Large Quantity of News papers from Dr Wren at or for $10 for the Lump*

April 25 [p. 117]: *I Bot Some Children Books to day at auction. Some good Ones among them*

May 10 [p. 119]: *To day I went to auction and Bought ten pair of pantaloons at 1.12 1/2 and a white linnen coate*

May 12 [p. 120]: *I paid to The Gentleman that Brought me the Large Book or History, geography &c. $10 in cash*

May 13 [p. 120]: *I Bought from Mesrs Soria & Co 12 shirts for the Boys at $10.50 for the dozen*

May 20 [p. 121]: *To day I Bot at Sorias Auction 12 pair of Pantaloons at 94 cents per pair. I gave John 1 pair, Charles 1 pair, Bill Nix 1 pair, Steven 1 pair, Louis 1 pair*

May 21 [p. 121]: *I paid Mr Smith for Messrs Soria & C. $11.25 for 12 pair pantaloons that I Bot at their Auction room, I paid Mr Walker for a Bath Tub for William*

May 24 [p. 121]: *I Sold my Little Gun to Day for $35 cash.*

May 26 [p. 122]: *I Bot to Day of L.B. Hanchett 25 Doz of Cologne water at 1 Dollar per Doz*

May 30 [p. 122]: *Dr Hog lanced Williams hand*

May 31 [p. 122]: *Dr Hog Dressed Williams Hand—greate quantity of Corruption Came Out of it.*

June 1 [p. 122]: *I pd Mr Cryzer for ten Barrels of Coal $8.75 I pd Mr S.M. Bon for One barrell of potatoes 1.75*

June 3 [p. 123]: *I Bot Moses from a man by the name of William Good, at Least I Bot him at auction under the Hammer for four Hundred Dollars cash—I Bot also 2 Boxes of wine at 2.87 1/2 per Box and 5 small Boxes of shaving soap, 43 cents per Box . . . I Bot of Mr Chew all the Birds that Mr Grayson Left here and their Cages also for ten Dollars Cash.*

June 6 [p. 123]: *I paid a Mr Pollock to day three Dollars for subscription to the Saturday Evening Post*

June 13 [p. 124]: *I Bot Mr Maxent pair of cannay Birds for $15.00 . . . I Put Moses with Dr P. Dally for One month*

July 13 [p. 127]: *The mice Eat up Both of my Cannary Birds*

July 20 [p. 128]: *I sent by the white Boy that worked with Elisha Miller on Bourd of a Steam Boat to day four young Mocking Birds and a Letter To Mrs Miller*

July 22 [p. 128]: *I bought To Day at Auction 18 Bottles Lime Juice, 9 Bottles of London Mustard, 2 Bottles of Lemmon Syrrup.*

July 29 [p. 129]: *I Bot four Barreles of Flower to day at $4.12 a Barrel, also six pair of pantaloons $2.50 per pair*

July 30 [p. 129]: *I paid Mr Stanton to day $6 for One years subscription to the Free Trader*

July 31 [pp. 129–130]: *To Day we sent to New Orleans by James One pound Cake for the children, four Dozen peaches and two or three Jars of preserves, and One Dog puppy for Mrs Miller*

August 11 [p. 131]: *I Bot to day 71 yards of white Cotton and a Lot of shoes. The whole amount of the Bill was $13.37 1/2.*

August 12 [p. 131]: *I Bot of Messrs Soria & Co. One Barrell of Havanah sugar—weight 215 pound at 17 1/4 cts, $34.94*

October 6 [p. 138]: *I got a Barrel of sweet potatoes from Mrs Cary, price $3.00 They were for Mrs Miller*

October 9 [p. 138]: *Mc and myself wrode Out beyond Col Wilkinses and I Took my Pistols along—We shot at the tree several times Mc he missed the tree and he shot three times with my Riffle Barrell Pistol*

October 10 [p. 138]: *I gave as a present to Her* [Mrs. Miller] *a Barrel of potatoes* [and] *a Barrel of Corned Beef*

October 12 [p. 139]: *My Little Will has two teeth Just making there appearace*

October 20 [p. 141]: *I Bought to day from Mr Wiswall one Dress patron of shalla, price $2 a yard, 11 yards, and I Bought One dress patron of Calico, price $5.50 I gave Ann $20 also—I got a pair of spurs to day at Mr Spielmans, they were charged to me, price One Dollar*

October 27 [p. 142]: *I Bot to day at Mr Sprague & Howells two Thousand Segars, at $12.75 per thousand*

November 8 [p. 144]: *I Bot to Day at auction 1 shot gun Double Barrell price at $3.50, I also Bot a Spanish Saddle price at $20.00*

November 12 [p. 146]: *I Sent to Day on the Steam Boat Carrolton by James 1 Large Bag of Crabb apples and a Brak for making Buiscuit*

November 25[p. 148–149]: *I went up to auction to Day and Bought four Tables for the shop—I put the*[m] *up and took Down the Balance I pd. $2.87 1/2 per Table*

December 1[p. 151]: *Little Will was sick Last night and I had to send for Dr Hogg—He came and prescribed 4 grains of Calimal, tho we did not give* [it] *to him for he said that if he got worse to give it and if he got Better not to give it to him—So he got Better—thanks to the Greate I Am*

December 4 [p. 151]: *Mc Came around at night and sat a while, I sent Down the street and Bot 3 doz oysters and Mc and myself Eat them*

December 5 [p. 152]: *I Subscribed this Evening for the Buliten paper of New Orleans, I pd for six months in advance*

December 6 [p. 152]: *I Bot two pair of Pantaloons to day at the Auction of Soria & Co and I paid $4.87 1/2 per pair*

December 13 [p. 153]: *I Bot to day at the auction store of Mr Soria & Co. twenty two Cases of fine Razors at ten Bits per Case, Those Razors were Sent from Ingland to Mr Alfred Cochran. They were Danagd in Some way and Mr C. would not Receive them, But sent them to Auction to be Sold to the Hyest Bidder*

December 14 [p. 154]: *I pd Mr Soria 29.84 for 22 cases of Razors and a doz Razors straps*

December 25 [p. 156]: *I went Down to Bon Store and I bought some figs and a Dollars worth of Cake*

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January 6 [p. 158]: *I Bot a Doubled Barrell Shot Gun to day and paid twenty five Dollars for it—She is cheap if She is good*

January 16 [p. 159]: *I Bought To Day at auction from Mr Soria twelve pair of Shoes or ankle Boots & I Bought of Mr OFarrell & Becket a trunk of French perfumery. I gave him 28 Dollars for the trunk*

January 17 [p. 159]: *I Sold Dr Hogg a pair of Ankel Bootls for $2.50.*

January 18 [p. 160]: [recipe for cologne]
Cologne
40 Drops of The Oil of Lemon
40 do do Lavender
40 do do Bergumont
To 1 quart of alkahall & 1 or 2 drops of Oil of Rose

January 24 [p. 160]: *I Bot Some Merinco* [author footnotes this as moreen] *for Curtains To make a Reading Room I Sent up to the Courrier and Journal office to get Some papers which was sent to me by Mr Black He Sent me 8 or ten of them*

February 9 [p. 163]: *Sterns came Down to night and cleaned Both of my Shot Guns*

February 10 [p.163]: *I Borrowed Mr G Lancasters violin to day. It was open and in Bad fix*

February 13 [pp. 163–164]: *F Rouland commences to Sell Out his stock at auction of Liquors, the House &c. I Bot 9 Bottles of Aniseed, 68 cents per Bottle, and 5 glass jars at 56 1/4 cents per Jar*

February 17 [p. 164]: *I Bot 2000 Segars at $14.50 per thousand*

February 18 [p. 165]: *I gave Mr Doland ten Dollars for a pair* [of] *pantaloons in cash, & am to give him ten more in work*

February 24 [p. 165]: *I Bot Some Knives, lancets & Shot pouches to day*

February 28 [p.166]: *I paid a Mr Leaf five Dollars which pays for the Sperrits of the Times up to the 20th of Feb., 1838.*

March 29 [p. 171]: *I . . . Bot 9 pair of Pantaloons at 6 1/2 Bits per pair*

March 30 [p. 171]: *I went over to the Auction Store of Sprague & Howell and Bot 98 yds of Curtain Calico, 15 cts per yd, and 44 yds of Diaper at 21 cts per yard, 11 pair Stockings 25 cts per pair I Bot Several other triffling things among which were a Case of writing instruments I had some new Towells cut out this Evening and I marked 14 of them*

March 31 [p. 171]: *I Bot at auction to day 58 & 1 qrt yards of Morieno at the store of Messrs Sprague & Howell. I paid 14 cents per yard for it*

April 18 [p. 173]: *I Bought a cart & harness for $20*

April 20 [p. 173]: *I Bot 28 yards of twilled Calico at the Auction Room of Mesrs Spraugue & Howell—I pd him 27 cents*

May 8 [p. 176]: *I Received a Letter to day from Mr Miller and a Spanish pup from Tampeco as a present*

May 15 [p. 177]: *I went around to Mcs Shop this Evening and took some marbles and we played.*

May 17 [p. 178]: *I . . . Bought thirty five Barrells of Corn . . . I also Bought One Hundred and 2 pounds of Bacon at 10 cents per pound and One Barrell of flower at Eight Dollars*

July 8 [p. 183]: *To day Bill nox & Charles & myself Finished my Bird House that we Commenced yesterday Evening*

July 9 [p. 183]: *Myself and Bill got a tin Bucketfull of Blacke Berrys*

July 20 [p. 184]: *I . . . bought 13 yds of Calico.*

August 6 [p. 187]: *I . . . Took Out a Small Book from my pocket and Read untill it grew Late*

August 7 [p. 187]: *To Day Mr Joseph Reichleaus property was put up and sold at the Court House by the Sherriff for debt . . . . I Bot 4 Pictures & a table there* [also quarrelling with his mother]

September 1 [p. 189]: *There was an Auction to day at Dolbears & Preshos—they were Selling the Effects of the Late Mr Wm A. Arlette—I Bot a Breast Pin for which I paid Mr Pressho $16 in cash*

September 6 [p. 190]: *I was at Auction to day and Bot a wire safe at Mesrs Dolbears & Preshos at $8.25 . . . I paid Mesrs Becket & Ofarrell $4.50 for 4 cases of Razors & a Curry Comb*

September 7 [p. 190]: *I was up to Auction To Day and Bot of Messrs Dolbears & Presho 5 Gallons of Brandy @ 1.87 per gl and One Solver Gard Chair at $4.*

September 22 [p. 194]: *To day Dr Grimes gave Mother his Pol. Parrot*

September 23 [p. 194]: *I Sold Mr Horn my Cage and two Cannary Birds for $12*

September 26 [p. 194]: *I Bot at auction to day Eight small aprons*

October 11 [p. 197]: *My Second Son was born this morning between 1 and two Oclock. Mrs Seis was the attendant—I found her after an half hours hunt for her down at Dr Davis's—Himself and wife was both in Bed Sick—very Sick*

October 12 [p. 197]: *To* [day] *is Just seven years since I Bot Out this Shop from Mr James Miller, that is now and has been Ever Since a Resident of N Orleans*

[yellow fever epidemic—deaths reported throughout this section]

November 15 [p. 202]: *To day Mr Kennedy & Dr Marshall Called to see me about those Portraits of Mrs Dunnam & Mrs Gemmell—Mr Kennedy Promised to pay me by the first of January. I then agreed to Let them go*

November 22 [p. 203]: *Bill Winston paints a chair or two Bill Nix makes a wood horse*

December 5 [p. 207]: *I got two Linnen Shirts from Messrs Lounds & Berry at five Dollars Each*

December 13 [p. 210]: *To day was the day which the big Frenchman Sold Out his goods at auction—I Bot a pair of Large Candlesticks price 7.50 for the pair*

December 14 [p. 210]: *The Presidents Message was Carried arround town by Robert Smith Selling at 1 Bit per coppy—I Bot One, To Day I gave Col Bingaman a pair of Large Candle sticks with a Glass vase over Each*

December 15 [p. 211]: *I Bot from C. Celly To day 2 wash Bowls at 37 cent per Bowl*

December 16 [p. 211]: *I Bot to day at auction at Mr. Dolbeares 16 forks and 22 Knives, 2 Dishes, with Covers, and a market Basket and One Doz pairs of Scissors—I paid him for scisors 1.12 1/2, for Coverd Dishes 1.50, for Knives and forlks [sic] 2.25, and for Market Basket 37 1/2 cents*

December 23 [p. 212]: *I went up at Dobeares auction Room to night and Bot 4 Shirts, Cotton Boddies and Linnen finish—1.87 1/2 per Shirt*

December 26 [p. 212]: *To day I and the Boys finished putting up the wood that I Bot under the Hill. There were 14 Cords and three quarters of it*

December 27 [p. 213]: *I Bot at auction to day six pair of shoes for Winston*

December 28 [p. 214]: *Last night about 1/2 after 11 Oclock Mr. Gellett Came and awoke me to get the Loan of my bath tubb for his Brother who was very ill with a Cramp in his Stumache.*

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January 2 [p. 215]: *I Bot at Mr Sorias 2 fine cut glass Tumblers @ 62 1/2 per glass*

January 3 [p. 215]: *I was at the Auction Room to day and Bot 19 Candlesticks and 1 1/2 Doz of Cosmetique Perfumery and One Doz of Hair Oil of some Kind or other . . . . I Bot at Auction To night 6 China Boles and 4 pair of Low Quarterd Shoes*

January 9 [p. 216]: *We have all Kind of Night Auctions too A Frenchman opened a Lot of Goods direct from France . . . He had a Lot of sattin stocks, Owen & Fortune Bot them and they Bot all his Boot*[s] *Except a few pair that he sold before they saw him, I got one pair of Boots at 7 Dollars and I got 2 Stocks, one plain and one sattin—The Concern Cost me $19.50. I bot a pair of Pantaloons also that is included in the bill*

January 10 [p. 216]: *Auctions to day at Sprague & Howells and at Dolbeares and at Sorias To day, the things belonging to the Estate of Mr. Sml Mason—I bot a pair* [of] *and Irons, tongs and poker, One spider and one Oven The Concern only cost 1.50. Very Cheap*

January 14 [pp. 216–17]: *Bot a Mocking Bird from an Indian, 25 cents—Young Winn sent me up four fine pieces of spare Ribs He Came up himself as far as the Landing but was unwell and did not Come up on the Hill—I sent him down a Lethern Bottle to hunt with, and I gave the Boy a 1/2 Dollar He also Brought me a puppy*

January 15 [p. 217]: *To day I was up at the Frenchmans Store a*[nd] *Bot a Frock Coat—gave Him thirty Eight Dollars for it and then gave him twelve Dollars for a suite of cloaths for my Little William which is not two years old untill the 24th inst.*

January 19 [p. 217]: *To night I sent my piano to the Duchman to repair and play on it*

January 20 [p. 217]: *I Bot a water Boiler and a wash stand They both Cost 2.62 1/2*

January 23 [p. 217]: *I Bot at Auction to night 2 vest, cost 4/0, and four pair of Suspenders, 2*

1/2, making in all $2.38, and 1 Book, Life in London, 3/., per vol 75 cents—I Bot from a Frenchman 5 stocks, Gave him 7 Dollars

February 10 [p. 219]: *I went up at Auction To night and bought some shaving soap &c., 6 Boxes of soap @ 50 cts per Box and 6 Boxes or Bottles of Indelable Ind 18 ¾ per Box and One Musick Box at $30.*

March 2 [p. 222]: *I Loaned my music Box to Col Bingaman to day*

April 10 [p. 227]: *I was up at the auction Room to day and there I bought two Counting House stools, paid thirteen Bits a piece for them*

May 19 [pp. 229–30]: *I Lost my fine Mocking Bird through the negligence of Winston. I would not have taken fifty Spanish Dollars Cash in hand for him*

May 21 [p. 230]: *I paid Mr Fox to day for one years subscription to the New Yorker, three Dollars in full*

May 27 [p. 230]: *I Caught two poor Little Mocking Birds over there, and Brought them over with me*

May 28 [p. 231]: *To day the Col.* [Bingaman] *Sent my music Box Home again, in Bad order*

June 12 [p. 232]: *I was up at Soria Auction room to day and Bot 1 Sofa at $34, 2 Large pictire & Frames, $4.25, 2 Kitchen Hand Irons, 1 Large Carpet, $12.00*

June 20 [p. 232]: *The oven that I paid Mr Breeden for is not included in the above amount at all. It Cost me $153.00*

June 27 [p. 233]: *I Bot of a Stranger to day 6000 Segars and paid him 28 Dollars a Thousand*

June 30 [p. 233]: *I was up at Auction this morning or to day and Bot some articles, the Following are a part, 1 tin pan and a Lot of Brushes*

July 18 [p. 234]: *I Bot at Dolbears Auction Room to day One Large or Common size Jar, 2 Jugs & one Lantern, 3*

September 21 [p. 236]: *I have two Mocking Birds up to this Date*

September 22 [p. 236]: *I bot all three of Mothers Birds to day*

1839

January 18 [p. 244]: *I was to Day Out at the Sale that Took place at Mr Bradish, deceased, and Bot 1 Box of Burgundy wine and 1 Keg of White Lead and a young Cow Called Pidy*

January 19 [p. 244]: *Paid A. Marschalk for* New Yorker *up to the 11th of May Next*

March 21 [p. 250]: *I spent a Good Part of the Day at the auction Room below at O Farrells Sale and Bot a number of things that I had have better Left alone*

April 2 [p. 251]: *I paid in the Sherriffs office to day twelve Dollars and fifty Cents, this being the Sum of Goods that I Bot at O. Farrells Sale, ie one Riffle and two Breast Pins*

April 8 [p. 252]: *Mc and mysefe played Sixteen Games at Marbles this Evening and He won ten Out of 16 and I have not been so tyred for some time As I am now from playing those Marbles*

May 1 [p. 253]: *I paid on some day last week $10 to Mr Leafe for One years Subscription to the Spirrits of the time*

June 12 [p. 256]: *The Dog Killer Killed poor old Spring this Evening in our yard*

June 22 [p. 257]: *My third Son was Born to night near ten Oclock.* [Benedict Byron Johnson]

July 12 [p. 259]: *I paid the sherriff thirteen Dollars and five Bits for 14 Boys Shirts, 27 pr sissors and ten Razors straps*

September 4 [p. 265]: *I had a match to Day with Jno Greek for a pair of shoes—3 best in five with Pistols—and I won the shoes Easy*

October 15 [p. 270]: *Last night I took a Dose of Calomell*

October 16 [p. 270]: *I walked Down in a Deep Byou to Day and read a Book, the* Life of Danial, *through before I Came Out again*

November 12 [pp. 272–3]: I Bot a Hat

[September 24 to November 18—Johnson and family moved out of the city to the old Quigless place to avoid the yellow fever epidemic]

November 30 [p. 273]: *I received 2000 Cigars to day form the Hail Columbia—they are a prety fair article, tho not the best in the State by a fut. I pd. 20 cts to day for Lard—Got One Keg*

1840

February 4 [p. 277]: *To Day I went Down to E. Thompson and Bot Perfumery to the Amount of $114.00 in Raid Road funds*

February 6 [p. 277]: *To day, I being afraid of R R. money, I Bot at E Thomson & Co 4500 Cigars At $20 per Thousand—$90.00*

February 19 [p. 277]: *Gen Quitman handed me a Letter to day that was given Him at Jackson for me. He did me proud, He did me proud.*

March 9 [p. 278]: *To day I Bot at the auction Room of Messrs Soria 1 fine red and white Cow for fifty nine Dollars and one Bath tub at thirteen dollars*

April 8 [p. 279]: *59 Yds of Cotton I Bot to Day @ 18 cts*

May 2 [p. 280]: *I moved my man Phil and his wife Silvia up to my dwelling House the other day—I bot them the day before yesterday form Col Waymouth of Main Street*

May 19 [p. 281]: *I Bot to Day at Auction 2 glass Cases at 2 dollars Each—they will Suit for House Perposes*

August 23 [p. 291]: *I remaind Home all Day reading Enoch Crosby or the Spy Unmasked* [editor notes that this refers to H. L. Barnum, The Spy Unmasked; or, Memoirs of Enoch Crosby, Alias Harvey Birch . . . .]

August 24 [p. 291]: *our Free Trader is Out before the Public this morning under the controwl of Mr T A S Doniphan. I paid Him this morning Six Dollars for six months Subscription to it*

September 17 [p. 296]: *I Bot at Auction to day a Lot of Pictures and among them was a Likeness of Mr Van Buren—I got the Lot* [for] *nine Bits*

September 26[p. 297]: *To day has been One in wich I felt bad from morning untill night. It tis the Effects of my Hunt on yesterday in the Swamp—I took a Dose of Antimnial wine and did not take Enough tho I hope to the Lord I will Get much better with out taking Any medicine* [editor notes in footnote that "Johnson probably meant antimonial wine, a solution of tartar emetic in sherry wine."]

October 13 [p. 301]: *I Bot a very fine Double Shot Gun to day at Mr Stock- [pp. 300–1] mans Store, Gave Forty Dollars for Her*

November 26 [p. 308]: *I Bot a Cooking stove to day of Mr Simon Moses and Gave Him Thirty Eight dollars for it and took it Home*

November 27 [p. 308]: *I have to day Put up my New stove and am very much pleased with it indeed*

November 28 [p. 308]: *I Bott at Auction to day a very fine half Keg of Gocian Butter and gave 28 cts per pound for it. Tis a first Rate article of Butter*

December 14 [p. 312]: *Our Fare for the Day* [list that follows is in columns not reproduced here] *Boil Bacon Crackers—Beef stake Buisket Ham Liquors Whiskey and Brandy, dood water Segars Venison Stake Sauserage—aples—&c. Sweet milk*

December 15 [p. 312]: *I paid Mr McMicheal to day Five Dollars for volume 18 of the New York Mirror—up some time in June*

December 16 [p. 312]: *Col D F Waymouth Sells Out His Store at auction I Bot a Large Lot of Paper, 349 pieces, amounting To 87.50 and I paid Him Seventy Five Dollars for* [a] *stair case and for a stove and I Bot a few Bonnets, Toys &c., amounting in all $186.15*

1841

February 11 [p. 318]: *I Caught 1 Mocking Bird and Bot 1. Gave 4 dol for Bird and Cage*

February 20 [p. 319]: *I Bot at Auction after that 5 augers, 3 trowells such as Plasterers use & at Present there is five auction Houses going on in Natchez, viz. E. Thom*[p]*son & Co, McAlister & Watson, Jones & Tainter & C*[o], *J. Soria and I. Hoff*

March 5 [p. 321]: *Natchez Curier made its appearance for the first time to day—I Bot One paper, 6 1/4 cts—Mr Edwards wants me to take the Paper and He said that He would take it out in trade*

March 6 [p. 322]: *I was then cheated in the Perchasing of Calico & Left my Pocket Book on desk. Might have Lost money for what I Know.*

March 7 [p. 322]: *I walked out on the old fort in Company with Mc and took along my new Spy-Glass and we made some few peeps throgh the Glass*

March 11 [pp. 322–3]: *Paper Hanger Commencd this morning to Hang the paper in front Room Came very near finishing the Room to day . . . I Commenced to day to moove down some of the Furniture to the Building &c"*

March 12 [p. 323]: *"The Paper Hangers got done papering this Evening"*

March 15 [p. 323]: *"Mooved to day from Mrs Neibut House"*

March 16 [p. 323]: *"I got my Cow down at the new Building to day and made a pen for Her"*

March 25 [p. 326]: *"To Day about* [blank] *Oclock my Little Daugter was Born and the Larges & Finest Child I Ever saw of its Age—Mrs. Dickson was with Her, Ann was well at Dinner time"* [Anna L. Johnson]

March 26 [p. 326]: *"Little Richard by Accident pulled down the Large Picture of the Last Supper & the Glass was badly Broken by the fall"*

March 28 [p. 326]: *"I remained at Home all day and read a Book through"*

March 30 [pp. 326–327]: *"A Receipt to Produce the meal worm, by Mr W Sergent You must take a Quantity of Flour or meal and put it into Layers between papers say 1 qrt. Of an inch thick and it will produce the worm—for Birds*"

April 3 [p. 327]: *"The Circus Opened to night and the Animal Show and the Theatre is open also—So Everybody can Have as much of Either as they please"*

April 4 [p. 327]: *"I Kept the Boys Home to day untill Dinner time at there Books"* [Unclear whether he is talking about his children or his employees.]

April 9 [p. 328]: *"John Caught Mrs Montgomerys Cannary Bird and She Gave Him One Bit for it"*

May 3 [p. 330]: *"I Took a Boy by the name of Edmond from Mr N. Hoggatt to day to Lern the trade of Haircutting & shaving &c"*

May 4 [pp. 330–331]: *"To Day I went up to McCarys Shop and told Him that I had two Little Boys and was requested by Mr Hogatt to get situations for them to Learn a trade of some Kind—He wanted One of them and I Gave Him Choice of the two, Jefferson and William He Liked the Look of [p. 331]* [pp. 330–31]*Wm Best tho Wm told Him that He wanted to live with me so Mc then said He would take the other—Accordingly I sent Jeff up to Him this Evening"*

May 12 [p. 331]: *"This morning Shortly After Breadfast time The Boy William ran off and Took with Him Jeff, His Brother, that I had put with McCary They Both went Out Home"*

May 14 [p. 331]: *"Very Singular Steven ran away to day And the two Boys that ranaway the other day should have returned at the same time"*

June 9 [p. 334]: *"To day we had a very seviere wind from the west That threatened the destruction of much Property We had considerable rain with it. Blew away an arning that I had put up down at my dwelling House"*

June 16 [p. 335]: *"I set Charles several Lessons on the slate in Cyphering—he did very well indeed"*

July 15 [p. 338]: *"I paid a man $5 to day for years Subscription to the Picaune Paper—from Feb, 1841, to Feb, 1842"*

July 18 [p. 338]: *"I Came off and Left an umbrella"*

July 20 [pp. 338–339]: *"I Loaned Col Bingaman the pamphlet to day that Contains the Confession of those four men that was hung at St. Louis on 9th inst."*

July 23 [p. 339]: *"I went arround to Mr Jaqumine to day with him and He gave me a Puppy by his white Dog out of Flora"*

[August 1841 controversy over the issuing of licenses to free negroes to enable them to stay in the state]

September 25 [p. 349]: *"I am Lear*[n]*ing to play the Guitarr by note"*

September 30 [p. 350]: *"I am taking a few Lessons on the Guitarr at present"*

October 5 [p. 350]: *"I Give the Boys Several Lessons to day in reading and writing in there Room"*

October 26 [p. 354]: *"I had a grate put up to day in my 3 story Building It was put in by Mr Brick and it was very well done—I Bot them new at the Auction Store yesterday and gave 29 Dollars for the 2 Grates"*

October 30 [p. 355]: *"My Bird Got Out of the Cage yesterday or was turned out by W. I found it to night under the Hill. Mr Ramsey had Bot it from Mr Sylver Gave him 1 dollar for it."*

October 31 [p. 355]: *"Our new House Leeks very much from the rain"*

November 3: [pp. 355–56] *"Charles and Ned was painting a good deal to day in the State*

Street Store And I Rented it to a Mr Barbeare to teach [p. 356] dancing Scool &c."

November 13 [p. 358]: *"I also Bot 30 yds of Carpeting to day at 7 Bits per yard"*

November 21 [p. 359]: *"I . . . got as wet as water, in my Broad Cloth Sattin vast &c. I had my two Little Puppies with me, 1 of them was a pup by my Old Pollo and the other was a pup given to me by Jaqumine and by his Dog Schellum*"

November 23 [p. 359]: *Auction Houses selling off pretty fast. I Bot two Glass Cups to day at Mr Sorias Auction Room, Cost 1.12 1/2."*

November 24 [p. 359]: *"My Little Richard was sick yesterday and Last Night but is much Better to Day, Thank God"*

November 27 [p. 359]: *"To day Has been a Day of Greate Trouble with me on acct of the Seviere illness of my Little Richard—He is very Sick and has had several Fitts or Spasems which So alarms me, I remained all the Evening at Home, Did not go to the Shop"*

November 28 [p. 359]: *"My Little Richard very ill indeed—I did not go to the shop this whole day and the Boys were very Buisy and not any One to help them"*

November 29 [p. 359]: *"To day was a fine Day Tho one of Trouble with my Family—My Little Richard still very sick, Dangerously ill, having more of those Spasams or Cramps—O how the poor Little Fellow suffers God Grant that He may recover from this Dreadfull malady"*

November 30 [p. 359]: *"To day I find Richard no better. Still Suffering As much as a poor Little Soul Can"*

December 1 [p. 360]: *"My Little Richard Suffering a greate deal indeed from His sickness—oh how the Poor Little Child pains"*

December 2 [p. 360]: *"To day has been a good Day by work in the Shop tho I have been no Help to them for my Little Richard was too sick for me to Leave Dr Davis still attending to him Oh how weak the Poor Little Child has become from his sickness"*

December 3 [p. 360]: *"To day the buisness has been good in the Shop tho the illness of my Little Richard prevents my working at it"*

December 4 [p. 360]: *"My poor Little Richard is so sick that I Cannot Injoy the day be it Ever so fine"*

December 5 [p. 360]: *"My Little Richard very Low. Poor Little Fellow, He suffers so much—McCary and Mrs Gibson Sat up with him to night all night—He was very ill Just before Day. His Cough was very Troubled about it ie the Child Could get no rest. Oh no One Knows how much the Poor Little Fellow Suffers at this very time—I got moore Sleep to night that I have had any One night sinse it was Taken"*

December 6 [p. 360]: *"My Poor Little Richard is very sick yet. Dr Davis Comes very Regular to see him—The Poor child has had a very hard time of it. Poor Little Fellow. God Grant that He may soon recover from this Dreadfull sickness—McCary and Hester Commings has Came to night to set up with Him"*

December 7 [p. 360]: *"My Little son Richard is still very sick and has been Restless, Quite so—Had 1 of those Spasms shortly after supper to night—I was at Auction to Day and Bot a Looking Glass—Cost of which was $11.50 Fair price I think—Mr McMurran told Judge Dunlap that if he was worth the notice of a Gentleman that he would cow hide Him—Judge Cage fined Mr McMurran $100 for Contempt of the Court"*

December 8 [p. 360]: "*Thank God my Little son Richard is some Better*"

December 9 [pp. 360–61]: *"My Little Richard has been very bad of*[f] *All of this Day. Had another Spasm to day. Oh what a time of it we have had—We have to set up Evry night with Him—Mother sit*[s] *up with Him to night, Mc untill 1/2 past 10 Oclock, then returns Home—Tis now at the time of my writing nearly 4 Oclock in the morning and I am now setting by the Bed Side of Richard who I thank God appears a Little Easy in his Sleep &c."*

December 12 [p. 361]: *"My Little Richard Something Better to day, tho still quite unwell and has to be set up with yet."*

December 13 [p. 361]: *"My Little Richard Quite ill. Dangeroully so. Very weak"*

December 14 [p. 361]: *"To day would have been a very Cheerful day if my poor Richard was only Better tho I* [was] *sorry to see Him so much weaker to day."*

December 15 [pp. 361–362]: *"I Gave my Little William a very seviere whiping to day up at the Shop for his bad Conduct, Throwing Brick and so forth, and sent Him Down Home—oh I gave him what I thought was right in the Case—Mc Sat up with my Little Richard Last night for the Little Fellow was very sick in the afternoon and part of the Night—Thank God, He is much Better to day. Would to God He was only well this day."*

December 16 [p. 362]: *"My Little Richard is much better to day Thank God."*

December 29 [p. 363]: *"I was somewhat Sick with a Cold and had Taken some Thomsonian Medicine Last night."*

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January 1 [p. 364]: *"I went around to Dr Davis this morning Early and paid my Doctors bill, the amount of which was One Hundred Dollars"*

January 13 [p. 366]: *"I was up at Auction to day and I Bot some Clothing for Steven and 1 Bridle and martingale, and I was up at Mr Soria Auction Room and there they were selling a woman belonging to Mosbey and I at the request of Winn bid her in at 296 Dolls and I told him that if she suited my Family that I would Keep her and if not I would try and sell her for him"*

January 24 [p. 369]: *"The Boys Commenced to day to say their Books again I will try and Keep them at it for a time, if possible, Tho I Know my failing so well that I am doubtfull whether I will keep them at it Long"*

January 29 [p. 370]: *"Mrs Warren and Mrs Barker Came in to day from the Country and Brot my Little Canary Bird and One female Bird for the use of Him. Mr B. was to have sent me a pair of young Birds for the use of him but did not do it."*

January 31 [p. 371]: *"Little Dick was quite sick to night. We had to give Him a Dose of Oil"*

February 1 [p. 371]: *"Ann is Quite sick to day. I sent for Dr Davis and He Came arround, made some few Inquirys and Left saying that if she did not feet Better by night to take 3 of Cooks pills—I have been down at the House nearly all day with Her"*

February 4 [p. 371]: *"I was up at Auction and Bot 3 Kegs of lard, 2 Boxes of Candles, &c., and a Lot of Cannary Seed"*

February 7 [p. 371]: *"My Little Richard is sick and has been very sick for 3 Days"*

February 9 [pp. 371–72]: *"My Little Richard is quite sick to day . . . I Bot a Chair to day at Wemples Sale of Furniture and his Furniture Sold at a very hansome price."*

February 10 [p. 372]: *"Dr Young Came down to see Richard, who is not as well this Evening as he was this morning"*

February 11 [p. 372]: *"The Dr Came twice to day to see my Little Richard who has been Quite Sick all of to Day—There is a Mr Barbiere, a Dancing man, who I Cannot bring myself to believe is a Gentleman in the full acceptation of the word, I dislike him considereabley. He owes me $90.00 and I am much afraid that he will not pay me, untill he* [is] *Compelled to pay me"*

February 19 [p. 373]: *"I was at Auction to day and Bot a suit of C*[l]*oaths for Richard, Cap &c. and a Barrell of Fish &c."*

February 23 [p. 374]: *"I wrode Down to the Mill this Evening and found my Dashield Cow with a young Calf and I drove her Home, instantar"*

March 5 [p. 376]: *"I was up at Auction to day and Bot Some Rose Bushes. Came home After Dinner, Mooved the wooden Cistern and planted the Rose Bushes &c."*

March 10 [p. 377]: *"I had a small Cannary Bird Taken up to the Jefferson Hotell to night to be sent by the mail to morrow morning down to the Coal Springs To Dr Buck He is to give me $5 for it when He comes to Town &c."*

March 11 [p. 377]: *"I allowed Jo. Meshio Twenty Dollars for his two Birds in Rent."*

March 14 [p. 377]: *"I Bot a Coat and a pants to day. The Cost was $26.00"*

April 13 [p. 379]: *"I was at Auction to day and Bot some Little Mantle Ornaments and Oild of Orange and some Razors &c."*

April 14 [p. 379]: *"I was at Auction to Day and Bot Some Boys pants Cheap—Dix a Scally, a dime per pair"*

April 15 [p. 379]: *"I Received a Letter to day and two news papers from New Orleans. The Christening Document of my Little William was in the Letter"*

April 16 [p. 379]: *"I paid Mr Edwards to Day for the Free Trader, Six Dollars"*

April 17 [p. 379]: *"I Lost the Bird to Day that I Bot of Jo Meshio—It Died from Taking Cold by being Left in the window"*

April 24 [p. 380]: *"There we read the Laws of Louisiana in pamphlet form &c."*

April 28 [p. 381]: *"We Lost a Beautifull Little Cannary to day, One that we Raised—prety One It got Out"*

May 5 [p. 382]: *"My Little Richard is sick and has been for three days –Thank God he is much better this Evening"*

May 10 [p. 383]: *"I was a good part of to day at work in the Sun putting up a fence around the Lot oposite my Dwelling House. I was making a Calf Lot"*

May 22 [p. 384]: *"I took the Children William, Richard and Byron and my 3 small puppies and walked Out as far as the Pond near Mr Marshal gate or Pond &c."*

May 24 [p. 385]: *"I Sent Mag. Miller the two young Birds that He Bot from me"*

May 31 [p. 386]: *"To day Winston Makes the Little wagon for My Child—It was well done"*

June 11 [p. 387]: *"I Sent Mrs Miller 7 split Brooms this Evening by the Steam Boat Baton Rougue"*

June 12 [p. 387]: *"I walked Out into Minors pasture this Evening with Mc and His two sons, William and Robert, and I had my Little William along also—We had Each of us a pupy to give them Exercise—The pup that I had Could Out run Mcs puppy very Easy indeed—We Eat Black burries for a while then Came around by the Cricket ground and Came Home"*

June 21 [p. 388]: *"I Bot a dress or a Lot of Cercassion* [editor thinks this is either circassian or circassienne] *to make One for Sarah—I paid Mr Elward two Dollars to day, Subscription for a Roman Catholic work and I owe him Still 1 dollar moore on it"*

June 29 [p. 389]: Includes listing of all of Johnson's stock of animals.

July 9 [p. 391]: *"I Spoke to A.L. Willson the other day to procure me a passage on the Steam Boat, Maid of Arkensaw, which he promised to do and to day when the Boat Came I went down to see about it and I saw him and He told me that he had spoke to the Capt. And that he had Refused to let a State Room, But that my wife Could have the whole of the Ladies Cabbin to Herself but it was a Rule on his Boat not to Let any Col persons have State Rooms on Her—I askd him to go with me on Bourd—He went on Board and showd me the Capt. And I asked him if could not spare a State Room and he told me that He Could not spare one that it was against the Rules of His Boat and that he had said it once and that was Enough and that he was a man of his word and Spoke of Prejudice of the Southern people, it was damd Foolish &c, and that he was a doing a Buisness for other people and was Compelld to adopt those Rules—I did not prevail by no means—He then said that I Could Have a State Room on Conditions which I told him would answer.*

July 10 [p. 391]: *"My Family Left for New Orleans yesterday—I was alone to day to dinner* . . . [went to the river with his dogs] *I had my Little William with us"*

July 12 [p. 392]: *"Winston and myself was at work to day Laying Brick in a Kitchen to my new house"*

July 17 [p. 393]: *"I Commenced this Afternoon to put my News papers in order to have them bound I found but few and they were very much Out of Order"*

July 21 [p. 393]: *"I was up to a Auction to day at Dan. Stevensons House, Lately Kept by Duck Williams, and I Bot 2 Pichers, 1 Doller Each, 1 wash Stand with bason, 1 Center table, 2 Goblets*"

July 27 [pp. 394–5]: *"I Say Mr W Burns this Evening and had a Long talk with him about Winston. He wantd to Know how he was ageting along &c and I told him that He was doing very well tho I was not at this time Learning him much in the way of his Book. He wanted me to do so and he thought that Winston was now about Eighteen years old and that he wanted to have him Learn to Read and write, so that he might be able to Keep his Books or accts when he became older Enough to do Buisness for Himself He thought that wages was and Injury to a Boy, that it would give them Bad Habits, and that he did not want him to have any but to work along as Long as he was satisfied. We Could agree I thanked him He Said that he thought that there would be something Left out of the Estate and that if he conducted himself well that he would give him a start some day—I told him that Winston was a very smart Boy and that I Liked him very much indeed"*

July 28 [p. 395]: *"My Wife Came up to day on the Maid of Arkansas and had my three youngest Children on Bourd, Richard, Byron and Anna and Seva* [servant] *Lucinda. They Left here on the 9th inst and arrived here to day—Fifteen dollars for there passage and five for Wellington—I was quite sick to day and took a dose of medicine, 6 pills*."

July 30 [p. 395]: *"I wrode Out this morning and took my Little Gun and My pup Romeio"*

August 1 [pp. 395–6]: *"I wrode this morning Early and took my Little Gun and my pup Don"*

August 2 [p. 396]: *"My Little Rose Has troubled me a good deal. She wont go after and Bring game when I shoot it"*

August 7 [p. 397]: *"I got Some Late papers this day from New Orleans and I Remained Home all the Evening reading the same*"

August 11 [p. 397]: *"I had a flask of whiskey"*

August 18 [p. 399]: *"We Spent nearly all day down at my Residence—took dinner about 2 Oclock, played the violin Some, Shuffle Bourd Some and wrode Out in the Evening"*

September 1 [p. 401]: *"I Loaned Mother Thirteen Dollars to day to pay Perry Sells for One years hyre of Francis She paid him twenty dollars for the year in advance and took writings to that Effect. I then Bot his Indentures from Perry Sells for the sum of twelve Dollars in Cash and the Boys is to serve me untill he is twenty One years of Age"*

September 3 [p. 401]: *"The white Pig turns Over the Churn We Lost the Butter"*

September 9 [p. 403]: *"My Little Byron was sick Last Evening with a Hot fever and we gave wine to drink which gave him some Relief, tho he was up this morning as is usual with him, playing, tho late this Afternoon he has another fever"*

September 10 [p. 403]: *"Wellington Came down from Vicksburg and brot me a Vickburg paper"*

September 14 [p. 404]: *"I Spent and hour or so to day making a Ram Rod and wiping stick for my big shot gun"*

October 23 [p. 411]: *"After I returned I felt much worse, took tea and went to Bed pretty Sick, took peper tea."*

November 13 [p. 414]: *"I wrode down to the Collier place and gatherd some Cats tails or Cat tails, A Kind of weed that Looks Like Cotton. I Got my Game bag full of them"*

November 15 [p. 414]: *"Mr Jacqumine Gave me a pupy from his dog Scillum and Venus"*

December 20 [p. 419]: *"My Second Daugter, that is the fifth Child, was born this morning some where between 1/2 past 2 and 1/2 past three Oclock—The child was a very fine large Child."* [editor notes that this child was Katharine Johnson]

December 26 [p. 420]: *"I drank Egg-nogg this morning the 1st thing"*

December 29 [p. 420]: *"I was up to day at Auction and bot 2 grates for 4.50"*

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January 5 [p. 422]: *"We Came home and took Egg nog, Oysters, Coffee &c."*

January 11 [p.422]: *"I have missed my Bunch of Keys and Can not think where or when I had them last"*

January 20 [p. 423]: *"I bot a vest to day and One Dozen pairs of Shoes for the Children"*

February 7 [p. 426]: *"Twelve dollars and fifty cents, I paid for 6 framed Pictures to day"*

February 21 [p. 427]: *"I bot a Little Boy by the name of Anderson from Mr Thornton who signed his name as Agent for a Mr Covington, When Ever Mr Covington Calls and will make me title He will get his money, which is Two Hundred and ninety dollars"*

March 31 [p. 431]: *"Mrs Alexander sent up to Know what I would take for the Piano. I sent her word that I would take twenty five Dollars for it."*

April 7 [p. 432]: *"I was up at Auction to day and Bot 2 Drillen Coats, 5 Black Bombaset Roundabouts and a piece of Carpeting and a pair of Pair pants"*

April 11 [p. 432]: *"I bot 2 sets of Knives and Folks* [forks] *to day at auction and paid 9 bits per set for them"*

May 8 [p. 434]: *"I was up at Auction to day and Bot a Large Looking Glass for $21.00 It was the sale of Mrs Bingamans Effects . . . I bot 2 Mocking Birds, 5* [and] *7*"

May 9 [p. 434]: *"I had a bench made for my Large glass."*

May 10 [p. 435]: *"I had bench for the Smaller glass to day. Bot a Kegg of rice, 56 pounds, at 3 1/2 cts, 24 wine glasses, 3 cts Each and I bot 7 Deep plates, 31 ct for the lot."*

May 30 [p. 437]: *"Twenty seven dollars I paid to day for the Courrieres and N.Y. Enquirer. I paid for it nine years Subscription up to the time I Left off taking it—I wish I had have paid for it before now*

June 17 [p. 438]: *I paid the Collecter for the Free Trader Six Dollars*

June 23 [p. 439]: *I was at Auction to day and bought about 20 yds of Cotton for 6 bits and a Basket of Cordial, 7 1/2 Bits, and a Ice Cream Freezer for $2 and a Barrell of Cranburys for 2 bits and a half—Cheap, Cheap*

July 13 [p. 441]: *The Man put up the Blinds this morning to the front windows* [not sure whether this refers to home or shop]

July 16 [p. 441]: *I took my Little Buggy and wrode Out through by old Jones and Came around through by the Scotts old Field I had my old Sorril Horse in the bugy. I had along with me Wm J. Junr, Little James Miller. They were on Horse back, Then in the Buggy was Mr Miller, Richard, Byron, Anna and Mary Jordan—all was along We got some Black Burries &c.*

July 22 [p. 442]: *I . . . Bot 2 Razor strap and a Book of Songs*

July 26 [p. 442]: *We had a fine mess of Corn for dinner from the Same place* [his field]. *We also Sold Some to day—I Sent Some Corn to New Orleans to day and Some Butter Beans and Mother Sent Some 4 heads of Cabbage &c.*

September 1 [p. 447]: *I Commenced to plant Turnips this Evening in the yard.*

October 3 [p. 452]: *we went Out to the pecans tree and got some pecans and we then went to the walnut tree and got Some walnuts and Came in*

October 4 [p. 453]: *I Learned this morning that the man Thom Welden, a Silver Smith, that he had Lost a Silver patent Lever watch belonging to me, the watch was given to him to do some repairs on it . . . . I got the number of the watch, which was No 11314, made by Tobias, Liverpool*

October 31 [p. 458]: *I paid fifteen Dollars to day for Licences to run a One Horse vehickle for One year*

November 22 [p. 461]: *I Bot a black frock Coat to day at Hewit & Coulsons and gave 19 dollars for it*

December 1 [p. 463]: *He* [a horse] *won both Heats very Easy and I won the Painting of three Doors from Mr Dillon, the painter*

December 4[p. 464]: *Subscribed for the weekly Crescent City to day* [footnote identifies this as The New Orleans *Weekly Crescent City*]

December 5 [p. 464]: *I have bought 3 pair pants and 1 Coat & a bale of Hay and a Barrell of Irish Potatoes*

December 7 [p. 465]: *My children, all five of them, has at present a very bad coughf and I think it is the whooping coughf, I hope it will be Light with them*

December 11 [p. 466]: *I bot a Rat trap to day too, I got it from Walker the tinner I pd him 2 Bits & a half and got a trap and 3 milk pans from Him.*

December 13 [p. 466]: *I bot a Spanish Bridal & Sadle to day at Auction Cost $4.50*

December 19 [p. 468]: *I was at the Book Auction to night and bot 2 books. Said auction is now about to Close for the Season, The Children are now much plaugued with Colds. I pray they may recover from it . . . . Steven is drunk to day and is on the town but I herd of him around at Mr Brovert Butlers and I sent arround thare and had him brot Home and I have him now up in the garret fast and I will Sell him if I Can get Six Hundred Dollars for Him, I was offered 550 to day for him but would not take it. He must go for he will drink*

December 29 [p. 469]: *Officer Samuels told me to night that Some of my neighbours Had Complained to him that a Stove pipe was Sticking through the Roof of my Kitchen and that it was Dangerous as it stood &c.*

December 30 [pp. 469–70]: *I Expect from what past between Mr Cannon and myself that he will take Steven On Monday if Nothing Happens—And what is the Cause of my parting with him, why it is nothing but Liquor, Liquor, His fondness for it. Nothing more, Poor Fellow. There are many worse fellows than poor Steven is, God Bless Him. Tis his Own fault.*

1844

January 1 [p. 470]: *I rested bad Last night. I had much Care On my mind, the night appeared very Long—I got up this morning Early and took Steven with me down to the Ferry Boat and gave him up to the Overseer of Young & Cannon. Crawford was his name I gave Steven a pair* [of] *Suspenders and a pr of Socks and 2 Cigars, Shook hands with him and see* [him] *go On Bourd for the Last time I felt hurt but Liquor is the Cause of his troubles; I would not have parted with Him if he had Only have Let Liquor alone but he Cannot do it I believe, I receved a check from Mr Cannon to day On Mr Britton & Co for four Hundred dollars and a demand note or due bill for two Hundred more*

January 2 [p. 470]: *I bot a vest to day &c.*

January 3 [p. 471]: *I bot a Cooking Stove to day at Auction, price Six Dollars 50 cts It will do for a Small Family*

January 9 [p. 472]: *I Bot the Children, Each of the Boys, a pair of Boots to day and they are very proud of them, very*

January 19 [p. 474]: *I bought a man by the name of Billy from a Mr Hanks today. He was in Company with Mr Miderhoff at the time Our agreement was that I was to pay One hundred and Seventy Dollars for Billy in Cash, and thirty Dollars more Mr Miderhoff agreed to take Out in Shaving &c. with me*

January 25 [p. 475]: *I Bot a Coat at Auction to day and paid five Dols, and 50 cts for it*

January 27 [p. 475]: *I bot a Hat to night at Mr Gales for $4. I bot a Secretary to day at Auction for $10.25. I Like it much*

January 29 [pp. 475–76]: *I was up at auction to day and I Bot 20 pairs of Boots @ 1.12 1/2 per pair and out of the Lot I found 6 pairs that fit*

me very well indeed, . . . I made a Bargain with Mrs [p. 476] Amee to day at a distance ie. To hire old man Billy to her for ten Dollars per month, To Commence to morrow.

February 6 [p. 477]: *The city is full of Amusements at this time, Concerts, Lectures, Dancing parties and Balls, &c.*

February 7 [p. 477]: *I Bot a Barrouge* [footnote explains Johnson probably means barouche, a carriage with a folding top over the back seat] *to day It was Sold at Auction and was Bought by Mr Reed and I gave Reed forty dollars for it and he gave $31, So he made 9 Dollars on me I then Bought a Horse and gave $25.50 for him and was not pleased with him at all, for when I wrode him I thought that he was Blind, or nearly so . . . . Mr Stutson took a paiar of my 9 Bits Boots and would have them a La Niap* [footnote explains that this means as a complimentary present]

February 10 [p. 478]: *The City is Quite Lively at present and all Sort of Concerts, Lecturing and now and then a fight*

February 19 [p. 480]: *I was up at the Wemple Auction to day and Bot five Boxes of Rose Soap at 2.37 1/2 per, 6 Small Rocking Chairs and 4 Small Toy childrens chairs, 1 Small work Table*

February 20 [p. 480]: *I was up to Esdra Sale to day and Bot 47 Volumes of Buffins Natural History, and Gave 28 cts for Each volume, making in all $13.16 They are in the French Language or I Should be very much pleased*

February 29[p. 481]: *I was up at Auction Several times to day and made Quite a stay I purchased Several boxes or rarther two large Boxes Suitable for Corn or Anything. I gave $3.50 per Box I Also Bot a Book Case at $16.50 This was sold at a moderate Sum I think. . . . Then James was put up and I bid on Him a time or two . . . they did run him on me to $790 where he was then Knocked of*[f] *to me, through Mr Canon, Tis thought to be high tho I am very well pleased with him* [footnote explains that Jim or Gim was nineteen and a slave for life]

March 1 [p. 482]: *I was at auction to day and Bot a Dress Pattern to Line a Coach* [coat] *with, I bot a vest also*

March 19 [p. 484]: *I have been taking French Lesons for a week or Such a mater*

May 1 [p. 490]: *I was at Auction to day and Bot 3 table cloths, 1 Counterpane and two pieces of Dieper for towelling, &c.*

August 1 [p. 497]: *I was Schooling my Children*

September 18 [p. 505]: *Some time Last week the Rats Eat up my Trubiale or Mexican Bird, I Bought Eight rat traps to day to Kill Rats with, to pay them with, for Eating up my Birds &c.*

September 28 [p. 506]: *I bot a Satin vest and pr of Pants to day: Cost $8.50 in all.*

October 4 [p. 507]: *I Got Mr Scheling this Evening to tune the Piano that we Borrowed of Miss Fany Brustee*

November 28 [p. 509]: *I had the Glass Frames moved out of the Brick Store Down to the House in State St.*

December 11 [pp. 510–11]: *Dr Broom has his Furniture Sold to day at Auction, I Bot [p. 511] his Piano $62.00 and Several Small things*

December 12 [p. 511]: *I Sold my tin Box to day for five Dollars*

December 31 [p. 511]: *about 11 oclock I started in the Swamp to take a Small Hunt to have a Duck for my New Years Dinner tomorrow*

1845

January 2 [p. 512]: *Nothing has transpired more than very near 3 Oclock this Morning my Little third Daughter was Born. She is a very large fine Looking child* [footnote states that this was Eugenia Johnson]

January 7 [p. 513]: *I was at Auction to Day and bot the One Horse harness and a Clock and a Large basket.*

January 8 [p. 513]: *I Bot Some Stove Pipe at Auction to day and a Coat, 2 bells &c.*

January 14[p. 514]: *I Bot from Stockman & Taintor at Auction to day*

To 1 Boue Knife 14/1	*1.81*
To 1/2 Barrell Rice	*.81*
1 pr. Flat Irons	*.60*
3 Shawls @ 5/	*1.88*
1 piece Silk 26 yds 36 cts per yd	*9.36*

January 21 [p. 515]: *I was up at Auction to day a*[nd] *Bot a childs Carriage for nine Bits*

February 6 [p. 516]: *I Bot 5 Canary Birds to day and paid $12.50 for them*

February 7 [p. 516]: *I Bot 3 Cannary Birds to day and paid 6 Dollars for them, They are very fine ones indeed*

February 11 [p. 516]: *I Bot a Cannary Bird to day from the Bird man for $2.00 and Sold it to mr Broughton, of Port Gibson.*

March 12 [p. 519]: *I Sold Mr. S.S. Prentess a Cannary Bird To day for Five Dollars and I Sold him a Cage for 2 Dollars*

April 24 [p. 523]: *I Bot the Little Buggy from Mrs McAlister To day and gave Her $20 for it, with all the Harness &c.*

April 30 [p. 524]: *I Bot 2 Dining Tables to day at auction and paid 9 dolars Each making $18.00 and also paid for the Tables Covers, 3 Bits Each—I also bot 4 shirtts, 4 1/2 bits per shirt . . . I Bot 2 Cover Lids to day at $5.81 for the two &c . . . . Those articles that was Sold To day was the Property of Col. Fleming Woods, who is about to Leave this Place for Washington City*

June 15 [p. 527]: *My Little Richard & Byron Commences to Learn at the Shop, to day also*

June 16 [p. 527]: *I was up at auction to day and bot Some wines &c.*

July 5 [p. 529]: *I Bot 13 head of Caattle and 2 Horses and the woman Peggy.*

1846

June 1 [p. 529]: *I Comme*[n]*ce this night to read the Bible through, Once more.*

June 20 [p. 531]: *I was at Auction to day and Bot Some pantaloons*

July 28 [p. 535]: [Johnson reports that he paid taxes on 1 piano and 1 watch.]

August 24 [p. 538]: *I was at auction to day, Bot spoons & towells, Hatchets, &c.*

August 28 [p. 538]: *Brot a Barrell* [of] *Corn, 3 pumpkins, 4 Kershaws—This is the First of my Crop.*

September 4 [p. 539]: *To day I paid Mr Haugton $10 for the Vicksburg Expositor of Sentinnel* [footnote indicates that Johnson is referring to the Vicksburg *Sentinel and Expositor*]

September 6 [pp. 539–40]: *The young man Ch. Craig Brot me up Some Razors to day and Sed that he paid all the money that was given to him to Buy them and that was 7 Dollars 80 cents when at the Same time the Bill only*

Called for $5.00. Shure there is Something rotten in Demmark

September 11 [p. 540]: *And I Bot a two Horse waggon from Mr Brown to day for $12.50 This was a wagon that belongd to Mr McMurran at one time and he Swaped to Mr Brown*

September 16 [p. 541]: *My William has been Sick for Several Days, was Taken Sick on Sunday Morning Last, and was Some what unwell on Saturday.*

September 17 [p. 541]: *My Wm. Is still unwell and Dr Stone was to See him to day and prescribed for Him*

September 18 [p. 541]: *I am Greatfull to Our Maker that our Wm. Is better This Evening. Yes I think much better The fever brok off to day and I am greatly in hopes that he will recover from his illness fast.*

September 22 [p. 541]: *I had a Deed made Out to day to the Mosbey Land . . . I paid him three thousand Dollars for the Land and One hundred Dollars for his Corn & stock of Hogs & Cattle, farming utensils and Everything that He had about the Primises*

September 30 [p. 542]: *Gim is up from the Hard Scrable Place with 3 doz 1/2 Eggs, 1 Bushel Potatoes, 1 Bag of Peas, 2 Barrels of Corn, &c. I wrode down in the Swamp this Evening and rented my wood yard Place to Mr Gregory for One Hundred Dollars per year*

1847

January 18 [p. 553]: *Mrs Meeks Mooves in to day next door to us in State St. She has bot the Property.*

March 24 [p. 560]: *Mr Mobley paid me by 6 Shirts Six dollars The Shirts are for Charles*

March 29 [p. 561]: *I Bot an old woman to day from Mrs Mix Her name was Rose: She was very old and I paid $35 in cash and the Judge Dunlap paid So he said $15. So that was the Consideration, $50*

April 7[p. 562]: *I Bot Some Books to day Some of them was Robt Pattersons Estate. I Agreed to Shave Dr Broom 1 month for a Bible—Holy—*

April 11 [p. 562]: *I Took my 3 Small Boats and went Out to the Pond of Mr John Johnson and Sailed my Boats alone to see which was the fastest*

May 17 [p. 568]: *I Sent Sam down this morning to the Swamp And Rose also who is to cook for Mr Gregory at $7 per month.*

May 25 [p. 570]: *Gim wrides the Marshalk Mare in the Swamp, takes Coffee, Peas, a dress a piece for Zora & Peggy, a Bonnet apiece for all 3 of the women, Shoes for Zora*

June 8 [p. 572]: *Phill, Rose & Gim went to the Swamp this morning—I Sent 50 cts worth of Sugar And a Bushell of meal, 75 cts, a Moqueto Bar to Zora, pr of shoes to Phill, pr pants to Phill.*

June 28 [p. 575]: *I paid Mrs Mix Sixty five Dollars for her Little Boy John. He only has One Eye, poor Little Fellow She warrented the title to be a good One &c. and the old man She made me a present of, which I acceptd and will try and take Care of Him if I can*

August 15 [p. 580]: *Several of our children has got the whooping Coff very bad at present.*

September 10 [p. 583]: *I by Some means to day Lost my Keys from my desk*

October 10 [p. 585]: *Charles* [paid] *$20.00 by Cash to day, Expense $5.50, this was shoes and a Hat for himself and I gave him about 2.50*

October 21 [p. 588]: *I have been some what buisy to day Fixing a closet under the steps, Gim was the Carpenter*

October 22 [p. 588]: *I Sent Down a Bottle of Good Brandy and a Bottle of Clarret wine*

October 23 [p. 588]: *I played a game of Dominos to day with Jaqumine and won his Roundabout from him*

October 26 [p. 589]: *I was at Auction to day and bot Severall things, 2 pr pants &c*

October 29 [p. 589]: *I was up at Auction to day and bot 8 pairs of Shoes @ 45 cts per pair—I also Bot a Little Stove at 3.25*

November 30 [p. 595]: *I was at Hoffners Sale to day and bot 6 pair of Pants, paid $6.35 for them.*

December 10 [p. 598]: *I was at Auction to day and Bot nearly $7 worth of toys and nonsense.*

December 14 [p. 598]: *I was at auction to day and bot some few toys and one Dozen Shawls at 1.15 per doz At 22 c* [cents sign], *this was for some 6 Boxes of toys, &c.*

December 20 [p. 599]: *I Bot a 8 Dollar Coat to day for winter use—I got Old Zora a pr of shoes to day for 1.25 at Mr Dalshimers.*

December 25 [p. 600]: *I Bot Wm & Robert McCary a pr of Boots Each to day & I got a pr for myself also—I got Billy & Phill a Coat Each to day Cost $7.50*

1848

February 2 [p. 607]: *I pd Mr Gale for 1 pr Boots & 5 prs shoes for the Boys 5.70*

May 6 [p. 614]: *I was at auction to day and Bot 8 cersingles, 2 pairs of Pants and 3 Books, 1 chair, 1 Stool.*

June 15 [p. 619]: *I Bot 12 Barrels to day to Put Potatoes in*

June 23 [p. 620]: *I paid Mr Shelling $5 to tune the Piano*

September 4 [p. 627]: *It was to day that I Got this Book from Maj Elward, Price $5. This was One of the Books that I won from Him* [on] *the Election of Asseser*

November 8 [p. 631]: *I paid Mother $4 to day for a Bird that Lavinia got.*

1849

January 5 [p. 641]: *I was at Auction to day and bot 2 doz Socks at 1.10 per Doz*

January 6 [p. 641]: [Johnson's mother died of cholera.]

January 26 [p. 645]: I was at Auction to day at the Sale of Clay & Griffins things and I bot as Follow[s]:

. . .

1 oven & Skilet	88
2 Pots, 2 1/2	62 1/2

March 13 [p. 648]: [Johnson paid taxes on one watch, one piano, and 6 slaves.]

March 14 [p. 649]: *Came down in the Skft with Williams—Brot down . . . one Bottle Caster Oil, 50 ct of Rice, 20 ct of Candles, 50 ct Tobaco, 1 Small 20 ct Basket, Small Lot of Red Pepper, 2 Bottles of Cayane Dito . . . I also brot a pr Shoes to Violet, cost 1.25*

May 11 [p. 654]: *I Paid Jeff two Dollars and a half this Evening for to Pay for Shoes that he had made, I Bot 2 Coats at Auction to day and Sold Mr McGraw One for Cost which was 1.95 cts Each . . . I Bot a table to day at 30 cts, cheap, I think*

May 13 [p. 654]: *I Sat on the Bluff and read a Small Book 1/2 through*

July 29 [p. 659]: *To day My fifth Daughter and Eighth child was Born a Little after One Oclock.*

September 26 [p. 663]: *I Bot a pair* [of] *Brichen from Mr Dicks to day, Price $6*

October 18 [p. 668]: *I Bot a Coat and pr pants to day from Dalshimer, $8 for the Coat, $3.50 pants . . . . I Bot a pr Shoes for Byron, Cash 75 cts*

October 24 [p. 670]: *I was at auction to day and Bot as Follows*

17 Books	*30 cts for the Lot*
2 Boxes of Tea	*3.72 at 31 cts, 12 pounds*
4 pr Specticles	*40*
8 hair Brushes	*1.92 at 24 cts Each*

November 17 [p. 677]: *Richard and William wrote their first Letter to day that they Ever wrote. William wrote to Lavinia Miller and Richard wrote to His Sister Anna Johnson*

December 26 [p. 685]: *I Loaned Mr Sargent my Violin this Evening and it is to be returned To morrow.*

1850

January 5 [p. 688]: *I also Paid Mr Signaio & G.F. Brano four Dollars This was for a Lamp and Some repairs &c.*

January 9 [p. 689]: *Mr Lenier Called To See me This Evening, He Said, To inform me That Mr Bailor Winn had Said in his Presence and in the Presence of Mr Jno Olive That if I Came in the Swamp to Survey or attempt to run the Lines On Land, that we are now in Dispute about that he wood Shoot me, I Thanked him very Kindly indeed and told him that I thought it his way of Talking and that I did not think he would do it . . . . Messrs Wheelock & Co Presented a Bill to day to me for a Cashmeere Dress Pattern, Cost 4.00, and a pr of Boots, cost 1.50*

January 11 [p. 690]: *I went up at Auction to day and Bot 9 vest, 6 of them 52 1/2 cts and 3 of them 1 Doll. per vest*

January 25 [p. 696]: *I Bot to day 4 vest @ 35 cts per vest & 4 prs pants at $2.00 per pair & 1 pr dito @ 40 cts*

February 1 [pp. 698–99]: *Little W. Winn Came up Last evening and to day I Gave him a pr Shoes 1.25 & a pr of Pants worth 2.75 and a vest worth 1.25*

March 11[p. 707]: Johnson lists as taxable property 1 watch, 1 piano, and 4 slaves under 60 years.

March 12 [p. 707]: *My Poor old Rome Died to day under the Table whilst we were at Dinner He Came in and Died in a minute or two after he Layd Down without a Kick or a struggle, Poor old Fellow.*

March 26 [p. 710]: *Johnson bought under the hill 2 painted tubs for .75, 1 doz. Plates for .35, and 1 doz. Cordial for 3.75.*

April 13 [p. 714]: *I . . . bot 2 gallons of Peach Brandy at 1.25 cts per gallon and I Bot 70 cts worth of writing Paper and 3 mugs for the Boys*

May 1 [p. 718]: *I find out to day that Mr Waller cheated me Sharply in Selling me the Sofa yesterday. It has but 3 Legs*

May 7 [p. 719]: *It was To day that I met Mr Lewis and pd him for The Bedsted and the mattress which amountd to 1.75 cts.*

May 26 [p. 724]: *We had Radishes for Breakfast The other morning and a few this morning The*[y] *are the first that we have had*

June 9 [p. 727]: [Johnson refers to reading *A Thrilling Sketch of the Life of the Distinguished Chief Okah Tubbee, Alias William Chubbee* (New York, 1848), by Lewis Leonidas Allen.]

June 15 [p. 729]: *I was at Auction to day and Bot an old Beareau or 2d hand One—I paid $4.00 for it and 25 cts for a Small Matress.*

June 29 [p. 732]: *I Bot Wm Some Clothing to day at Mr Dalshimers on a credit as Follows, 1 pr pants, 2.50 & 1 pr, 1.90 ct, 1 Coat 4.50 ct and a Hat for myself at 3.00*

July 27 [p. 736]: Johnson lists as taxable property 1 watch, 1 clock, and 1 piano, [pp. 735–36] as well as 8 slaves

August 5[p. 738]: *The Skift went down this morning and I Sent down . . . 1 dollar Dress for Violet*

September 3 [p. 742]: *I was at auction to day and Bot 1 doz pr Socks, 1 piece Maddrass Hank, 2 Table Cloths.*

September 25 [p. 746]: *I was up at Mrs Caradine Sale of Furniture and I bot 1 Glass, a Toilet Glass, and a Mattrass and 2 Buckets, 3 Pans, 1 Coffee Pot, 1 Strainer, 2 Dish Covers, &c.*

September 27 [p. 746]: *I also went up to the auction Room and bot as Follows below,*

To 1 violin	*20*
To 1/2 Doz Tumblers	*50*
To 1 Lamp	*1.25*
11 Razors 20 ct	*2.20*
2 Brushes 35 cts	*.70*
4 Bottle of Cologne water 50 ct pd	*2.00*
10 Yds of Prints	*75*
4 Linnen Bosom Shirts 70 ct	*2.80*

October 12 [p. 750]: *Tis now after ten Oclock and Them infernal fools are Seting in the Parlor—Oh What fools—for God Sake, I Mean the Gum Sucker & Lavinia*

October 16 [p. 751]: *I Bot me a Suit of clothes to day and paid forteen Dollars for them at Mr Winston Store*

October 25 [p. 753]: *I was up to day at Auction and bot Several articles, a Couple of Coats or Cotees and 2 pair pants, The Amount of Which was $9.25*

1851

January 2 [p. 767]: *I was at Auction to day and bot a Coil of Rope at 2 cts per lb. and a trunk & Contents at 1.55 and 5 pr Boots at 1.15 per pr.*

January 29 [p. 774]: *I bot 4 chairs to day at auction, 3 Bits per chair*

April 21 [p. 785]: *Edd. Came up from New Orleans this morning and brot the Children Some Bananahs & a Box of Orrenges.*

April 30 [p. 786]: *I was at auction to day and bot a Curtain and a Oven & a matt for the Shop under the Hill*

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Box 1, folder 1
Series I. Correspondence, 1829–53

William Henry Hicks for M. Miller to Mrs Johnston; Vicksburg, Miss, 24th Jan[June?] 1853[33?]

Mr. Miller sent your daughter a guitar and is very anxious to know whether you got it or not

Folder 1 contains small cuttings of four printed calicoes—one royal blue background with small white spade-shaped leaves all over; one dark brown with concentric circles of white, pink, and red; one dark brown with a leaf and vine pattern; one brownish stripe with leaves.

Box 1, folder 8
Series I. Miscellaneous Manuscript notes & recipes

Recipe for colony water (for use in barber-shop?)

Bergamot, lavender, rosemary, cloves, other spices etc. in 2 gallons alcohol

Recipes for other perfumed waters

Recipe for Shaving Soap:

5 pounds Opldoc Soap. Salisoda 1 Ounce.
2 table Spoonful of Turpentive, 1 ditto Hartshorn,
1 tea Spoonful Spirits of wine. add to 6 quarts of Boiling water.

Box 1, folder 13
Series II. Baptismal Records, 1842, 1856

Baptismal certificate for Benedict Biron [Byron] Johnson, son of William Johnson and Ann Battles. Dated July 20, 1842. From Cathedral of St. Louis in New Orleans.

Baptismal certificate for Clement Richard Johnson, son of William and Ann Johnson. Dated July 20, 1842. From Cathedral of St. Louis in New Orleans.

Additional certificates (copies) from St. Louis Cathedral for Marie Alice Johnson (baptised April 1842), Catherine Johnson (baptised December 1843), Eugenia Johnson (baptised January 1845), Josephine Johnson (baptised August 1849), and Gabriel Clarence Johnson (baptised May 1851). All copies dated June 1856. One certificate for Ann Johnson removed, dated July 23, 1842.

Box 1, folder 17
Series II. Legal & Financial, 1840–44

Receipt
W. Johnson Bot at Auction

1842
April 31 Boys Bomb Coat 1.63
1 " " " 1.81
$3.44

Box 1, folder 17
Series II. Legal & Financial, 1840–44

Receipt
Wm. Johnson Apl '22 1841
Bot at Auction

3 pr Boots	5/6	2.06	
3 Pictures		.18	2.24

Dog license issued to William Johnson, 3 May 1844. Allowed to keep a dog within the limits of said City [Natchez]

Box 1, folder 18
Series II. Legal & Financial, 1845–49

Tax receipt, dated Dec. 29 1845 which indicates that Johnson paid tax on watches worth $60

Tax receipt, dated August 22, 1849, indicating Johnson paid tax on 1 piano worth $40 and 1 watch worth $50.

Receipt
William Johnson Bot of A.W. Dunbar
Adms &c

1849

March 3	1 pr Dog Irons 4/—			.50
	1 Mattrass & Pillow [ill.] 6/6			.81
	3 Blankets [same ill.] 16/6			2.06
	1 Large Mosquito Bar 6/6			.81
	1	Do	Do 7/—	.87
	1	Do	Do 4/—	.50
				$5.55

Box 1, folder 19
Series II. Legal & Financial, 1850–54

Johnson buys 30 pcs. santling 20 ft. long and 2 posts 16 ft. long, 4 x 6.

Receipt
Natchez 29th Nov. 1850
Mr. Johnson [ill.] of E. Lewis Ag. at Auction

12 Bos sweet Oil	22c	$2.64
1 Bx Fancy Soap		1.—
1 Pr Blankets		1.—
		$4.64

Tax receipt, dated September 30, 1850, showing Johnson paid tax on 1 piano worth $50 and 1 watch worth $40.

Tax receipt dated March [?] 1853, after Johnson's death, showing his wife paid tax on 1 piano worth $40, 1 Clock worth $4, and 2 watches worth $50.

Box 1, folder 20
Series II. Legal & Financial, 1855–59

Receipt
Mrs. Ann Johnston to Stewart Burns [ill.]

1858

May 24th	To one 4 Door Wire Safe	$14.00
	Recd Pay	
	Stewart Burns	
	Jan. 13th, 1859	

Receipt on letterhead "W.T. Welden, Looking Glass & Variety Store on Commerce Street"

Mrs. Johnson
for 2 Pair of Scissors 10/ - 6/ - 2.00

Receipt from Physician's Drug Store, dated Dec. 31, 1855, contains Hair dye, several prescriptions, castor oil, calomel, port wine, and other items.

Receipt
Widow Johnston to Liddell & Chamberlain

1856

For 1 Looking Glass	60.00
by cash	30.00
	30.00

Receipt
Mrs. Johnson bought of Geo. Macpherson

1856
March 13 2 Gold Rings 4.75

Receipt
Est of Wm Johnson to Walker & Collins

1856
Mch 25th
Rep Pump 2—. apl 24th 12 pcs
Tin a 20c 2.40 4.40
Oct 11th
2 Pans 50c. 1 Coffee Pot 50c 1.00
5.40

Receipt
Wm. Johnson Act. of Jas. Dougherty

1856
Sept 4 6 yds damask 35 2.10
Nov. 8 4 " flanl. 4/ 2.

Receipt
Mrs A Johnston to Robr. Stewart & Co.
1856
Jan 4th To 2 Small Chairs 2.00
" 1 Small one Dra. Table 2.50
June 10th 1/2 Doz. Cane Seat Chairs 7.50
May 14th 4 Small Office " $1.50 6.00 $18.00

Receipt
June 24 1857

Mrs Johnson to V[?] R Guming[?]
for Walnut Bed & Corner[Cornish?, i.e., Cornice] 30.00

Receipt
Mrs. Ann Johnson Bot of L.M. Patterson

1 large looking glass $20.00
Recd payt LM Patterson
May 6/58

Bill to Mrs. Johnson from Lisle[?] & McIlwaine for plumbing her house [not sure which building—might not be her residence] for gas. Includes entries for gas pipe, one 2 light pendent, fittings, setting meter. Also includes bill "To amt for Barber Shop." Receipts dated June and July 1858.

Receipt
1854 Mrs. A Johnston To Robt. Stewart & Co

June 24th To 1/2 Dz Stping Seat mahog Chairs 37.00
" one Sofa $30 Easy Chair $28 58.00
one Arm [Roe?] Chair 12.00
$107.00
June 10th 1855 Rec'd payment
Robt. Stewart & Co.

Box 1, folder 21
Series II. Legal and Financial documents, 1862–66

Office Board of Enrollment form certifying that Richard M. Johnson is exempt from military duty on account of "valvular disease of heart." Dated Feb. 4, 1865.

March 14, 1865, W. R. Johnson exempt from militia duty by reason of chronic rheumatism and varicocele.

Box 1, folder 27
Series II. Legal & Financial, no date—miscellaneous.

Receipt from 1890s for purchase? lease? of one wardrobe, valued at $12.00 by Miss A.L. Johnston.

Box 1, folder 29
Series III. Vol. 11, Daybook, May 1830–April 1835

[Did not include purchases of clothing—too numerous. The word "ditto," "dito," or "do" is sometimes used to indicate the repetition of a word or words that appear on the line above.]

Oct. 12, 1830	To a violin	1.50
Oct. 14, 1830	To one Doz. Razors	3.00
[future purchases of barbering supplies not noted]		
Oct. 17, 1830	To a violin string	6/4
Oct. 18, 1830	To a game of Dominos	37 1/2
Nov. 3, 1830	To candles	.50
Nov. 7, 1830	To sperm candles	.50
[future entries not noted]		
Nov. 10, 1830	To window curtains	6.00
Nov. 25, 1830	To gluing my violin	.25
Dec. 15, 1830	To 11 Engravings	3.50
Dec. 25	To a violin and strings	.75
Dec. 28	To 2 engravings	1.50
Jan 7, 1831	To Circus	.50
Jan. 14	To 2 Blankets	3.50
Jan 27	To 1 years subscription to newspaper	2.75
Feb. 1	To a watch	3.00
Feb. 2	To mending a breaspin	.50
Feb. 18	To theatre with Miss Ann B	1.75
Feb 19	To 1 Book a History	1.00
	To 1 ditto Mrs. Opie On Detraction	.25
Mar. 17	To hauling Bedstead & safe	.25
July 14	To a pack of Card	.25
July 30	To a French & Inglish sp Book	.50
August 6	To 1 Engraving	37 1/2
August 10	To City of Natchez for Dog Licenses	1.25
August 11	To a Musical Box	9.50
Aug. 15	To 1 pack of cards	37 1/2
Aug. 20	To 1 box of dominoes	1.25
Aug. 21	To a Book Scotish Chiefes	2.75
Sept. 6	To 1 piano at auction	18.00
	To large map	1.12 1/2
Oct. 2	To a Key for Piano	1.00
Oct. 9	To 1 Bottle Mustard	.25
Oct. 22	To 2 violin strings	.25
Oct. 25	To 2 violins at Auctions soria	2.25
Oct. 26	To 3 violin strings	37 1/2
Nov. 11	To Music Marys tears	12 1/2
Dec. 16	To see the Elephant	25
Dec. 19	To repairing my watch	6.00
Dec. 22	To 1 Sofa	5.00
Dec. 31	To Lost on Rolett Table	12.50
Jan. 13, 1832	To see animal shows	.25
Jan. 14	To 1 Cotten umberella	1.50
Jan. 18	To Cap Johnson for a watch	70.00
Feb. 7	To 1 pack of cards	.37
1/2		
	[further entries not noted]	
Mar. 13	To door Curtains & Making	1.75
Mar. 23	To Engravings	2.50
Mar. 24	To 1 frame for Picture	1.00
July 25	To a watch	4.00
Aug. 18	To New York Mirror	4.00
	To 1 Book	.75
Aug 24	To Constitution U.S.	1.50
Aug. 29	To 1 Glass Lamp	3.50
	To 1 Dimond finger Ring	3.50
	To a Locket for hair	1.50
Sept. 11	To 1 almanack	12 1/2
Sept. 19	To mrs. Battles for washing	4.00
Oct. 1	To 4 Engravings in frames	3.25
	To 2 small dito	37 1/2
Oct. 7	To 1 Glass Tumbler	12 1/2
Oct. 8	To 1/2 Doz Glass Tumblers	62 1/2
Oct. 23	To 1 riding whip	
Oct. 24	I sold Mr. Sterns $2 worth of Engravings	
Oct. 27	To 1 pair Specktickles	.75
Nov. 10	To Music of 3 songs	
Dec. 9	To a Looking Glass	.94
	To a Locking Liquor case	1.62 1/2
	To a fire Bellows	.50
Dec. 17	To 50 Yards Curtain Calico	8.29
Dec. 20	To 2 Engravings	.87 1/2
	To 2 dito	.37 1/2

Jan. 2, 1833	To 1 Dream Book	12 1/2
	To 1 volume Shakespears works	1.62 1/2
	To 1 volume McKenzies 5000 receipts	1.50
	To 1 packet pencils	6 1/4
Jan. 5	Picture frames	4.00
Feb. 8	To 36 steel pens	1.08
Mar. 20	To Cincinnati Magazine	3.00
April 9	To 2 picture frames from Miss Evanes[?]	
April 15	To Candle Stand Tichenors sale	1.12 1/2
	To 1 Framed picture at d ito sale	2.18 1/2
	To 3 China Mugs same	1.12 1/2
April 23	To 10 yds Bed Tickings	1.75
May 7	To 4 oval Dishes	1.50
June 4	To Repairing Piano	37.00
June 5	To Woods for 4 Frames repairs & paints	4.75
June 8	To a pen Knife	.75
June 22	To my Passage from N Orleans up	8.00

July and August 1833 spent in Philadelphia and New York City.
Bought 63.65 worth of perfumery in NY.
Came back to New Orleans September 1.

Sept. 4	To 2 Cannary Birds	5.00
	To wire Cage	1.00
	To bath Brush	.37 1/2
	To Cannary seed	.06 1/4
	To a violin on SB[shipboard?]	30.00

Went from New Orleans to Natchez Oct. 1, 1833. Bought a show case while away, probably for shop. Oct. 1 lists .25 for hauling Glass Case up the Hill and Oct. 4 lists 1/37 1/2 To Glass for Show Case.

Oct. 12	To Mr. Eiler for House Rent	12.00
Oct. 24	To Singers Own Book	.87 1/2
Nov. 24	To 1 show case	18.00
Dec. 1	To R.L. Smith for Subs. to Miss. Journal	6.00
Dec. 4	To 3 Glasses	18 3/4
Dec. 6	To 2 Glasses	12 1/2
Dec. 26	To 1 Book Roderick Randum 2 vol	1.87 1/2
Dec. 28	To 2 Glasses at R.L. Smith	.12 1/2
	[Are these glasses of liquor, i.e., drinks?]	
Jan. 8, 1834	To 1/2 Glass Tumblers	.75
Feb. 5	To 1 Red Bird	12 1/2
Feb. 9	To 3 Glasses of Cider	12 1/2
Feb. 23	To a [Rice? Rid?] Bird	6 1/4
Mar. 22	To J. Miller at Orleans for 6 Bird Cages	24.00
May 7	To Cloaths press Dr. Griffin	12.00
	To 2 mocking Birds	.50
May 11	To 3 Mocking Birds	.50
May 28	To 2 mocking Birds	.25
May 9	To 1 Bottle Lemon syrup	.50
May 12	To a Checker Box	4.00
June 3	To Checker Box	2.50
July 19	To 3 Mocking Birds	.37 1/2
July 22	To Mocking Bird	.37 1/2

In July are various entries for buying bathtubs, repairing them, buying wallpaper—must have been setting up his bathhouse at this time. Also curtain material, curtain knobs, rods, etc.

July 29	To 4 Small Looking Glasses	4.00
Aug. 4	To Sconces 4	1.00
Aug. 15	To Binding mirror in book form	3.00

[I think this entry shows that he is subscribing to a lot of these periodicals and newspapers for use in the barbershop.]

Aug. 19	To Chaille for New Enquirer	3.00
Sept. 8	To Mocking Bird	1.50
Sept. 7	I Lost playing Poker	2.12 1/2
Sept. 17	To 1 mocking Bird	5.00

Oct. 14	To 1 Bottle Lamp Oil	37 1/2
	At Auction 14th 1834	
	To 1 Low Chair	1.00
	To 1 Lamp	5.00
Oct. 22	To 191 vols. of Books &	
	1 atlass	11.00
Nov. 4	To 1 Tooth Brush	.37 1/2
Nov. 22	Lost on a race Barland's	
	Seeders?	5.00
	To repairing my	
	Gold watch	6.00
Dec. 2	To The Standard paper	5.00
Dec. 5	To 1 Bottle Compd	
	Syrup of Liverwort	.75
Dec. 6	Lost on Mc's Horse vs	
	Robersons	5.00

[The previous is just an example—many similar entries throughout daybook]

Dec. 23	To matts for Floor	87 1/2
Jan. 28, 1835	To a Comick Book	12 1/2
Feb. 2	To a poor Blind Man	.25

[Just one example of frequent entries describing charity]

Feb. 20	To Soria & Howell for	
	Rocking Chair	4.37 1/2
Mar. 14	To Measuring tape	2.00
	To Pains Elements of	
	Mental and Moral Science	.81
Mar. 24	To Bon for my	
	wedding Coat	48.87 1/2

[No entries for April—the month he got married]

May 22	To a Side Board	41.00
	To a Quanty of Music	5.25
May 24	To a Pen Knife	.75
	To Quills	.12 1/2
June 11	To a Small Rugg	.25
	To 3 Toilet Tables 87 1/2	
	per	2.62 1/2
	To 8 Small Tubs	4.00

[After December 31, 1833, the rest of the daybook contains entries from various years.]

June 7, 1838	1 Glass for Picture	.75
Jan. 19, 1839	To subscription	
	New Yorker up to the 11th	
	of May 1839	$5.00
Jan. 21, 1839	To Blow Gun & arrows	62 1/2
	To another Blow Gun	12 1/2
Feb. 6, 1839	1 Tea Pot	1.12 1/2
Feb. 12, 1839	To mending my	
	Music Box	$5.00
Feb. 25, 1839	To One Box of Candles	$15.50
	To 10 Doz Tins for	
	Candles	3.37 1/2
	To Glass for Lantern	2.00
Mar. 1, 1839	To 4 Brooms	.75
Mar. 2, 1839	To 1 Cannary Bird	$8.00
Mar. 4, 1839	To 6 China Cup plates	12 1/2
Mar. 5, 1839	To Slate Pencils	12 1/2
Mar. 6, 1839	To 1 Large Pocket Knife	1.00
Mar. 13, 1839	To 1 arcordia	4.00
Mar. 16, 1839	To 4 Pocket Wallets	.25
Mar. 23, 1839	To 4 Glass Tumblers	.25
	To 2 Jelly Glasses 19 cts	.38
April 17	To 41 Ruggs	4.00
	To Marbles	12 1/2
May 10	To Subs to Catholic	
	Church	5.00
May 21	To a View of Natchez	.25
May 22	To a Lot of Books with	
	Pictures and all	3.12 1/2
	To 2 Spanish & English	
	Dictionaries	2.50
May 27	To a Demijohn	.75
June 8	To Repair of Silver Watch	4.00
June 13	To Medicine for Richard	37 1/2
June 18	To Eggerton for his violin	
	[in pond?]	5.00
June 26	To 10 Glass Bottles	2.50
July 3	To 1 Doz Straw Brooms	1.50
July 6	To 2 Doz of Madera Wine	6.00
July 9	To 1 Large Pocket Knife	.94
July 15	To 1 China [Set?]	3.00
July 30	To Subscription to	
	Volunteers	5.00
Aug. 13	To 2 Pictures Gilt Frame	15.00
Sept. 9	To Natchez Insurance	
	Company For my	
	Brick House Policy	$46.50
Sept. 11	Paid for the Paper for	
	my shop today	25.00
Sept. 24	To 1 bed Cord	1.00
Sept. 1	To Medicine for Charles	1.50

Dec. 9	To a Washstand	1.37 1/2
Dec. 10	To Dog Meet	12 1/2
Dec. 13	To 6 Glasses or tumblers	.75
Dec. 23	To Dr. Davis Medical Bill	55.00
Dec. 24	To Mr. J.G. Flemming for a bow	$30.00
Jan. 1, 1840	To Carrier of Free Trader	.50
	To do of Courier	.50
Jan. 7	To 1 wash stand	1.50
	To 1 Sofa	12.00
	To 1 rifle	7.50
Jan. 16	To 1 wash stand	2.25
	To 1 mattress	2.00
Jan. 17	To Lot of Books at Auction	1.37 1/2
June 2	To 3 Demijohns	3.75
	To 1 Dimejohn	1.00
June 15	To 3 spelling Books	1.12 1/2
Jan. 1, 1842	To Dr. Davis for Medical bill 1841	$100.00
Jan. 8	To 7 Glass Cup plates	.25
	To Salad Dish	.50
Jan. 21	To 3 Small Knives	1.50
	To Mr. Geo. Pulling Drug store acct. in full for 1841 and up to date	20.88
Jan. 22, 1842	To 1 Doz. Tablespoons	1.68
Jan. 24	To spelling Books	.50
Jan. 31	To Civil Code of Louisana	1.50
Feb. 9	To 1 arm chair	4.25
Feb. 14	To a watch for Richard	.25
Feb. 15	To a watch for Richard	.25
Feb. 19	To 1 1/2 barrell Pickles	2.25
Feb. 24	To 1 pr. Green Blankets	1.25
	To 1 corn Grater Ice Box	.31
	To 4 Sheets	1.50
Feb. 26	Subscription to Jocky Clubb	10.00
Mar. 5	To Rose Bushes &c	2.25
Mar. 8	To 3 Milk pans	37 1/2
Mar. 10	To Exchange on 2 dolls	.25
[In New Orleans for rest of March]		
April 8	To 3 Books	12 1/2
April 12	To Lot of Fiddles	6.12
April 13	To Octave flute	1.00
	To 1 work Desk	.25
	To 2 mantle ornaments	.62 1/2
	To 1 Marble Ink stand	.75
April 19	To Doz. Tumblers	1.50
April 23	To an Armour or Press	16.25
April 28	To 2 Mocking Birds	.18 3/4
May 28	1 Carpet	1.25
	1 Volume Cooks Voyages	.12 1/2
	1 pr. Sheets	.56
	1 pr. ditto	.63
	1 sheet	.31
May 30	To 2 chains for pupies	1.25
May 31	To a chain for puppy	.62 1/2
June 1	To Gridle [ill.] pan	.31
	To 5 mouse traps	.25
June 14	To dog Licences	1.25
June 21	To 3 French Grammers	37 1/2
	To Mr. Elward subscription to Catholick work	2.00

Box 1, Folder 39
Series III. Volume 36; Ledger,
Feb. 1837–Oct. 1841

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Bot of Mr. F.H. Dolbeare at auction to day january 8th 1838. as Follows

do - 1 Box and Contents viz 2 shaving Boxes 1 Pocket Book 4 brass Finger Rings & a Lot of Buttons, 1 watch seal & Sundries of Cords, gold dust &c, &c	6.75
Jan. 8th Bot of Dito 6 Sugar Boles	.81
Jan. 10th 1838, Bot 1 pair of hand Irons, Tong and poker	1.00
" do 1 spider 1 Oven and Lid	.50
Janry 20th of Dobeare 1 tin Boiler 1.12 1/2 1 wash stand 1.50	2.62 1/2

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Bot at Greene & Co.
January 23d 1838

. . . 1 Book 2 vols cos	.75

Bot. Greene & Co.
Feb. 3d 1838

1 Holy Bible 1.00
1 Latin Gramer - 1 French do— .25
Bot of J. Soria & Co.
Feb. 10th 1838
1 Music Box $30.00
6 Doz of winsor Soap 3.00
6 Boxes indelable ink 1.12 1/2

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Bot of J. Soria
April the 30 1838
1 writing Desk 3.37 1/2

Bot of J. Soria
April 10th 1838
2 Counting House Desks 2.75
Bot of Dolbeare & Co.
1 Sofa 29.00

1838
Bot of J. Soria June 12th
1 Large Sofa $34.00
1 pr. Dog Irons 2.00
2 large Pictures & frames 4.25
1 Large Carpet 12.00

Volume 13, Daybook, October 1830–October 1844 (Series III)

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Jan. 2d, 1833 To 2 Dreame Books
. . .
Jan. 2d To a Book of 5000 Receips

page 71, undated entry

3 Dolls at 37 1/2 per doll
2 Drums 37 1/2 per
8 fifes 18 3/4 per whistle
1 Drum at 1.00
1 Drum at .75
9 doll heads 12 1/2 per
3 Chairs for 37 1/2
1 Beaureau for 37 1/2
3 Cuckoos for per 25
3 [ill.] for per 25
7 Cherns per pees 6
3 Trumpets for per 25
2 Doll heads for 2.00
2 dogs at for per 25
4 [ill.]
3 Dolls at for per 37 1/2

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1830
p. 1

12th Oct. To a violin 1.50
22d [Oct.] To Two Finger Rings for Mrs Miller 1.75

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10th [Nov.] To Window Curtains 6.00
24th [Nov.] To Slate pencils 6 1/2
11th [Dec.] To Eight Orenges .50

p. 3

15th [Dec.] To Eleven pictures 3.50
25th [Dec.] To violin and Strings .75
To an almanac 12 1/2
28th [Dec.] To Two Pictures 1.50

1831

12th [Jan.] To apples 12 1/2

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14th [Jan.] To Two Blankets 3.50
18th [Jan.] To paper of Pins 12 1/2
22d [Jan.] To Figgs 6 1/4
27th [Jan.] To Subscription of a News paper 2.75
February 1st, 1831 To a watch 3.00
2nd [Feb.] To the mending of Brestpin .50

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17th [Mar.] To Hawling Bedsted and safe .25

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14th [July] To a Pack of Cards	.25
17th [July] To two water melons	37 1/2
17th [July] To half Dozen pares	.50

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23rd [July] To a hair Brush	.25
25th [July] To a pair of Glass candlesticks	2.50
30th [July] To a French Spelling Book	.50

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2d [Aug.] To cantalope mellon	12 1/2
3d [Aug.] To Bunch of Grapes	12 1/2
6th [Aug.] To a picture	37 1/2
11th [Aug.] a musical Box	9.50
13th [Aug.] To Bannanas	12 1/2

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20th [Aug.] To a Box of Dominos	1.25
21st [Aug.] To Book the Scottish Chiefs	2.75

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2d [Oct.] To Piano Key	1.00

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8th [Oct.] To 1 Bottle Madari wine	1.50
9th [Oct.] To 1 Bottle of Mustard	.25
10th [Oct.] To a Bottle of Sweet Oil	.75
26th [Oct.] To a violin	1.12 1/2

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31st [Oct.] To one Bushel of Chestnuts	4.00

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30th [Nov.] To a stamp of my name	1.00

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7th [Dec.] To Quills	6 1/4
13th [Dec.] To a Pair of Gloves	.50

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19th [Dec.] To wafers	6 1/4
23rd [Dec.] To a Sofa	$5.00

1832

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15th [Jan.] To an umberralla	1.50

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18th [Jan.] To Johnson for a gold watch	$70.00
1st [Feb.] To pr hair Brushes	1.50

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7th [Feb.] To Violin	3.50
7th [Feb.] To 2 Combs	37 1/2
8th [Feb.] To Bottle of Cordial	.75

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6th [June] To 41 pieces Wall paper at Auction	6.56

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25th [July] To a watch	4.00

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August 18th To the New York Mirror	4.00
24th [Aug.] To a Book, the Constitution, M.S.	1.50
29th [Aug.] To a glass Lamp	3.50
29th [Aug.] To a hair Brush	.50
29th [Aug.] To a Dimond finger Ring	3.50
30 [Aug.] To a Locket for Hair	1.00

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26th {Sept.] To Hat Brush	62 1/2

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Oct. 1st To a wire Rat trap	62 1/2
Oct. 1st To four Pictures in frames	3.25
1 [Oct.] To two Smaller Ditto	.37 1/2
8th [Oct.] To 1/2 Doz glass tumblers	62 1/2
11th [Oct.] To a Thimble	.25

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19th [Oct.] To vial of peppermint	.25
24th [Oct.] To Pictures that Sterns got	3 Dolls.
27th [Oct.] To a Pair of Spectakles	.75

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10th [Nov.] To three Songs in music. 1832	.25

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9th [Dec.] To Looking glass	.94
9th [Dec.] To a fire [fine?] Bellows	.50

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17th [Dec.] To 50 yards of curtain Calico	$8.29
21st [Dec.] To 2 [27?] Engravings	5.50
22nd [Dec.] To 2 Engravings	87 1/2
To 2 ditto	.38

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1833	
[Jan. 2nd] to a Blank Book	1.12 1/2
To a volume of Shakespears work	11.62 1/2
To McKensey's 5000 receipts	1.50
To packet pencils	6 1/4
[Jan.6th] To a shuck matt	.25

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8th [Feb.] To Soria & Howel for steel pens 36	1.08

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March 20th pd for Cincinnati magazine	$3.00

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16 [April] 1 Picture in frame	$2.12
16th [April] 1 Candle stand	1.18 1/4
16 [April] To 3 mantle urns	1.12 1/2

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9th [April] To two picture frames from Miss Evans	2.50
16th [April] To a candle stand at titchenors sale	1.12 1/2
16th [April] To a framed Picture ditto	2.18 1/4
16th [April] To three china muggs ditto	1.12 1/2

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6th [May] To 4 oval Dishes	1.50

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June 4th 1833 To Repairing Piano	37.00

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April 10th 1838 [1833?] To 2 Counting House Stools	2.75

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4th [Sept. 1833] To two Canary Birds	5.00
4th [Sept.] To Cage for them	1.00
4th [Sept.] To a Cloathes Brush	.37 1/2
4th [Sept.] To a violin	$30.00

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[Dec. 1] To R.L. Smith for Mississippi Journal Subscription 6.00

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1834

28th March To Freight on Birdcages from Orleans 1.50

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May 2nd 1834 To a Cloathes Line 12 1/2
May 7th To a Cloathes press at [ill.] 12.00

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June 6th To Guitar Strings for Miss Battles .75
9th [June] To a Bottle of Lemmon syrrup .50
12th June To a Checker Box $4.00

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June 26th 1834 . . . to a pair of slipers .75

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July 23d 1834 . . . To wall paper $3.00

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[July] 28th 1834 . . . to 2 pieces of wall paper 1.50
to Bordering paper 1.25

Tuesday 29th July 1834

To 16 yds of curtains stuff $4.00
To one Doz Curtain Rings Pins $3.00
to one dito[?] .25
to 1 yard of Red Curtain 18 1/4
to 1 Curtain Rod .50
to Eight Brass Screws .50
to three doz Brass Rings 37
to Red Silk thread 12 1/2

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July 31st 1834 Thursday

To three curtain Knobbs .75
To two mats and Brass screws 2.50

Monday August 4th 1834

to Sconces 1.00

Wednesday 6th August 1834

To a white Hat $8.50

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Oct. 16th To 1 Chair I had Charged to me 1.00
Oct. 16th One lamp 5.00

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Novem 3rd To a Tooth Brush 37 1/2

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Decem 5th To 1 Bottle Compound Syrup of Liverwort .75
10th [Dec] To a Oil painting 1.50

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[Dec. 23rd] To thre Matts for Floor .87 1/2
Decem 24th To glass Lamp .50

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1835

[Jan.] 29th To a comic Book 12 1/2

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Sat. 14th March 1835 To a Measureing tape $2.00
Sat 14th March To Book Pains Elements of Mental & Moral science .81

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October 12th 1837 . . . To Curtain Rods for Wills Bed 1.25

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[May] 22nd 1835 To Ben for helping with sideboard .25
[May] 22nd To a Side Board $41.00
[May] 22nd To quantity of music $5.25
[May] 25th To a pen knife .75

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[June] 11th To a small Rugg .25
[June] 11th To three Toilet Tables 85./per $2.62

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Wednesday December 13th 1837 . . .
To a pair of Large Candle sticks 7.50
Saturday December 16th 1837
To a Lot of Knives and Folks 2.25
to 2 wash Bowls at P. Kellys .75

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Saturday December 30 1837 . . .
To 1 Double mattress 1.50
Wednesday January 3d 1838 . . .
To 19 Candlesticks 3 1/2 7.12 1/2

Thursday January 4th 1838
To 4 China Boles 1.50
To 1 bowl for Soup 2.00
To two Large Books 3.25
To four small ditto 1.00

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Monday January 8th 1838 . . .
To Dobeane for 6 sugar Boles .75
Wednesday January 10th 1838
To 1 pair hand Irons poker and Tongs at auction 1.00
To 1 spider and one oven and Lid .50

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Saturday February 19th 1838
To 3 Boxes Indelable Ink 1.12 1/2
To 1 Music Box 30.00

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Saturday Feb. 17 1838

To a Key for Musick Box 1.00

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Monday Feb. 26th 1838

To 2 water Buckets 1.25
To Broom 37 1/2
To 2 tin cups .50

Tuesday Feb 27th 1838
To a Lot of Towell Diaper 4.00

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Fryday January 1st 1836
To Soria & Co. for 4 Blankets 8.00

[Bread, lamp oil, candles and marketing are the most frequent entries.]

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Wednesday January 20th 1836
to Wiswall & Patterson for a pair Blankets 5.50
To Taylor & Barlow for a pair of Blankets 9.00

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Saturday January 23d 1836

pd Mr. G. Marsh for a stove and pipe $12.00

Sunday January 24th 1836

for vial of Castor Oil	12 1/2
for vial of sperrits of vitre	12 1/2

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Saturday January 30th 1836

for Borax for the child	12 1/2
for Candles up stairs and below Both	.37 1/2
for a sucking glass for the child	.62 1/2
for a paper of pins	12 1/2
for a small pitcher	.25
for Bread	12 1/2
to Mr Walker for stove pipe &c	$7.50

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Wednesday 3d 1836

for a sucking Bottle	.62 1/2

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Tuesday Feb 16th 1836

for a Loaf of Shugar	1.25
for a pair of Ballances	1.25

Thrsday February 18th 1836

for a pair of knit socks for child	.25

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Thursday March 3d 1836

for Sucking Bottle for child	.75

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Sunday March 6th 1836

for a pair Brogans for myself	$2.50
sucking Bottle of child	.50

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Saturday March 19th 1836

to Mr. Sjoria for 1/2 dozen wooden Buckets	$2.50

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Fryday April 8th 1836

To a spelling Book for John	.25

Saturday April 9th 1836

To a willow cradle at Soria	4.00
To a Seven yards of Carpeting	$8.75

Monday April 11th 1836

To a Spelling Book for Charles	.25

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Fryday April 29th 1836

To 1 yard and a half of Oil cloth	1.50

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Monday May 16th 1836

To 8 yards of Carpeting	3.00

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Saturday May 21st 1836

To Mr Walker for Small Bathing Tub	$5.50

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Saturday May 28th 1836

To 1 Doz Matches for Lamps	.25

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Fryday June 3rd 1836

To Wm Chew for the Entire stock of Wm Graysons Birds and Cages 10.

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Thursday June 9th 1836

1 Parrot Cage 1.00
9 yards of coarse Linnen for towells

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Saturday June 11th 1836

To 2 toilet Tables 1.75
To 8 small tubs 4.00

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Wednesday June 15th 1836

To Musquitoe Bars $3.00

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Wednesday June 22d 1836

To a Musquito Bar for John $2.00

Saturday June 25th 1836

to a Bottle of Swans pannacia $2.00

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Tuesday June 28th

To Soria for 2 China cups & saucers from [Veto bete?] 4.00
To dito—for 46 Pictures $23.00

Thursday June 30th 1836

To Mr. Wm Postlethwait for Pictures 19 5.70

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Fryday July 15th 1836

To Green Baize at Dito [auction] 1.12 1/2

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Thursday July 21st 1836

To a Hat for my Little William 1.00

Thursday August 4th 1836

To Messr Spraigue [ill.] auction
6 pounds of tea 71 cents per p $4.26

To dito for 31 Bottles of Orenge water 18 cts per $5.80

Wednesday August 10th 1836
4 Single Matresses $4.25 I sold 2 of them 2.12 1/2

Tuesday September 13th 1836

To Carpeting at Soria's auction $3.00

Monday Sept. 27th 1836

To 2 doz 1/2 Brushes Tooth 1.87 1/2
to 1 Lot of Jewelry 1.50
to 1 pair Pistols 12.00

Thursday October 13th 1836

To 10 yards & 3 quarters stripe Gingam 2 1/2 Bits yd 3.37 1/2

Monday October 17th 1836

To 1 Hat Stand 3.63

Tuesday October 18th 1836

To a trunk at auction 2.25

Thursday November 10th 1836

To a pair Indian Rubber legings 9.00

Monday December 5th 1836

to Subscription to New Orleans
Bulitin try weekly 4.00

Friday December 9th 1836

To Milk from the new Milk Caart .25
[Milk became a regular expenditure after this entry.]

Wednesday December 28th 1836

to 1 piece of wall paper 1.00

Tuesday January 17th 1837

To 12 pair ancle Boots from J
Soria cash $24.00

Saturday [Jan.] 21st 1837

To a Oil Cloth Table Cover 2.50

Tuesday January 24th 1837

To 17 seventeen yards of Marineo
Curtains $10.62 1/2
To Wm Vancampen for Curtain Rods .50

Wednesday January 25th 1837

To Vancmpen for 1 curtain Rod .255
To Hastings & Agry for 2 1/2 yds of
Red Morineo 1.50
To Becket & [ill.] Farrell for Rings &c .37 1/2

Wednesday February 1st 1837

To Carpeting & 1 Hat 4 Boxes soap
$11 Dollars

Friday Feb. 24th 1837

To 33 Spit Boxes 35 cent 1.05
2 pr Snuffers & stands .88

Saturday March 18th 1837

To 2 tine lamps to heat water with 1.62 1/2
2 Large fans $2.12 1/2
Thursday March 30th 1837

To 98 yds of curtain calico 15 ct per yd.
At Sprague & Howells 14.70
To 44 yds of Diaper 21 cent 9.24

Monday April 17th 1837

To 9 chick shirts 2.25
To 1 Cotton Blanket & Musqueto Bar .75

Thursday April 27th 1837

To William for making curtains for
B Room 18 1/4
To Curtain Rings .50

Tuesday June 27th 1837

To a Cribb for William $12.00
To a Bird Cage $2.00

Friday June 30th 1837

To 1 Couch or Low Bedstead $11.00

Thursday July 13th 1837

To 1 Set of knives and forks 2.50

Friday August 4th 1837

To 2 Dishes at Soria's Auction 1.00
To 5 Decanters $5.62 1/2
To 3 Brass Candle sticks 1.37 1/2
To seven wine glasses 1.50
To one pad Lock for Bird Cage .37

Saturday August 5th 1837

To A Tea Kettle	$2.75

Monday August 7th 1837

To 4 Pictures a Mr. Ruchleaus sale	$14.00
To a Table for Kitchen	1.25

April 3d 1838

To 1 writing Desk	3.37 1/2

Thursday Septem. 7th 1837

To Silver Chain	$4.00

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Tuesday December 3d 1844

to Carpeting	$11.37 1/2

Friday December 6th 1844

to a Buggy wagon	18.00

Wednesday December 11th 1844

to a Lamp to Read by	.94
to a Basket very Large	2.87 1/2
to 6 Chairs 3 Bits Each	2.25
to a Rugg	.31

Saturday December 14th 1844

To Table cover	.44
To Knife Box	.30
To a Lot of Books	.20

Thursdy December 19th 1844

To 1 pr Blankets	1.50

Friday Jany 3d 1845

to a Brest in	1.37 1/2
to a Lot of Books	.62
to Lot of dito	62 1/2

Monday January 6th 1845

to Hot Bitters Medicine	1.00

Tuesday Jany 7 1845

to wooden clock	4.75

Wednesday Jany 8th 1845

To stove Pipe & Lantern	.56
To two Bells	.50

Tuesday January 21st 1845

to willow Carraige	1.12 1/2

Tuesday January 21st 1845

to a Song Book	.25

Monday Jan. 27th 1845

to Pens	.25

Thursday Jany 30th 1845

To 6 Blank Book	.90
to 1 side Lamp	1.50

Wednesday February 5th 1845

to a cocoanut	.10

Friday Feb. 7th 1845

to 5 Canary Birds	$12.50

Saturday Feb. 8th 1845

to 3 Cannary Birds 6.00

Wednesday Feb. 12th 1845

to a small Lamp .25

Friday Feb. 14th 1845

to Song Book .62 1/2

Monday February 17th 1845

to a cedar Bath tub 2.37 1/2

Tuesday Feb. 18th 1845

to two Fether Pillars .56 1/2

Friday March 28th 1845

to a tea Pot 62 1/2

Friday May 9th 1845

to 6 pieces of Paper .75

Saturday May 10th 1845

to 5 Pieces Paper .75

Tuesday May 13th 1845

to a Slate 12 1/2
to wooden Shelves .30

Wednesday May 14th 1845

To 12 yds of Carpeting 3.75

Saturday May 24th 1845

To 4 water Buckets .80

Friday June 6th 1845

to 15 Books at auction 1.50

Wednesday June 11th 1845

to 6 tumblers .75
To 3 Benches .25
To 3 crocks .25

Wednesday June 18th 1845

to Mahogany Box 1.37 1/2

Thursday June 19th 1845

to Portrait of Mr Polk .31 1/2
to 2 Carcatures .20

Thursday [Aug.] 14th 1845

to a tea pot sugar boll 1.00
to tea Kettle .25
to hand Irons .20
to 7 Breakfast Plates .35
to Shovel and Poker .30

Monday August 25th 1845

To Turnip Seed .20
To Cabbage do .10

Thursday Sept. 4th 1845

To a Childs Chain .37 1/2
to 4 stone crocks .20
to 1 milk Bucket .35

Sunday Sept 7th 1845

to 1/2 Bushell Irish potatoes
To Bunch of Garlic .25
to a Banana 6 1/4

Wednesday Sept 17th 1845

to 35 1/4 yds Calico	2.05
to matress	.44

Thursday September 25th 1845

To an umbrella stand	.30
to a 5th Reader for Wm	1.25

Monday October 13th 1845

to a tin cup	.10

Saturday October 18th 1845

To a Center Table at do.[auction]	5.00

Friday Oct. 24th 1845

To 4 chairs	2.00
to a table	37 1/2
to Box of Books	.60

Tuesday November 25 1845

to Lot of tin pans	.25

Thursday January 22d 1846

To set of knifes & Folks	.75
To set of Plates	.35

Wednesday Feb. 18 1846

To 2 Glass Knobbs	.20
To putting on the same	.20
Mr. Odell for fixing a Lock	
to Mr. McAlister for Key	.20

Monday Feb. 23d 1846

to sugar crusher	2.50
to corn mill	1.19

Thrsday Feb. 26th 1846

to Caddy of Tea	1.30

Friday March 6th 1846

To a Book a Guadoer[?]	.25
to Farmers Guide	.10
to [ill.] Doctor Book	.35

Monday April 7th 1846

to a tin Bucket S	.25

Friday Aril 10 1845

To Map of Texas	1.50

Saturday April 18th 1846

to 3 tbs or Buckets	.50
To 3 Cots 6 1/2	2.44

Wednesdy 20th [May] 1846

To wall Papar	.50

Tueday May 26th 1846

to 2 Pillars	1.05

Monday August 24th 1846

to a coffee Mill	.40
to 1/2 dozen table spoons	1.05
to 1 Doz Linen towels	1.92

Tuesday [Oct.] 20th 1846

to a Fender	.75

Thursday [Oct.] 29th

To 2 cut glass Bolls	.62 1/2
To a Box stool	.10

Wednesday Novem 4th

to milk Bucket .25

Friday November 6th 1846

To 2 Chairs .62
1/2
Thursday December 24th 1846

To a Book for Byron & Richard .40
To do for Wm & Anna .30

Saturday Feb. 6th 1847

To an umbrella 1.25

Monday Mrch 1st 1847

To a Bar & Pillow .60
To a safe .75

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Fryday November 13th 1835

pd. for Lamp Oil .25

Saturday 14th 1835

pd for Lamp Oil .25

Tuesday Novem 17th 1835

pd Ried dr [?] Juliene for slipers .75
pd for Bottle opedildoc 37 1/2

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Thursday Nov. 19th 1835

pd for hauling 20 barrels of coal 2.00
pd for One candle 12 1/2
pd for Lamp Oil [Further entries for lamp oil not recorded.] 37 1/2

Saturday Novm. 21st 1835

pd for pound of candles [Further entries for candles not recorded.] .50

Wednesday 25th 1835

pd for Letter paper 13 1/2

Fryday Novem. 27th 1835

pd for Couple of Glasses 12 1/2

Saturday November 28th 1835

Sent by Harden for Cannary seed [Further entries not noted.] $2.00

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Tuesday December 1st 1835

pd for thread and needles 12 1/2

Wednesday December 2nd 1835

pd for Lamp Glasses .50

Thursday December 3rd 1835

pd for a Jacket for Walker $2.62 1/2

Monday December 7th 1835

pd for paper of needles 12 1/2
pd for lamp Glass 37 1/2
pd old Duchman for mending violin 1.25

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a House 40 feet Front by 60 Deep ten openings – 1 Large Folding Door two Large windows 24 Lights 10 by 12 the windows to be all the same size—to be plained on the Front and on one side the other to Left Ruff—half sash doors in in [*sic*] the front Door—the back door plain and close 12 ft by 11 for the ceiling

[There is a floor plan on the facing page – p. 127—have no idea if it might be the house described.]

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Page is titled "Mr. R. Tract From 1st December 1836"

Refers to his bets at the race track!

Volume 38

It is unclear what this vol. contains. The beginning pages contain lists of clothing, mostly caps, mitts, veils, capes, reticules, and collars, etc. with prices. Seems to be too many of the same item to belong to one person.

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Some time in May 1859 [1857?] I bought for the shop under the hill 20 pieces of wallpaper at 15 cents a piece 3 pieces at twenty cents for bordering I bought matting to the amount of fourteen dollars to go on the Floor I bought 2 yards of oil Cloth at seven bits a yard I paid one dollar to have the ceiling white washed I paid one dollar for paper to ornament the ceiling 15 cnts for one paper of [ill.] to take the matting down

Towards back of book

On Monday the 17th 1856
In March
I bought 2 white table Cloths and one brown and I bought 3 dozen of towels I bought one piece of Linnen and I bought 9 yards of linen to make shirt bosoms for the boys

March 20, 1856

I bought A box of soap

. . . On the 17th of March 1857 Mr Shilling Commenced Giving Anna Music Lesons

Some Where about the 7 or 8th of March 1857 I paid Gipsor [?] ten dollars For tuning the piano for one year

Volume 39

List of expenditures in front of volume (no year) includes expenditures for shoes, hats, schooling, and a variety of cloth, including calico, cotton, kentucky Janes, alpaca. Also stockings, thread, and buttons.

Two more pages of similar expenditures, also no year.

Page labeled:

Expense Book 1851

Lists expenditures for white cotton, brown cotton, dying clothes, alapacka, Janes for pants, one pair of little socks, cambric, sewing silk, "two pair of litle stockens," shoes, boots, pantaloons, "two [pair] of little socks," for schooling.

Page labeled:

"for servants, 1851"

Lists expenditures for Dress cotton, calico, flanel, thread, "a pair of bankets [*sic*]," linsy, socks, canton flanel, buttons, tuition, shoes, cotton.

[unnumbered page]

My poor William Left for the Assylum [*sic*] at New Orleans In April the 18th 1866

[another unnumbered page]

My poor dear Mother was taken sick on Friday the 20th of July, and died Sunday evening the 19th of August 1866.

My God! What an affliction

Volume 41

August 22, 1855

I paid Mr. McCary for Byron and Williams schooling 3.50

September 22 I paid Mr. McCary for the boys schooling 3.50

1855 on the 29th of October I paid [ill.—Omer?, Jones?] 5.00 for music Lessons to the two girls

On the 30 eith of November 1855 I paid [Jones?] 5 dolars for music Lessons to the two girls

[same on Jan. 15, 1856, August 30, 1855, Sept. 30, 1855]

Sheet Music, 65:J, Box 4

Many pieces of sheet music bound into volumes. Different dates. Some in English, many French, some German. Most date late 1850s and later. Most seems to have been purchased in/from New Orleans.

Some pieces that date to 1851 or earlier are:

Wallace, Wm. Vincent. *Favorite Scotch Melodies*. New York: Wm. Hall & Son, 1851. Includes "Comin Thro' the Rye," "Blue Bells of Scotland," et al.

Loose sheets

Pirsson, James. *Remember Me*. A Ballad. New York: Dubois & Stodart, 1834.

Ball, Alexander. *Tell Him I Love Him Yet*. A Ballad. Baltimore: Geo. Willig Jr., 1835.

Coleman, Henry. *I Saw Thee but an Hour*. Composed by B. C. Cross. Louisville: Peters & Webster, 1837.

Russell, Henry. *The Old Arm Chair*, a Ballad. Boston: Geo. P. Reed, 1840.

Sinclair, John. *Johnny Sands, a Celebrated Comic Ballad*. Boston: Oliver Ditson, 1842.

Donizetti. *Ah! Live Thou, I Do Conjure Thee!*, From the opera *Anna Boleyn*, Philadelphia: A. Fiot, 1844.

Carusi, Samuel. *I Wonder If She Loves Me*. Baltimore: F. D. Benteen, 1844.

Glynn, William C. *The Georgiana Waltzes*. Boston: Henry Prentiss, 1844.

Haleby, F. *Bright Star of Hope*. Adapted by B. S. Barclay. Philadelphia: Lee & Walker, 1845

Lee, Alexander. *The Beautiful West*. A Ballad. New York: Firth, Hall, & Pond, 1847.

Hanson, J. Wesley, poetry, and I. N. Metcalf, music. *The Willow Song or Voices From the Spirit Land*. Boston: Oliver Ditson, 1847[?].

Fowler, J. A. *Fire Fly Polka*. New York: Wm. Hall & Son, 1850.

Brown, Francis H. *Pride Polka*, New York: William Hall & Son, 1850.

Dressler, Wm. *Bloomer Schottisch*. New York: William Hall & Son, 1851.

Kleber, H. *The Signal March*. New York: Firth, Pond & Co., 1851.

Trimble, J. Etherington. *The Ladies Reception*. Baltimore: Miller & Beacham, 1852.

Cumming, William. *There's No Darling Like Mine*. G. S. Blanchard, 1857

Robert D. Smith Inventory

July 1, 1858
Photocopy at Natchez NHP

Appraisement

A true and perfect "Inventory" & appraisement of the goods, chattels and personal Estate of Robert D. Smith, deceased

Curtains & Mantel Ornaments	7.50
One small Rocking Chair	5.00
Three Carpets at $10. each	30.00
One Piano and Stool	200.00
One Marble Top Centre Table	20.00
One Mahogany Table	15.00
One Plush Rocking Chair	7.50
One Arm Chair	10.00
Two Mohair Settees at $5. Each	10.00
One Sofa	10.00
Six Mohair chairs	15.00
Six Cane bottom Chairs	4.50
One Parlor Clock $25. 2 parlor lamps $3.	28.00
One Sideboard $12. Six straw bottom chairs $6	18.00
One Book Case and Contents	20.00
One Dining Room Safe	8.00
One Dining Table $4. One Yankee Clock $1.50	5.50
Two large waiters, One small waiter	2.00
Lot of Glassware & Table Ware	10.00
Three large Bedsteads, with Bedding	60.00
One small do do	20.00
Three small Lounges do	15.00
One sewing table $2.50 Three wash stands $3	5.50
One Bureau $7.50 One Marble top toilet stand $10	17.50
Four Cane bottom Bedroom Chairs	4.00
Three Hickory bottom Chairs	1.50
Two Wardrobes $20. One small writing stand $1.50	21.50
Four small Looking Glasses	6.00
One Towel Rack 50¢. One Clothes Chest $3.	3.50
. . . Three Oil Paintings & 76 Engravings	2.00
Three Kitchen Tables $2.50. Four kitchen chairs	$24.50
One Cooking Range & appurtenances	25.00
Lamps and lanterns	2.50
Four Publick Hacks	500.00
Six old hacks	150.00
One Barouche	50.00
One Baggage Waggon	100.00
One Stable Waggon	25.00
Nine Horses	900.00
Five Setts of Double Harness	75.00
One Riding Saddle & Bridle	5.00
Sixteen Horse Blankets	16.00
7500 Shingles @ $2 1/2. P thousand	18.75
Six Cords of Wood	20.00
One Wheel Barrow, 2 Shovels & Rake	5.00
Lot of Hay $50. Lot of Corn $37.50	87.50
One Gold Watch	75.00
Lot of old Silver	18.00
1/2 dozen German Silver Forks	3.00
1/2 " Silver Forks	24.00
1/2 " Silver Spoons	24.00
One hall Lamp	5.00

Furnishings Plan

List of Recommended Furnishings with Room Drawings

When William Johnson died, he had nine children ranging in age from one month to 15 years. This furnishings plan reflects the way the household may have been arranged at the time of Johnson's death. Boys were frequently relegated to the garret, so Johnson's three older boys, William (15), Richard (13), and Byron (almost 12), have their bedroom on the third floor. Infants frequently slept with their parents, so baby Clarence (1 month) is in a cradle in the Johnson's room. The five girls, Anna (10), Katharine (8), Eugenia (6), Alice (6), and Josephine (22 months), have the bedroom next to their parents'. The front room with the fireplace was probably the parlor. The last room on the second floor may have belonged to Johnson's mother or mother-in-law, either of whom (or both) may have resided with him in 1851.

Because the barriers in the rooms are not full-height and this floor will not be staffed, the plan recommends the purchase of reproductions whenever possible for the small objects in the rooms.

Room 201—Passage

The passage is not fully furnished because this space will have unsupervised public access. A fully furnished space would have included at least a coat rack and umbrella rack with appropriate accoutrements in addition to the items listed below.

Walls—Reinstall picture rail, paint with pink calcimine below picture rail, as described in the Finishes Analysis, p. 13.

Ceiling—Paint ceiling and walls above picture rail with unpigmented (white) calcimine, as described in the Finishes Analysis, p. 13.

Woodwork—Paint cream as recommended in the Finishes Analysis, p. 65.

Doors—Regrain door to 203 as described in the Finishes Analysis, pp. 65–66. Paint the other doors cream like the woodwork.

Floor—Floorcloth in geometric or wood grain pattern

OBJECT AND LOCATION	EVIDENCE	RECOMMENDATION
Lithographs, framed, 4; two on west wall to right of door to 202; two on east wall on either side of door to 207	"I bought at Auction today a lot of pictures;" Diary, August 24, 1840 (p. 291)	Acquire reproduction lithographs in reproduction frames.
Fire buckets, leather, 2; hang from hooks on wall near door	City ordinances required every house with more than three fireplaces to have two fire buckets.	Acquire reproductions.
Lamp, hanging, candle	A period hook still remains in the ceiling of the passage.	Acquire reproduction.
Floorcloth; installed wall-to-wall	Floorcloths were used in many other Natchez passages in the 19th century.	Acquire reproduction in geometric or wood grain pattern.

Room 202—Bedroom of Amy Johnson or Harriet Battles

Johnson's diary and papers do not list the names of the family members who shared the State Street house with him. Johnson mentions his mother and mother-in-law in his diary, but there is no indication which one, if any, or both, lived at State Street.

The only other logical function for room 202 might be as a dining room. However, having the dining room located in the kitchen outbuilding near the food preparation area seems to make more sense. Therefore, room 202 is interpreted as the bedroom of Amy Johnson or Harriet Battles to emphasize the close cross-generational family ties within the Johnson family.

Walls—Paint with unpigmented (white) calcimine, as described in the Finishes Analysis, p. 66.

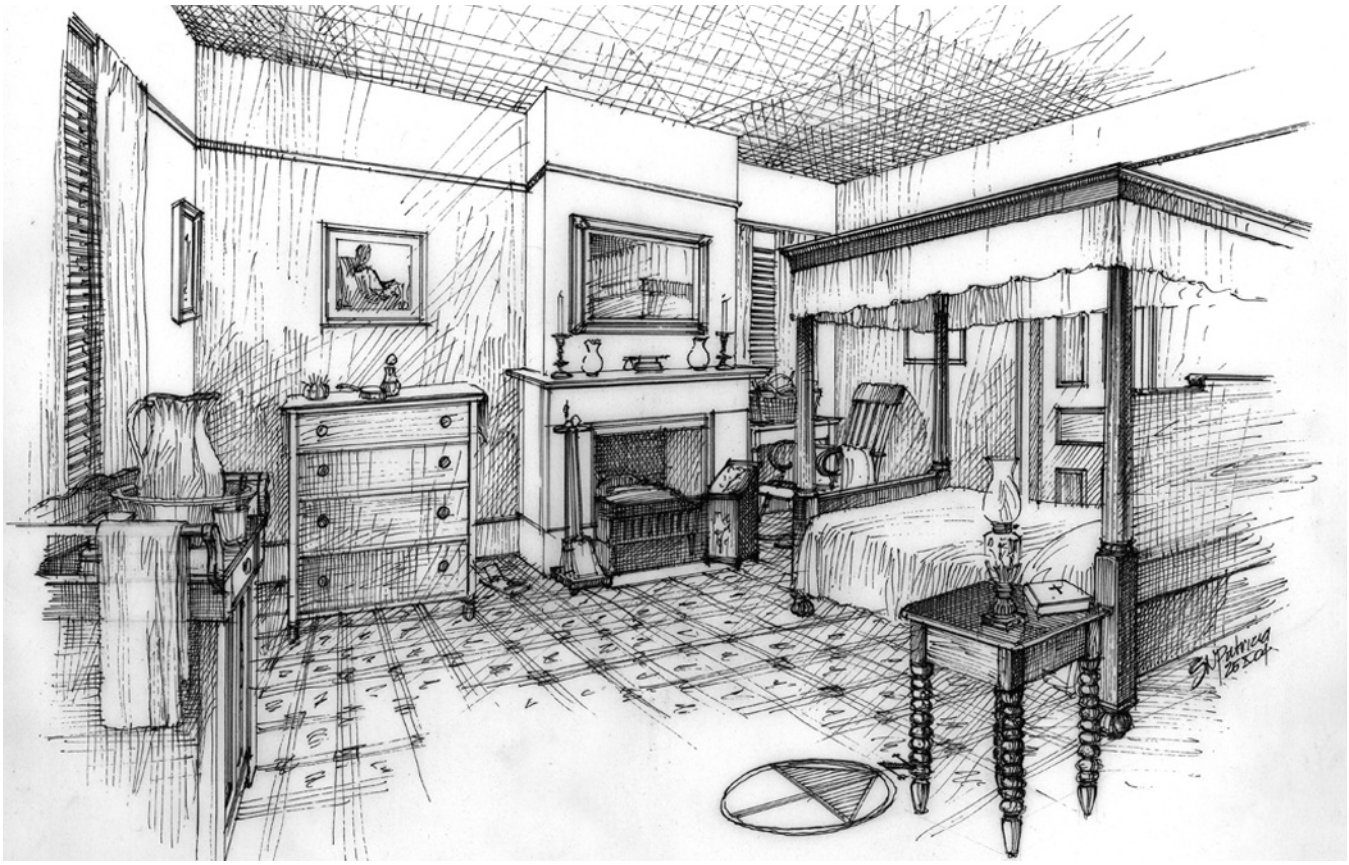
Ceiling—Paint with unpigmented (white) calcimine, as described in the Finishes Analysis, p. 66.

Woodwork—Paint cream as recommended in the Finishes Analysis, p. 65. Paint mantel glossy black as recommended in the Finishes Analysis, p. 65.

Doors—Regrain door to 203 as described in the Finishes Analysis, pp. 65–66. Paint the other doors cream like the woodwork.

Floor—Acquire reproduction ingrain carpeting in a period pattern. Install carpeting wall to wall.

Supplement historic lighting with indirect modern lighting as required.



Room 202—List of Furnishings

OBJECT AND LOCATION	EVIDENCE	RECOMMENDATION
Armoire, against east wall to right of door to room 201	Johnson inventory lists "2 Small Cherry do [Armour]."	Acquire period piece.
Venetian blinds, green, 2; one at each window	"The Man put up the blinds this morning to the front windows," Diary, July 13, 1843.	Acquire reproductions.
Curtains, calico, two pairs, one pair at each window	Ledger and cash book entries frequently list expenditures for curtain fabric. See, for example, Cash book, Vol. 9, "to 35 1/4 yds Calico 2.05," September 17, 1845.	Acquire reproduction curtains in period style. Remove in summer.
Washstand, against south wall in front of window	Daybook, Vol. 11, lists "To 1 wash stand 2.25," January 16, 1840.	Acquire period piece.
Washbowl, pitcher, toothbrush cup, soap dish, and slop bowl, ceramic, on washstand	"I was up to a Auction to day at Dan. Stevensons House, Lately Kept by Duck Williams, and I Bot 2 Pichers, 1 Doller Each, 1 wash Stand with bason," Diary, July 21, 1842 (p. 393).	Acquire period pieces.
Accessories for washstand, including toothbrush, soap, sponge, and towel	Cash book, Vol. 8, lists "To 2 doz 1/2 Brushes Tooth 1.87 1/2," September 27, 1836. "I was at Auction to day and Bot . . . two pieces of Dieper for towelling," Diary, May 1, 1844 (p. 490). Soap is required for washing.	Acquire reproductions.
Bureau, against west wall to left of fireplace	An early 19th-century bureau has descended in the Johnson family with a history of use at the Johnson house. Mrs. Battles or Mrs. Johnson may have owned some of her furniture, and therefore it would not have appeared on the William Johnson inventory.	Acquire period piece.
Dresser scarf, on bureau	Bureaus were generally covered with a cloth in the mid-19th century. Johnson purchased a number of "table cloths" and "table covers." Some of these may have been used for dresser scarves. See diary, May 1, 1844; September 3, 1850.	Acquire reproduction or period piece.
Hair brush, lady's, on bureau	"I was at auction to day and Bot as Follows . . . 8 hair Brushes 1.92 at 24 cts Each," Diary, October 24, 1849 (p. 670).	Acquire period piece.
Pincushion, with straight pins and hairpins, on bureau	Straight pins and hairpins were required for personal grooming.	Acquire reproductions or period pieces.

OBJECT AND LOCATION	EVIDENCE	RECOMMENDATION
Bottle, small, perfume or toilet water, on bureau	Since Johnson frequently purchased fragrances for use in his barbershop, it is likely that his family used them at home. "I Bot to Day of L.B. Hanchett 25 Doz of Cologne water at 1 Dollar per Doz," Diary May 26, 1836 (p. 122).	Acquire reproduction.
Trinket box, wooden or papier mache, on bureau	Small boxes were popular furnishings for bedrooms. See Garrett, Elisabeth, *At Home*, p. 121.	Acquire period piece.
Mouse trap, on floor to right of bureau	Daybook, Vol. 11, lists "To 5 mouse traps .25," June 1, 1842.	Acquire period piece.
Shovel, tongs and poker, on stand	Cash book, Vol. 9, lists "to Shovel and Poker .30," August 14, 1845.	Acquire reproductions.
Coal grate, with coal, in fireplace	"I had a grate put up to day in my 3 story Building . . . I Bot them new at the Auction Store yeasterday and gave 29 Dollars for the 2 Grates," October 26, 1841 (p. 354).	Acquire period piece and install in fireplace. Acquire appropriately sized coal.
Mirror, over mantel	Johnson inventory lists "2 Mantle Glass 10.00."	Acquire period piece.
Vases, pair, Old Paris, with imitation flowers, on mantel	Vases were a popular mantel ornament in the mid-19th century. See Garrett, *At Home*, p. 121.	Acquire period pieces.
Candlesticks, pair, on mantel	"I was at the Auction Room to day and Bot 19 Candlesticks," Diary, January 3, 1838 (p. 215).	Acquire reproductions.
Candle snuffer, with stand, on mantel	"2 pr Snuffers & stands .88," February 24, 1837, Cash book (Vol. 8).	Acquire reproduction.
Coal hod, with coal, and coal tongs, on floor to right of fireplace	A coal hod is required to store coal for the fire.	Acquire period pieces.
Side table, against west wall in front of window	Johnson inventory lists "1 pair Side Tables 10.00."	Acquire period piece.
Sewing basket, with sewing supplies, including scissors, thread, scraps of cloth, buttons, notions, pincushion, pins, needles in housewife, and thimble; on side table	Vol. 39 of the Johnson papers includes expenditures dated 1851 for sewing notions.	Acquire period pieces and reproductions.
Rocker, with cushions, in northwest corner	A rocker was a typical, comfortable choice for seating furniture in an older woman's bedroom. Mrs. Battles or Mrs. Johnson may have owned some of her furniture, and therefore, a rocker might not have appeared on the William Johnson inventory.	Acquire period rocker and reproduction cushions.

OBJECT AND LOCATION	EVIDENCE	RECOMMENDATION
Shawl, across arm of rocker	"I Bot from Stockman & Taintor at Auction to day . . . 3 Shawls @ 5/ 1.88," Diary, January 14, 1845 (p. 514).	Acquire period piece.
Lithograph, framed, on north wall to left of door to room 203	Johnson inventory lists "4 Pictures and frames." Johnson mentions the purchase of pictures frequently in his diary and ledgers. See, for example, "Twelve dollars and fifty cents, I paid for 6 framed Pictures to day," Diary, February 7, 1843 (p. 426).	Acquire reproduction lithograph in reproduction frame.
Bed, tall post with tester, head of bed against east wall to left of door to 201	Mrs. Battles or Mrs. Johnson may have owned some of her furniture, and therefore, a bed might not have appeared on the William Johnson inventory.	Use NATC 8036. Replace tester if necessary.
Mattress, feather bed, two sheets, two pillows, two pillowcases, bolster, bolster cover, two blankets, and coverlet, on bed	Cash book, Vol. 9, lists "To 1 pr Blankets 1.50," December 19, 1844 and "to two Fether Pillars .56 1/2," February 18, 1845. Daybook, Vol. 11, lists "To 1 mattress 2.00," January 16, 1840 and "To 4 Sheets 1.50," February 24, 1842. "I was at Auction to day and Bot . . . 1 Counterpane," Diary, May 1, 1844 (p. 490).	Acquire reproductions.
Mosquito netting, attached to tester	Johnson used mosquito netting; he purchased at least three mosquito bars for use on other beds. See Cash book, Vol. 8, April 17, 1837; Cash book, Vol. 9, March 1, 1847; Box 1, folder 18, Series II, receipt dated March 3, 1849.	Acquire reproduction. Use during mosquito season.
Stand, against east wall to right of bed	Johnson inventory lists "3 Small Stands 5.00."	Acquire period piece.
Lamp, oil, on lamp mat, on stand	"I also went up to the auction Room and bot . . . 1 Lamp 1.25," Diary September 27, 1850.	Acquire electrified period lamp and reproduction lamp mat.
Bible, on stand	Johnson refers to reading the bible in his diary, June 1, 1846 (p. 529).	Acquire period piece.
Carpeting, ingrain, installed wall-to-wall	Cash book, Vol. 9, lists "to Carpeting $11.37 1/2," December 3, 1844.	Acquire reproduction.
Rush matting; covering carpeting wall-to-wall	Carpeting was customarily removed and replaced with rush matting during the summer months.	Cover carpet with reproduction rush matting in summer, since removal of carpeting every year is not feasible in a historic site.

Room 203—Parlor

Many aspects of Johnson's life can be interpreted in this room. Johnson's lifelong passion for knowledge and record keeping are reflected in the many books, newspapers, and magazines and in his desk with his diary and account books. The piano and other musical instruments are testaments to the family's interest in music. An audio program in this room could feature excerpts from the Johnson diary and account books that would reveal insights into Johnson's character as well as illuminate the day-to-day life of the Johnson family.

Walls—Paper with reproduction wallpaper in a period pattern, as described in the Finishes Analysis, p. 66.

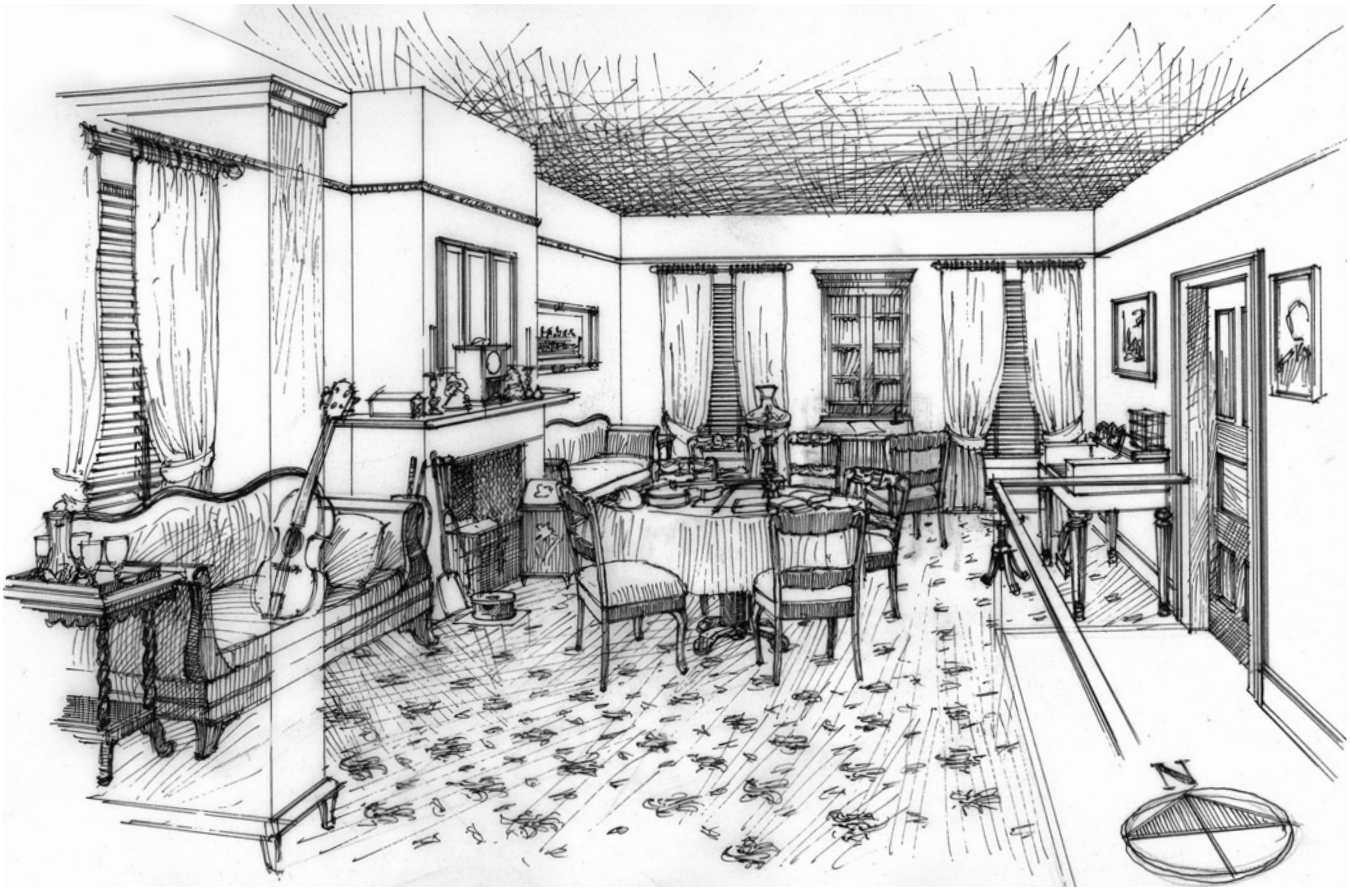
Ceiling—Paper with reproduction wallpaper in a period pattern, as described in the Finishes Analysis, p. 66.

Woodwork—Paint cream as recommended in the Finishes Analysis, p. 65.

Doors—Regrain doors as described in the Finishes Analysis, pp. 65–66.

Floor—Acquire reproduction Brussels carpeting in a period pattern. Install carpeting wall to wall.

Supplement historic lighting with indirect modern lighting as required.



Room 203—List of Furnishings

OBJECT AND LOCATION	EVIDENCE	RECOMMENDATION
Bookcase, against south wall to right of door to room 202	Johnson inventory lists "2 Book Cases and Books" for $50.00; diary February 29, 1844 (p. 481).	Acquire period piece.
Books, in bookcase	Johnson's diary and account books list numerous purchases of books. See, for example, diary entries for August 23, 1840, March 28, 1841, December 19, 1843, February 20, 1844, and many others.	Use Johnson books in NATC collection. Supplement, if necessary, with period books.
Venetian blinds, green, 3; one at each window	"The Man put up the blinds this morning to the front windows," Diary, July 13, 1843.	Acquire reproductions.
Curtains, red merino, and glass curtains, 3 sets, one set at each window	"I was at auction to day and bot a Curtain," Diary April 30, 1851 (p. 786). Ledger and cash book entries frequently list expenditures for curtain fabric. Cash book, Vol. 8, lists "17 seventeen yards of Marineo Curtains $10.62 1/2" and "Curtain Rods .50" purchased on January 24, 1837.	Acquire reproduction curtains and lace glass curtains in period style.
Tables, side, two, one in southwest corner and one in northwest corner	Johnson inventory lists "1 pair Side Tables 10.00."	Acquire period pieces.
Newspapers, three, and three **magazines**, on side tables	"I got Some Late papers this day from New Orleans and I Remained Home all the Evening reading the same," Diary, August 7, 1842 (p. 397). Johnson subscribed to a variety of newspapers and magazines, including *The Spirits of the Times, The Mississippian*, the *Saturday Evening Post, The Free Trader*, the *New Yorker*, *the New York Mirror*, the *Picayune*, the *New York Enquirer*, the *New Orleans Weekly Crescent City*, the *Vicksburg Sentinel and Expositor*, and others.	Acquire reproductions.
Decanters, two, and two **goblets**, on tray, on side table in southwest corner	"I Sent Down a Bottle of Good Brandy and a Bottle of Clarret wine," Diary October 22, 1847 (p. 588); "I was up to a Auction to day at Dan. Stevensons House, Lately Kept by Duck Williams, and I Bot . . . 2 Goblets," Diary, July 21, 1842 (p. 393).	Acquire reproductions.
Sofas, 2, one on either side of fireplace	Johnson inventory lists "2 Sopha's" for $15.00.	Acquire period pieces, a pair if possible.

OBJECT AND LOCATION	EVIDENCE	RECOMMENDATION
Guitar, on sofa to left of fireplace	"I am Lear[n]ing to play the Guitarr by note," Diary, September 25, 1841 (p. 349)	Acquire period piece.
Mouse trap, on floor to left of fireplace	Daybook, Vol. 11, lists "To 5 mouse traps .25," June 1, 1842.	Acquire period piece.
Coal grate, with coal, in fireplace	"I had a grate put up to day in my 3 story Building . . . I Bot them new at the Auction Store yeasterday and gave 29 Dollars for the 2 Grates," October 26, 1841 (p. 354).	Acquire period piece and install in fireplace. Acquire appropriately sized coal.
Coal hod, with coal, and coal tongs, on floor to right of fireplace	A coal hod is required to store coal for the fire.	Acquire period pieces.
Shovel, tongs and poker, on stand to left of fireplace	"I bot a pair [of] and Irons, tongs and poker," Diary, January 10, 1838 (p. 216).	Acquire period objects.
Bellows, on hearth to left of fireplace	Cash book, Vol. 8, lists "To a fire Bellows .50," December 9, 1832.	Acquire reproduction.
Spittoons, 2, tin, on pieces of oilcloth on floor on either side of fireplace	Johnson inventory lists "4 Spittoons 1.50." "To 1 yard and a half of Oil cloth 1.50," April 29, 1836, Cash book, Vol. 8.	Acquire reproduction spittoons and reproduction oil cloth (use scraps of same pattern as floorcloth in passage).
Mirror, three-part, over mantel	Johnson inventory lists "2 Mantle Glass 10.00."	Use NATC 8043.
Clock, mantel, wooden case, on fireplace mantel	"I was at Auction to Day and bot . . . a Clock," Diary, January 7, 1845 (p. 513). Cash book, Vol. 9, lists for the same date "To wooden clock 4.75."	Acquire period piece.
Figures, pair, Old Paris, on mantel	"I was at Auction to day and Bot some Little Mantle Ornaments," Diary, April 13, 1842 (p. 379). Daybook, Vol. 11, lists for the same day "To 2 mantle ornaments .62 1/2."	Acquire period pieces.
Candlesticks, glass, pair, on mantel	"To a pair of Glass candlesticks 2.50," July 25, 1831, Cash book, Vol. 8.	Acquire reproductions.
Candle snuffer, with stand, on mantel	"2 pr Snuffers & stands .88," February 24, 1837, Cash book, Vol. 8.	Acquire reproduction.
Box, mahogany, on mantel	Cash book, Vol. 9 lists "to Mahogany Box 1.37 1/2," June 18, 1845.	Acquire period piece or reproduction.
Chromolithograph, "The Last Supper," framed behind glass, above sofa to right of fireplace	"Little Richard by Accident pulled down the Large Picture of the Last Supper & the Glass was badly Broken by the fall"; Diary, March 26, 1841 (p. 326).	Acquire reproduction of period chromolithograph and frame behind glass in reproduction frame.

OBJECT AND LOCATION	EVIDENCE	RECOMMENDATION
Chairs, 7, two against north wall to left of desk and bookcase, one in front of desk and bookcase, four around center table	Johnson inventory lists "9 Mahogany Chairs (damaged)" for $5.00.	Acquire period chairs, preferably a set of nine (two to be used in room 204).
Desk and bookcase, against north wall between windows	Johnson inventory lists "1 Writing desk" for $5.00.	Use NATC 2830.
Desk accessories, including books, pens, marble inkstand, blotting paper, penwipe, papers, diary, account book	Johnson's diaries and account books indicate that he was a prolific writer. Daybook, Vol. 11, lists for April 13, 1842 "To 1 marble Ink stand .75."	Reproduce a diary and an account book from originals in the Johnson papers at Louisiana State University [LSU]. Select books in good condition from NATC collection for display in bookcase part of desk. Acquire period marble inkstand and reproduction pens, blotting paper, penwipe, and papers.
Spyglass, on desk	"I walked out on the old fort in Company with Mc and took along my new Spy-Glass and we made some few peeps throgh the Glass," Diary, March 7, 1841 (p. 322).	Acquire period piece.
Box for pens and pencils, on desk	"I Bot Several other triffling things among which were a Case of writing instruments," Diary, March 30, 1837 (p. 171).	Acquire period piece.
Map, Texas in 1846, on desk	Cash book, Vol. 9, lists "To Map of Texas 1.50," April 10, 1846.	Acquire reproduction of period map.
Piano, with stool, against east wall to left of door to room 204	Johnson inventory lists "1 Old Panfort and Stool" for $20.00.	Acquire period pieces.
Piano music, 1 book and 5 sheets, on piano	"I . . . Bot . . . a Book of Songs"; Diary, July 22, 1843.	Acquire reproductions of period sheet music in Johnson collection at LSU. Reproduce book of piano music from same collection.
Birdcage, with stuffed canary, perch, seed and water cups, bottom lined with reproduction newspaper, on piano	"I Lost the Bird to Day that I Bot of Jo Meshio—It Died from Taking Cold by being Left in the window," Diary, April 17, 1842 (p. 379).	Acquire period cage and cups, if possible. Acquire reproduction canary, perch, and newspaper.
Chromolithograph, framed, "Asia," hang above piano	Johnson inventory lists "4 Pictures and frames." Johnson also mentions the purchase of pictures frequently in his diary and ledgers. See, for example, "Twelve dollars and fifty cents, I paid for 6 framed Pictures to day," Diary, February 7, 1843 (p. 426).	Use reproduction of NATC 8310; acquire reproduction frame.
Lithographs, framed, of Martin Van Buren and James Polk, hanging on east wall to right of door to room 204	"I Bot at Auction to day a Lot of Pictures and among them was a Likeness of Mr Van Buren"; Diary, September 17, 1840. "To Portrait of Mr Polk .31 1/2," June 18, 1845, Cash book, Vol. 9.	Acquire reproductions of lithographs of Martin Van Buren and James Polk and mount in reproduction frames.

OBJECT AND LOCATION	EVIDENCE	RECOMMENDATION
Center table, in middle of room in front of fireplace	Johnson inventory lists "1 Centre Table" for $2.50. "I was up to a Auction to day at Dan. Stevensons House, Lately Kept by Duck Williams, and I Bot . . . 1 Center table," Diary, July 21, 1842. Cash book, Vol. 9, also lists for October 18, 1845: "To a Center at [auction] 5.00."	Acquire period piece.
Table cover, printed felt, on table	"I was at Auction to day and Bot 3 table cloths"; Diary, May 1, 1844.	Acquire reproduction.
Solar lamp, on lamp mat, on table	Cash book, Vol. 8, lists "To a glass Lamp 3.50," August 29, 1832.	Use NATC 1525. Replace shade with accurate reproduction. Acquire reproduction lamp mat.
Violin and bow, on center table	Johnson owned several violins. "We Spent nearly all day down at my Residence . . . played the violin Some," Diary, August 18, 1842.	Acquire period violin and bow.
Flute, wooden, on center table	"To Octave flute 1.00," April 13, 1842, Daybook, Vol. 11.	Acquire period piece.
Marbles, clay, in small leather bag, on center table	"I went around to Mcs Shop this Evening and took some marbles and we played," Diary, May 15, 1837 (p. 177).	Acquire period marbles and reproduction bag.
Dominoes, in box, on center table	"I played a game of Dominos to day with Jaqumine," Diary, October 23, 1847 (p. 588).	Acquire reproductions.
Books, two, on center table	Johnson's diary and ledgers include numerous references to books and reading. For example, "I remaind Home all Day reading Enoch Crosby or the Spy Unmasked," Diary, August 23, 1840 (p. 291).	Select books in good condition from Johnson books in NATC collection or acquire period book from list of books mentioned in dairy.
Cards, playing, on center table	Cash book, Vol. 8, lists "To a Pack of Cards .25," July 14, 1831.	Acquire reproductions.
Checkers, in box, and **checkerboard**, on center table	Cash book, Vol. 8, lists "To a Checker Box $4.00," June 12, 1834.	Acquire reproductions.
Carpet, Brussels, installed wall to wall	"Bot of J. Soria June 12th [1838] . . . 1 Large Carpet 12.00," Ledger (Vol. 36).	Acquire reproduction carpet in period pattern.
Rush matting; covering carpeting wall to wall	Carpeting was customarily removed and replaced with rush matting during the summer months.	Cover carpet with reproduction rush matting in summer, since removal of carpeting every year is not feasible in a historic site.

Room 204—William and Ann Johnson's Bedroom

The Johnson's bedroom is furnished with a cradle for one-month old Clarence, born May 16, 1851. Infants often slept in the room with their parents in the 19th century. The room also contains a number of William Johnson's personal effects, as mentioned in his diary and cash books: a silver watch, his shotgun, a pocket knife, and a pocket book. Also included in the plan is a music box. Johnson purchased a music box on February 19, 1838, and loaned it to Col. Adam L. Bingaman, a wealthy planter, on March 2 (Diary, p. 222). Johnson grumpily reported that Bingaman returned the music box on May 28, "in Bad order" (Diary, p. 231).

Walls—Paper with reproduction wallpaper in a period pattern, as described in the Finishes Analysis, p. 66.

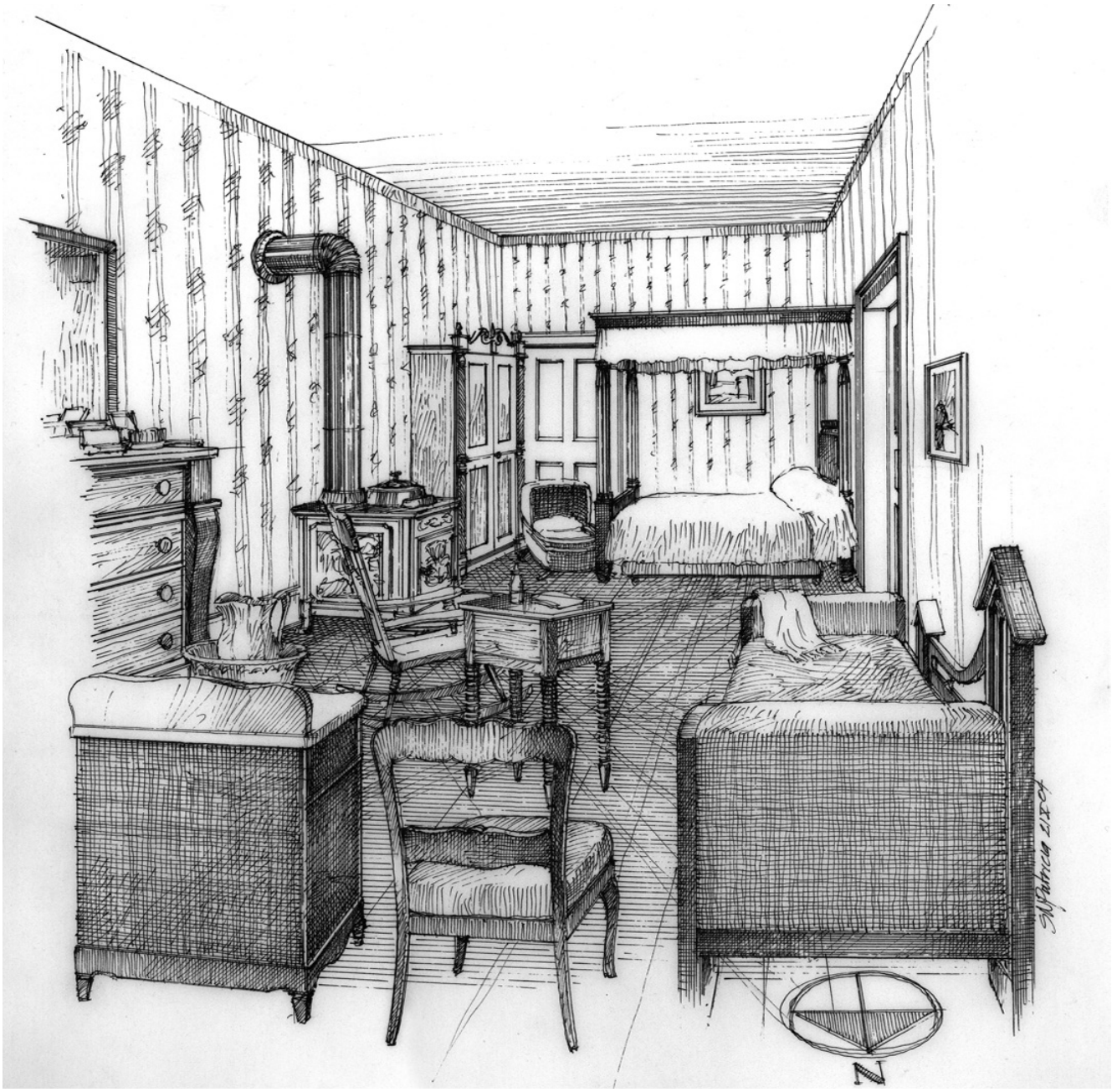
Ceiling—Paint with unpigmented (white) calcimine, as described in the Finishes Analysis, p. 66.

Woodwork—Paint cream as recommended in the Finishes Analysis, p. 65.

Doors—Regrain door to 203 as described in the Finishes Analysis, pp. 65–66. Paint the other doors cream like the woodwork.

Floor—Acquire reproduction ingrain carpeting in a period pattern. Install carpeting wall to wall.

Supplement historic lighting with indirect modern lighting as required.



Room 204—List of Furnishings

OBJECT AND LOCATION	EVIDENCE	RECOMMENDATION
Lounge, haircloth upholstery, against west wall to right of door to room 203	Johnson inventory lists "2 Longe 10.00."	Use NATC 8037. Requires conservation. Reupholster in haircloth.
Shawl, on lounge	"I Bot from Stockman & Taintor at Auction to day . . . 3 Shawls @ 5/ 1.88," Diary, January 14, 1845 (p. 514).	Acquire reproduction.
Lithograph, View of Natchez, framed, above lounge	Johnson inventory lists "4 Pictures and frames." Johnson mentions the purchase of pictures frequently in his diary and ledgers. See, for example, "Twelve dollars and fifty cents, I paid for 6 framed Pictures to day," Diary, February 7, 1843 (p. 426). Daybook, Vol. 11, lists "To a View of Natchez .25," May 21, 1839.	Acquire reproduction lithograph in reproduction frame.
Chairs, mahogany, two, against north wall on either side of window	Johnson inventory lists "9 Mahogany Chairs (damaged)" for $5.00.	Acquire period chairs, preferably a set of nine (seven to be used in room 203).
Venetian blinds, green, at window	"The Man put up the blinds this morning to the front windows," Diary, July 13, 1843.	Acquire reproductions.
Curtains, pair, calico, at north window	Ledger and cash book entries frequently list expenditures for curtain fabric. Cash book, Vol. 8, lists the purchase of "98 yds of curtain calico 15 ct per yd." on March 30, 1837, as well as "To William for making curtains for B Room 18 1/4" and "To Curtain Rings .50" on April 27, 1837.	Acquire reproduction calico curtains. Hang from rod using rings.
Commode, marble top, against north wall under window	"I was up to a Auction to day at Dan. Stevensons House, Lately Kept by Duck Williams, and I Bot . . . 1 wash Stand with bason," Diary, July 21, 1842 (p. 393).	Use NATC 8038.
Washbowl, pitcher, toothbrush cup, soap dish, and slop bowl, ceramic, on commode	"I was up to a Auction to day at Dan. Stevensons House, Lately Kept by Duck Williams, and I Bot 2 Pichers, 1 Doller Each, 1 wash Stand with bason," Diary, July 21, 1842 (p. 393).	Acquire period pieces.
Accessories for commode, including toothbrush, soap, and towel	Cash book, Vol. 8, lists "To 2 doz 1/2 Brushes Tooth 1.87 1/2," September 27, 1836. "I was at Auction to day and Bot . . . two pieces of Dieper for towelling," Diary, May 1, 1844 (p. 490). Soap is required for washing.	Acquire reproductions.

OBJECT AND LOCATION	EVIDENCE	RECOMMENDATION
Gun, double-barreled shotgun, leaning against wall in northeast corner	"I Bot two Double Barrel Guns at Mr Sorias & c, pd him $60 for them, $30 Eeach," Diary, April 13, 1836 (p. 115).	Acquire reproduction (secure to wall).
Bureau, against east wall near northeast corner	Johnson inventory lists "1 Bureau 3.50." "I was at Auction to day and Bot an old Beareau or 2d hand One—I paid $4.00 for it," Diary, June 15, 1850.	Use NATC 8042.
Dresser scarf, on bureau	Bureaus were generally covered with a cloth in the mid-19th century. Johnson purchased a number of "table cloths" and "table covers." Some of these may have been used for dresser scarves. See diary, May 1, 1844; September 3, 1850.	Acquire reproduction or period piece.
Hair brushes, man's, pair, on bureau	Cash book, Vol. 8, February 1, 1832, lists "To pr hair Brishes 1.50."	Acquire period pieces.
Hair brush, lady's, on bureau	"I was at auction to day and Bot as Follows . . . 8 hair Brushes 1.92 at 24 cts Each," Diary, October 24, 1849 (p. 670).	Acquire period piece.
Patent lever watch, **silver,** with silver guard chain, on bureau	"I Learned this morning that the man Thom Welden, a Silver Smith, that he had Lost a Silver Patent Lever watch belonging to me, the watch was given to him to do some repairs on it . . . I got the number of the watch, which was No 11314, made by Tobias, Liverpool," Diary, October 4, 1843 (p. 453). "I was up to Auction To Day and Bot of Messrs Dolbears & Presho . . . One Silver Gard Chain at $4," Diary, September 7, 1837 (p. 190).	Acquire period pieces.
Music box, on bureau	Cash book, Vol. 8, February 19, 1838 lists "To 1 Music Box 30.00."	Acquire period piece.
Bottle, castor oil, cut-glass tumbler and spoon on small metal tray, on bureau	"I got a Bottle of Castor Oil at Dashiels & Potts," Diary, January 25, 1836 (p. 96). "I Bot at Mr Sorias 2 fine cut glass Tumblers @ 62 1/2 per glass," Diary, January 2, 1838 (p. 215).	Acquire period pieces or reproductions.
Pocket book, leather folding, on bureau	"I Left my Pocket Book on desk," Diary March 6, 1841 (p. 322).	Acquire reproduction.
Pocket knife, large, on bureau	Daybook, Vol. 11, lists "To 1 Large Pocket Knife .94," July 9, 1839.	Acquire reproduction.
Breast pins, two, on bureau	"I Bot at O. Farrells Sale . . . two Breast Pins," Diary April 2, 1839 (p. 251).	Acquire period pieces.

OBJECT AND LOCATION	EVIDENCE	RECOMMENDATION
Keys, 8, on metal key ring, on bureau	"I have missed my Bunch of Keys and Can not think where or when I had them last," Diary, January 11, 1843 (p. 422).	Acquire period pieces.
Ring, diamond, on bureau	Cash book, Vol. 8, lists "To a Dimond finger Ring 3.50," August 29, 1832.	Acquire period piece.
Locket, with insert for hair, on bureau	Cash book, Vol. 8, lists "To a Locket for Hair 1.00," August 29, 1832.	Acquire period piece.
Clothes brush and hat brush, on bureau	Cash book, Vol. 8, lists "To Hat Brush 62 1/2," September 26, 1832 and "To a Cloathes Brush .37 1/2," September 4, 1833.	Acquire period pieces.
Hat stand, on bureau	Cash book, Vol. 8, lists "To 1 Hat Stand 3.63," October 17, 1836.	Acquire period piece or reproduction.
Hat, on hat stand	"I bot a Hat to night at Mr Gales for $4," Diary, January 27, 1844 (p. 475).	Acquire reproduction.
Mirror, with mahogany veneered frame, hanging on wall above bureau	Johnson Inventory lists "1 Small Looking Glass 1.50."	Acquire period piece.
Mouse trap, on floor to right of bureau	Daybook, Vol. 11, lists "To 5 mouse traps .25," June 1, 1842.	Acquire reproduction.
Stove, small iron, with stovepipe, against east wall	I was up at Auction to day and bot . . . a Little Stove at 3.25," Diary, October 29, 1847.	Acquire period piece.
Armoire, mahogany, against east wall to right of stove	Johnson inventory lists "1 Mahogany Armour [*sic*] 25.00."	Use NATC 17552.
Lithograph, framed, centered on south wall	Johnson inventory lists "4 Pictures and frames." Johnson mentions the purchase of pictures frequently in his diary and ledgers. See, for example,"Twelve dollars and fifty cents, I paid for 6 framed Pictures to day," Diary, February 7, 1843 (p. 426).	Acquire reproduction lithograph in reproduction frame.
Stand, walnut, against west wall to left of bed	Johnson inventory lists "3 Small Stands 5.00."	Acquire period piece.
Lamp, oil, on lamp mat on stand	Cash book, Vol. 9, lists "to a small Lamp .25," February 12, 1845. There are many entries for lamp lpurchases in the Johnson diary.	Acquire electrified period lamp and reproduction lamp mat.
Book, on stand	Johnson's diary and account books list numerous purchases of books. See, for example, diary entries for August 23, 1840, March 28,1841, December 19, 1843, February 20, 1844, and many others.	Select book in good condition from Johnson collection at park.
Bed, tall post with tester, head of bed against west wall to left of door to 203	Johnson inventory lists "2 Bed Steads & Bedding $20 ea."	Use NATC 8015.

OBJECT AND LOCATION	EVIDENCE	RECOMMENDATION
Mattress, feather bed, two sheets, two pillows, two pillowcases, bolster, bolster cover, two blankets, and coverlet, on bed	Johnson inventory lists "2 Bed Steads & Bedding $20 ea." "I Bot 2 Cover Lids to day at $5.81 for the two &c . . . Those articles that was Sold To day was the Property of Col. Fleming Woods, who is about to Leave this Place for Washington City," Diary, April 30, 1845 (p. 524).	Acquire reproductions.
Mosquito netting, attached to tester	Johnson used mosquito netting since he purchased at least three mosquito bars for use on other beds. See Cash book, Vol. 8, April 17, 1837; Cash book, Vol. 9, March 1, 1847; Box 1, folder 18, Series II, receipt dated March 3, 1849.	Acquire reproduction. Use during mosquito season.
Slippers, pair, under side of bed	Cash book, Vol. 8, lists "to a pair of slipers .75," June 26, 1834.	Acquire reproductions.
Cradle, willow, at foot of bed	"I paid Messrs Soria & Co. $12.75 for a willow Cradle," April 9, 1836 (p. 114).	Acquire period piece. The Johnsons also owned a willow crib (Cash book, Vol. 8, June 27, 1837). A period willow crib can be subsituted for the cradle if a crib is available.
Cradle mattress, sheet, small quilt	Johnson records list numerous purchases of sheets, pillows, mattresses, and blankets.	Acquire reproductions.
Mosquito bar, with mosquito netting, arranged over cradle	Johnson purchased at least three mosquito bars. See Cash book, Vol. 8, April 17, 1837; Cash book, Vol. 9, March 1, 1847; Box 1, folder 18, Series II, receipt dated March 3, 1849.	Acquire period piece or reproduction. Use during mosquito season.
Rocking chair, in center of room near stove	Johnson inventory lists "1 Rocking Chair 1.25."	Use NATC 3022.
Work stand, in center of room to left of rocking chair	Johnson inventory lists "1 Work Stand 5.00."	Acquire period piece.
Baby bottle, with nipple, on work stand	Cash book, Vol. 8, lists "for a sucking glass for the child .62 1/2" (January 30, 1836).	Acquire period bottle and period or reproduction nipple.
Towel, on work stand	"I was at Auction to day and Bot . . . two pieces of Dieper for towelling," Diary, May 1, 1844 (p. 490).	Acquire reproduction.
Carpet, ingrain, installed wall to wall	"I also Bot 30 yds of Carpeting to day at 7 Bits per yard," Diary, November 13, 1841 (p. 358).	Acquire reproduction.
Rush matting; covering carpeting wall to wall	Carpeting was customarily removed and replaced with rush matting during the summer months.	Cover carpet with reproduction rush matting in summer, since removal of carpeting every year is not feasible in a historic site.

Room 205—Clothespress

Walls—Leave plaster unfinished, as described in the Finishes Analysis, p. 66.
Ceiling—Leave plaster unfinished, as described in the Finishes Analysis, p. 66.
Woodwork—Paint cream as recommended in the Finishes Analysis, p. 65.
Doors—Paint cream as described in the Finishes Analysis, p. 65.
Floor—No carpeting is recommended for this room.
No furnishings are recommended for this room, since it will not be seen by visitors.

Room 207—The Girls' Bedroom

This room is interpreted as the bedroom of the five Johnson girls: Anna (10), Katharine (8), Eugenia (6), Alice (4), and Josephine (22 months). Although we have no way of knowing for certain, the sleeping arrangement postulated here consists of two girls in the big bed, two in the trundle, and one on the lounge, which is made up with sheets, blankets, and pillows.

Walls—Paint with unpigmented (white) calcimine, as described in the Finishes Analysis, p. 66.

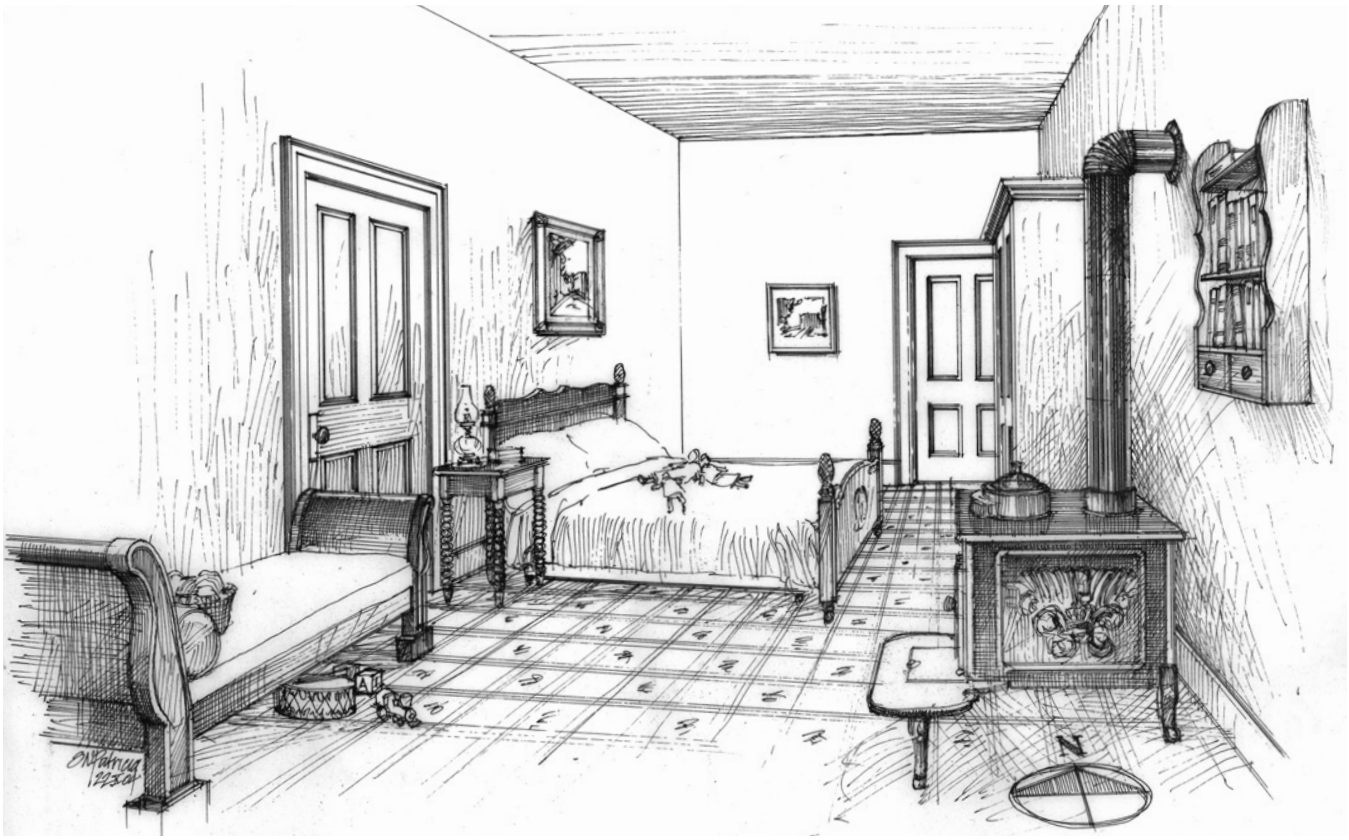
Ceiling—Paint with unpigmented (white) calcimine, as described in the Finishes Analysis, p. 66.

Woodwork—Paint cream as recommended in the Finishes Analysis, p. 65.

Doors—Paint cream as described in the Finishes Analysis, p. 65.

Floor—Acquire reproduction ingrain carpeting in a period pattern. Install carpeting wall to wall.

Supplement historic lighting with indirect modern lighting as required.



Room 207—List of Furnishings

OBJECT AND LOCATION	EVIDENCE	RECOMMENDATION
Bed, low post with head and footboards, against west wall to right of door to 201	Johnson inventory lists "2 Bed Steads & Bedding $20 ea."	Use NATC 11028.
Mattress, feather bed, two sheets, two pillows, two pillowcases, bolster, bolster cover, two blankets, and coverlet, on bed	Johnson inventory lists "2 Bed Steads & Bedding $20 ea." "I Bot 2 Cover Lids to day at $5.81 for the two &c . . . Those articles that was Sold To day was the Property of Col. Fleming Woods, who is about to Leave this Place for Washington City," Diary, April 30, 1845 (p. 524).	Acquire reproductions.
Dolls, two, on bed	Daybook, Vol. 13, lists "3 Dolls at 37 1/2 per doll," undated entry, p. 71.	Acquire reproductions or period pieces.
Mosquito bar, with mosquito netting, at head of bed	Receipt dated March 3, 1849 lists "1 Large Mosquito Bar 6/6 .81" (Folder 18, Series II, LSU).	Acquire reproduction. Use during mosquito season.
Trundle bed, under tall post bed	Johnson inventory lists "1 Trundle Bed 2.50."	Acquire period piece.
Mattress, two sheets, pillow, pillowcase, blanket, and coverlet, on trundle bed	Receipt, dated March 3, 1849, lists "1 Mattrass & Pillow [ill.] 6/6 .81" and "3 Blankets [ill.] 16/6 2.06" (Folder 18, Series II, LSU).	Acquire reproductions.
Stand, walnut, against west wall to left of bed	Johnson inventory lists "3 Small Stands 5.00."	Acquire period piece.
Lamp, oil, on lamp mat on stand	Cash book, Vol. 9, lists "to a Lamp to Read by .94," December 11, 1844.	Acquire electrified period lamp and reproduction lamp mat.
Trinket box, wooden or papier mache, on stand	Small boxes were popular furnishings for girls' rooms. See Garrett, *At Home*, p. 157.	Acquire period piece.
Lithographs, framed, 2; one centered on north wall; one on west wall above bed	"I bought at Auction today a lot of pictures;" Diary, August 24, 1840 (p. 291).	Acquire reproduction lithographs in reproduction frames.
Armoire, cherry, against east wall to right of door to room 205	Johnson inventory lists "2 Small Cherry do [Armour] [*sic*] 10.00."	Use NATC 8041.
Mouse trap, on floor to right of armoire	Daybook, Vol. 11, lists "To 5 mouse traps .25," June 1, 1842.	Acquire reproduction.
Stove, small iron, with stovepipe, against east wall	"Col D F Waymouth Sells Out His Store at auction . . . I paid Him Seventy Five Dollars for [a] stair case and for a stove," Diary, December 16, 1840.	Acquire period piece.

OBJECT AND LOCATION	EVIDENCE	RECOMMENDATION
Hanging bookshelf, on east wall to right of stove	Johnson's diary and account books list numerous purchases of books. See, for example, diary entries for August 23, 1840, March 28, 1841, December 19, 1843, February 20, 1844, and many others. Katherine and Anna Johnson became teachers as adults and presumably were taught to read as children. Cash book, Vol. 8, lists "To do [a book] for Wm & Anna," December 24, 1846. "I bought some Children Books to day at auction. Some good Ones among them," Diary, April 25, 1836 (p. 117).	Acquire reproduction.
Venetian blinds, green, at window	"The Man put up the blinds this morning to the front windows," Diary, July 13, 1843.	Acquire reproductions.
Curtains, calico, one pair, at window	Ledger and cash book entries frequently list expenditures for curtain fabric. See, for example, Cash book, Vol. 9, "to 35 1/4 yds Calico 2.05," September 17, 1845.	Acquire reproduction curtains in period style.
Washstand, large, against south wall to left of window	Daybook, Vol. 11, lists "To 1 wash stand 1.50," January 7, 1840.	Acquire period piece.
Washbowl, pitcher, toothbrush cup, soap dish, and slop bowl, ceramic, on washstand	"I was up to a Auction to day at Dan. Stevensons House, Lately Kept by Duck Williams, and I Bot 2 Pichers, 1 Doller Each, 1 wash Stand with bason," Diary, July 21, 1842 (p. 393).	Acquire period pieces.
Accessories for washstand, including 3 toothbrushes, soap, sponge, and towel	Cash book, Vol. 8, lists "To 2 doz 1/2 Brushes Tooth 1.87 1/2," September 27, 1836. "I was at Auction to day and Bot . . . two pieces of Dieper for towelling," Diary, May 1, 1844 (p. 490). Soap is required for washing.	Acquire reproductions.
Pincushion, with straight pins and hairpins, on washstand	Straight pins and hairpins were required for personal grooming.	Acquire reproductions or period pieces.
Bottle, small, perfume or toilet water, on washstand	Since Johnson frequently purchased fragrances for use in his barbershop, it is likely that his family used them at home. "I Bot to Day of L.B. Hanchett 25 Doz of Cologne water at 1 Dollar per Doz," Diary May 26, 1836 (p. 122).	Acquire reproduction or period piece.

OBJECT AND LOCATION	EVIDENCE	RECOMMENDATION
Brushes, 3, and 3 **combs**, on washstand	"I was at auction to day and Bot as Follows . . . 8 hair Brushes 1.92 at 24 cts Each," Diary, October 24, 1849, p. 670. "Articles That I Bought From John Williams at the Landing on account of his going up the River— . . . 12 fine tooth combs, new," Diary, January 21, 1836 (p. 95).	Acquire period brushes and reproduction combs.
Mirror, on south wall above washstand	"Articles That I Bought From John Williams at the Landing on account of his going up the River— . . . 2 Little Small Looking Glasses," Diary, January 21, 1836, p. 95.	Acquire period piece.
Chair, side, against south wall in front of window	Johnson inventory lists "24 Common chairs 2/ea 6.00."	Acquire period piece.
Sewing basket, with sewing supplies, including scissors, thread, scraps of cloth, buttons, notions, pincushion, pins, needles in housewife, and thimble, on lounge	Vol. 39 of the Johnson papers includes expenditures dated 1851 for sewing notions.	Acquire period pieces and reproductions.
Wall pocket, with flowers, on south wall above lounge	Wall pockets were popular furnishings for girls' rooms. See Garrett, *At Home*, p. 157.	Acquire period piece with imitation flowers.
Lounge, against west wall to left of door to room 201	Johnson inventory lists "2 Longe 10.00."	Acquire period piece.
Sheets, 2, pillow, pillowcase, blanket, and coverlet, on lounge	Daybook, Vol. 11, lists for May 28, 1842, "1 pr. Sheets .56." Cash book, Vol. 9, lists "To 1 pr Blankets 1.50" (December 19, 1844) and "to two Fether Pillars .56 1/2" (February 18, 1845).	Acquire reproductions.
Mosquito bar, with mosquito netting, at head of lounge	Cash book, Vol. 9, lists "To a Bar & Pillow" (March 1, 1847).	Acquire reproduction. Use during mosquito season.
Doll, 3 toy chairs, toy bureau, small wagon, on floor in front of chair	Daybook, Vol. 13, lists "3 Dolls at 37 1/2 per doll . . . 3 Chairs for 37 1/2 1 Beaureau for 37 1/2," undated entry, p. 71; "To day Winston Makes the Little wagon for My Child—It was well done," Diary, May 31, 1842 (p. 386).	Acquire period pieces or reproductions.
Carpet, ingrain, installed as 9' x 12' area rug	Cash book, Vol. 9, lists "To 12 yds of Carpeting 3.75," May 14, 1845.	Acquire reproduction.
Rush matting; covering carpeting wall to wall	Carpeting was customarily removed and replaced with rush matting during the summer months.	Cover carpet with reproduction rush matting in summer, since removal of carpeting every year is not feasible in a historic site.

Room 206—Stairs to Third Floor

Walls—Install reproduction wallpaper in trellis and vine pattern, with faux architectural molding border, as described in the Finishes Analysis, pp. 49–50. Further investigation of the wallpaper revealed a severely damaged pattern of trellis and vine, not ashlar blocks.

Woodwork—Paint wood trim stair risers, treads, and baseboard stringers cream and then varnish them as recommended in the Finishes Analysis, p. 66.

Floor—No floorcoverings are recommended for this room.

No furnishings are recommended for this room.

Room 301—The Boys' Bedroom

Johnson's boys may have slept upstairs in the attic, especially if one or more of their grandmothers also lived in the house with them. Johnson's inventory does not include enough beds for every member of his household. However, Johnson did purchase three cots in 1846 that don't appear on the inventory. These might have been for slaves housed elsewhere, or perhaps they were so old they weren't considered worth inventorying. The three eldest Johnson boys were 15, 13, and almost 12 at the time of Johnson's death. The attic would have been an acceptable place for them to sleep.

Although the third floor is not currently intended to be open to visitors, the furnishings plan for the attic is included in this report in case the operating plan changes in the future.

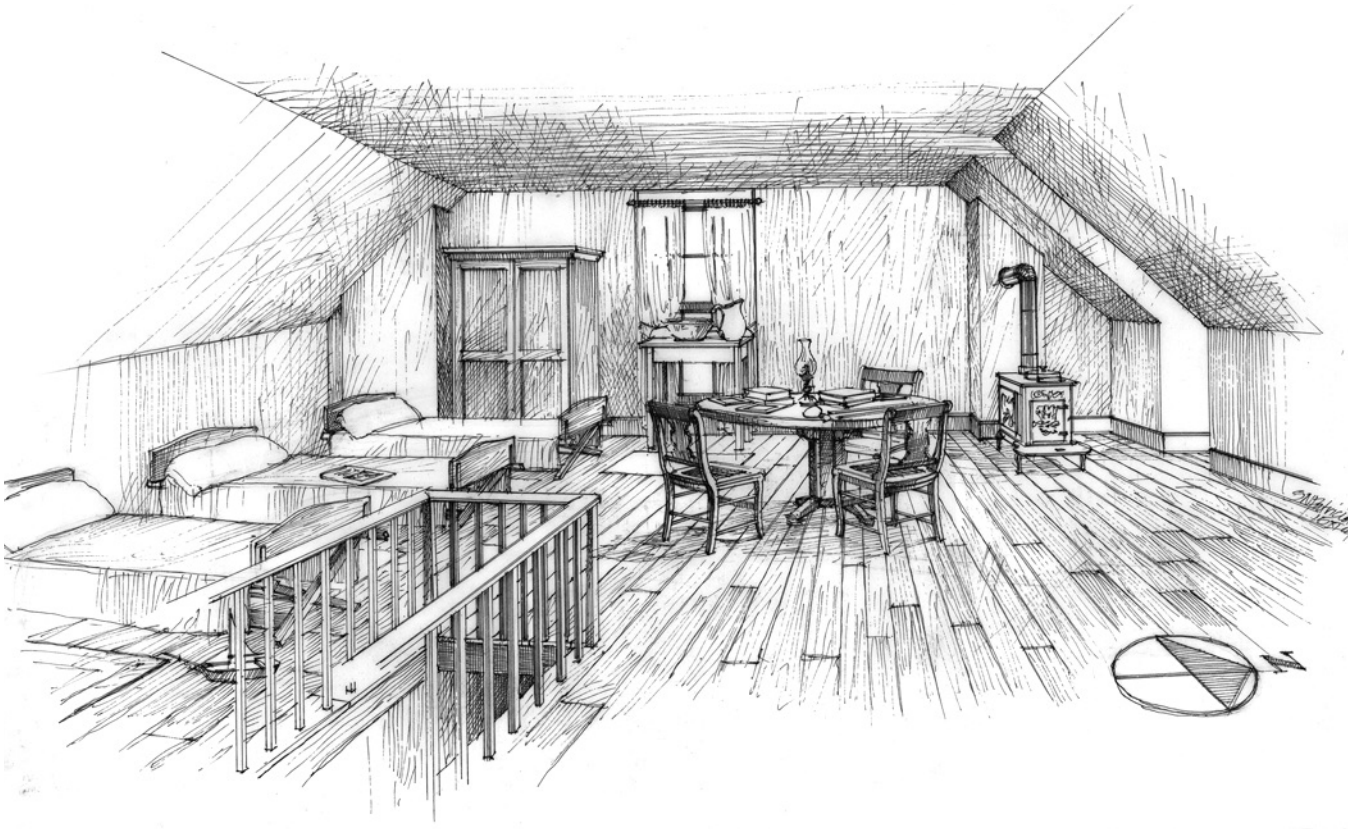
Walls—Paint with unpigmented (white) calcimine, as described in the Finishes Analysis, p. 67.

Ceiling—Leave as unfinished plaster, as described in the Finishes Analysis, p. 67.

Woodwork—Paint cream as recommended in the Finishes Analysis, p. 67. Paint the balustrade and rail at the top of the stair cream and varnish them like the adjacent stair's woodwork, as recommended in the Finishes Analysis, p. 67.

Floor—Acquire reproduction scatter rugs as described in the list of furnishings.

Supplement historic lighting with indirect modern lighting as required.



Room 301—List of Furnishings

OBJECT AND LOCATION	EVIDENCE	RECOMMENDATION
Cots, three, lined up under eaves on left side of room	Cash book, Vol. 8, lists "To 3 Cots 6 1/2 2.44," April 18, 1846.	Acquire period pieces.
Mattresses, three, six sheets, three pillows, three pillowcases, six blankets, on cots	"It was To day that I met Mr Lewis and pd him for The Bedsted and the mattress which amountd to 1.75 cts.," Diary, May 7, 1850 (p. 719); "I was up at Mrs Caradine Sale of Furniture and I bot . . . a Mattrass," Diary September 25, 1850 (p. 746). Cash book, Vol. 9, lists "to 2 Pillars 1.05," May 26, 1846. "1 Pr Blankets 1.—," Receipt, November 29, 1850, Box 1, folder 19, Series II.	Acquire reproductions.
Mosquito bars, 3, with mosquito netting, one set for each cot	Cash book, Vol. 8, lists "To Musquitoe bars $3.00," June 15, 1836.	Acquire reproductions. Use during mosquito season.
Comic book, on middle cot	Cash book, Vol. 8, lists "To a comic Book 12 1/2," January 29, 1835.	Acquire period piece or reproduction.
Toy boat, on floor at foot of cot nearest to stairs	"I Took my 3 Small Boats and went Out to the Pond of Mr John Johnson and Sailed my Boats alone to see which was the fastest," Diary, April 11, 1847 (p. 562).	Acquire period piece or reproduction.
Armoire, against west wall to left of window	Johnson inventory lists "2 Small Cherry do [Armour] 10.00."	Acquire period piece.
Washstand, in front of window in west wall	"I Bot a water Boiler and a wash stand They both Cost 2.62 1/2," Diary, January 20, 1838 (p. 217).	Acquire period piece.
Washbowl, pitcher, toothbrush cup, soap dish, and slop bowl, ceramic, on washstand	"I was up to a Auction to day at Dan. Stevensons House, Lately Kept by Duck Williams, and I Bot 2 Pichers, 1 Doller Each, 1 wash Stand with bason," Diary, July 21, 1842 (p. 393).	Acquire period pieces.
Accessories for washstand, including 3 toothbrushes, soap, sponge, and towel	Cash book, Vol. 8, lists "To 2 doz 1/2 Brushes Tooth 1.87 1/2," September 27, 1836. "I was at Auction to day and Bot . . . two pieces of Dieper for towelling," Diary, May 1, 1844 (p. 490). Soap is required for washing.	Acquire reproductions.
Curtains, calico, three pair, one pair at each window	Ledger and cash book entries frequently list expenditures for curtain fabric. See, for example, Cash book, Vol. 9, "to 35 1/4 yds Calico 2.05," September 17, 1845.	Acquire reproduction curtains in period style.

OBJECT AND LOCATION	EVIDENCE	RECOMMENDATION
Stove, with stove pipe, along west wall to right of window	"I Bot a stove from Mr Marsh for $12," Diary, January 23, 1836.	Acquire period piece.
Table, in center of room	"I Bot a table to day at 30 cts, cheap, I think," Diary, May 11, 1849 (p. 654).	Acquire period piece.
Chairs, 3, around table	Johnson inventory lists "24 Common Chairs 2/ea 6.00."	Acquire period pieces.
Lamp, oil, on table	"I also Paid Mr Signaio & G.F. Brano four Dollars This was for a Lamp and Some repairs &c.," Diary, January 5, 1850.	Acquire period piece.
Marbles, in leather bag, on table	"Mc and mysefe played Sixteen Games at marbles this Evening and He won ten Out of 16 and I have not been so tyred for some time As I am now from playing those Marbles," April 8, 1839 (p. 252).	Acquire period clay marbles in reproduction bag.
Slates, three, and three slate pencils, on table	Daybook, Vol. 11, lists "To Slate Pencils .12 1/2," March 5, 1839.	Acquire reproductions.
Blow guns, two, with four arrows, on table	Daybook, Vol. 11, lists "To Blow Gunn & Arrows 62 1/2" and "To another Blow Gun 12 1/2," January 21, 1839.	Acquire reproductions.
Books, 5, on table	"I Bot Some Children Books to day at auction. Some good Ones among them," Diary, April 25, 1836 (p. 117). Daybook, Vol. 11, lists "To 3 spelling Books 1.12 1/2," June 15, 1840 and "To spelling Books .50," January 24, 1842. Cash book, Vol. 9, lists "to a 5th Reader for Wm 1.25," September 25, 1845.	Use Johnson books in NATC collection. Supplement, if necessary, with period books.
Mouse trap, on floor between windows	Daybook, Vol. 11, lists "To 5 mouse traps .25," June 1, 1842.	Acquire reproduction.
Throw rugs, rag, four, one beside each bed and one in front of washstand	Daybook, Vol. 11, lists "To 41 Ruggs 4.00," April 17, 1839.	Acquire period pieces.

Related Media

Visitors will experience the historically furnished rooms in the Johnson House entirely on self-guiding tours. For this reason, the design and production of interpretive panels should be funded as part of the furnishings production budget. Five panels should be designed for the second floor of the Johnson House: one introductory panel to be placed in the hallway and one panel in each of the four rooms. An additional panel may be required for the parlor. A panel for the attic can be developed later if that space is furnished and opened to the public.

Audio stations would greatly add to the interpretation of these rooms. Spoken excerpts from Johnson's diary and daybooks could be used at some of the panels to enrich the interpretation of the objects, text, and graphics. Because of the problem of sound overlap, we recommend only two audio stations for the second floor, one near the door and one in the parlor.

The following are suggested themes and graphics for each of the panels and audio stations:

Introductory panel (hallway, room 201). This panel should contain basic information on the house:

- William Johnson's background as a freed slave and his profession as a barber;
- who lived in the house, including ages;

Potential graphics:

- Floor plan of second floor of Johnson House;
- Picture of William Johnson

Potential audio:

- Diary selections concerning Johnson's dual roles as barber and plantation owner;
- Excerpts from diary relating to Johnson's mother and her outbursts;
- Excerpts concerning Johnson's relationship with his children.

Bedroom of Harriet Johnson or Ann Battles (room 202). This panel could touch on Johnson's relationship with each of these women and should mention the following facts:

- Johnson built this house on property owned by his mother-in-law, and the property remained in her name until her death in 1873, when the property was bequeathed to her five granddaughters;
- Johnson's mother may or may not have lived on this property, but Johnson had a very complex relationship with his mother, who apparently had a fiery temper.

Potential graphics:

- Plat showing land ownership;
- Family tree

Parlor (room 203). There are many points to be covered in this room and it might be necessary to design two panels. The panels should deal with these relevant topics:

- The parlor as the main social gathering place for the family;
- Johnson's habit of purchasing furnishings at auction, enabling him to furnish his house with better quality items than he would have been able to afford if he purchased everything new;
- The importance of music to the Johnson family. Johnson himself played the piano, guitar, and flute;
- The children took music lessons and learned to sing and play the piano;
- Reading and writing were important to Johnson. He purchased books frequently, kept a diary and record books, and made sure that his family and apprentices learned to read and write;
- Johnson, like many people in the mid-19th century, liked to keep birds as pets;
- Johnson and his family enjoyed playing a variety of games, e.g., cards, dominoes, marbles;
- Identification of items in the parlor that have descended in the Johnson family.

Potential graphics:

- Cover of a piece of sheet music from the Johnson collection at Louisiana State University;
- Picture of a bird in a cage from a period print;
- Copy of a page from Johnson's diary, preferably one with a picture drawn on it;
- Excerpts from the diary listing objects purchased at auction;
- Engraving titled "Emancipation" from *Harpers Weekly*, January 1864 showing African Americans in a parlor.

Potential audio:

- Descriptions of politics and various political events in town;
- Passages that illuminate Johnson's relationship with the other free blacks in Natchez, with the white elite, and with slaves;
- Descriptions of his activities: hunting, fishing, outings, books and newspapers read, languages learned, musical instruments played, etc.

William and Ann Johnson's Bedroom (room 204). This room shows a more private side of the Johnsons, and the interpretive panel should reflect this by addressing the following themes:

- The common practice of having one or more children sleep in the parents' room;
- The puzzling invisibility of Johnson's wife Ann in his diary;
- Johnson's relationship with the wealthy planter class, including their shared interest in gambling;
- Identification of items in bedroom that have descended in the Johnson family.

Potential graphics:

- Period graphic of music box with excerpt from diary about Col. Bingaman breaking it;
- Period graphic of racetrack, preferably one near Natchez or at least New Orleans.

The Girls' Bedroom (room 207). This room is furnished as if it were occupied by Johnson's five daughters: Anna (10 years old in 1851), Katharine (eight), Eugenia (six), Alice (four), and Josephine (22 months). The following points should be mentioned in this room:

- Johnson made sure that his daughters could read and write as well as his sons and bought children's books for them to enjoy. Anna and William were educated in New Orleans and the rest of the children were privately tutored in Natchez;
- Johnson also recorded the purchase of dolls and doll furniture in his daybooks;
- All of Johnson's children were baptized in the Catholic church in New Orleans;

- Johnson's daughters Anna and Katharine grew up to be schoolteachers;
- Johnson's daughters ended up being the heads of the household and holding the family and its finances together after their older brother died in 1872.

Potential graphics:
- Any extant photographs of Johnson's daughters, including photograph of Anna Johnson from the Gandy collection;
- "Tied to the rock of adversity" quote.

Appendixes

Appendix A

Summary of Furnishings Objects Mentioned in the Johnson Diary and Papers

Summary of items mentioned in the diary

1835

12 Mahogna Chairs
Small Stove
Game bag
Old Bed
Cloths press
Side bourd
Trunk
Old piano

1836

Small Table with a draw
Old thermometer
2 Little Small Looking Glasses
stove with pipe
willow cradle
carpeting

1837

Curtain calico
Diaper
Case of writing instruments
Twilled calico
Marbles
4 Pictures & a table
pair of Large Candlesticks
2 wash Bowls
16 forks and 22 Knives
2 dishes with covers
market basket

1838

2 fine cut glass Tumblers
19 Candlesticks
6 China Boles
and Irons, tongs and poker
One spider
One Oven
Water boiler
Wash stand
Musick Box
Two Counting House stools
1 Sofa ($34)
2 Large picture & Frames ($4.25)
2 Kitchen Hand Irons
1 Large Carpet (c. $12.00)
Oven
1 tin pan and a Lot of Brushes
One large or Common size Jar
2 Jug
One Lantern

1840

2 glass Cases
a Lot of Pictures
Likeness of Mr Van Buren
Cooking stove
Toys

1841

Pocket Book
Spy-Glass
Large Picture of the Last Supper (behind glass)

Slate
Umbrella
Guitar
2 grates
30 yards of Carpeting
two Glass cups
a Looking Glass

1842

Candles
Chair
Little Mantle Ornaments
Little wagon
Split brooms
2 pitchers
1 wash stand with bason
1 Center table
2 Goblets
violin
2 grates (additional)

1843

6 framed Pictures
a piece of Carpeting
2 sets of Knives and Forks
Large Looking Glass ($21 – Mrs. Bingaman's)
Bench for Large glass
Bench for smaller glass
7 Deep plates
Ice Cream freezer

1844

Cooking Stove
Secretary ($10.25)
6 Small Rocking Chairs
4 Small Toy childrens chairs
1 Small work Table
Book Case ($16.50)
3 table cloths
1 Counterpane
two pieces of Diaper for towelling
Glass Frames

1845

Clock
Large Basket
Flat Irons
Childs Carriage
2 Dining Tables ($9 ea.)
Table Covers
2 Cover Lids ($5.81 for both)

1846

spoons
towells

1847

3 Small Boats
Dominos
Little Stove
Toys

1848

1 chair
1 stool

1849

Oven & skillet
2 Pots
a table ($.30)

1850

Lamp
1 doz. Plates
1 doz. Cordial
3 mugs for the boys
Sofa (3 legs!)
Bedsted and mattress ($1.75)
Old Bureau ($4)
Small mattress ($.25)
2 Table Cloths
1 Glass
Toilet Glass

Mattress
2 Buckets, 3 pans, 1 coffee pit, 1 Strainer, 2 dish covers
1/2 doz. Tumblers
1 Lamp

Summary of items listed in papers but not listed in diary

1841

3 pictures

1849

1 pr Dog Irons
1 Mattress & pillow
3 Blankets
3 large mosquito bars

1850

1 pr. Blankets

1830

window curtains
11 engravings
2 engravings

1831

Bedstead & safe
Engraving
A musical box ($9.50)
Piano ($18)
Large map
Sofa ($5)

1832

Cotton umbrella
Door Curtains & Making
Engravings
1 frame for Picture

1851

4 chairs
a Curtain
Oven

1 Glass Lamp
4 engravings in frames
2 small engravings in frames
1 Glass Tumbler
1/2 Doz Glass Tumblers
Looking Glass
Locking Liquor case
Fire bellows
50 yards curtain calico
4 engravings

1833

picture frames
2 picture frames
candle stand
1 framed picture
3 China mugs
4 oval dishes
wire cage

1834

Clothes press
Checker box
4 small looking glasses
4 sconces
1 low chair
1 lamp

1835

Rocking chair
Side board
Small rugg
2 pictures gilt frame
3 washstands [toilet tables]

1840

sofa
1 mattress
arm chair

1842

flute
work desk
2 mantle ornaments
1 marble ink stand
armour or Press
1 carpet

1838

writing desk
2 Counting house desks (diary lists 2 counting house stools for this date)

undated

6 dolls
4 drums
8 fifes
11 doll heads
3 chairs
2 bureau
3 cuckoos
7 cherns (the previous 4 items may have been doll house furniture)
3 trumpets

1830

window curtains
11 pictures
2 pictures

1831

pair of glass candlesticks
a picture

1833

3 mantle urns (called china mugs in other daybook)

Items listed in papers purchased after William Johnson's death

1854

1/2 Dz Stping Seat mahog Chairs ($37)
one Sofa ($30)
Easy Chair ($28)
One Arm chair ($12)

1856

1 Looking glass ($60)
2 small chairs ($2)
1 small one Dra. Table ($2.50)
1/2 Doz. Cane Seat Chairs ($7.50)
4 Small Office Chairs (@ $1.50)

1857

Walnut Bed & (Cornish?) ($30)

1858

4 door wire safe ($14)

1855–59

1 large looking glass ($20)

Appendix B

List of Johnson Furniture at NATC

CATALOG NUMBER	OBJECT	CONDITION
NATC 8037	Lounge, gothic revival style	
NATC 8040	One-piece cupboard, upper section has two glazed doors and glazed side panels, two half-width drawers below. Lower section has two doors. Originally a pie safe to which glazing was later added	
	Bed head and footboards	
NATC 8015	Tall post bed with tester	Good
NATC 8041	Tall cupboard with single panel door, turned feet and solid sides [Cherry wardrobe].	Significantly altered
NATC 8043	Gilt three section mantel mirror	Conservation completed
NATC 8042	Dresser, empire style, four full-width drawers surmounted by case with two small half-width drawers, turned wood pulls, upper drawer projects, C-scroll front feet	
NATC 8038	Marble-top commode, empire style, serpentine front, single drawer, double doors below. Two turned wooden pulls	
NATC 8039	Sideboard, small, empire style, wood-top, two door, scrolled splashboard, pendant pulls, turned columns at front corners	
NATC 2830	Desk and bookcase, glass doors	
NATC 2831	Desk and bookcase, glass doors	Conservation completed
NATC 2832	Canopy bed, with headboard, footboard, tester, posts and side rails	Conservation completed
NATC 8310	Chromolithograph, "Asia"	
NATC 8036	Canopy bed, four square tapered posts, tester stored with bed does not appear to be associated	Conservation completed
NATC 2812	Fireset stand, rococo revival style, shell motif base	Heavily rusted, broken foot
NATC 3011	Fireset stand, rococo revival, shell motif base	Heavily rusted, broken foot
NATC 3022	Rocking chair	Conservation completed
NATC 17552	Armoire, mahogany and cherry, federal-style with broken arch pediment, flame finials, and scrolled corner columns	

Appendix C

List of Johnson Books at NATC

CATALOG NUMBER	OBJECT	CONDITION
NATC 2618	Book, *Bookkeeping in the True Italian Form*, 1834	Spine torn, pages stained, soiled
NATC 2660	Book, *The Token*, 1838	Spine missing, cover damaged, soiled
NATC 2665	Book, *The Emblem*, 1838	Soiled, back cover stained
NATC 2677	Book, *The Vicar of Wakefield*, 1851	
NATC 2813	Ledger, account book of William Johnson, 1838–41	Cover warped, stained. Pages soiled, stained, incomplete
NATC 2867	Book, *A New System of Modern Geography*, 1814	Spine and cover torn and pitted, insect damage, stained, cover warped, missing pages
NATC 2534	Book, *Koningsmarke*, Vol. 1, 1823	"L. Holley" on title page; front cover separated
NATC 2535	Book, *Gathered Leaves*, 1846	Cover soiled, torn, spine torn
NATC 2536	Book, *Memoirs of Vidocq*, Vol. II, 1834	Insect damage, stained and torn cover
NATC 2537	Book, *Elements of General Pathology*, 1848	"Jno. E. Merrill/1852" inside front cover; cover and spine torn
NATC 2538	Book, *Life of Louis Lossuth*, 1852	
NATC 2539	Book, *Smith's Geography*, 1840	Cover and spine missing, stained, soiled
NATC 2540 [and 2550, 2556, 2590, 2646]	Book, *The Christian Orator*, 1818	Front cover missing, torn pages, back cover damaged, insect damage. Identical to NATC 2550, 2556, 2590, and 2646
NATC 2541	Book, *Arithmetic*, 1800	Front cover missing, insect damage, soiled, stained
NATC 2544	Book, *The Neighbors' Children*, 1854	
NATC 2554	Book, *Stories for Christmas and Winter Evenings*, 1857	"Anna Johnson" inside front cover; missing and torn pages
NATC 2587	Book, *The New Pastoral*, 1856	"Anna Johnson/Natchez Jan 5 56" inside front cover; cover and spine torn, damaged, some insect damage

CATALOG NUMBER	OBJECT	CONDITION
NATC 2864	Magazine, *Frank Leslie's New York Journal*, Vol. Five, June 1857	"Anna L. Johnson/Natchez, Mississippi" inside front cover; binding and cover damaged, soiled, stained
NATC 2543	Book, *Lalla Rookh*, 1857	Front cover separated, spine damage
NATC 2545	Book, *Margaret Percival*, 1854	Covers missing, torn
NATC 2547	Book, G*recian History*, 1813	Covers missing, torn, stained
NATC 2548	Book, *A Call to the Unconverted*, no date listed	Loose cover, torn pages, soiled
NATC 2550	Book, *First Lessons in French*, 1859	Spine torn, loose, cover damaged, soiled
NATC 2551	Book, *Village Dialogues*, Vol. I, 1825	"Kenny McGar" on title page; front cover missing, soiled
NATC 2553	Book, *Sermons from the Pulpit*, 1850	Pages missing, cover damaged, insect damage
NATC 2555	Book, *Memoir of Reverend Sydney Smith*, Vol. I, 1855	Cover and spine torn, soiled
NATC 2558	Book, *A Shorter Course in Civil Government*, no date listed	
NATC 2560	Book, *The Analysis of Written Arithmetic*, 1866	Pages missing, back cover and spine missing, soiled
NATC 2561	Book, *The Cavalier*, 1859	Soiled, loose pages, torn spine
NATC 2563	Book, *Etude Progressive de la Langue Francaise*, no date listed	
NATC 2564	Book, *New Practical Arithmetic*, no date listed	"Anna L. Johnston" inside front cover
NATC 2565	Book, *The Progressive Higher Arithmetic*, no date listed	Spine torn, book bowed
NATC 2566	Book, *Elements of Geometry*, 1836	Pages missing
NATC 2568	Book, *Memoir of Rev. Levi Parsons*, no date listed	Pages missing, cover and spine damaged, insect damage
NATC 2569	Book, *Practical Arithmetic*, no date listed	
NATC 2570	Book, *Sign of the Four* [Arthur Conan Doyle], no date listed	Cover and spine missing, torn pages, yellowed paper
NATC 2573	Book, *The Child's Book of Nature*, no date listed	Pages missing, spine and cover damaged
NATC 2577	Book, *American History*, 1860	"Sunday School Library . . ." bookplate inside front cover; insect damage, torn cover and spine
NATC 2579	Book, *Lord Montagu's Page*, 1858	Cover and spine loose, soiled, insect damage
NATC 2581	Book, *Campfires of the Revolution*, 1856	"E. Kennedy,/Natchez, Miss. ." inside front cover; cover and spine crumbling, damaged, soiled, stained

CATALOG NUMBER	OBJECT	CONDITION
NATC 2583	Book, *Notes on the Holy Gospels*, Vol. III., 1856	Front cover missing; spine damaged, soiled, crumbling
NATC 2588	Book, *Questions on the Historical Books of the New Testament*, 1830	Soiled, stained
NATC 2592	Book, *A Course of Reading*, no date listed	Back cover missing, spine damaged, torn, insect damage
NATC 2593	Book, *Elements of Rhetoric and Literary Criticism*, 1860	Back cover and spine missing, pages missing
NATC 2594	Book, *Arithmetic Designed for Academies and Schools*, no date listed	Pages, missing, torn, cover damaged, soiled
NATC 2595	Book, *Franklin's Works*, Vol. VI, no date listed	Pages missing, cover crumbling, soiled, stained
NATC 2598	Book, *Key to the Progressive Practical Arithmetic*, 1860	Cover torn, soiled, stained
NATC 2599	Book, *Venable's New Elementary Arithmetic*, no date listed	Pages missing, torn cover, stained, soiled
NATC 2601	Book, *Wreath of School Songs*, 1847	Covers separated, torn pages, soiled, stained
NATC 2602	Book, *Memoirs of the Loves of the Poets*, Vol. I, 1833	Pages missing, cover and spine missing
NATC 2603	Book, *The Universal Accountant*, no date listed	Pages missing, front cover and spine missing, insect damage, soiled, stained
NATC 2607	Book, *His Glorious Appearing*, no date listed	Cover damaged, stained, insect damage
NATC 2608	Book, *History of England*, 1845	Back cover and spine missing, pages missing, soiled, stained
NATC 2609	Book, *Historic Incidents and Life in India*, 1865	Spine missing, cover damaged, soiled, stained
NATC 2612	Book, *A History of the Holy Catholic Inquisition*, 1835	Cover damaged, stained, pages torn
NATC 2613	Book, *Europa*, 1862	Cover and spine damaged
NATC 2615	Book, *The American School-master's Assistant*, 1811	Cover damaged, stained, pages stained
NATC 2616	Book, *The World Displayed*, c. 1829	Loose pages, damaged cover and spine, stained, soiled
NATC 2617	Book, *Foreign Conspiracy Against the Liberties of the United States*, 1835	Cover damaged, pages torn and missing, stained, soiled
NATC 2619	Book, *Champion Spelling Book*, no date listed	Pages missing
NATC 2621	Book, *The Holy Bible*, Vol. III, 1851	Cover and spine damaged, torn
NATC 2622	Book, *Brambletye House*, Vol. III, 1826	Front cover separated, cover damaged, soiled, stained
NATC 2623	Book, *Story of Ancient History*, 1855	Cover damaged, soiled
NATC 2625	Book, *The Religious Opinions and Character of Washington*, 1836	Cover and spine torn, soiled, stained

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NATC 2626	Book, *Key to the Practical Arithmatic of Professor Charles Davies*, 1863	Cover and spine damaged and torn, soiled, stained
NATC 2628	Book, *The Watchman*, 1855	"Anna L. Johnston" inside front cover; soiled, stained
NATC 2629	Book, *Course of Composition and Rhetoric*, no date listed	Cover torn, pages missing, soiled
NATC 2630	Book, *Elements of Analytical Geometry*, 1835	Soiled, stained, pages missing
NATC 2631	Book, *History of the Great Reformation*, 1852	Cover and spine damaged, soiled, pages missing
NATC 2632	Book, *Human Histology*, 1857	Spine missing, cover damaged, insect damage
NATC 2637	Book, *Thackeray's Works*, no date listed	Soiled, cover damaged, pages missing
NATC 2639	Book, *Manual of Bayonet Exercise*, 1862	
NATC 2640	Book, *The End and Essence of Sabbath School Teaching*, 1831	Spine damaged
NATC 2641	Book, *The New Fifth Reader*, no date listed	Covers and spine damaged/torn, pages loose, soiled
NATC 2642	Book, *Warren Culburn's First Reader*, c. 1865	Spine and cover damaged, soiled, stained, pages missing
NATC 2648	Book, *Pinnock's Goldsmith's England*	Cover and spine torn, pages missing, soiled
NATC 2649	Book, *A Memoir of Rev. Sydney Smith*, Vol. I, 1855	Spine has insect damage.
NATC 2650	Book, *School Arithmetic*, no date listed	Cover and spine damaged, soiled, pages missing
NATC 2651 a–c	Book, *The Book of Beauty*, 1855	"Catharine Johnson" top and "Presented to Anna L. Johnson" bottom, on title page; covers separated, damaged, soiled; missing in 1994
NATC 2653	Book, *The House Book*, no date listed	Cover and spine missing, pages missing, torn, soiled, stained
NATC 2655	Book, *The Mill on the Floss*, 1860	Loose cover, damaged spine, soiled
NATC 2657	Book, *The Life of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ*, 1834	Spine damaged, soiled
NATC 2659	Book, *The Hollow Needle*, no date listed	Spine damaged, cover loose, stained
NATC 2661	Book, *Samantha at Saratoga*, no date listed	Cover loose, spine damaged
NATC 2662	Book, *Elements of Homeopathic Practice of Physic*, 1850	Cover torn, missing and loose pages
NATC 2666	Book, *The Oriental Pearl*, no date listed	Soiled
NATC 2667	Book, *Woman's Medical Guide*, 1853	Spine missing, soiled, stained
NATC 2668	Book, *Crayon Miscellany*, Number Two, 1835	Loose cover, soiled, spine loose

CATALOG NUMBER	OBJECT	CONDITION
NATC 2670	Book, *Ursula*, no date listed	Pages missing or loose, cover loose, damaged spine
NATC 2671	Book, *A Treatise on Anatomy, Physiology, and Hygiene*, 1857	Spine damaged, cover loose, soiled, stained
NATC 2675	Book, *The Works of Alexander Pope*, no date listed	
NATC 2676	Book, *Walter Colyton*, no date listed	Soiled, cover damaged, pages missing
NATC 2678	Book, *The Linwoods*, no date listed	Pages missing, soiled, stained, insect damage
NATC 2679	Book, *Brambletye House*, Vol. I, 1826	Cover and spine damaged, pages missing
NATC 2680 a–c	Book, *Circumstantial Narrative of the Campaign in Russia*, 1855	Covers separated and damaged, soiled
NATC 2683	Book, *The First Book of Arithmetic*, 1856	Front cover and spine missing, soiled, insect damage
NATC 2684	Book, *Peasant and Prince*, no date listed	Cover damaged, insect damage
NATC 2685	Book, *A Treatise on Diseases of the Eyes*, 1854	Hole in spine, soiled
NATC 2687	Journal, *North American Journal of Homeopathy*, Vol. IV, 1856	
NATC 2691	Book, *A Grammar of the Latin Language*, 1851	Spine damaged, missing pages, soiled
NATC 2700	Book, *The Wing-and-Wing* [James Fenimore Cooper], no date listed	Cover stained
NATC 2707	Book, *Homeopathic Provings*, 1853	Cover torn
NATC 2708	Book, *The Feast of Flowers*, no date listed	Insect damage, soiled
NATC 2714	Book, *French Grammar*, no date listed	Pages missing, soiled, cover and spine torn
NATC 2715	Book, *Juvenile Philosophy*, 1850	No cover or spine
NATC 2718	Book, *The Dissector's Manual of Practical and Surgical Anatomy*, 1856	Spine damaged, soiled
NATC 2719	Book, *Primary Elements of Algebra*, no date listed	
NATC 2723	Book, *History of the Reformed Religion in France*, Vol. II, 1834	
NATC 2725	Book, Slavery, *Ordained of God*, 1857	Spine missing
NATC 2727	Book, *An English and French Grammar*, 1792	Soiled, stained, torn spine and cover
NATC 2728	Book, *The Poems of Ossian*, 1849	Covers missing, spine inside book, pages torn and missing
NATC 2730	Book, *The Scottish Chiefs*, no date listed	Pages and spine missing, cover damaged, soiled, stained
NATC 2731	Book, *Memorial Addresses on the Life and Character of John Franklin Miller*, no date listed	
NATC 2732	Book, *The Boys' Own Book of Outdoor Sports*, no date listed	Loose cover

CATALOG NUMBER	OBJECT	CONDITION
NATC 2737	Book, *Crowning Day, a Book of Gospel Songs*, Number 6, no date listed	"Zion Chapel S.S./ Intermediate Class" bookplate inside front cover
NATC 2742	Book, *Grund's Philosophy*, no date listed	Pages missing, cover torn, soiled
NATC 2743	Book, *Element of Geometry*, 1836	"Amos L. Johnson" on title page; warped, soiled, stained
NATC 2744	Book, *Every Night Book*, 1827	Warped, cover torn
NATC 2745	Book, *The Young Reporter*, 1852	Torn pages, damaged spine, torn cover, soiled
NATC 2746	Book, *The Phantom Ship*, no date listed	Spine torn, damaged, soiled
NATC 2747 a–c	Book, *System of Universal Geography*, no date listed	Covers separated, pages missing, soiled, stained, spine damaged
NATC 2748	Book, *Cicero*, no date listed	"WR Johnston" inside front cover
NATC 2752	Book, *Universal Geography*, 1820	Cover, spine, and some pages missing, soiled, insect damage
NATC 2753	Book, *McGuffey's Rhetorical Guide*, 1845	Cover, spine, and some pages missing, soiled, insect damage
NATC 2757	Book, *The Pirate* [Sir Walter Scott], no date listed	Back cover missing, soiled, stained, torn
NATC 2758	Journal, *Quarterly Review*. IV:1. January 1850	
NATC 2759	Book, *Beacon Lights of History*, Vol. VII, no date listed	Loose cover and pages, soiled, stained
NATC 2777	Book, *Book of Mormon*, no date listed	
NATC 2780	Book, *The Famous History of the Valiant Bruce*, no date listed	Pages missing, warped, soiled, stained, cover and spine damaged
NATC 2781	Book, *Leaves and Flowers*, 1860	
NATC 2782	Book, *The Homeopathic Domestic Physician*, 1850	Spine torn, stained cover
NATC 2783	Book, *Appleton's Dictionary of Machines, Mechanics, Engine Work, and Engineering*, Vol. I, 1855	Cover soiled, spine torn, missing pages
NATC 2785	Book, *Barrack-room Ballads, and the Story of the Gadsbys* [Rudyard Kipling], no date listed	
NATC 2786	Book, *Rattlin, the Reefer*, Vol. II, 1836	Loose covers, soiled, stained, insect damage
NATC 2787	Book, *Buck's Theological Dictionary*, no date listed	
NATC 2790	Book, *Introduction to Ancient and Modern Geography*, 1825	Spine damaged/torn, cover stained, soiled
NATC 2792	Book, *Pike's Arithmetick*, 1816	Pages missing, spine torn, cover soiled/stained
NATC 2793	Book, *Therapeutics of Homeopathy*, 1846	Cover damaged, insect damage, stained

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NATC 2795	Book, *Clinical Lectures on Paralysis, Disease of the Brain*, 1855	Spine damaged, cover stained, soiled
NATC 2796	Book, *Museum of Foreign Literature and Science*, Vol. XXIII, 1833	Pages missing, cover damaged, spine-insect damage
NATC 2797	Book, *Therapeutic Pocket-book for Homeopathic Physicians*, 1847	Soiled, loose cover
NATC 2799	Journal, *Quarterly Review of the Methodist Episcopal Church*, South. XV:1. January 1861	Pages missing, spine and cover torn, soiled, sstained, insect damage
NATC 2800	Book, *Alice*, Vol. I, 1838	Stained, small tears, insect damage
NATC 2801	Book, *History of the Great Reformation*, Vol. I, 1844	Front cover missing, spine damaged/missing, stained
NATC 2802	Book, *Life of the Rt. Honorable George Canning*, 1846	Spine missing, insect damage
NATC 2803	Book, *A Grammar of the French Tongue*, no date listed	Pages missing, cover warped and torn, spine torn, soiled, stained
NATC 2807	Book, *The Force of the Mind*, no date listed	Cover stained, soiled
NATC 2808	Book, *Message from the President of the United States*, 1866	
NATC 2810	Book, *Works of Cowper and Thomson*, 1856	"To/Dr WR Johnston/Given by Aunt Jos." Torn and missing pages, soiled, stained, torn cover
NATC 2815	Book, *Digest of the Laws of the State of Mississippi*, 1839	Insect damage, spine crumbling
NATC 2855	Book, *The Psychology of Personal Magnetism*, no date listed	Soiled, stained, loose pages, worn cover
NATC 2857	Book, *A Treatise of the Materia Medica and Therapeutics*, Vol. I, 1834	Cover and spine crumbling, paged missing, stained, soiled
NATC 2858	Book, *History and Geography of North America*, 1832	Cover and spine crumbling/ damaged, pages missing, torn, soiled, stained. Missing in 1993 and 1994
NATC 2868	Bound magazines, *Frank Leslie's Lady's Magazine*, Vol. XV, no date listed	Bound volume. Torn spine, damaged cover, torn pages
NATC 2869	Bound magazines, *Frank Leslie's Lady's Magazine*, Vol. XVI, April 1865	Bound volume
NATC 2870	Journal, *North American Homeopathic Journal*, Vol. I, 1851	Bound volume
NATC 2913	Newspaper, *Harper's Weekly*, IV:209, December 29, 1860	Torn, stained

List of Johnson Books that predate Johnson's death (1851)

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NATC 2618	Book, *Bookkeeping in the True Italian Form*, 1834	Spine torn, pages stained, soiled
NATC 2660	Book, *The Token*, 1838	Spine missing, cover damaged, soiled
NATC 2665	Book, *The Emblem*, 1838	Soiled, back cover stained
NATC 2677	Book, *The Vicar of Wakefield*, 1851	
NATC 2813	Ledger, account book of William Johnson, 1838–41	Cover warped, stained; pages soiled, stained, incomplete
NATC 2867	Book, *A New System of Modern Geography*, 1814	Spine and cover torn and pitted, insect damage, stained, cover warped, missing pages
NATC 2534	Book, *Koningsmarke*, Vol. 1, 1823	"L. Holley" on title page. Front cover separated
NATC 2535	Book, *Gathered Leaves*, 1846	Cover soiled, torn, spine torn
NATC 2536	Book, *Memoirs of Vidocq*, Vol. II, 1834	Insect damage, stained and torn cover
NATC 2537	Book, *Elements of General Pathology*, 1848	"Jno. E. Merrill/1852" in side front cover. Cover and spine torn
NATC 2539	Book, *Smith's Geography*, 1840	Cover and spine missing, stained, soiled
NATC 2540 [and 2550, 2556, 2590, 2646]	Book, *The Christian Orator*, 1818	Front cover missing, torn pages, back cover damaged, insect damage. Identical to NATC 2550, 2556, 2590, and 2646
NATC 2541	Book, *Arithmetic*, 1800	Front cover missing, insect damage, soiled, stained
NATC 2547	Book, *Grecian History*, 1813	Covers missing, torn, stained
NATC 2551	Book, *Village Dialogues*, Vol. I, 1825	"Kenny McGar" on title page. Front cover missing, soiled
NATC 2553	Book, *Sermons from the Pulpit*, 1850	Pages missing, cover damaged, insect damage
NATC 2566	Book, *Elements of Geometry*, 1836	Pages missing
NATC 2588	Book, *Questions on the Historical Books of the New Testament*, 1830	Soiled, stained
NATC 2601	Book, *Wreath of School Songs*, 1847	Covers separated, torn pages, soiled, stained
NATC 2602	Book, *Memoirs of the Loves of the Poets*, Vol. I, 1833	Pages missing, cover and spine missing
NATC 2612	Book, *A History of the Holy Catholic Inquisition*, 1835	Cover damaged, stained, pages torn
NATC 2615	Book, *The American School-master's Assistant*, 1811	Cover damaged, stained, pages stained

CATALOG NUMBER	OBJECT	CONDITION
NATC 2616	Book, *The World Displayed*, c. 1829	Loose pages, damaged cover and spine, stained, soiled
NATC 2617	Book, *Foreign Conspiracy Against the Liberties of the United States*, 1835	Cover damaged, pages torn and missing, stained, soiled
NATC 2621	Book, *The Holy Bible*, Vol. III, 1851	Cover and spine damaged, torn
NATC 2622	Book, *Brambletye House*, Vol. III, 1826	Front cover separated, cover damaged, soiled, stained
NATC 2625	Book, *The Religious Opinions and Character of Washington*, 1836	Cover and spine torn, soiled, stained
NATC 2630	Book, *Elements of Analytical Geometry*, 1835	Soiled, stained, pages missing
NATC 2640	Book, *The End and Essence of Sabbath School Teaching*, 1831	Spine damaged
NATC 2657	Book, *The Life of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ*, 1834	Spine damaged, soiled
NATC 2662	Book, *Elements of Homeopathic Practice of Physic*, 1850	Cover torn, missing and loose pages
NATC 2668	Book, *Crayon Miscellany*, Number Two, 1835	Loose cover, soiled, spine loose
NATC 2679	Book, *Brambletye House*, Vol. I, 1826	Cover and spine damaged, pages missing
NATC 2715	Book, *Juvenile Philosophy*, 1850	No cover or spine
NATC 2723	Book, *History of the Reformed Religion in France*, Vol. II, 1834	
NATC 2727	Book, *An English and French Grammar*, 1792	Soiled, stained, torn spine and cover
NATC 2728	Book, *The Poems of Ossian*, 1849	Covers missing, spine inside book, pages torn and missing
NATC 2743	Book, *Elements of Geometry*, 1836	"Amos L. Johnson" on title page. Warped, soiled, stained
NATC 2744	Book, *Every Night Book*, 1827	Warped, cover torn
NATC 2752	Book, *Universal Geography*, 1820	Cover, spine, and some pages missing, soiled, insect damage
NATC 2753	Book, *McGuffey's Rhetorical Guide*, 1845	Cover, spine, and some pages missing, soiled, insect damage
NATC 2758	Journal, *Quarterly Review*. IV:1. January 1850	
NATC 2782	Book, *The Homeopathic Domestic Physician*, 1850	Spine torn, stained cover
NATC 2785	Book, *Barrack-room Ballads, and the Story of the Gadsbys* [Rudyard Kipling], no date listed	
NATC 2786	Book, *Rattlin, the Reefer*, Vol. II, 1836	Loose covers, soiled, stained, insect damage
NATC 2790	Book, *Introduction to Ancient and Modern Geography*, 1825	Spine damaged/torn, cover stained, soiled
NATC 2792	Book, *Pike's Arithmetick*, 1816	Pages missing, spine torn, cover soiled/stained
NATC 2793	Book, *Therapeutics of Homeopathy*, 1846	Cover damaged, insect damage, stained

CATALOG NUMBER	OBJECT	CONDITION
NATC 2796	Book, *Museum of Foreign Literature and Science*, Vol. XXIII, 1833	Pages missing, cover damaged, spine-insect damage
NATC 2797	Book, *Therapeutic Pocket-book for Homeopathic Physicians*, 1847	Soiled, loose cover
NATC 2800	Book, *Alice*, Vol. I, 1838	Stained, small tears, insect damage
NATC 2801	Book, *History of the Great Reformation*, Vol. I, 1844	Front cover missing, spine damaged/missing, stained
NATC 2802	Book, *Life of the Rt. Honorable George Canning*, 1846	Spine missing, insect damage
NATC 2815	Book, *Digest of the Laws of the State of Mississippi*, 1839	Insect damage, spine crumbling
NATC 2857	Book, *A Treatise of the Materia Medica and Therapeutics*, Vol. I, 1834	Cover and spine crumbling, paged missing, stained, soiled
NATC 2858	Book, *History and Geography of North America*, 1832	Cover and spine crumbling/ damaged, pages missing, torn, soiled, stained. Missing in 1993 and 1994
NATC 2870	Journal, *North American Homeopathic Journal*, Vol. I, 1851	Bound volume

Appendix D

Summary of Interview with Mary Louise Miller, February 6, 1996

JOHNSON HOUSE FURNISHINGS

Based on Interview with Mrs. Mary Louise Miller
By Carol Petravage & Kathleen McClain Jenkins
Transcribed by Kathleen McClain Jenkins.
February 6, 1996

Plan I: Johnson House grounds, 1920s

A. A wooden fence encircled the yard area, with a gate in the front where one is now.
B. A water hydrant was located on the southwest corner of the main house. Water was drawn into white granitewear pitchers.
C. A water hydrant was located on the southwest corner of the kitchen dependency.
D. A cistern with hand pump was centrally located between the main house and kitchen dependency.
E. Dr. Johnston's garage ran across the back of the property, with an entrance on the south end. He had a car prior to his marriage to Sallie Feltus. Early on, he kept his horse Monetta across the street.
F. The boys' workshop was located on the north side of the rear of the property. Here Alphonse *et al*. would repair violins, mandolins, guitars, etc. It had a window, bench, chairs—a tinker's shop. Later they also worked on clocks and scissors.
G. Chicken coops were located at the back of the property. Ducks also were kept. Cows from the plantation were brought into town and kept in the yard if they were sick or needed watching. Also Dr. Johnston let his pointer and setter dogs run here.
H. A privy was located almost in the back corner of the property. It had two sides for men and women, with women having the larger (north) side, and two holes on each side (none set lower for children).
I. A pecan tree stood in the center of the back part of the property. The yard also held white & red camellias, red japonicas, altheas, fig trees, and sweet olive. There were no vegetables grown here, as they were brought in from the plantation (Peachland).
J. Woodpile.

Plan II. Johnson Main House Cellar, 1920s

A. Front entrance to cellar. Here coal and coke were delivered from the Metcalfe Company. Every fireplace in the house had a grate with the capacity to burn coal.

B. Back entrance to cellar. In the cellar Dr. Johnston and his family made and stored wine from grapes, raisins, prunes, and elderberries in five-gallon demijohns with wicker. Some of the ladies also put up preserves. Potatoes were also stored in cellar.

Plan III. Johnson Main House, First Floor, 1900–20s

Room 101a

This served Dr. Johnston & Sallie as a kitchen/dining room. All lighting before the 1920s remodeling was by oil lamps. There were two pieces of linoleum on the wooden floor. This room is where Dr. Johnston's uncle Richard lived before his death.

A. Pie safe with wire front top and solid doors below.
B. Table, used with cane bottom chairs.
C. Large sideboard with raised back and candlestands.
D. Kerosene stove for cooking.

Room 101b

This was a large room for entertaining, which later also served as Mary Louise's bedroom after she came to live here around 1917. This room could be used for dining or entertainments; it had no piano, but other musical instruments were played here. Grouped around the fireplace and moved as necessary, there were a round tip-top table (later stolen), arm chairs, and rockers with slat backs and curved fronts. A plush rug in a floral pattern was used over the wooden floor.

A. Marble-top sideboard.
B. Armoire.
C. Four-post tester bed.
D. Washstand.
E. Dresser with mirror.
F. Large column.

Room 101c

This was Dr. William Johnston's bedroom, then occupied by him and his wife Sallie. In rooms such as this with no access to fireplaces, portable oil stoves were used for heating. A plush rug in a floral pattern was used on the wooden floor.

A. Armoire.
B. Four-post tester bed.
C. Chest.
D. Glass-front bookcase (1989 inventory #15, NATC-2831).
E. Large gilt mirror from barbershop (now in Mrs. Miller's possession).
F. Glass-front bookcase with desk (1989 inventory #16, NATC-2830).

Plan. IV. Johnson Main House First Floor, 1920s Remodeling

During this remodeling a two-story porch was added to the front of the house, in addition to city gas, electricity, and city water throughout the house. All first-floor rooms had painted plaster walls in light colors with white baseboards.

Room 101aa

This space was used as a dining room. The furniture set for this room was bought new in the 1920s and included a table, china cabinet, small buffet, sideboard, and six to eight chairs with padded seats.

A. Tilt-top wooden table previously in Room 101b.
B. Modern rectangular dining table with legs. Overhead, a white lily fixture ceiling chandelier.
C. Modern small buffet.
D. Glass-front pie safe used to display dishes. Upper and lower doors, two drawers (1989 inventory #17, NATC-8040).
E. Modern sideboard with glass candlesticks on top. Also, three-part gilt mirror above.
F. Modern china cabinet.
G. Old tall buffet with two doors, two drawers, and rolled back.

Room 101bb

This became Dr. & Mrs. Johnston's kitchen. It had linoleum over the wooden floor.

A. Oil or kerosene stove for cooking. It had four eyes, plus an oven that could be set over them.
B. At first there was only a hydrant providing water here, then later a white cast iron or porcelain sink.
C. This pie safe with wire-front doors was used to store dishes and cutlery.
D. Table with turned wood legs, chairs to match with cane bottoms. The table was usually covered with an oil cloth, with linen tablecloths also used. Dishes were washed in dishpans on this table.
E. Drop light electrical fixture in ceiling.

Room 101cc

This space continued as Mary Louise's bedroom. There was a large, plush rug in a floral design. The plaster walls were painted cream early on, then later somewhat rosey. The tall baseboards were painted white. The room had a number of chairs and tables that could be moved as necessary. At the window were heavy lace curtains in a cream color that hung to the top of the baseboard, and a matching valance. Other rooms downstairs except this one had Austrian crinkly cloth shades in a cream color. Outside shutters would be closed at night.

A. Armoire.
B. Bed with white or ecru heavy cotton counterpane, also bolsters and cover piece. The bed had a tall headboard made of a single solid piece, no tester, and a tall footboard. At first Mary Louise used her Auntee's furniture.

C. Dresser with mirror.
D. Gas heater.
E. Drop light electrical fixture in ceiling.
F. Washstand.

Room 101ee

This room became Dr. and Mrs. (Auntee) Johnston's bedroom. It had a heavy plush rug and armchairs with cane backs and bottoms that could be moved as necessary. Pulled up to the fire was often a cane rocker, the favorite chair of Teddy, the fox terrier.

A. Large armoire (later sold) brought in from Peachland Plantation, with two doors on front, as well as doors on the ends (one for hang-up, one for shelves). Inside the front were two sets of shelves, with drawers in between. Later, a washstand sat in this space.
B. After the large armoire was sold, a smaller armoire sat here.
C. Four-poster bed with tester and square tapered posts.
D. Dresser with mirror.
E. Droplight electrical fixture in ceiling.
F. Decorative iron grill in front of coal grate in fireplace (Mrs. Miller has this now). Decorative vases sat on the mantelpiece, as well as a bronze clock (later stolen) with brown marble base matching the two bronze statues from the niches by the front door.

Room 101ff

This space became a bathroom, with linoleum over the wooden floor. The window had two tiers of curtains, top and bottom, coming just to the base of the sill.

A. Marble-top washstand.
B. Commode (low, not the kind with tank up high).
C. Gas hot water heater.
D. Cast iron bathtub raised on feet.
E. White porcelain lavatory with mirror over.
F. Drop light electrical fixture in ceiling.

Room 101gg

This became the living room, with a large taupe-colored rug. The parlor set in here had three side chairs, an armchair, a settee, and a platform rocker—covered in a taupe brocade (is this the "faded brown velvet" set, 1989 inventory #1–4, now in the possession of Mrs. Lois Hawthorne?). The door had glass in it, which allowed more light to come in.

A. Gas heater.
B. Small rectangular wooden table with Renaissance revival legs (Mr. Miller has this piece). A doily was usually used on this table; lots of doilies were used throughout the house. An electrical chandelier hung overhead (still on site?). Often there was a vase of flowers on this table.
C. Sofa.
D. Glass-front bookcase (1989 inventory #15, NATC-2831).
E. Large gilt mirror from barbershop, with marble base below (in Mrs. Miller's possession).
F. Glass-front bookcase with desk top (1989 inventory #16, NATC-2830).

G. Platform rocker.
H. Lounge, dark red with deep pile (1989 inventory #5).
I. Print in wooden frame, scary subject matter such as demons.
J. Low bookcase unit with glass doors facing into living room, with open niche above usually holding bronze statue with brown marble base (Mrs. Miller has one of these) but also sometimes holding other vases (Mrs. Miller has one pink and one blue).
K. Side chair.
L. Side chair.
M. Low bookcase unit with glass doors facing into living room, with open niche above usually holding bronze statue with brown marble base (Mrs. Miller has one of these), but also sometimes holding other vases (Mrs. Miller has one pink and one blue).
N. Side chair.

Plan V. Johnson Main House, Second Floor

These spaces were not altered like the first-floor spaces during the 1920s remodeling. Some of William Johnson's unmarried daughters were living here, in addition to a boarder, Miss Pauline Elliott. In later years, a bathroom was added onto the back porch. All the spaces upstairs were wallpapered in light colors, including ceilings. Wallpapering was done by James and Willie Brandon.

Room 201

This room had a solid red pile carpet.

Room 202

This served as a bedroom for either Miss Alice or Pauline Elliott. In later years it was remodeled to be rented out, with a green ivy wallpaper and gold paper cornice. Heavy lace curtains at windows in either white or cream, hanging from wooden rods with rings. Scarves and pillows, as well as bric-a-brac, were used throughout the house. Other chairs and cane-seat rockers were scattered about.

A. Armoire.
B. Four-poster bed, later a half-tester bed (Mrs. Miller has this full set of renaissance revival bedroom furniture).
C. Dresser.
D. Table.
E. Marble-top washstand with pitcher and bowl.
F. Drop light electrical fixture in ceiling.

Room 203

This served as a living room for the upstairs apartment. After Anna Johnston's death, she was laid out in this parlor. Somewhere in here hung a pair of colored prints of sleighing scenes (Mrs. Miller has one). Mrs. Miller also has the parlor set from this room: two side chairs, armchair, love seat, settee, platform rocker. They were originally upholstered in a greenish tapestry material, with green velvet inset at the top separated by a piece of green cording. A

plush rug with a solid center and floral border was used here. Gas heaters were installed in each room during the 1920s. A window on the front was replaced with a door during the 1920s remodeling, when the porch was added to the front of the house. The porch was not screened, but had open railing. It served as an outdoor living room, with finished cane-bottom parlor chairs, arm chairs, and spindle-back rocking chairs.

A. Lounge—black leather or horsehair (1989 inventory #6, NATC-8037)
B. Large mirror from barbershop reaching to floor, with grooved wood border.
C. Small decorative table with marble top (Mrs. Miller has this).
D. Platform rocker.
E. Later, the piano was sometimes placed on this wall.
F. Settee.
G. Upright piano, sometimes moved to opposite wall.
H. Drop light electrical fixture in ceiling.
I. A large picture of a little girl with dog was placed in front of the fireplace during the summers. A picture hung over the mantel in a gilt frame. Hobnail glass vases were placed on the mantelpiece in a variety of colors. Crystal vases were also used on the mantelpiece.

Room 204

This was traditionally the master bedroom. In later years after Anna Johnston became ill and moved in from Peachland Plantation, she lived in this room. Although Mrs. Miller does not remember any sort of stove in this room, a flue seems to run up the chimney of the house behind. A pile rug was used. Cane-seat chairs and rockers were used where needed, as well as small tables.

A. Armoire.
B. Four-poster tester bed (1989 inventory #7 or 8, NATC-8015 or 2832).
C. Washstand with bowl and pitcher.
D. Dresser.
E. Drop light electrical fixture in ceiling.

Room 205

Clothes press in space under stairs.

Room 206

Stairs to attic.

Room 207

In later years, William Johnson's daughter Josephine lived in this room after moving in from Peachland Plantation.

A. Four-poster bed without tester. Iron rods around the top held lace curtains.
B. Washstand.
C. Dresser.
D. Large, upright cedar chest.
E. Drop light electrical fixture in ceiling.

Plan VI. Johnson Main House, Third Floor

Room 301

Traditionally this was "where the boys slept." Later it was used for general storage of chairs, beds, and stoves, as well as papers, magazines (*National Geographic*, *New Yorker*, *New York Times*, comic books) and other papers. Many of these went to the Mississippi Department of Archives and History. Grace MacNeil and Margaret Moss were instrumental in cleaning this space out after the house was acquired by the Preservation Society of Ellicott Hill (Natchez Garden Club).

A. A very decorative woodstove sat here with flue running into chimney space.

Plan VII. Johnson Kitchen Dependency, First Floor

There was a brick walk in front of the building and a water hydrant at the southwest corner. The downstairs space served as a kitchen and dining area for Miss Alice and the other sisters living in the upstairs apartment. Walls were plastered and painted.

Room 101

This was the dining room. The windows had frilly curtains, not heavy lace.

A. A clock sat on the mantle.
B. Two-door pie safe with wire covering the upper part of the doors.
C. China cabinet for fine china and cut glass.
D. Huge wooden ice chest.
E. Large, heavy oval dining table on pedestal base. Used with eight cane-bottom oak chairs.

Room 102

This was the kitchen area, with many tin cans and bins.

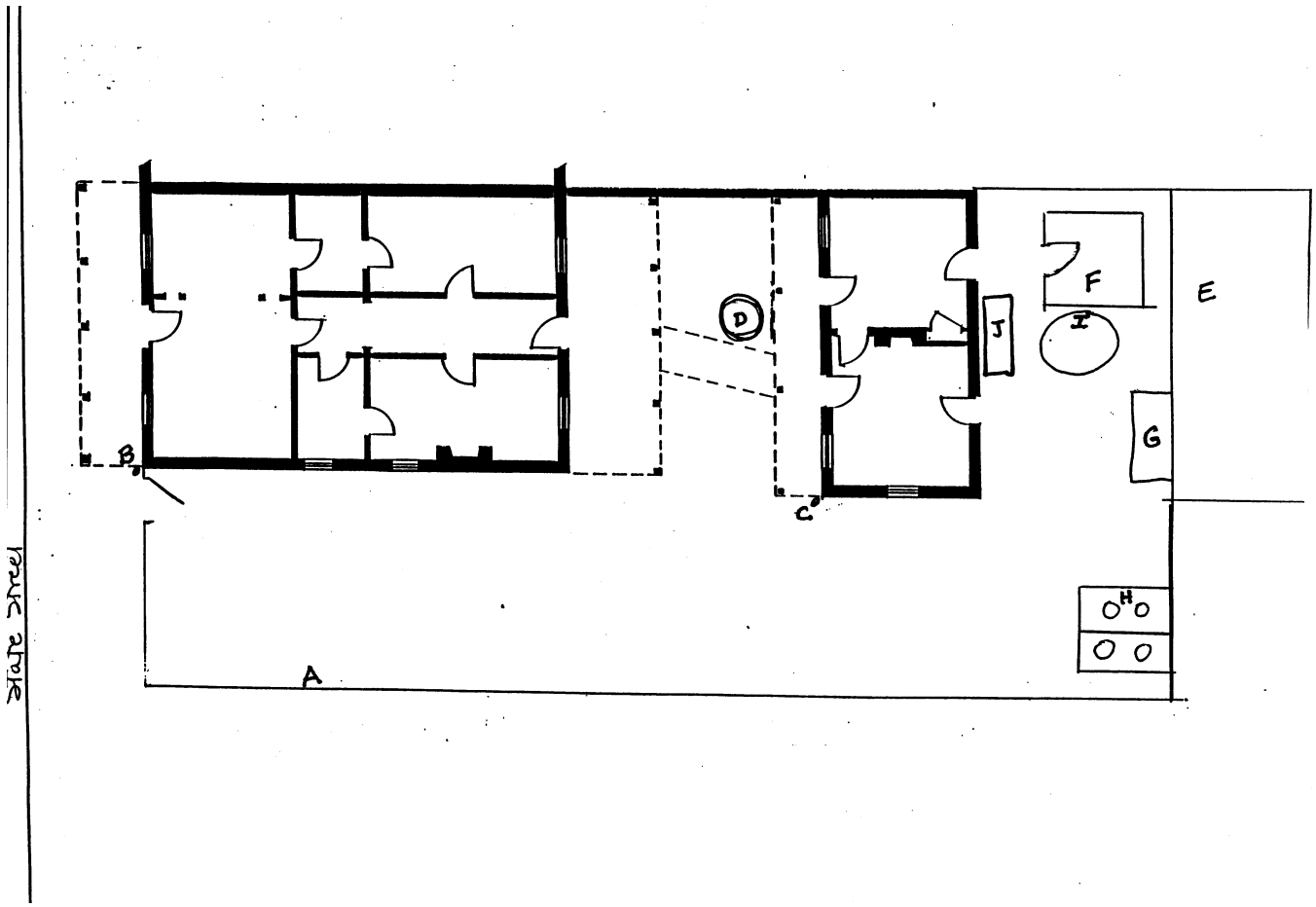
A. Large work table.
B. Wooden pantry chest with solid doors top and bottom, holding cooking utensils, food, and spices in wooden boxes.
C. Closet held dishes, including a large number of pewter plates.
D. Wood-burning kitchen stove.

Plan VIII. Johnson Kitchen Dependency, Second Floor

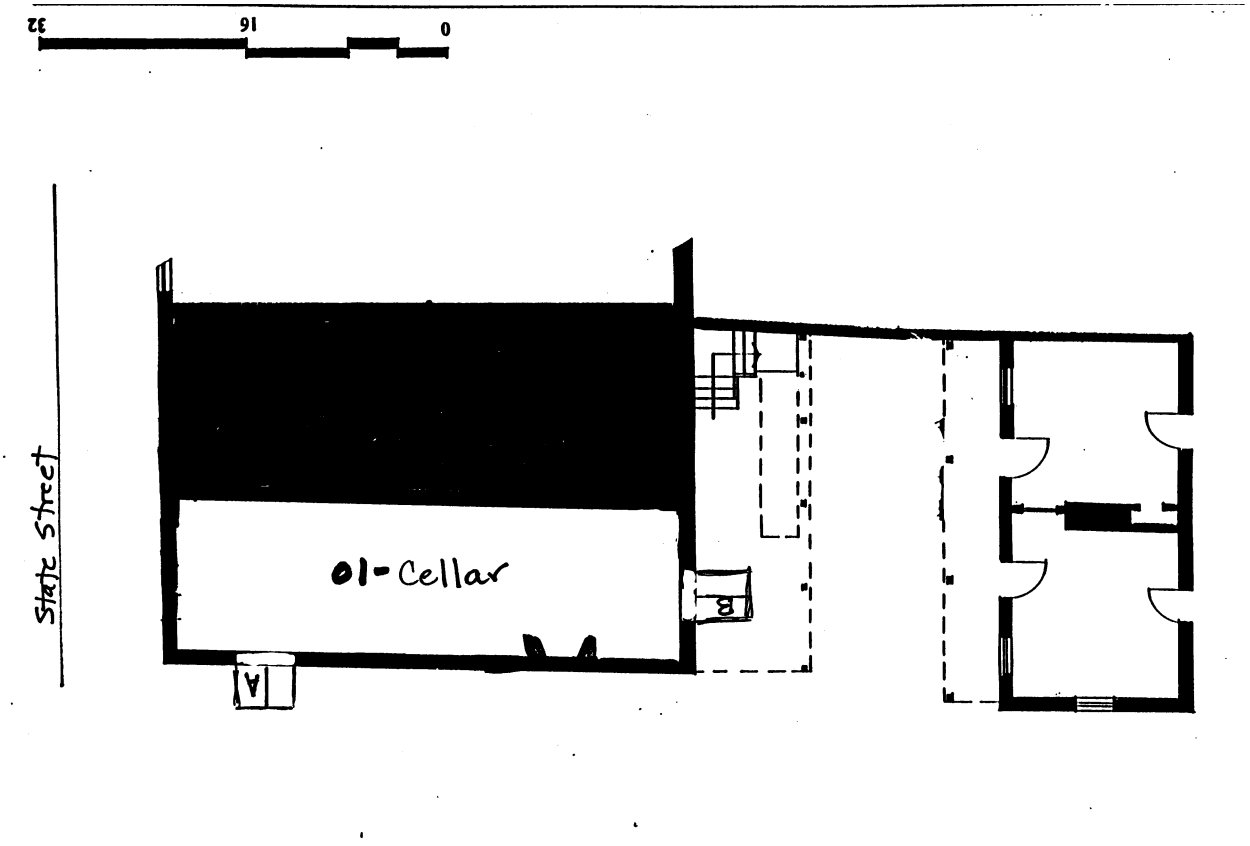
Room 201

This room was rented early on and later used for storage.

A. Oval wooden table with pedestal top.
B. Double bed.
C. Marble-top three-drawer chest.
D. Buffet from downstairs kitchen in Main House.



I. Johnson House grounds, 1920s.



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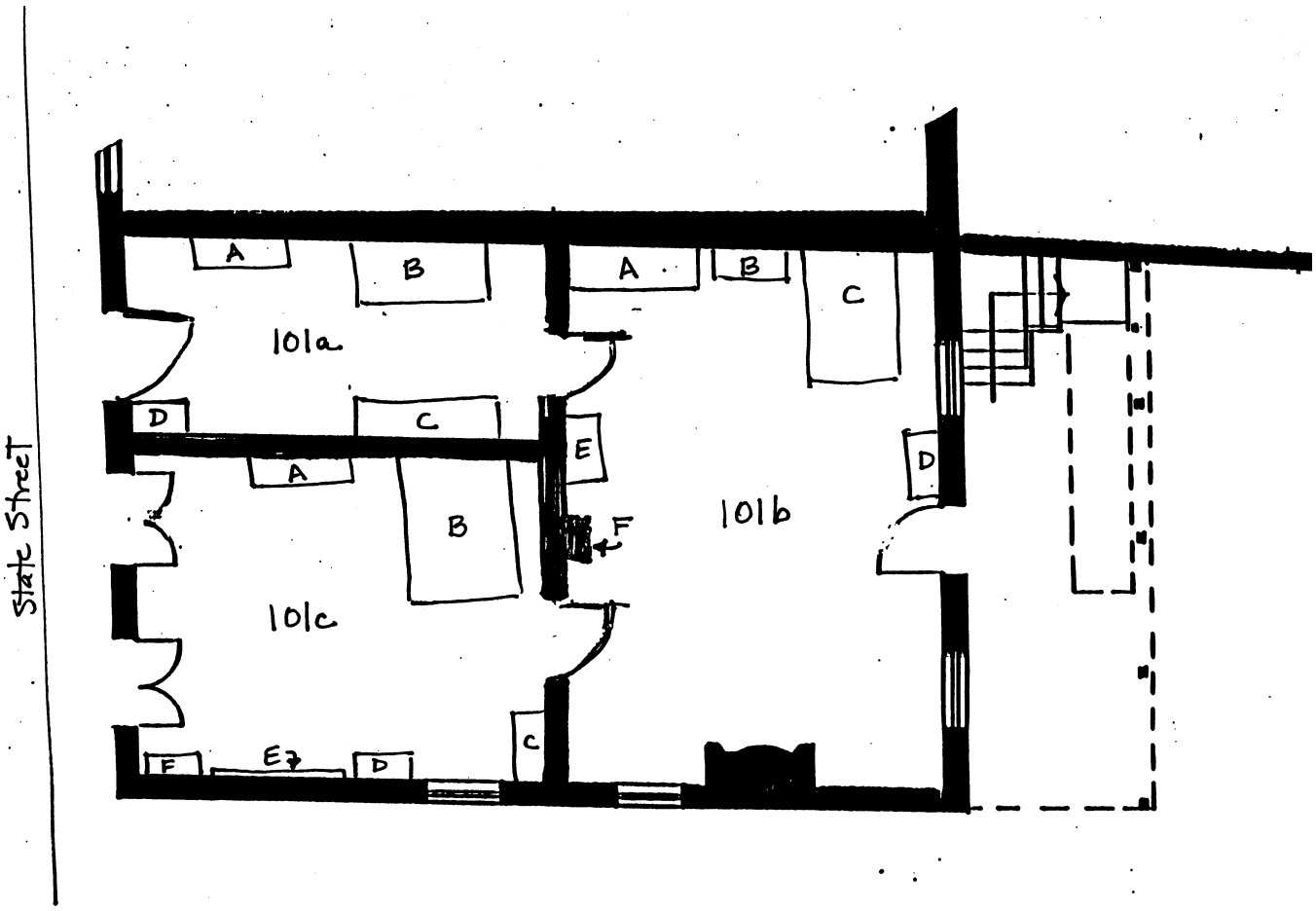
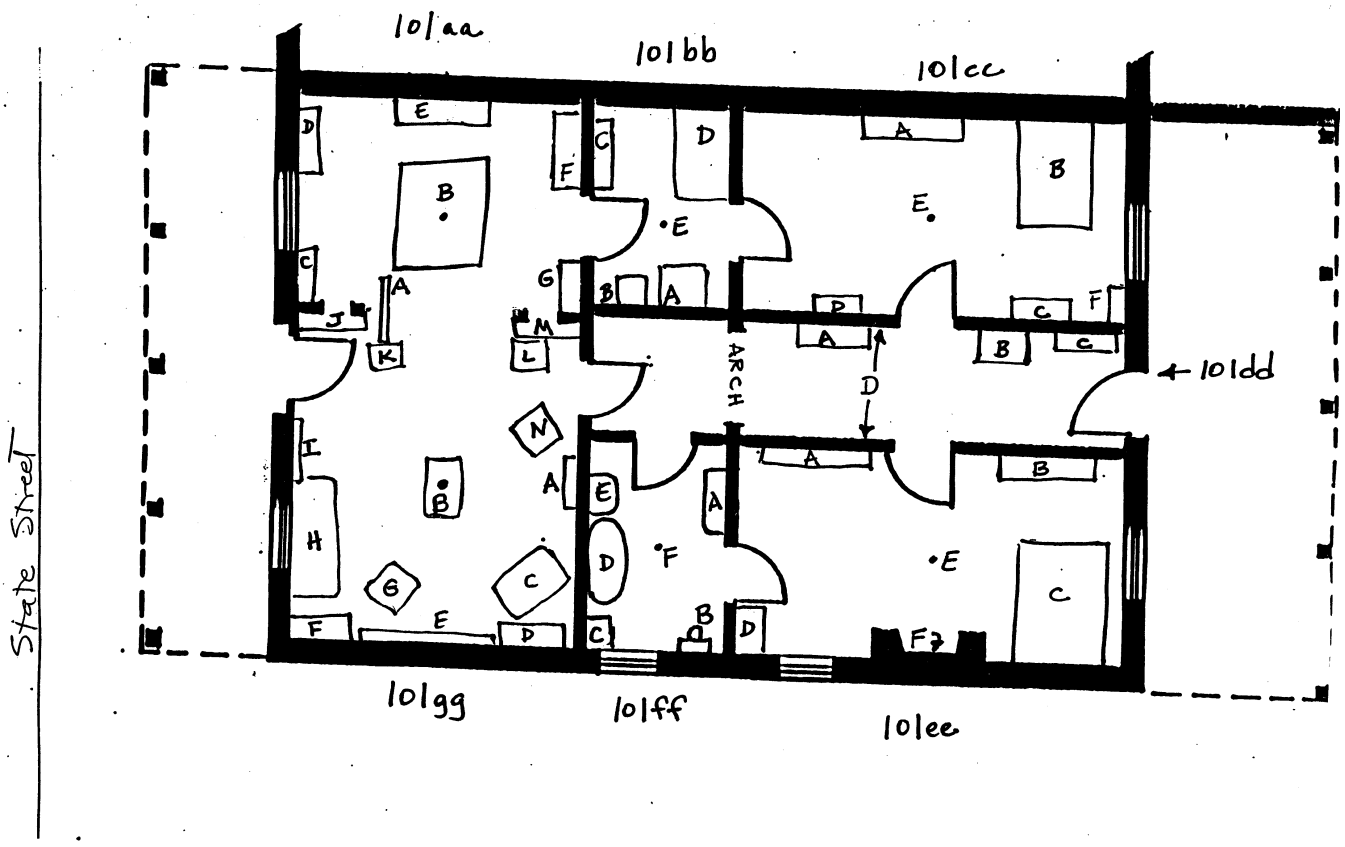
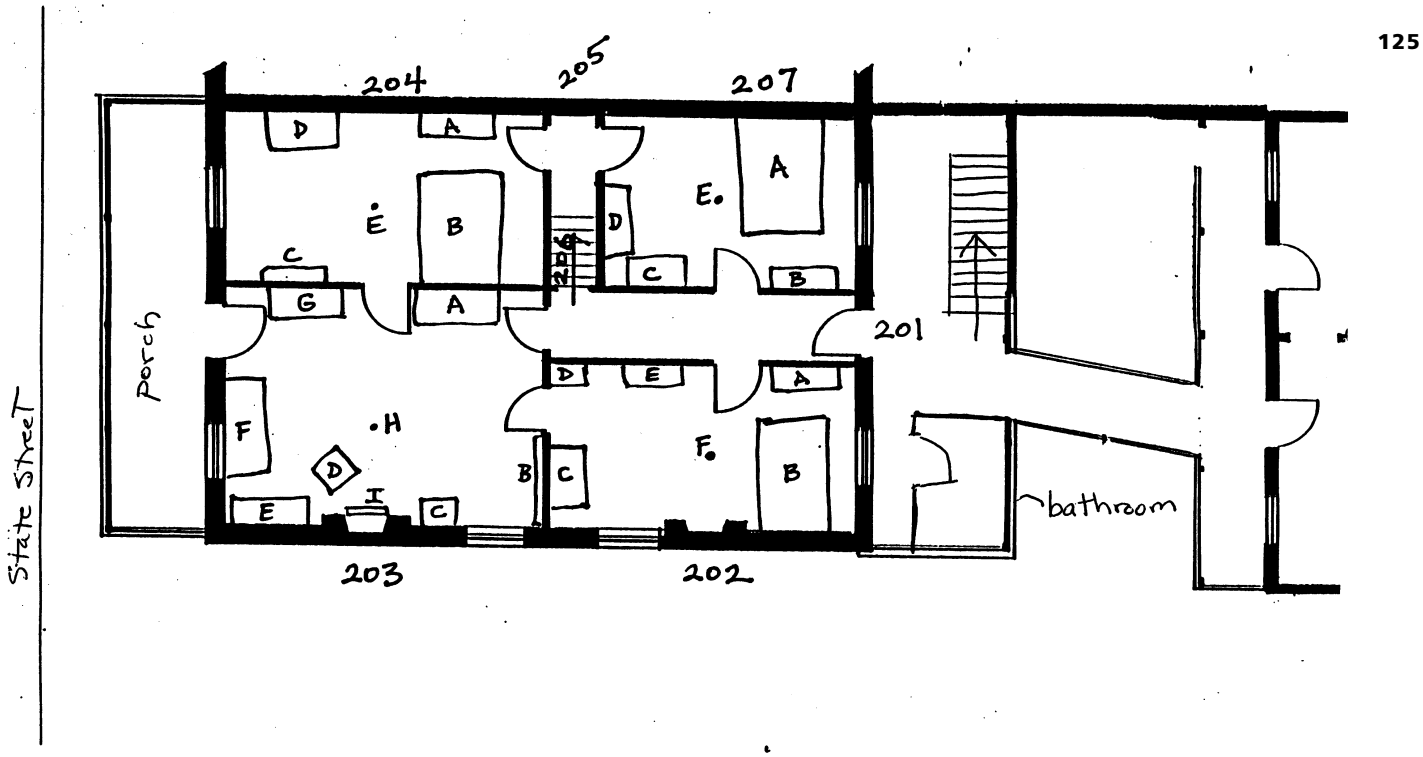


III. Johnson Main House, First Floor, 1900–20s.



IV. Johnson Main House, First Floor, 1920s remodeling.



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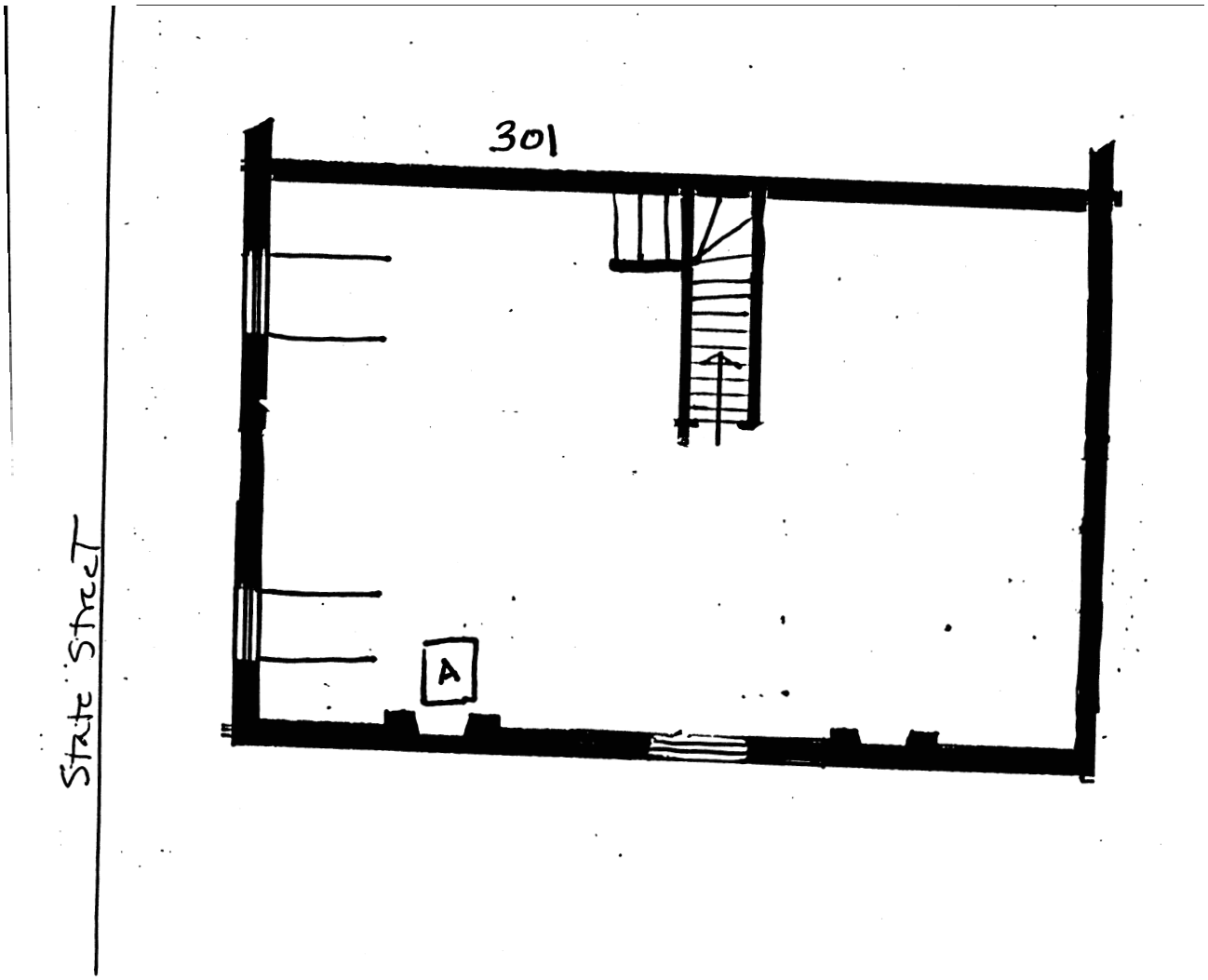

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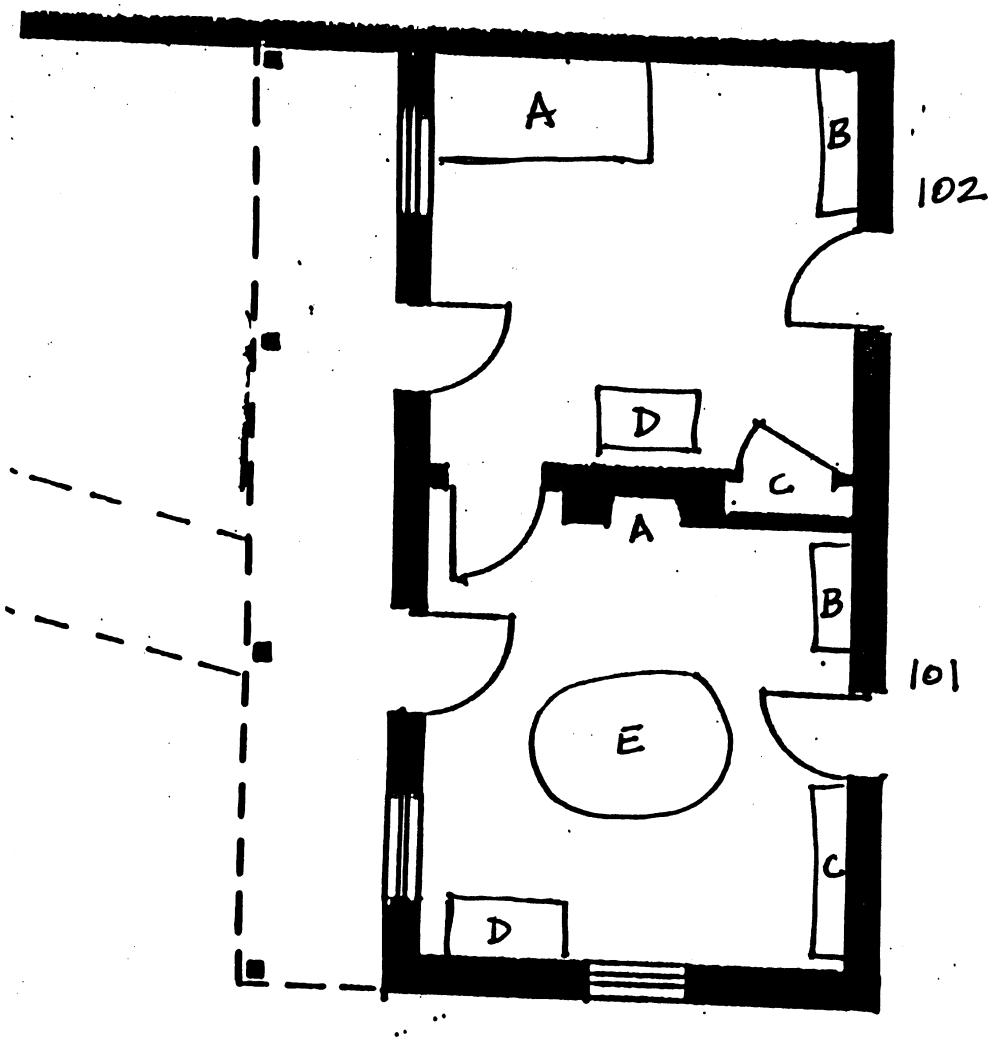

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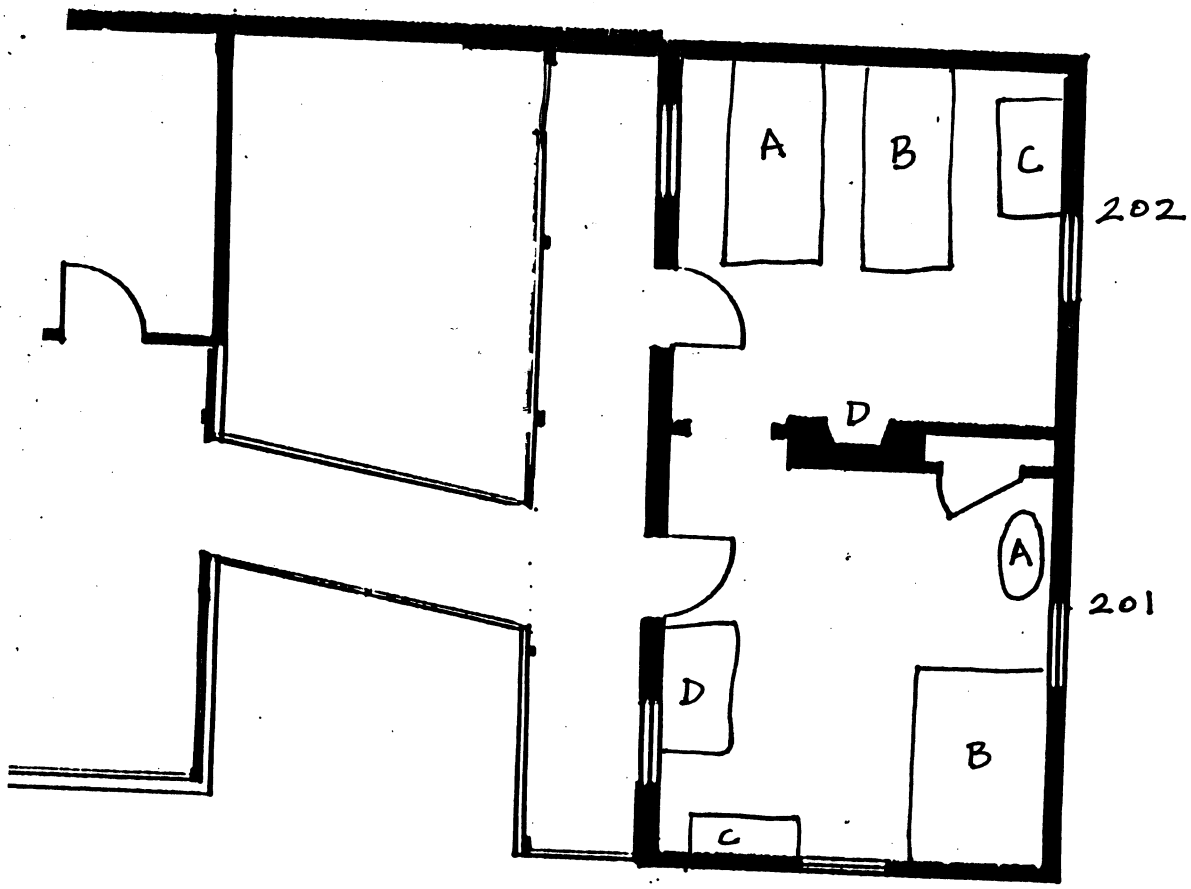

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