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**Manuscript Group 237  
Madame Alexander Doll Collection**

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34 boxes; 34 linear feet**

**Biographical Note**

Linda Jeanne Johnson (April 5, 1928-2016) was born in Henrietta, Pennsylvania. Her parents were Henry C. Riley and William H. Riley who worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad in Altoona, Pennsylvania. Having ten children, the Riley family moved to several small towns in the area. Jeanne Riley graduated the first in her class from Roaring Spring High School in 1946. After graduation, she moved to Harrisburg to find a job. She and a cousin lived in a boarding house in Penbrook, a suburb of Harrisburg, and she was hired by Bell of Pennsylvania, as a clerk in the personnel department. She met Carl L. Johnson and they were married in 1949. He was a machinist for Pennsylvania Railroad. Their only child, Carl L. Johnson, Jr., was born in 1950. Jeanne Johnson continued to work for Bell of Pennsylvania, and she retired as a Planning Engineer in the 1980s. The Johnson family lived in the house where Carl L. Johnson, Sr. was born in 1925, and they continued to live there until 1970 when they built a new house and moved to Dauphin, Pennsylvania.

**Scope and Content**

This collection includes boxed Madame Alexander Dolls. Each doll is in the original box from the Alexander Doll Company. Most of these dolls (circa 1950s-1970s) were bought from Pomeroy's Department Store and are in pristine condition.

**Provenance**

This collection was donated by Carl Johnson in 2019, the Madame Alexander Dolls were collected by his mother Linda Jeanne Johnson.

**Restrictions**

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**Processor**

The collection was organized and the finding aid was updated by Harrison Wick on March 19, 2019.

**Container List**

**Box 1 Sleeping Beauty (1595)**

**Box 2 Cinderella (1548)**

**Box 3 Gone With The Wind (1590)**

**Box 4 Snow White (1555)**

**Box 5 Victoria (5760)**

- Box 6 Mommies Pet (7136)**
- Box 7 Elise (1685)**
- Box 8 Elise (1655)**
- Box 9 Fairy Godmother (1550)**
- Box 10 Elise (1650)**
- Box 11 Heidi (1580)**
- Box 12 Mimi (1411)**
- Box 13 Alice (1552)**
- Box 14 Rebecca (1585)**
- Box 15 Goldilocks (1520)**
- Box 16 Marme (1324)**
- Box 17 Amy (1320)**
- Box 18 Poor Cinderella (1540)**
- Box 19 McGuffey Ana (1525)**
- Box 20 Laurie (1326)**
- Box 21 Beth (1321)**
- Box 22 Jo (1322)**
- Box 23 Scarlett (1385)**
- Box 24 Meg (1323)**
- Box 25 Carmen (1410)**
- Box 26 Lucinda (1535)**
- Box 27 Degas Girl (1575)**
- Box 28 Sweet Baby (3630)**
- Box 29 Renoir (1578)**
- Box 30 Sargent (1576)**
- Box 31 Napoleon (1330)**
- Box 32 Rhett (1380)**
- Box 33 Little Huggums (4810)**
- Box 34 Josephine (1335)**