

# John Johnson

John Johnson was an African American photographer in turn-of-the-century Lincoln, Nebraska. He was the son of an escaped slave and spent most of his life performing odd manual labor jobs. But today, John Johnson is remembered for his photographic legacy. Through his photographs, Johnson chronicled the story of African American Lincolmites in the 1910s and '20s and the hopes and dreams of the New Negro Movement. He produced hundreds of photographs and glass negatives in his lifetime, but did not gain renown until after his death in 1953. Today, his images are housed at the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, DC as well as in private collections.



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