

# John Jordan Crittenden letter

## Descriptive Summary

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<b>Creator:</b>	Crittenden, John J., (John Jordan), 1787-1863.
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## Biographical/Historical Note

John Jordan Crittenden (1787-1863) was born September 10, 1787. He attended the College of William and Mary, graduating in 1807. In 1809 he became the Attorney-General for the Illinois Territory. During the War of 1812, Crittenden served as aide-de-camp to General Sam Hopkins, then in the 1st Kentucky Militia. In 1813, he received a commendation for his work during the Battle of Thames. Crittenden was elected Secretary of State of Kentucky in 1834. He served many terms on the Senate, and became governor of Kentucky in 1848. Crittenden campaigned against Kentucky's secession from the Union prior to the Civil War. He married three times, and had five sons and two daughters. Of his sons, one fought for the Union army, while another served the Confederacy. Crittenden died in Frankfort, Kentucky, on July 26, 1863.

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## Scope and Content Note

This collection contains one letter, dated October 15, 1825, from John Jordan Crittenden to Robert Scott of Lexington, Kentucky, regarding a lawsuit, Bowdry's heirs v. McConnell.

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## Index Terms

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