

Milledge Family papers

Descriptive Summary

Repository:	Georgia Historical Society
Creator:	Milledge, John, 1721-1781.
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Biographical/Historical Note

John Milledge I (ca. 1721-1781) came in the first group of settlers to Georgia in February, 1733, along with his parents, brothers, and sisters. His father died in July, 1733, and his mother died in June, 1734. John, being the oldest, took charge of the family. He went back to England for a short period, soon returned to Georgia. James Edward Oglethorpe took an interest in him and in 1741 had Milledge appointed as overseer for a "certain public work." In 1742, he was appointed Captain of Rangers by Oglethorpe, a position he held for many years. He was a member of the first Colonial Assembly of Georgia in 1751; for many years he represented Christ Church Parish in the Commons House of Assembly. He became a wealthy land and slave owner. He married Ann Skidaway Smith (born in Georgia, 1734); they had one son, John Milledge II. After losing his wife in 1763, Milledge I remarried to Ann Rasberry, the widow of Thomas Rasberry.

John Milledge II (1757-1818) was the only son of John Milledge I and Ann (Smith) Milledge. A prominent lawyer, he sided with the patriots at the outbreak of the Revolutionary War and took an active military part. He was Attorney-General of Georgia in 1780 and a member of the Georgia House of Representatives from 1782 until 1790. In 1792, Milledge II became a member of the U.S. Congress, serving until 1801. He was then elected governor of Georgia, 1802-1806, after which he served on the U.S. Senate, 1806-1809.

John Milledge III (1814-1872) was the son of John Milledge II and his second wife, Ann Lamar. He was a lawyer and a member of the Georgia Legislature. He married Catherine Elliott Habersham, the daughter of Richard Wylly Habersham.

Scope and Content Note

This collection contains the papers of John Milledge I, John Milledge II, and John Milledge III. They are divided into the following groups: personal papers, legal documents, miscellaneous, and photocopies. The last three folders contain photocopies of some of the papers of John Milledge II held by various institutions. The collection also includes a microfilm roll of Milledge correspondence belonging to the Duke University Library.

Index Terms

Bonds (negotiable instruments)
Deeds.
Georgia--Boundaries--North Carolina.
Georgia. General Assembly.
Habersham, Richard Wylly, 1786-1842.
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Milledge, John, 1814-1872.
Oglethorpe, James Edward, 1696-1785.
Pamphlets.
Passports.
Plats (maps)
Poems.
St. Paul's Parish (Ga.)
Stephens, William, 1752-1819.

Location of Originals

Photocopies of the papers of John Milledge II from originals in the Library of Congress, National Archives, New York Historical Society, Pennsylvania Historical Society, State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Georgia Society of the Colonial Dames of America, Duke University Library, J. Pierpont Morgan Library, and the Georgia Department of Archives and History.

Microfilm roll of Milledge correspondence from originals in Duke University Library.

Physical and Technical Access Restrictions

Microfilm reader required to access some correspondence.

Administrative Information

Custodial History

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Restrictions

Access Restrictions

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Container List

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1 Personal papers, 1742-1851

Appointment of John Milledge I as Quartermaster of English Rangers, 1742 March 29, 1.0 p.
signed by James Edward Oglethorpe and Frances Moore, Secretary. Photocopy.

John Milledge II to James Turner, Governor of North Carolina. Executive Dept., Louisville, Ga.,
1805 February 5, 2.0 p.

Regarding Georgia-North Carolina boundary dispute; comments on outrages committed by North
Carolina armed forces.

John Milledge II to David B. Mitchell. Near Augusta, 1816 November 5, 3.0 p.

Introducing Dr. Milledge Galphin who wants to lay before the General Assembly a claim of his
grandfather, George Galphin.

George White to John Milledge III. Marietta, Ga., 1851 October 9, 2.0 p.

Requesting information regarding John Milledge II needed for his *Historical Collections of Georgia*.

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2 Legal documents, 1761-1777

Bond, Thomas Stevens to John Milledge, 1761 May 6, 1.0 p.

Land grant by King George III to John Rae for 600 acres in St. Pauls Parish, 1765 October 29,
1.0 p.

printed form filled in. Certified copy.

Certificate stating that George Galphin had entered a memorial for 499 acres in St. Pauls Parish,
1765 November 30, 1.0 p.

Printed form filled in.

Deed of Conveyance, John and Sarah Clookler, alias Glickler, of South Carolina to James
Grierson of Georgia, for 50 acres in Granville County, S.C., 1771 September 5, 2.0 p.

Deed of Conveyance and release in fee, William Norton to John Milledge of 50 acres on the north
end of Skidaway Island, 1777 July 2 and 3, 3.0 p.

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3 Legal documents, 1787-1794

Agreement between James Milledge, brother of John Milledge I, and Richard Wylly on sale of 404 acres of land, 1787 May 18

Release, John Milledge II and Martha, his wife, to William Stephens, Seaborn Jones and Thomas Galphin, 490 acres in Augusta in trust, 1794 September 16, 5.0 p.

Plats of farm lots in Tyrconnell Tything, Derby Ward, undated. One states, "formerly the property of my father;" another, "Bounded northwardly by Lot No. 4 the Residence of J. Milledge"

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4 Miscellaneous, 1796-1820

Certified copy of the Will of Jacob Waldburger, Certified, December 17, 1796 January 4, 1799, 7.0 p.

Memorial & c. To the Honourable the Senate and House of Representatives of the State of Georgia: The Memorials of Milledge Galphin..., undated, 30.0 p.
Pamphlet.

"Savannah on the Morning of the 11th January 1820;" poem by Richard W. Habersham
Regarding the fire of 1820. Bears note, dated April 6, 1889, "Composed by my father Richard W. Habersham and written by him." (C.H.M.) Catherine Habersham Milledge.

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5 Photocopies. Correspondence and other papers of John Milledge II, 1785-1802 (18.0 items.)

Letters of John Milledge to Seaborn Jones, Charles Harris, Joseph Clay, William Belcher; letters to Milledge from Abraham Baldwin, Thomas Jefferson. Also a bill of sale, Milledge to Richard Call, for horses.

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6 Photocopies. Correspondence and other papers of John Milledge II, 1803-1804 (19.0 items.)

Letters to Milledge from Albert Gallatin, Thomas Mounger, John Holland, Henry Dearborn, Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Baldwin, David B. Mitchell, Robert Smith, James Madison; letters from Milledge to James Turner, Thomas Jefferson. Also included are memorial of John Holland, Georgia passport of Hugh Irwin.

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- 7 Photocopies. Correspondence and other papers of John Milledge II, 1805-1813 (22.0 items.)
Letters from Milledge to James Madison, Henry Dearborn, Robert Smith, Charles Harris, Samuel Otis, Thomas Jefferson, Seaborn Jones, John Langdon; letters to Milledge from Hugh McCall, James Madison, Abraham Baldwin, Thomas Jefferson, Augustus M. Clayton.

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