

# James Moore Wayne papers

## Descriptive Summary

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## Biographical/Historical Note

James Moore Wayne (ca.1790-1867), Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, was born in Savannah. After graduating from Princeton in 1808, he studied law in Savannah and was admitted to the bar in 1810. During the War of 1812 he was an officer in the Georgia Hussars, a local cavalry organization. After the war, Wayne served in the Georgia House of Representatives, 1815-1816. He served in the Georgia General Assembly, 1821-1823 and as Mayor of Savannah, 1823-1825. From 1829 to 1835, Wayne served in the House of Representatives was appointed Associate Justice of the Supreme Court on January 9, 1835, a position he held until his death. Wayne's accomplishments as an Associate Justice include work on the *Waring vs. Clarke* case and a focus on acquired lands from foreign countries. On July 5, 1867, Wayne died from typhoid fever in Washington. He is buried in Laurel Grove Cemetery in Savannah.

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## Scope and Content Note

This collection contains 13 items of correspondence and miscellaneous papers, dating 1848-1863. Subjects covered include the Mexican War and subsequent treaty, the Dred Scott court case, the presidential election of 1861, and various legal matters. The collection is arranged chronologically.

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## Index Terms

Georgia Historical Society.  
Justices (people in law)  
Letters (correspondence)  
Mexican War, 1846-1848.  
Mexico--Foreign relations--1821-1861.  
Orders (military records)  
Rush, Benjamin, 1811-1877.  
Scott, Dred, 1809-1858.  
United States--Foreign relations--1783-1865.  
Wayne, James Moore, 1790-1867.

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## Administrative Information

### Custodial History

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## Container List

### Fldr

- 1 Item 1: James M. Wayne to Col. M. Myers. Savannah, 1848 April 2 ( 4.0 p. )  
Says he is returning to Washington for a term of the Supreme Court; comments on the treaty with Mexico and the situation in France; news of Savannahians and business prospects; collections for building a hall for the Georgia Historical Society.

### Fldr

- 1 Item 2: General Orders, No. 47. War Department, Adjutant General's Office, Washington, 1848 August 24 ( 19.0 p. ) (Pamphlet.) **View online.**  
Contains list of brevets conferred by the President for "gallant and meritorious conduct" in the Mexican War. Henry C. Wayne, son of J.M. Wayne, is brevetted Major.  
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### Fldr

- 1 Item 3: Benjamin Rush to J.M. Wayne. Pittsburgh, Pa., 1857 June 10 ( 4.0 p. )  
Regarding the resolution on the Dred Scott case which he wrote for the Pennsylvania State Convention.

### Fldr

- 1 Item 4: Benjamin Rush to J.M. Wayne. Philadelphia, Pa., 1857 June 18 ( 3.0 p. )  
Same as above.

## Fldr

- 1 Item 5: C.C. Cambreleng to J.M. Wayne. Huntington, 1860 March 20 ( 1.0 p. )  
Commends Wayne on his charge to the Georgia Jury on the slave trade.

## Fldr

- 1 Item 6: Benjamin Rush to J.M. Wayne. Philadelphia, 1860 June 9 ( 2.0 p. )  
Enclosing a copy of a letter he wrote to an unnamed person, dated June 17, 1860. 8 p. Suggesting the nomination of John C. Breckenridge or Judge Wayne for President on the Democratic ticket.

## Fldr

- 1 Item 7: James W. Gerard to James M. Wayne. New York, 1860 November 1 ( 3.0 p. ) **View online.**  
Gives his opinion on the approaching Presidential election, comments on Abraham Lincoln and the Republican Party. Photocopy filed with it.  
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## Fldr

- 1 Item 8: Benjamin C. Howard to J.M. Wayne. Roslyn, 1861 September 14 ( 1.0 p. )  
Says he is resigning as Secretary of the Supreme Court to run for the Governorship of New York.

## Fldr

- 1 Item 9: W.W. Seaton, 1861 December 11 ( 1.0 p. )  
Regarding the distribution of the Annals of Congress.

## Fldr

- 1 Item 10: Ogden Hoffman to James M. Wayne. San Francisco, California, 1863 September 3 ( 10.0 p. )  
Commenting on Judge Nathan Clifford's opinion of a case involving Mexican land, the Quicksilver Mining Co. and the Almaden Co.

## Fldr

- 1 Item 11: William Brodie to J.M. Wayne. London, 1863 December 5 ( 4.0 p. )  
Regarding the case of the British barque Springbok and the decision of the District Court of New York.

## Fldr

- 1 Item 12: R.R. Cuyler to J.M. Wayne, undated ( 2.0 p. )  
Regarding an impending court case in Camden County, Ga.

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- 1 Item 13: Mary J. Wayne to Mrs. Beck, undated ( 2.0 p. )  
Regarding the death of an unnamed friend; mentions Mrs. Harvil.