

John Wroughton Mitchell letters

Descriptive Summary

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Biographical/Historical Note

John Wroughton Mitchell, son of John Hinckley Mitchell, was born on May 26, 1796 in Charleston, South Carolina. Mitchell was elected Charleston city attorney in October 1817. That same year, he began his law practice in Charleston and became active in Episcopal affairs there. In 1827, Mitchell allowed John Charles Freemont to study under him and eventually sent Freemont to John Robertson's preparatory school in Charleston.

In 1832, Mitchell held "offices of justice and notary" in Charleston and was an opponent of John C. Calhoun in the nullification crisis. Mitchell moved to New York City around 1833 and continued his law practice there. He also served as Commissioner of Deeds of South Carolina in New York City. He was a founder of churches and active in Episcopal affairs in the city. During the Civil War, Mitchell was a Peace Democrat in New York City. He died in July of 1878.

Scope and Content Note

Three of the five letters in this collection are from John J. Mayer to John Mitchell of Charleston, South Carolina. They were written from Savannah, Georgia between September 10, 1829 and November 2, 1829, and they relate to Mitchell's help in selling Mayer's Charleston property. A letter dated March 24, 1834, from William Brownjohn in Savannah to Mitchell, sends Stephen Britton's promissory note and introduces a John D. Street. The fifth letter, dated February 28, 1840, from Richard D. Arnold in Savannah to Mitchell, concerns the health of a Mr. Green and mentions Arnold's wife and nieces.

Index Terms

Arnold, Richard D., (Richard Dennis), 1808-1876.
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Letters (correspondence)
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Container List

Item 1: John J. Mayer to John W. Mitchell. Savannah, Georgia, 1829 September 10 (1.0 p.)

Asking Mitchell to help him see his property in Charleston, South Carolina.

Item 2: John J. Mayer to John W. Mitchell. Savannah, Georgia, 1829 October 14 (1.0 p.)

Inquires whether or not the property has been sold.

Item 3: John J. Mayer to John W. Mitchell. Savannah, Georgia, 1829 november 2 (1.0 p.)

Urges quick sale of the Charleston property as it is unproductive and discusses the division of proceeds from the sale.

Item 4: William Brownjohn to John W. Mitchell. Savannah, Georgia, 1834 March 24 (1.0 p.)

Sending Stephen Britton's promissory note and introducing John D. Street.

Item 5: Richard D. Arnold to John W. Mitchell. Savannah, Georgia, 1840 February 28 (1.0 p.)

Concerning the health of a Mr. Green; mentions his Arnold's wife and nieces.