

## John Milledge letter

### Descriptive Summary

<b>Repository:</b>	Georgia Historical Society
<b>Creator:</b>	Milledge, John, 1757-1818.
<b>Title:</b>	John Milledge letter
<b>Dates:</b>	1793
<b>Extent:</b>	0.05 cubic feet (1 folder)
<b>Identification:</b>	MS 1796

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### Biographical/Historical Note

John Milledge, II (1757-1818) was born in Savannah, Georgia, the only son of John Milledge (1721-1781) and Ann (Smith) Milledge. A prominent lawyer, Milledge sided with the patriots and fought in the Revolutionary War, served as Attorney-General of Georgia in 1780, as a member of the Georgia House of Representatives (1782-1790), as a member of the United States Congress (1792-1801), as Governor of Georgia (1802- 1806), and as a United States Senator (1806-1809).

In 1801, Milledge purchased a 633 acre tract of land for \$4,000 and named it "Athens" in honor of Greece's ancient center of culture and learning. He was a key figure in the establishment of the University of Georgia. Not only was he on the committee that decided the location of the institution, but he donated the 633 acre tract of land where the university and the city of Athens now stand.

The Georgia state legislature called for the establishment of a town to be named after Milledge in 1803 and one year later Milledgeville became Georgia's fourth capital. Milledgeville, located in Baldwin County, served as Georgia's state capital from 1804 until 1868.

Milledge resigned his Senate seat in 1809 and returned to Georgia to be with his wife, Martha Galphin Milledge, who was very ill and later died. John Milledge died at Sand Hills, his plantation near Augusta, Georgia, on 9 February 1818 and is buried in Summerville Cemetery in Augusta, Georgia.

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### Scope and Content Note

This collection contains one letter from John Milledge to James Jackson dated 10 January 1793. In the letter Milledge, who was serving as a freshman member of Congress representing Georgia in the United States House of Representatives, congratulates Jackson on his reelection to the United States Senate. Milledge also comments on repercussions suffered by Jackson regarding Jackson's vote for Milledge and Abraham Baldwin, Waldburger's (probably Jacob Waldburger's) good conduct, Georgia's strained relations with the Indians, and the Marquis de Lafayette's "base treachery". Also included in the collection is a transcript of the letter created by the donor with historical notes, biographical notes on Milledge and Jackson, and a note on the provenance of the 1793 letter.

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### Index Terms

Baldwin, Abraham, 1754-1807.

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Jackson, James, 1757-1806.

Lafayette, Marie Joseph Paul Yves Roch Gilbert Du Motier, marquis de, 1757-1834.

Letters (correspondence)

Milledge, John, 1757-1818.

Steele, John, 1764-1815.

Waldburger, Jacob.

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