



Mitchell & Horlbeck legal collection, 1870-1955 SCHS 505.00

Creator: Mitchell & Horlbeck law firm

Description: 25 linear ft. (61 boxes)

Biographical/Historical note: Law firm of Charleston, S.C. In 1877 Julian A. Mitchell (1836-1907), who had earlier practiced law with William Whaley (1817-1879) and William D. Clancy (born ca. 1835), formed a partnership with Henry A. M. Smith (1853-1924). Julian A. Mitchell's son Julian Mitchell (1867-1960) succeeded him as a partner in the firm of Mitchell & Smith, and later, Julian Mitchell was a partner in the firm of Mitchell & Horlbeck, which was established around 1921. Frederick H. Horlbeck joined the firm of Mitchell & Smith around 1908, and Henry A. M. Smith continued as a partner until 1911. His son, John Julius Pringle Smith (born 1887) was also a member of the firm of Mitchell & Smith.

Scope and content: This collection consists of bound volumes, mostly letter books and form books, generated by several related law firms in Charleston (S.C.). The earliest volume (1870-1872), an indexed letter book, contains copies of correspondence of the firm of Whaley, Mitchell & Clancy. Correspondents include F. L. Cardoza (Cardozo), J. W. Grace, Jones & Ashford, E. W. M. Mackey, Gustav Staeven, Carlos Tracy, Ulman & Gazzam (a New York law firm), and Thomas H. Willingham.

Records of the law firm of Mitchell & Smith date from 1875 to 1921. A form book (1878-1880) contains decrees, orders, affidavits, and complaints. Also included in this volume is a page of rental accounts for Ashley Hall Plantation, listing 43 tenants and acreage rented. Names of individuals and businesses appearing in its index include Lawton & Sons, William K. Trapman, George A. Trenholm & Son, and Mrs. Elizabeth C. Wickenberg. Names appearing in subsequent volumes (1880-1889) include Klinck, Wickenberg & Company, the Agricultural Society of South Carolina, the Fourth National Bank, the Liberian Exodus Association, Henry Behrens, Riordan & Dawson, Oddfellow Lodge, William K. Ryan, Francis Vose, the Virginia Fire & Marine Insurance Company, Anna Wigfall, Calvin Claflin, H. M. Comer & Company, W. M. Lawton & Sons, Creekside Plantation, Shoolbred Farm (near Flat Rock, N.C.), R. C. Barkley, G. W. Klinck, Anna Walpole, the Sea Island Steamboat Company, A. Bequest, Charleston Phosphate Company, Caroline Carson (Dunham v. Carson), T. W. Stanland, Sarah Morgan Dawson, the News & Courier Company, the Yemassee & Walterboro Railroad Company, Frederick W. Bound, Julian Fishburne, and the Palmer Manufacturing Company. Form books of the 1880s also include an abstract of title for Lems Bluff Plantation, a second list of renters at Ashley Hall Plantation, and a drawing of a house "at 10 Mile Hill." A "Subject Index to Forms" is dated 1910.

Records of Mitchell & Horlbeck, mostly letter books and form books, begin in 1921 and continue until 1955. A fourth law firm is represented by a form book (1951-1953) of Cornish & Horlbeck.

Note: Related material can be found in separate collections of the records of Whaley, Mitchell & Clancy, Mitchell & Smith, and Mitchell & Horlbeck.

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Law firms -- South Carolina -- Charleston.
Ashley Hall Plantation (S.C.)

Container listing:

Box 1

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Whaley, Mitchell & Clancy letter book, 1870-1872. Indexed volume; correspondents include F. L. Cardoza (Cardozo), J. W. Grace, William Hunter, Jones & Ashford, E. W. [M.] Mackey, Gustav Staeven, Carlos Tracy, Ulman & Gazzam (a New York law firm), and Thomas H. Willingham.

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Mitchell & Smith form book (no. 1), 1875-1878. Contains copies of case and court records including decrees, orders, affidavits, complaints, etc. Names of individuals and businesses appearing in the index include those of Lawton & Sons, William K. Trapman, George A. Trenholm & Son, and Mrs. E. [C.] Wickenberg.

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Mitchell & Smith form book (no. 2), 1878-1879. Names in the index include Klinck, Wickenberg & Company, the Presbyterian Church of James Island, and Anna Wigfall.

Box 2

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Mitchell & Smith form book (no. 3), May 1878 – March 1880. This volume includes a page (p. 42) of rental accounts for Ashley Hall Plantation listing 43 tenants and acreage rented. Names of

cases in the index include those of Hopkinson v. Coffin; Klinck, Wickenberg & Company v. Black & Godfrey; and Trapman v. Coffin.

2

Mitchell & Smith form book (no. 4), March 1880 – April 1881. Names in the index include those of the Agricultural Society of South Carolina; Henry Behrens; the Fourth National Bank; Klinck, Wickenberg & Company; Lemms (or Lems) Bluff Plantation (abstract of title); Liberian Exodus Association; Riordan & Dawson; Oddfellow Lodge; W. K. Ryan; Francis Vose; the Virginia Fire & Marine Insurance Company; and Anna Wigfall.

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Mitchell & Smith form book (no. 5), April 1881 – April 1882. Names in index include those of Calvin Claflin; H. M. Comer & Company; Creekside Plantation; W. M. Lawton & Sons; Riordan & Dawson; Trapman v. Merrick; and William K. Ryan. There is also a list (pages 212-213) of members of the Zion Presbyterian Church.

Box 3

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Mitchell & Smith form book (no. 6), April 1882 – Feb. 1883. Includes a list of renters at Ashley Hall Plantation and amounts of rent paid (pages 451-453). Names in index include those of Calvin Claflin; and Klinck, Wickenberg & Company.

2

Mitchell & Smith form book (no. 7), Feb. 1883 – Jan. 1884. Names in index include Brandt v. Brandt; Klinck, Wickenberg & Company; and Shoolbred Farm (located near Flat Rock, N.C.).

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Mitchell & Smith form book (no. 8), Jan. 1884 – August 1884. Names in index include R. C. Barkley; G. W. Klinck; W. K. Ryan; and Anna Walpole.

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Mitchell & Smith form book (no. 9), August 1884 – October 1885. Names in index include R. C. Barkley; G. W. Klinck; W. K. Ryan; and the Sea Island Steamboat Company.

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Mitchell & Smith form book (no. 10), October 1885 – August 1887. Names in index include the Agricultural Society of South Carolina; A. Bequest; R. C. Barkley; Charleston Phosphate Company; Caroline Carson (Dunham v. Carson); Klinck, Wickenberg & Company; the Sea Island Steamboat Company; and T. W. Stanland.

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Mitchell & Smith form book (no. 11), August 1887 – September 1889. Names in index include Sarah Morgan Dawson; News & Courier Company; and the Yemassee & Walterboro Railroad Company.

Box 5

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Mitchell & Smith form book, August 1889 – October 1890. Names in index include Frederick W. Bound; Julian Fishburne; Palmer Manufacturing Company; Elizabeth C. Wickenberg; and the Yemassee & Walterboro Railroad. Drawings of “Lillienthal’s house at 10 Mile Hill” appear on pages 358-360.

- 2 Mitchell & Smith form book, September 1889 – 1891. This volume is mostly blank.
- 3 Mitchell & Smith letter book (no. 36), July 1891 – November 1891.

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- 1 Mitchell & Smith letter book (no. 37), November 1891 – February 1892.
- 2 Mitchell & Smith letter book (no. 38), February 1892 – May 1892.
- 3 Mitchell & Smith letter book (no. 39), May 1892 – October 1892.

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- 1 Mitchell & Smith letter book (no. 40), October 1892 – January 1893.
- 2 Mitchell & Smith letter book (no. 42), May 1893 – August 1893.
- 3 Mitchell & Smith letter book (no. 43), August 1893 – December 1893.

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- 1 Mitchell & Smith letter book (no. 44), December 1893 – April 1894.
- 2 Mitchell & Smith form and letter book (no. 17), 1893-1894.
- 3 Mitchell & Smith letter book, April 1894 – July 1894.

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- 1 Mitchell & Smith letter book, July 1894 – November 1894.
- 2 Mitchell & Smith letter book, November 1894 – February 1895.
- 3 Mitchell & Smith letter book, February 1895 – June 1895.

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- 1 Mitchell & Smith letter book, June 1895 – October 1895.
- 2 Mitchell & Smith letter book (no. 50), October 1895 – January 1896.
- 3 Mitchell & Smith letter book (no. 51), January 1896 – April 1896.

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- 1 Mitchell & Smith letter book (no. 52), April 1896 – August 1896.
- 2 Mitchell & Smith letter book, August 1896 – November 1896.
- 3 Mitchell & Smith letter book, November 1896 – February 1897.

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- 1 Mitchell & Smith letter book, February 1897 – May 1897.
- 2 Mitchell & Smith letter book (no. 56), May 1897 – September 1897.

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- 1 Mitchell & Smith letter book (no. 57), September 1897 – December 1897.
- 2 Mitchell & Smith letter book (no. 58), December 1897 – April 1898.

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- 1 Mitchell & Smith letter book (no. 59), April – September 1898.
- 2 Mitchell & Smith letter book (no. 60), September – December 1898.

Box 15

- 1 Mitchell & Smith letter book (no. 61), December 1898 – May 1899.

2 Mitchell & Smith letter book (no. 62), May – August 1899.

Box 16

1 Mitchell & Smith letter book (no. 63), August – December 1899.

2 Mitchell & Smith form book (no. 22), March 1899 – August 1901.

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1 Mitchell & Smith letter book (no. 66), August – November 1900.

2 Mitchell & Smith letter book (no. 67), November 1900 – February 1901.

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1 Mitchell & Smith letter book (no. 68), February – May 1901.

2 Mitchell & Smith letter book (no. 69), May – August 1901.

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1 Mitchell & Smith letter book (no. 70), August – December 1901.

2 Mitchell & Smith letter book (no. 71), December 1901 – March 1902.

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1 Mitchell & Smith letter book (no. 72), March – July 1902.

2 Mitchell & Smith letter book (no. 73), July – November 1902.

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1 Mitchell & Smith letter book (no. 74), November 1902 – April 1903.

2 Mitchell & Smith letter book (no. 75), April – July 1903.

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1 Mitchell & Smith form book (no. 26), January – September 1905.

2 Mitchell & Smith letter book (no. 92), April – August 1909.

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1 Mitchell & Smith letter book (no. 93), August 1909 – January 1910/

2 Mitchell & Smith letter book (no. 94), January – June 1910.

Box 24

1 Mitchell & Smith letter book (no. 95), June – November 1910.

2 Mitchell & Smith, “Subject Index to Forms,” 1910.

3 Mitchell & Smith letter book (no. 96), November 1910 – March 1911.

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1 Mitchell & Smith letter book (no. 97), March – September 1911.

2 Mitchell & Smith letter book (no. 98), September 1911 – July 1912.

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1 Mitchell & Smith letter book (no. 99), February – July 1912.

2 Mitchell & Smith letter book, July – December 1912.

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- 1 Mitchell & Smith letter book (no. 101), December 1912 – May 1913.
- 2 Mitchell & Smith letter book (no. 122), October 1920 – February 1921.

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- 1 Mitchell & Horlbeck letter book (no. 123), February – June 1921. Beginning in March 1921, the entries are signed Mitchell & Horlbeck; up to then, they are signed Mitchell & Smith.
- 2 Mitchell & Horlbeck letter book (no. 124), June – November 1921.

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- 1 Mitchell & Horlbeck letter book (no. 125), November 1921 – February 1922.
- 2 Mitchell & Horlbeck letter book (no. 126), February – June 1922.

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- 1 Mitchell & Horlbeck, June – October 1922.
- 2 Mitchell & Horlbeck (no. 128), October – December 1922.

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- 1 Mitchell & Horlbeck letter book (no. 129), January – April 1923.
- 2 Mitchell & Horlbeck letter book (no. 130), April – August 1923.

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- 1 Mitchell & Horlbeck letter book (no. 131), August – December 1923.

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- 1 Mitchell & Horlbeck letter book (no. 141), August – October 1925.

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- 1 Mitchell & Horlbeck (no. 142), October – December 1925.

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- 1 Mitchell & Horlbeck letter book (no. 143), December 1925 – February 1926.

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- 1 Mitchell & Horlbeck letter book (no. 144), February – April 1926.

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- 1 Mitchell & Horlbeck letter book (no. 145), April – June 1926.

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- 1 Mitchell & Horlbeck letter book (no. 146), June – September 1926.

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- 1 Mitchell & Horlbeck letter book (no. 147), September – December 1926.

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1 Mitchell & Horlbeck letter book (no. 148), December 1926 – February 1927.

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1 Mitchell & Horlbeck letter book (no. 149), February – April 1927.

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1 Mitchell & Horlbeck letter book (no. 150), May – July 1927.

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1 Mitchell & Horlbeck letter book (no. 151), July – October 1927.

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1 Mitchell & Horlbeck letter book (no. 152), November 1927 – February 1928.

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1 Mitchell & Horlbeck form book (no. 67), February – August 1927.

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1 Mitchell & Horlbeck form book (no. 68), August 1927 – April 1928.

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1 Mitchell & Horlbeck letter book (no. 153), February – May 1928.

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1 Mitchell & Horlbeck letter book (no. 154), May – August 1928.

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1 Mitchell & Horlbeck letter book (no. 155), August – November 1938.

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1 Mitchell & Horlbeck form book (no. 69), April 1928 – February 1929.

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1 Mitchell & Horlbeck letter book (no. 156), December 1928 – February 1929.

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1 Mitchell & Horlbeck form book (no. 70), March – December 1929.

Box 53

1 Mitchell & Horlbeck form book (no. 71), December 1929 – October 1930.

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1 Mitchell & Horlbeck letter book (no. 175), September 1935 – February 1936.

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1 Mitchell & Horlbeck form book (no. 75), May 1935 – April 1937.

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1 Mitchell & Horlbeck form book (no. 76), April 1937 – September 1939.

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1 Mitchell & Horlbeck form book (no. 78), February 1944 – September 1946.

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1 Mitchell & Horlbeck form book (no. 79), October 1946 – November 1949.

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1 Mitchell & Horlbeck form book (no. 80), December 1949 – February 1952.

Box 60

1 Mitchell & Horlbeck form book (no. 81), February 1952 – March 1955.

Box 61

1 Cornish & Horlbeck form book, 1951 -1953.

2 Business and membership cards removed from form books of the 1950s.