



Whaley & Mitchell records, 1866-1876 SCHS 151.00

Creator: Whaley & Mitchell (law firm)

Description: 1.75 linear ft.; 1 v.

Biographical/historical note: Charleston, S.C. law firm. William Whaley (1817-1879) and Julian Mitchell (1836-1907) re-established a law partnership around September of 1871, subsequent to the dissolution of the firm of Whaley, Mitchell & Clancy. The firm of Whaley & Mitchell was dissolved in July of 1874.

Scope and content: Records consist of law firm records, including correspondence and receipts, and papers pertaining to Gen. William Preston.

Receipt book (1866-1876) contains receipts given to the firm of Whaley & Mitchell, and earlier, Whaley, Mitchell & Clancy. Most receipts are pasted into the volume. Papers (1869-1873) pertaining to William Preston mainly consists of correspondence between the law firms of Duke & Richards (Louisville, Ky.) and Whaley, Mitchell & Clancy, and later, Whaley & Mitchell, regarding a controversy between General William Preston and Fraser, Trenholm & Co. over his salary as Confederate commissioner to Mexico. There are also two legal bills in the case of John Torr et al. v. William Preston.

Correspondence (Sept. 1871-June 1874) chiefly consists of incoming letters and concerns legal cases and clients and other law firm business as well as personal and family matters. Included are letters concerning a legal case (1871-1872) in Beaufort County (S.C.) involving the Linden Park Land Co.; and letters (1873-1874) to Julian A. Mitchell concerning a loan made to him while he was a Confederate prisoner of war at Johnsons Island. Correspondents include George A. Trenholm & Son (S.C.), William A. Harris (Isabella, Ga.), James Hopkinson (Edisto Island, S.C.), John B. Lafitte & Co. (New Orleans, La.), E.L. Trenholm, and various attorneys and law firms.

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Search terms:

Mitchell, Julian A. (Julian Augustus), 1836-1907.

Preston, William, 1816-1887.

Whaley, William, 1817-1879.

Linden Park Land Company.

Whaley, Mitchell & Clancy.

Whaley & Mitchell -- Records and correspondence.

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