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Mitchell family papers, 1754-1917 (bulk 1854-1866) SCHS# 1077.00

Creator: Mitchell, Julian

Description: 80 items.

Biographical/Historical Note: Julian A. Mitchell was born on Edisto Island, South Carolina. Mitchell graduated from the College of Charleston (S.C.) in 1855 and was editor (1854-1855) of the College magazine. Mitchell was appointed secretary of the U.S. legation to Russia by President Buchanan in 1860 and returned from that post just after the secession of South Carolina and before the bombardment of Fort Sumter. Mitchell was a Confederate soldier and prisoner-of-war, and after the war he returned to Charleston to practice law. He was also a plantation owner (1865 and after). His wife was Caroline Pinckney Mitchell, daughter of Rev. Charles C. Pinckney.

Scope and Content: Letters (1854) apparently to Mitchell from Jane McElheney (Ada Clare), actress in New York City about her contributions to a literary magazine, her social life in New York, her personal life, the theater in New York, and scattered comments on Charleston, literature, and various authors, W. [L.] Trenholm, Florence Anderson, and others.

Letters (1860-1866) to Mitchell in Russia, Charleston, and as a prisoner-of-war. Letters (1860) from W.L. Trenholm mention Russia, political developments, secession, reconstruction, diplomacy, and other matters. Letters received from Minna Rutledge, Lottie Barbee, Florence Anderson (of Tenn.) while Mitchell was a prisoner-of-war mention personal matters, role of women, and other matters. Also included is a letter (1866) from Thomas Pickens in which he discusses President Johnson's vulnerable position and the fear that Grant might gain the presidency; he feels the whole country is in a stupor following the war and that it is the "forerunner to the euthanasia of the Republic."

Also included are some plantation records (1865-1866) regarding the restoration of land, including an application to the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands by John Hanckel for the restoration of Poco Sabo Plantation and freedmen contracts, and miscellaneous family material.

Also contains a note (1792) of George Washington concerning a dinner invitation.

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Search terms:

Anderson, Florence.
Barbee, Lottie.
Clare, Ada.
Hanckel, John.
Johnson, Andrew, 1808-1875.
Mitchell, Julian A. (Julian Augustus), 1836-1907.
Pickens, Thomas Jones, 1808-1894.
Rutledge, Minna.
Trenholm, William Lee, 1836-1901.
Washington, George, 1732-1799.
Mitchell family.
St. Philip's Church (Charleston, S.C.)
United States. Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands.
Contracts, Agricultural -- South Carolina.
Diplomats -- United States.
Estates (Law) -- South Carolina.
Freedmen -- South Carolina.
Plantations -- South Carolina.
Prisoners of war -- Confederate States of America.
Reconstruction (U.S. history, 1865-1877)
Secession.
Theater -- New York (State) -- New York.
Women -- Social conditions.
Charleston (S.C.) -- Social conditions.
New York (N.Y.) -- Social life and customs.
Poco Sabo Plantation (Colleton County, S.C.)
South Carolina -- History -- Sources.
South Carolina -- Politics and government.
Soviet Union -- History -- 19th century -- Sources.
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- Sources.
United States -- Politics and government -- 19th century.
Letters (correspondence).
Receipts.

Misc. mss. 1754-1824, 4 items.

Misc. mss include letter (1754) of Charles Pinckney, London, England to Nathaniel Broughton regarding Broughton family estate and business matters. Note of President George Washington (1792). Receipt (1824) of Charles Cotesworth Pinckney for St. Philip's Church Pew.

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Letters, 1854,. 7 items.

College of Charleston student and editor (1854-1855) of The College Magazine. Letters apparently to JM from Ada McElhenney (Ada Clare) actress in New York, New York from Charleston regarding her contributions to a literary magazine, her social life in NYC, her personal life, the theatre in NYC, and scattered comments on Charleston, literature, and various authors.

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Papers. 1860-1866

Charleston, first secretary to the U.S. Legation to Russia (1860), CSA Soldier, prisoner of war, planter. Letters (1860-1866) to JM in Russia, Charleston, and as a P.O.W. from W.L. Trenholm, Charleston regarding Russia, political development, Secession, Reconstruction, diplomacy, and many other matters; from Minna Rutledge, Lottie Barbee, Florence Anderson (of TN) and others to JM while a P.O.W. regarding personal matters, role of women, and other matters. Also a letter (1866) from Thomas Pickens regarding presidential politics. Some plantation papers (1865-1866) regarding restoration of land and freedman contracts. Misc. family material.