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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Rare Book and Manuscript Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Meloney, William Brown, 1877-1925
<b>Title:</b>	William Brown Meloney collection of John Mitchel and John Purroy Mitchel materials
<b>ID:</b>	4079539
<b>ID:</b>	MS#0866
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1830-1942
<b>Physical Description:</b>	9 linear feet 20 manuscript boxes, 5 oversized boxes
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English .

### Preferred Citation

Identification of specific item; Date (if known); William Brown Meloney, Mitchel and Purroy papers; Box and Folder; Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Columbia University Library.

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## Biographical / Historical

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John Mitchel, 1815-1875, the Irish Nationalist, his grandson, John Purroy Mitchel, 1879-1918 (A.B. Columbia, 1899) lawyer and Mayor of New York City, and other members of the Mitchel and Purroy families.

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## Summary

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Correspondence, manuscripts, documents, photographs, memorabilia and printed materials of John Mitchel, John Purroy Mitchel, and other members of the Mitchel and Purroy families.

The collection concerns Irish nationalism, family matters, Purroy family business interests in Central America, the John Purroy Mitchel Memorial and William Brown Meloney's files relating to his research and writing of "The Story of John Purroy Mitchel" along with the manuscript and typescript drafts for this unpublished biography.

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## Arrangement

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Selected items cataloged; remainder arranged.

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## Administrative Information

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### Revision Description

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### **Immediate Source of Acquisition**

Source of acquisition--Meloney, William Brown. Method of acquisition--Gift; Date of acquisition--1963. Accession number--M-1963.

### **Ownership and Custodial History**

Gift of William Brown Meloney, 1963.

### **Processing Information**

Entered in AMC 11/06/90.

### **Accruals**

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## **Related Materials**

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### **Selected Related Materials - At Columbia University**

There is additional material on John Purroy Mitchel in the [Historical biographical files, 1800-2018](#) Columbia University Archives

### **Selected Related Materials - At Columbia University**

There are notebooks, essays and exams books of John Purroy Mitchel in the [John Purroy Mitchel papers, 1870s-1900s](#) Columbia University Archives

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Irish -- United States
- Mayors -- New York (State) -- New York
- Nationalism -- Ireland
- Central America
- New York (State) -- Politics and government
- Ireland -- Politics and government
- Addresses
- Agreements
- Announcements
- Appointing
- Biographies (literary works)
- Visiting cards
- Certificates
- Commissions
- Deeds
- Diaries
- Genealogies (histories)
- Guidebooks
- Inventories
- Lecture notes
- Licenses
- Memorabilia
- Muster rolls
- Oil paintings (visual works)
- Orders (military records)
- Photographs
- Pictures (object genre)
- Portraits
- Posters
- Receipts (financial records)
- Scrapbooks
- Tintypes (photographs)
- Lawyers
- Mayors
- Mitchel, John, 1815-1875
- Mitchel, John Purroy, 1879-1918
- Mitchel family

## Collection Inventory

<b>Series I: Cataloged Correspondence</b>	
<b>Title/Description</b>	<b>Instances</b>
Aherne, P.O.	box 1
Barrett, John S.	box 1
Burke, Riccard O'S.	box 1
Clark, Henry (Irish Catholic Benevolent Society)	box 1
Cooney, M. (Mitchel Rifles)	box 1
Dickson, A. C.	box 1
Dillon, William	box 1
Duffy, James A.	box 1
Ellis, Mrs. Howard	box 1
Ford, Patrick	box 1
Ingalls, John (and others)	box 1
Irvine, Margaret	box 1
Irvine, William H.	box 1
Johnson, J. W. (American News Co.)	box 1
Kehoe, James (St. Patrick's Society of Montreal)	box 1
Kelly, Eugene	box 1
Kelly, Thomas J. (Army of the Republic)	box 1
Killian, R. Doran	box 1
McNamara, J. V.	box 1
Martin, Henrietta	box 1
Mitchel Martin, S.	box 1
Meloney, Marie Mattingly	box 1
Meloney, William Brown	box 1
Mitchel, James	box 1
[Mitchel, James]--Letter from J.L. Kemper	box 1
Mitchel, Jane Verner	box 1
Mitchel, John	box 1

[Mitchel, John]--Letters from:	
Dickson, A. C.	box 1
Dickson, Matilda	box 1
Dillon, John	box 1
Dillon, William	box 1
Evans, Gen. Clement Anselm	box 1
Hart, Charles H.	box 1
Irvine, John M.	box 1
Irving, M.	box 1
Martin, M. H. (Mrs. John)	box 1
Mitchel, John Purroy	box 2
Mitchel, Mary (Mrs. Wm. H.)	box 2
Mitchel, Mary Purroy (Mrs. James)	box 2
Mitchel, William H.	box 2
Mullaby, John	box 2
O'Brian, J.	box 2
O'Hagan, J. B.	box 2
[Oliver, Sir Sidney]--Letter from "Enrique"	box 2
O'Mahoney, John	box 2
Page, Minnie	box 2
Page, Roger J.	box 2
Patton, Michael	box 2
Postle, Elisa W.	box 2
Purroy, Henry D.	box 2
Purroy, John B.	box 3
[Purroy, John B.]--Letters from:	
Body, John E.	box 3
Cass, Lewis	box 3
de Irisarri, Antonio José	box 3
Ferrer, Fermin	box 3
Fitzgerald, C. C.	box 3
Harris, William A.	box 3



Purroy, Catherine M. (Mrs. John B.)	box 3
Purroy, Rosa	box 3
Schlesinger, Louis	box 3
Vanderbilt, Cornelius	box 3
Walker, William	box 3
Wallach, W. D.	box 3
White, Joseph L.	box 3
Yelverton, John P.	box 3
P[urroy?], S.	box 3
Ryan, John F.	box 3
Sarpy, Matt	box 3
Sheeny, P. (Hibernian Benevolent Society of Quebec)	box 3
Sloan, Eliza M. (Mrs. Christian S.)	box 3
Sloane, Thomas O'Connor	box 3
Stephens, James (1825-1901)	box 3
Sullivan, ____	box 3
Sullivan, T.D.	box 3
Tausey, R. P.	box 3
Walsh, James H.	box 3
White, James L. (and others)	box 3

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## Series II: Cataloged Correspondence and Manuscripts

Title/Description	Instances
Bullard, Robert Lee	box 3
Cardozo, Earnest A.	box 3
McAneny, George	box 3
Pershing, John J.	box 3
Rainsford, William Stephan	box 3
[Mitchel, John Purroy]--Correspondence, Manuscripts, and Documents	box 3

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### Series III: Cataloged Manuscripts

Title/Description	Instances
Egan, P. (and others)	box 4
Ford, Patrick	box 4
Haverty, P. M.	box 4
Mitchel, John	box 4
[Mitchel, John Purroy]	
Bibliographical Notes	box 4
Diary	box 4
Miscellaneous manuscripts about Mitchel, including materials on the charities controversy	box 4
Notes for Irish Independence Speech	box 4
Board of officers proceedings	box 4
[Mitchel, John B.]--U.S. Constitution	box 4
Small, William F.	box 4

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### Series IV: Cataloged Documents

Title/Description	Instances
[Mitchel, James]	
Commission as 2nd Lieutenant	box 4
Resignation from Virginia Volunteers	box 4
Commission as Captain	box 4
[Mitchel, John]	
Naturalization certificate	box 4
Documents on burial plot deed for Henriette	box 4
Administration of estate	box 4
"The Irish Citizen" designation	box 4
"Private information" re: public advertizing	box 4
"Irish Citizen" advertising bill request	box 4

[Mitchel, John Purroy]	
New York Law License, 1901 July 9	flatbox 330
Certificate of attorney	box 4
Board of Aldermen election certificate, 1909 December 10	flatbox 330
<u>Physical Description:</u> p.d.s., 1 p.	
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Certificate of election of Mitchel for the office of President of the Board of Adlermen of New York City.	
Appointment as Collector of Customs, 1913 May 27	flatbox 330
<u>Physical Description:</u> p.d.s., 1 p.	
Appointment as Major, Signal Corps Aviation Section, 1918 January 18	flatbox 330
<u>Physical Description:</u> p.d.s., 1 p.	
Mitchel, Mary Purroy	box 4
O'Leary, Edmund	box 4
Purroy, John B.	box 4
[Purroy, John B.]	
Agreement with Vanderbilt on American Atlantic and Pacific Ship Canal Co.	box 4
Castillian Philosophy inventory	box 4
Receipt from gov. of Nicaragua	box 4
Letter and photos from Jose A. Paez	box 4

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### Series V: Uncataloged Materials

Title/Description	Instances
American Atlantic & Pacific Ship Canal Co.	box 5
[Mitchel, James]	
Booklet of address given by Chas. F. Adams	box 5
Confederate Army, General Orders	box 5
Confederate Veteran Camp, New York Booklet and Banquet Program Insignia	box 5
Description of Adjutants Report Book and Muster Roll	box 5

List of Confederate Burial Sites	box 5
Booklet of address given by Jubal A. Early	box 5
History of the Antietam National Cemetary	box 5
Proceedings of the Southern Historical Society	box 5
Pamphlets entitled "Spanish Rule in Cuba"	box 5
Mitchel, Jane Verner (Mrs. John)	box 6
[Mitchel, Jane Verner]--Miscellaneous Papers	box 6
[Mitchel, John]	
Miscellaneous bills, receipts, etc.	box 6
14 Mitchel signatures	box 6
Visiting card - copper plate	box 6
Miscellaneous paper	box 6
Photographs	box 6
Pictures	box 6
Announcement of the opening of Mitchel Memorial Hall	box 6
"An Apology for the British Government in Ireland"	box 6
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Booklet	
William Atwood, <i>The History and Reasons of the Dependency of Ireland upon the Imperial Crown</i>	box 6
[Emmet, Robert]--Pamphlet on the Emmet Centennial	box 6
Onahan, M. J. "John Mitchel's Daughter"	box 6
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Article from "Catholic World"	
Clippings	box 6
Miscellaneous Pamphlets	box 6
[Mitchel, John C.]	
CSA General Orders, 1864	box 6
CSA General Orders, 1862 January-1864 December	box 6
The Survivors' Association of Charleston District, "The Defense of Charleston Harbor"	box 6

**Scope and Contents**

Pamphlet

Views of Fort Sumter	box 6
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Pamphlet	
Miscellaneous	box 6
[Mitchel, John Purroy]	
Copies of letters for Wiliam Brown Meloney's John Purroy Mitchel's biography	box 7
Correspondence of Mrs. Wiliam Brown Meloney Re: John Purroy Mitchel's biographies	box 7
Correspondence of Wiliam Brown Meloney Re: His John Purroy Mitchel's biography	box 7
Miscellaneous papers	box 7
Olive Child Mitchel (Mrs. John Purroy)--Biographical Notes	box 7
[Mitchel, William H.]--Guide Book for Gettysburg Battlefield	box 7
Mitchel Collection	box 7
[Purroy, John B.]	
Letters to John B. Purroy, mostly from family, 1842-1848	box 8
Purroy family papers	box 8
Purroy family geneology	box 8
J. P. Garcia vs. Jackson Marine Insurance Co.	box 8
"El Liberal"	box 8
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
2 newspaper issues	
"La Patria"	box 8
<b>Scope and Contents</b>	
Newspaper	
"La Constitucion de Los Estados Unidos"	box 8

**Scope and Contents**

Pamphlet

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"El General J. A. Paez en Los Estados Unidos" box 8

**Scope and Contents**

Pamphlet

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**Series VI: Printed Materials, Memorabilia, Scrapbooks, etc.**

Title/Description	Instances
Printed Materials and Memorabilia	box 9
Printed Materials and Scrapbook	box 10

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**Series VII: *The Story of John Purroy Mitchel***

Title/Description	Instances
Typescript (Rough Draft)	
Books I-III	box 11
Books VI-IX	box 12
Books X-XI	box 13
Book XII	box 14
Typescript (Rough Draft & Fragments)	
Books I-III	box 15
Books IV-VIII	box 16
Typescript (First Draft)	
Books I-IX	box 17
Books X-XII	box 18
Typescript (Clean Copy)--Books I-IX	box 19
Typescript (Original)--Books I-XII	box 20

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**Series VIII: Photographs and Portraits**

### Scope and Contents

Oversized. Portraits and Photographs of the Mitchel and Purroy Families in 3 solander cases and an oil painting and silver plate.

#### Related Materials:

#### Related Materials

The contents of the three cases are boxed as follows: the contents of John Purroy Mitchel Family Portraits #1 are in Flatbox 330 and the contents of John Purroy Mitchel Family Portraits #2 are in Flatbox 331. The third case of Family Portraits in in Oversized Box 3.

### Scope and Contents

Genealogical Note: John Mitchel married Jane Verner. Captain John C. Mitchel and James Mitchel were their sons. James married Mary Purroy, daughter of John B. Purroy. James and Mary (Purroy) Mitchel had a son, John Purroy Mitchel, who married Olive Child (daughter of Franklin D. Child). William H. Mitchel, who married Mary \_\_\_\_, was a brother of John Mitchel.

Title/Description	Instances	
Family of John Purroy Mitchel (Portfolio 1)		
John Mitchel	flatbox 330	item 1
<b>Scope and Contents</b>		
Reverend. Great-grandfather of John Purroy Mitchel.		
John Mitchel	flatbox 330	item 2
<b>Scope and Contents</b>		
Irish patriot. Son of Reverend John Mitchel.		
John Mitchel	flatbox 330	item 3-7
<u>Physical Description</u> : 5 items		
<b>Scope and Contents</b>		
Irish patriot. Grandfather of John Purroy Mitchel.		
Group Photograph of John Mitchel, John Martin, Father Kenyon	flatbox 330	item 8
Photographs of John Mitchel's Grave at Newry, Ireland	flatbox 330	item 9-10
<u>Physical Description</u> : 2 items		
Postal Card of John Mitchel's Grave at Newry, Ireland	flatbox 330	item 11
Photograph of Silver Salver Presened to Reverend John Mitchel	flatbox 330	item 12
Mr. Page	flatbox 330	item 13-14
<u>Physical Description</u> : 2 items		

**Scope and Contents**

Photographs. Uncle of John Purroy Mitchel.

Minnie Mitchel Page	flatbox 330	item 15-17
<u>Physical Description:</u> 4 items		
<b>Scope and Contents</b>		
Photograph. Wife of Mr. Page, daughter of John Mitchel, and aunt of John Purroy Mitchel.		
John Mitchel Page	flatbox 330	item 18
<b>Scope and Contents</b>		
Age 3.		
John Mitchel Page	flatbox 330	item 19
<b>Scope and Contents</b>		
Age 10.		
John Mitchel Page		
<u>Separated Materials:</u>		
<b>Separated Materials</b>		
This item (which was Item #20) was separated from this collection and is filed in the Columbia University Historical Biographical Files collection in the University Archives.		
John Mitchel Page	flatbox 330	item 21-23
<u>Physical Description:</u> 3 items		
Group Photograph of Graduating Class at Columbia College, includes John Mitchel Page, 1887	flatbox 330	item 24
Home of Mrs. John Mitchel, Bedford Park, New York	flatbox 330	item 25
Home of Mrs. John Mitchel, Fordham, New York City	flatbox 330	item 26-28
<u>Physical Description:</u> 3 items		
Dr. T O'Connor Sloane	flatbox 330	item 29
<b>Scope and Contents</b>		
Portrait. Uncle of John Purroy Mitchel.		
Mrs. T O'Connor Sloane	flatbox 330	item 30
<b>Scope and Contents</b>		
Portrait. Aunt of John Purroy Mitchel.		
"Con" Sloane	flatbox 330	item 31



**Scope and Contents**

Portrait. Cousin of John Purroy Mitchel.

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Matilda Tone Maxwell	flatbox 330	item 32
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**Scope and Contents**

Portrait. Cousin of John Mitchel.

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Florence Maxwell	flatbox 330	item 33
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**Scope and Contents**

Portrait. Cousin of James Mitchel, related through the Hasletts.

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Teresa Qutisell	flatbox 330	item 34
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**Scope and Contents**

Portrait. Teacher.

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Mary Regan "Mary Nurse"	flatbox 330	item 35
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**Scope and Contents**

Portrait. Nurse of John Purroy Mitchell.

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Joseph H. Smith	flatbox 330	item 36-37
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Physical Description: 2 items

**Scope and Contents**

Portraits. Instructor and Confessor to John Purroy Mitchel.

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Father Hewitt	flatbox 330	item 38
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**Scope and Contents**

Portrait. Instructor at St. John's College.

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Father Prendergast	flatbox 330	item 39
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**Scope and Contents**

Portrait. Instructor at St. John's College.

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John C. Mitchel, 1861	flatbox 330	item 40
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**Scope and Contents**

Photograph. Killed at Fort Sumter in 1864.

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John C. Mitchel, 1864	flatbox 330	item 41
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**Scope and Contents**

Photograph. Killed at Fort Sumter in 1864.

Grave of John C. Mitchel at Fort Sumter	flatbox 330	item 42
Fort Sumter, 1864	flatbox 330	item 43
Fort Sumter, Interior	flatbox 330	item 44
Minnie Mitchel Page	flatbox 330	item 45

**Scope and Contents**

Large crayon.

Juan Bautista de Purroy	flatbox 330	item 46
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**Scope and Contents**

Large crayon.

James Mitchell	flatbox 330	item 47
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**Scope and Contents**

Large portrait.

Family Record of John Purroy Mitchel	flatbox 330	
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**Scope and Contents**

Photostat

John Purroy Mitchell (Portfolio 2)		
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Photograph, Age 16 1/2 Months	flatbox 331	item 1
Photograph, About 2 Years	flatbox 331	item 2
Photograph, Age 3 Years, 11 Months	flatbox 331	item 3
Photograph, Age 5 Years	flatbox 331	item 4
Photograph, Age 5 Years	flatbox 331	item 5

**Scope and Contents**

#5 is the same as #4, but in color.

Photograph	flatbox 331	item 6
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**Scope and Contents**

Tuotype taken at Grandmother's home in Fordham, New York.

Photograph, Age 6 Years	flatbox 331	item 7-12
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Physical Description: 8 items

**Scope and Contents**

Tuotype taken at Grandmother's home in Fordham,  
New York.

Photograph, Age 7 Years	flatbox 331	item 13
Photograph, Age 12 Years	flatbox 331	item 14
Photograph, Class at St. John's College Prep	flatbox 331	item 15
Photograph, in College <u>Physical Description:</u> 2 items	flatbox 331	item 16-17
Photograph, in College <b>Scope and Contents</b> Taken by his cousin "Con" Sloane.	flatbox 331	item 18
Photograph, Fencing Team, Columbia University Championships <u>Physical Description:</u> 3 items	flatbox 331	item 19-21
Photograph with Guides on Hunting Trip in the Adirondacks	flatbox 331	item 22
Photograph, Graduating Class, Columbia University, 1899	flatbox 331	item 23
Photograph taken Commissioner of Accounts <u>Physical Description:</u> 2 items	flatbox 331	item 24-25
Campaign Poster for Mayor, 1913	flatbox 331	item 26
Campaign Button	flatbox 331	item 26b
Photograph taken on First Day as Mayor of New York	flatbox 331	item 27
Photograph taken entering automobile	flatbox 331	item 28
Photograph, Speakers Stand in Front of City Hall <u>Physical Description:</u> 3 items	flatbox 331	item 29-31
Photograph taken at Niagara Falls in Winter	flatbox 331	item 32
Photograph taken greeting Marshall Joffe	flatbox 331	item 33
Photograph taken with Marshall Joffe	flatbox 331	item 34
Photograph, Ceremonies at Lafayette Memorial, 1917	flatbox 331	item 35
Photograph, Dinner of OfficialFamily at Healy's Restaurant, 1918	flatbox 331	item 36
Photograph, Lotus Club Dinner Card, 1914	flatbox 331	item 37
Photographs, John Purroy Mitchel	flatbox 331	item 38-40

Physical Description: 3 items

Photographs, John Purroy Mitchel in Uniform	flatbox 331	item 41-43
<u>Physical Description</u> : 3 items		
Photographs and Postal Cards, John Purroy Mitchel at Plattsburg Camp, 1915	flatbox 331	item 44-50
<u>Physical Description</u> : 7 items		
Photographs, Mrs. John Purroy Mitchel	flatbox 331	item 51-53
<u>Physical Description</u> : 3 items		
Photograph, John P. Mitchel and His Mother	flatbox 331	item 54
Photograph taken during Ceremonies at Grave of John Purroy Mitchel, 1931	flatbox 331	item 55
Family Decent of John Purroy Mitchell	flatbox 331	
<b>Scope and Contents</b>		
Photostat		
Family Photographs	box	
<u>Physical Description</u> : 1 Volumes	Oversized 3	
<b>Scope and Contents</b>		
Additional family photographs.		
Two Oil Paintings - Portraits	flatbox 329	
Silver Plate	flatbox 328	

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