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Summary Information

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Biographical Note

John Purroy Mitchel graduated from Columbia College with the Class of 1899. After graduation, Mitchel went to law school at NYU. He is perhaps best remembered as the "Boy Mayor," since he was elected Mayor of New York (1914-1917) at the age of 34. He died shortly after his mayoral term during a WWI military training flight with the Air Service in Louisiana on July 6, 1918. A gift of the Class of 1899, the John Purroy Mitchel memorial plaque was unveiled in 1921 on the west side of Hamilton Hall.

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Summary

This collections consists of John Purroy Mitchel's (Columbia College 1899) college papers, notebooks, essays and exam books. There are also penmanship handbook and exercise books.

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Related Materials

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Additional Mitchel materials can be found in the [Historical biographical files \(UA#0004\)](#), including information about the his life but also about the campus memorial and his legacy. You can also find the [William Brown Meloney collection of John Mitchel and John Purroy Mitchel materials, 1830-1942](#) and materials related to Mitchel and the Fusion Committee of 1909 in the [Joseph M. Price papers, 1909-1943](#). There is also an oral history with [Bertram de N. Cruger](#), Mitchel's executive secretary, from 1950. Additional [John Purroy Mitchel papers](#) are available at the Library of Congress. His mayoralty papers ([Mayor John P. Mitchel records](#)) are available at the Municipal Archives and Records Center, New York City.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Notebooks
- Mitchel, John Purroy, 1879-1918
- Columbia College (New York, N.Y.) -- : Students
- Columbia College (New York, N.Y.) -- : Alumni and alumnae

Collection Inventory

Series I: John Purroy Mitchel papers, 1870s-1900s

Scope and Contents

This series includes John Purroy Mitchel's notebooks, essays and exams books. It includes work done before and after Mitchel attended Columbia. There are also some penmanship manuals and some teacher notebooks which belonged to Mary Purroy, Mitchel's mother.

Title/Description	Instances	
Notebooks		
Scope and Contents		
For notebooks that list two courses on the front cover, one set of notes is written starting from the front cover on the right side pages only. The other set of notes is written in the same book, but turned upside down and starting from the back cover on the right side pages only.		
Chemistry I laboratory exercises, 1897-1898	box 1	folder 1
Chemistry I and Philosophy A, 1897 October-1898 May <u>Physical Description:</u> 2 folders	box 1	folder 2-3
English XVI and German VIII, 1897 October-1898 March <u>Physical Description:</u> 2 folders	box 1	folder 4-5
Scope and Contents		
(English 16 - American Literature with Prof. Brander Matthews; German 8 - History of the German Language with Prof. William Henry Carpenter)		
Finances (Science of Finance), 1898 October 6-December 15	box 1	folder 6
Scope and Contents		
(Economics 4 - Science of finance with Prof. Edwin R.A. Seligman)		
German, 1890s <u>Physical Description:</u> 2 Volumes	box 1	folder 7
Greek, 1890s	box 1	folder 8
History, 1890s	box 1	folder 9
Latin, 1890s	box 1	folder 10

Physical Description: 4 Volumes

Literature, 1890s	box 1	folder 11
<u>Physical Description</u> : 3 Volumes		
Scope and Contents		
(George Elliot, John Dryden, John Milton, etc.)		
Math, 1893	box 1	folder 12
Scope and Contents		
(Includes some graded Latin homework from the same year)		
On deeds and indentures, 1900 June-July	box 1	folder 13
Philosophy I and Literature I, 1898 October-November	box 1	folder 14
Scope and Contents		
(Philosophy I - Introduction to philosophy, historical and critical, with Prof. Nicholas Murray Butler and Dr. Walter Taylor Marvin; Literature 1 - The history of modern fiction, with Prof. Brander Matthews)		
Political Theories and Economics III, 1898 October-November	box 1	folder 15
Bound notes		
Scope and Contents		
Bound notes means that these are notes (possibly from assigned readings) on loose sheets of paper, which were then bound with metal fasteners.		
Economics III, 1898 October-1899 January	box 1	folder 16
Scope and Contents		
(Economics 3 - Practical political economy with Prof. Richmond Mayo-Smith)		
Finances, 1898 October-1899 May	box 1	folder 17-18
<u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders		
Scope and Contents		
(Economics 4 - Science of finance with Prof. Edwin R.A. Seligman)		
History A - Synopsis I, 1897 March 30	box 1	folder 19

Scope and Contents

(History A - Medieval and Modern History, with Dr. Cushing)

Literature I, 1899 February-May	box 1	folder 20
Scope and Contents		
(Literature 1 - The history of modern fiction, with Prof. Brander Matthews)		
Philosophy, 1898 December-1899 January	box 1	folder 21
Philosophy, 1899 February-April	box 1	folder 22-23
<u>Physical Description</u> : 2 folders		
Political Theories, 1898 November-1899 May	box 1	folder 24-26
<u>Physical Description</u> : 3 folders		
Unsorted notes, 1890s	box 1	folder 27
Essays		
Economics III essay, 1899 May 1	box 2	folder 1
Scope and Contents		
(Economics 3 - Practical political economy with Prof. Richmond Mayo-Smith)		
German VIII essays, 1898 March 10-29	box 2	folder 2
Scope and Contents		
(German 8 - History of the German Language with Prof. William Henry Carpenter)		
Literature I essay, 1899 April 19	box 2	folder 3
Scope and Contents		
(On Ivan Turgenev's Smoke)		
Exam books		
Economics A, Books 1-4, circa 1898	box 2	folder 4
<u>Physical Description</u> : 4 Volumes		
Scope and Contents		
(Economics A - Outlines of Economics with Prof. Richmond Mayo-Smith and Mr. Arthur M. Day)		
Political Economics A, 1898 April 14-28	box 2	folder 5
<u>Physical Description</u> : 2 Volumes		
Cicero's Tusculan Disputations, Book V, 1892	box 2	folder 6

Scope and Contents

(Teubner Latin text, student edition; annotated.)

Daily Journal for 1892, 1892

box 2

folder 7

Scope and Contents

(Inside: "'Blindman's Buff: A farce in one act' by Mlle. Nitouche (The only correct edition.)" Includes notice from Dickson's Uptown Weekly and program from the Webster Park Theatre performance in February 1892.)

Daily Journal for 1897, circa 1900

box 2

folder 8

Scope and Contents

(inside are possibly law school notes.)

List of official documents re: history of Venezuela, 1813-1826, undated

box 2

folder 9

Scope and Contents

(Includes document titles (proclamas, decretos, actas, documentos, constataciones, etc.), volume and page numbers, in Spanish.)

Miss Purroy's Teacher's Memorandum Books, 1870s

box 2

folder 10

Scope and Contents

(Miss Mary Purroy's (later Mrs. Mitchel, John Purroy Mitchel's mother) notebooks from her time as a teacher, second class, grammar schools 53 and 58)

Penmanship practice books, 1880s

box 2

folder 11

Scope and Contents

(Multiple booklets, some completed but some blank.)

Penmanship exercises, 1880s

box 2

folder 12

Scope and Contents

(Notebook with large letters entered in pencil, then drawn over in pen by John Mitchel. Short practice sentences.)

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