

C-B Mitchell, Sydney Bancroft, 1878-1951
1020 [Correspondence and papers, ca. 1925-1951]
4 boxes

Sydney B. Mitchell, having received his B.A. and M.A. from McGill University, attended the New York State Library School in Albany, where he studied under Melvil Dewey. He came to the University of California Library in 1911, became associate professor of librarianship in 1922, director of the School of Librarianship in 1927, and was appointed Dean of the School in 1944. He retired in 1946 and devoted himself exclusively to his horticultural interests, mainly to the hybridization of iris. He was the author of several books and a series of articles (in Sunset Magazine) on gardening. He received awards for his new hybrids from American Iris Society, etc.

The correspondence consists mainly of letters to and from other iris growers, but also includes some re libraries and librarianship.

- Box 1: Outgoing correspondence, 1924-1951, arranged chronologically with undated material at end.
- Bx 1-3: Incoming correspondence: A-Z miscellany for single letters, followed by folders containing 2 or more letters, arranged alphabetically.
- Box 4: S.B. Mitchell
Biographical and bibliographical material
Writings and notes
Awards and certificates
Papers re his house and land, Berkeley, Calif.
Miscellany
Miscellaneous papers
Libraries
California. University, Berkeley. School of Librarianship -- misc.
California. University, Berkeley. Library -- misc.
Misc. re library buildings
Misc. re library salaries
Statistics re various libraries
Flower lists; forms re importation of plants; misc. writings
clippings; miscellany

Major correspondents:

American Iris Society

8 letters, 1928-1948, by Richardson Wright, treasurer, and
Franklin Cook, president.

American Iris Society. Bulletin

9 letters, 1948-1949, by Sam Y. Caldwell, editor.
See also Geddes, Douglas

Anley, Gwendolyn

11 letters, 1938-1949

Backhouse, W O

11 letters, 1947-1950

Barnes, H C Hyland

21 letters, 1 postcard, 1932-1951

Benbow, Dudley E

13 letters, 1949-1951

Brehm, George O

15 letters, 1942-1951

California. University. President

4 letters, 1926-1947, by R.G. Sproul and F.O. Stevens.

California. University, Berkeley. Library

2 letters, 1935, by H.L. Leupp and Peyton Hurt (q.v.)

Christy, W M

8 letters, 1934-1935

Collett, Mark

16 letters, 1929-1935

Columbia University. School of Library Service

6 letters, 1936

Craig, Tom

108 letters, 15 postcards, 1942-1951 and n.d.

Granfield, W B

12 letters, 1930-1940

Gabagh, Thomas S

6 letters, 1 postcard, 1926-1947

Ganks, Fred. M

22 letters, 1939-1950

Davidson, Donald C

5 letters, 1946-1949. Some as librarian, University of California,
Santa Barbara. Included: UCSB Lib. building Comm. Minutes, Nov. 22, 1949

de Forest, Fred
13 letters, 1940-1951

de Graaff, Jan
19 letters, 1943-1949

Doubleday, Doran and Co.
55 letters, 1 telegram, 1910-1944. Also included: 2 memoranda
of agreement, 1922 & 1932

Douglas, Geddes
17 letters, 1943-1949

Hurt, Mary Mrs. Peyton Hurt
75 letters, 3 telegrams, 1939-1944 & n.d.

Hurt, Peyton, d. 1942
24 letters, 1 telegram, 1935-1941

Jeffers, D R
6 letters, 1946-1949. Some written as librarian, Monterey (Calif.)
Public Library.

Lawrence, Lady Iris
8 letters, 1943-1949

Lawrence, Sir William
11 letters, 1928-1929 & n.d.

McLaren, John (1846-1843)
2 letters, 1934-1939

Millikin, C S
8 letters, 1944-1948

Mohr, William
16 letters, 1921-1923 & n.d.

Morris, Cedric
16 letters, 1945-1950

Murrell, Olive
6 letters, 1945-1949

Neave, Frank
6 letters, 1928-1930

Pesel, Louisa F
7 letters, 1936-1938 & n.d.

Pilkington, Geoffrey L
6 letters, 1936-1945 & n.d.

Radcliff, C E
8 letters, 1940-1949

Randall, H J
17 letters, 1945-1949 Some written as treasurer, The Iris
Society (England)

Raldolph, L F
10 letters, 1 postcard, 1946-1951. Some written as chairman,
Scientific Committee, American Iris Society.

Riddle, Matthew C
6 letters, 1946-1949

Royal Horticultural Society, London, Eng.
6 letters, 1925-1949

Sunset Magazine
32 letters, 3 postcards, 1929-1938

U.S. Bureau of Entomology and Plant Quarantine
6 letters, 1936-1938

White, Clarence Greenleaf
19 letters, 1933-1948

Williams College. President
8 letters, 1 telegram, 1936-1937
By Tyler Dennett. Some written by his secretary. Telegram,
Dec. 22, 1936, addressed to R. B. Harshe. Mainly re
Peyton Hurt (q.v.).

Wilson, Guy,
15 letters, 1931-1935

Letters to Mitchell re his article, The pioneer library school in
middle age, 1950-1951

Letters to Miss Cora Brendt ordering reprints of article on Mitchell
1950