

Guide to  
**John G. Mitchell Correspondence from Dallas Theological Seminary**

1934-1944 and undated

.02 linear feet

Accession Numbers: 2007-27 and 2017-11  
Collection Number: CN 021

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**Abstract:** Correspondence from Dallas Theological Seminary administrators to John G. Mitchell.

**Preferred Citation:**

[Identification of the Item], John G. Mitchell Correspondence from Dallas Theological Seminary, CN 021, Archives, Dallas Theological Seminary.

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**Biographical Sketch:**

John “Jack” Greenwood Mitchell was born December 5, 1892 to James and Lavinia Mitchell in South Shields, England. Jack started working in the shipyard at age eleven. The Mitchell family moved to the United States, and Jack later moved to Winnipeg, Manitoba. There he worked in a machine shop, then attended Brandon College from 1912-1915. Mitchell was twenty-four when he accepted Christ. He started studying the Bible, and later preached. Louis Sperry Chafer was impressed with Jack when they met in Tacoma, Washington. Chafer invited Mitchell to speak in his church, Scofield Memorial Church in Dallas, Texas, while Chafer made a trip to Scotland in 1924. Mitchell remained in Dallas as an assistant at the church, and enrolled in the first class at Evangelical Theological College, which was later renamed Dallas Theological Seminary. Mitchell married Mary Eby on April 20, 1929. They had met in Canada and corresponded while Mitchell was in Dallas and Mary studied at Biola in California. After pastoring in Grand Rapids, MI, Mitchell moved to Portland, Oregon, in 1931 to direct the Portland Union Bible Classes, which became Central Bible Church in 1942. Mitchell became a visiting professor at the Evangelical Theological College in 1935, and continued in that capacity for many years. On February 14, 1936, Mitchell organized a group of pastors and businessmen to found the Multnomah School of the Bible. Mitchell wrote several books and had a radio ministry. Dr. Mitchell retired from the pastorate of Central Bible Church in 1967. He continued teaching and serving as Chairman of the Board at Multnomah until he died in 1990.

**References:**

Bohrer, Dick. *Lion of God: a Biography of John G. Mitchell, D.D.* Portland, OR: Multnomah Bible College, 1994.

“Central Bible Church – Our History.” 2007. Online. Central Bible Church, Portland, OR. Available: <http://www.centralbible.net/about/article45603c21055.htm>. November 8, 2007.

**System of Arrangement:**

**Series I. Correspondence and Clipping, 1934-1944 and undated.** .02 linear ft. (1 file folder)  
Arranged chronologically.

**Scope and Content Note:** This collection in one folder consists primarily of photocopies of letters received by Mitchell from administrators of Evangelical Theological College, which was renamed Dallas Theological Seminary in 1936. The letters provide some information about Mitchell, but mainly focus on the seminary and Lewis Sperry Chafer.

**Selected Search Terms:**

Dallas Theological Seminary

**Donor/Source:** Bob Monaco donated the majority of photocopies in November 2007, and Scott Gilchrist donated additional photocopies in March 2017.

**Custodial History:** Unknown

**Literary Rights:** It is the researcher's responsibility to determine requirements of copyright laws.

**Related Material:** The President's Office Records from Lewis Sperry Chafer contain letters written by John G. Mitchell and carbon copies of most of Chafer's letters in this collection.

**Location of Originals:** Unknown.

**Processing Information:** The two donors contributed photocopies of many of the same letters. Mr. Gilchrist provided three additional letters, which were interfiled with Mr. Monaco's donation. The accession record for Acc. 2017-11 indicates which photocopies Mr. Gilchrist donated.

### Container List

<b>Series I.</b>	<b>Correspondence and Clipping</b>	<b>1934-1944 and undated</b>
<u>Folder#</u>	<u>Title, Dates, Description</u>	
1	Correspondence and clipping Includes letters written by Lewis Sperry Chafer, Rollin Chafer, Arnold Ehlert, John Walvoord, and Fred Lincoln to Mitchell; also includes form letters from H. A. Ironside, Norman Harrison, and H. R. Todd sent to friends of the seminary; 1939 list of alumni; and a newspaper clipping circa 1941 about a car given to L. S. Chafer.	1934-1944 and undated