Guide to the John Mathews Collection

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Creator: Mathews, John  
Title: John Mathews Collection  
Dates: 1786-1828  
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Abstract: The John Mathews Collection is comprised of material related to the mercantile and land interests of John Mathews (1765-1828) on the Ohio frontier, especially in the areas of Fort Loramie, and Zanesville. Mathews’ work as a surveyor is also represented, and of especial note is a journal kept in 1786-87, containing an account of his experiences while surveying in Ohio’s Seven Ranges.

Identification:  
Language: English

Biography

John Mathews (sometimes spelled Matthews) was born December 18, 1765, in Brain Tree (New Braintree), Massachusetts, the sixth of ten children born to Daniel Mathews and Huldah Putnam Mathews. Daniel Mathews was a farmer and millwright. Huldah Putnam Mathews was the daughter of Elisha Putnam of Salem, Massachusetts, and sister of Rufus Putnam, one of the founders of Marietta, Ohio. John Mathews left home in the summer of 1780, before he was fifteen years old (perhaps to escape his domineering father), ending his formal education. Young as he was, he served in the Revolution as a soldier in the Massachusetts line of the Continental Army, under his uncle, Rufus Putnam.

Mathews was eighteen when the Revolution ended and, according to his son, James (James Mathews to S. P. Hildreth, Marietta, March 10, 1859, Samuel P. Hildreth Collection, Marietta College), he witnessed the British evacuation of New York City. Following the war, he spent some time helping to survey the islands off the coast of Massachusetts before going West to the Seven Ranges, the first federal land that was surveyed in the familiar pattern of ranges and townships that was to be the hallmark of federal land in the future. (Of his work in Ohio’s Seven Ranges he has left an account, which is included in this collection.) It was during his time in the Seven Ranges that he became familiar with the land west and north of the Ohio River, and doubtless he shared his knowledge with Rufus Putnam.

In 1788, Mathews accompanied Putnam to the Ohio Company land grant in the Northwest Territory, as a surveyor for the Company. As such, he was one of the original pioneers, arriving at the confluence of the Ohio and Muskingum Rivers on April 7, 1788. The following year, while surveying in the western part of the Ohio Company’s grant, Mathews and his companions, a party of ten, were attacked by Indians. Seven of Mathews’ group were killed. Mathews and two other men escaped and were ultimately befriended by a group of Ohio-Company men who were traveling down the Ohio River. Their rescuers took Mathews and his companions to Fort
Washington, the site of the future Cincinnati. There Mathews met Jacob Burnet and other founders of the city, with whom he continued as a business correspondent throughout his life.

Far from being put off western exploration and enterprise by his confrontation with the original inhabitants of the country, Mathews continued his endeavors in the Ohio Company’s territory and elsewhere, surveying and locating military warrants on promising sections of land. In 1795, while serving in the Commissary Department of General Anthony Wayne’s army, Mathews witnessed the signing of the Treaty of Greenville with the Indians. On November 6, 1796, he entered into articles of agreement with Henry Brown for the establishment of a mercantile house at Fort Loramie, Shelby County, in the western part of what is now the State of Ohio. Brown appears to have been resident at the Fort and managing partner of Mathews and Brown, but Mathews was not a silent partner. The firm dealt with both the army and the Indians. In 1796-97 Mathews seems to have been a partner in Mathews and Austin, another mercantile firm. From his days at Loramie, Mathews, no matter his other interests, was engaged in storekeeping.

Meanwhile, in the early 1790s, Mathews was employed by William Duer to manage a store in Gallipolis, fulfilling a government contract to supply troops in the territory. While there, he learned to speak French fluently. In 1800, with Ebenezer Buckingham, he surveyed the site of Coshocton, Ohio, and for the rest of his life continued to be interested in land there.

In a letter of April 15, 1797, to his brother, Increase (Samuel P. Hildreth Collection, Marietta College), John Mathews wrote “... my old bachelorship has not rendered me altogether insensible to the charm of the fair and I shall make short work of the marrying business some of these days ...,” but it was not until 1803, when he was thirty-eight years old, that Mathews married. His wife was Sarah Woodbridge, daughter of Dudley Woodbridge, Jr., partner of Harman Blennerhassett, and probably the premier merchant of Marietta, with whom Mathews had long been a business correspondent. At the time of his marriage, Mathews had a son who was apparently six to eight years old, for two years later the elder Mathews was arranging board for “Johnny” in Gallipolis, so that the youth could attend school there and learn to speak French well. (John Peter Romaine Bureau to John Mathews, May 15, 1805, John Mathews Collection, Marietta College.)

The mother of “Johnny” is unknown, as is the later life and career of young John. He was certainly alive in 1814, and of an age to travel alone. John Peter Romaine Bureau, a correspondent of the elder Mathews (letter of December 13, 1814, John Mathews Collection, Marietta College) thought well of the young man at that time. The son of John and Sarah, born a year after their marriage, was named James. How many other children there were of the marriage is not known.

With his marriage, John Mathews settled in the vicinity of Zanesville, Muskingum County, Ohio, first at Springfield (Putnam) and later at Moxahala Mills. There he pursued storekeeping, farming, and millwrighting. He was also active as a land agent, locating and selling land, and paying taxes for landowners who lived at a distance. In 1807 Mathews served in the Ohio House of Representatives, and in 1820, he served in the Ohio Senate. Toward the end of his life, he suffered financial reverses, in part because of a flash flood that destroyed his mills. He died October 31, 1828, without a will, but his estate record in the Muskingum County Probate Court
consists of approximately forty-seven pages of inventory, accountings and receipts. He was buried on his property at Moxahala Mills.

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Scope and Content

The collection contains 1,339 items dating from 1786 through 1828. The majority of the material is related to Mathews’ mercantile and land interests at Fort Loramie, Ohio, and in the area of Zanesville. Mathews’ work as a surveyor in the Seven Ranges and military lands is represented, and of especial note is a journal kept July 10, 1786, to April 1, 1787, containing an account of his experiences while surveying in the Seven Ranges. Extracts from this journal were published in Pioneer History: Being an Account of the First Examinations of the Ohio Valley, and the Early Settlement of the Northwest Territory, by S. P. Hildreth (1848).

A significant amount of correspondence and material related to John Mathews’ personal life and business affairs can be found in the Samuel P. Hildreth Collection, Marietta College Library, including a biography of Mathews written by his son James in 1859. Surveyor field notes from his work for the Ohio Company are kept in the Manuscripts and Documents of the Ohio Company of Associates, Marietta College Library. Documents related to his survey work for Rufus Putnam, United States Surveyor General, is included in the Rufus Putnam Papers, Marietta College Library.

Researchers should also consult the Brown-Patterson Papers (Series I, Henry Brown Papers) at the Dayton Metro Library for additional material on John Mathew’s partnership with Henry Brown at Fort Loramie.

Statement of Arrangement

The dated papers of the John Mathews Collection are arranged in chronological order, followed by undated material. In the last box are two bound volumes – an account book, ca. 1797-1803, attributed to John Mathews, and a memo book, ca. 1800-1803, containing the prices of goods, also attributed to John Mathews.

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Subjects:
Frontier and pioneer life – Ohio
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Mathews, John, 1765 – 1828
Places:
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Muskingum County (Ohio)
Shelby County (Ohio)
Washington County (Ohio)

Material Types:
Business Records
Correspondence
Journals
Maps

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John Mathews Collection, Marietta College Library

Detailed Description

Box 1/Folder 1: 1786
1. Journal of John Mathews in the Western Country, July 10, 1786 to April 1, 1787.

Box 1/Folder 2: 1789-1795


18. George MacDougall, Fort Defiance, to John Mathews. “It’s a matter of some consequence to me to hear what is going on in the European war, as French successes are much relish’d by my Friends at Detroit … there is so much difficulty & expence in getting Goods to this place by Horses that I wish to return to Sandusky this Winter provided a Garrison is established.” October 17, 1795.


Box 1/Folder 3: 1796 February – June


3. John Mathews, Fort Washington, to Daniel Harigan. Receipt for 1 barrel of sugar “found in the Quarter Masters Store at Greene Ville and presumed to be the property of Col. James O’Hara – for which I promise to account on Demand.” February 19, 1796.


5. Capt. Marshall to Mr. Lee for Mr. Mathews, Loramies. Order to let Connaught & Wall each have $1.00. March 28, 1796.

6. A. Marshall to John Mathews. Request that Sergeant Goodenough be given credit to the amount of $6.00. April 3, 1796.

7. A. Marshall to T(?) Lee for J. Mathews. Order to let Corporal Smith have $5 credit. April 3, 1796.

8. Document. Signatures of soldiers in the first sub-legion who acknowledge themselves indebted to John Mathews – each in the sum of $1. They were members of Capt. Marshall’s detachment. April 5, 1796.

9. A. Marshall to John Mathews. Request that Mr. Wells be given credit to the amount of one dollar. April 17, 1796.

10. Unsigned document. Invoice of goods delivered to Mr. Bates at Cincinnati to be forwarded to Hamilton. Document is not signed but is probably one of John Mathews’. April 21, 1796.


14. Document to John Mathews. List of soldiers, members of the first sub-legion, who are indebted to John Mathews – each for the sum of $2. Request Lieut. Charles Hyde to keep in his hands from their “first pay” the amount due J. Mathews. May 13, 1796.


17. Charles Hyde, Loramies, to John Mathews. Gives list of subscribers – “Soldiers in the 1st Sub Legion do Acknowledge that we have Received … four Dollars … which sum we request Lieut. Hyde to retain in his hands for the aforesaid – John Mathews & this Shall be his receipt in full.” May 28, 1796.


Box 1/Folder 4: 1796 July – November
7. E. W. Butler, Detroit, to John Mathews. Order to pay to Mr. Bustard, 22 pounds, 6 shillings, and 2 pence. August 16, 1796.

Box 1/Folder 5: 1797 January – May
5. John Mathews, Cincinnati, to Major C. Swan. “on my arrival here last fall I heard of General Putnams appointment of Surveyor General … The old man has made no appointment of Deputies
as yet and has not absolutely promised to appoint me though I have very little doubt but he will.”
Wrote about business affairs. February 18, 1797.
9. John Mathews, Cincinnati, to Major C. Swan. “I will just suggest my own Ideas on the Subject which are that we Should Share equally the profits of all commission business respecting land on this side of the Alleghany Mountains.” March 2, 1797.
10. John Mathews. Statement of account, etc. April 1, 1797.
11. J. & A. Hunt, Green Ville, to John Mathews, Loramies. Statement of account. Document was made out by Peter A. Van Dorn. April 5, 1797.
12. J. & A. Hunt, Green Ville, to John Mathews. Statement of account. Document was made out by Peter A. Van Dorn. April 5, 1797.
15. S. Armstrong, Cincinnati, to J. Mathews. Order to send D. McLaughlin the account of his, J. Mathews’s, due bill. April 13, 1797.
16. Samuel Wilson, St. Marys, to Francis Underwood. Certifying that Francis Underwood has served under John Mathews from March 28 – April 25, 1797. April 25, 1797.
17. Francis Underwood, Loramies, to Mathews & Brown. Receipt for $10.80 for 27 days service “at S’t Marys with the Boat builders.” April 25, 1797.
18. R. Abbott, Fort Wayne, to John Mathews, Loramies. Writes about some saddles which were purchased for him by Mr. Craig in Lexington. Found them to be of inferior quality. April 26, 1797.

Box 1/Folder 6: 1797 June – July
4. John Mathews, Cincinnati, to Mr. Brown. Sends some papers which he wishes to have “preserved.” June 6, 1797.
   December 18, 1797.
19. E. Beebe, Marietta, to John Mathews. Statement of account and receipt for payment. July 23,
   1797.
22. Dudley Woodbridge to John Mathews. Statement of account. Receipt is signed by Dudley

Box 1/Folder 7: 1797 September – December
   Mercer for $34.50 for the transporting of goods from Cincinnati. September 14, 1797.
   17, 1797.
   business appears rather unpromising at present I should advise to stick to it haveing [sic] a
   watchful eye over it that it does not involve us in loss.” October 30, 1797.
4. A. Hunt, Loramies, to Mr. Brown. Business affairs, selling liquor at the Post, etc. November 1,
   1797.
6. James Worth to John Mathews. Statement of account for surveying and receipt for payment of
   account. November 10, 1797.
7. Josiah Sherman, Marietta, to John Mathews. Statement of account for services as a hunter and
   receipt for payment of account. Account no. 15. November 16, 1797.
8. John Scott, Marietta, to John Mathews. Statement of account for surveying and receipt for
10. Ebenezer Buckingham, Marietta, to John Mathews. Statement of account for surveying and
    receipt for payment of account. November 17, 1797.
11. John Harris, Marietta, to John Mathews. Statement of account for surveying and receipt for
    payment of account. November 17, 1797.
13. Ebenezer Buell, Marietta, to John Mathews. Bill for surveying and receipt for payment of
    account. November 26, 1797.
    of goods from Cincinnati to Loramies. December 3, 1797.
15. William Douglas to John Mathews. Statement of account and receipt for payment. December 7,
    1797.
    Business letter. December 25, 1797.
Box 1/Folder 8: 1798 January – July
2. John Mathews, Marietta, to C. Buckingham. “General Putnam has assured me of a district large enough to occupy us both next Season.” January 16, 1798.
5. Robert Safford, Gallipolis, to John Mathews. Receipt signed by Robert Safford and James Burford for a note from John Mathews for $80 in payment for a “Light Sorrel Mare Eight or nine years old.” January 22, 1798.
7. Winthrop Sargent to John Mathews and Henry Brown. License for trading with the Indian nations within the territory. March 1, 1798.
22. John Mathews, Marietta, to Samuel Beebee, New York. “from the State of the surveys of the Army lands we may calculate that the locations will be made about a year from next September, I hope you will be able to collect a large quantity of Warrants to locate.” July 15, 1798.

Box 1/ Folder 9: 1798 August – December
5. William Rufus Putnam to Jonathan Stone, Esq., Treasurer for the County of Washington. Order to pay Hatfield White $5.66. October 8, 1798.
8. John Mathews, Mouth of Licking, to Henry Brown, Loramies. “Muskingum must soon become a place of consequence and it will be worth our while to make an Establishment there – you in the course of the Spring may bring our affairs to a close at Lormies.” October 28, 1798.
10. John Mathews, Marietta, to Samuel Beebe, New York. “I returned from my surveying tour about to days ago and now shall be ready to dispose of any of the Ohio companies shares you may forward me for sale … I shall ask one tenth Part of the land for location or 400 acres out of a Section – I will give you one fourth Part.” December 12, 1798.
12. Smith & Findley to Henry Brown. Writes that they are sending some hogs and pack horses to Fort Wayne. If bearer of note needs any money or articles, Mr. Brown is to supply his needs and Smith & Findley will meet the obligation. December 22, 1798.

Box 1/ Folder 10: 1799
3. John Mathews, Marietta to Henry Brown, Loramies. “As Anthony appeared to be necessary to you I could dispense with his coming here, however as you appear now to calculate on sending him I should be glad if you would do it. I feal my self bound to his Parents to pay some attention to his education, etc.” January 3, 1799.
12. Anthony Maguet, Loramies, to Mathew & Brown. “I have taken & converted to my own use the following articles the property of Mathews & Brown.” Witnessed by Maxwell Huston. Also statement signed by A. Maguet and Henry Brown which states that the obligation be placed on “stamp’d paper whenever it can be obtain’d.” March 2, 1799.
16. Josiah Munro, Marietta, to John Mathews. “Please to pay Doc’ Jabez True four Dollars in part of your Subscription to the Muskingum Academy.” May 31, 1799.

Box 2/Folder 1: 1800
4. Cairnoan McDowell to John Mathews. Copy of a legal document. Statement is signed by J. Mathews which states that the above is a true copy. February 12, 1800.
5. Copy of a letter to E. Buckingham. “The whole expenses of the business will am’ to about 600 dollars which will leave 1300 dollars for your part – this I should be perfectly willing to give up provided would so attend to the business as to exempt me from all care in the county agreeably to our agreement – to obviate these difficulties I will make two propositions.” March 19, 1800.
8. John Mathews to Jacob Cline, Philadelphia. Deed is for 100 acres. Included on separate page is a diagram showing the location of the land. April 9, 1800.
12. A. Marshall, New York, to Capt. Andrew McClary, Pittsburgh. “As I have an account with Mr. Mathews, the bearer you will oblige me by paying him twenty-five dollars.” October 16, 1800.

Box 2/Folder 2: 1801 January
1. Martin Baum, Cincinnati, to John Mathews, Marietta. Writes concerning land affairs. “nothing Transpires here – Money scarce, Trade dull and in consequence of which, every Feature is tinctured with depression.” January 1, 1801.
2. John Duncan, Philadelphia, to John Mathews, Marietta. Wants to know if any part of the McDowell tract has been sold for taxes. January 10, 1801.
4. John Mathews, Marietta, to Elijah Backus. Note: for $1833.32. Signatures of J. Mathews and Ebenezer Buckingham have been detached. Witnessed by William and John Woodbridge. Note to be paid by April 1, 1801. January 21, 1801.

5. Ebenezer Buckingham to Elijah Backus. Note for $1833.32. Signatures of E. Buckingham and J. Mathews have been detached. Witnessed by William and John Woodbridge. Note to be paid by April 1, 1802. On back of the document are receipts signed by Elijah Backus for payments upon the note. January 21, 1801.

6. John Mathews to Elijah Backus. Note for Mathews & Buckingham to Elijah Backus. Signatures have been detached. Note to be paid April 1, 1803. Witnessed by William and John Woodbridge. January 21, 1801.

7. John Mathews to Clarina Backus, Marietta. Note for $1500.01 ½. Signatures of J. Mathews and Ebenezer Buckingham have been detached. Witnessed by William and John Woodbridge. Note to be paid by April 1, 1801. January 21, 1801.

8. Ebenezer Buckingham to Clarina Backus. Signatures of E. Buckingham and John Mathews have been detached. Note for $1500.01 ½. Witnessed by William Woodbridge and John Woodbridge. Note to be paid by April 1, 1802. January 21, 1801.

9. John Mathews to Clarina Backus. Note for Mathews & Buckingham to Clarina Backus. Signatures have been detached. Witnessed by William and John Woodbridge. Note to be paid April 1, 1803. January 21, 1801.

10. John Mathews to Elijah Backus. Signatures of John Mathews and Ebenezer Buckingham have been detached. Deed is for tract of land containing 3138.8 acres. January 21, 1801.


13. Felicite D’Hebecourt to John Mathews. Receipt for $100 paid by J. Mathews for “all the goods household stuff implements and furniture herein after particularly mentioned.” January 28, 1801.

14. Felicite D’Hebecourt to John Mathews. Receipt for household furniture, wearing apparel, and other articles “for which I promise to account and deliver to the said John Mathews when the same shall be called for by him.” January 28, 1801.

15. Samuel Swett, Boston, to John Mathews, Marietta. Acknowledges receipt of letter giving description of his lands. “I have been informed that half of one of the shares was sold by Doct Sprague, I think the persons name to whom it was conveyed to was Medcalf. . . . If you find there has been half a share Sold, you will please to inform, which share it was taken from.” January 30, 1801.

Box 2/Folder 3: 1801 February – March

1. Dwight Foster, City of Washington, to John Mathews, Marietta. Writes concerning a petition before the legislature. February 2, 1801.

2. Joseph Hardy, New York, to John Mathews, Marietta. Writes concerning the payment of taxes on his military lands. February 3, 1801.


4. C. Swan, Washington, to John Mathews, Marietta. Wishes to have his quarter township of land in Range 5, township 5, and quarter 2 surveyed and divided as listed. Tells of the vote taken in the House of Representatives upon Jefferson and Burr. February 13, 1801.

5. Jesse Hunt, Cincinnati, to John Mathews, Marietta. Writes concerning the payment of the balance of a note. February 20, 1801.

6. John McIntire, Zanesville, to John Mathews, Marietta. Writes concerning a lease of part of Mr. Underwood’s land. February 23, 1801.

12. Daniel Bradley, South West Point, Tennessee, to John Mathews. “inform me who I am to apply to for the patent or deed & to whom the Money is to be paid to for location.” March 30, 1801.

Box 2/Folder 4: 1801 April – May
4. John Duncan, Philadelphia, to Messers Sproat & Mathews. Writes concerning a mortgage. On the 3d page is a note dated at Phila., April 17, 1801 and written by G. Taylor, Jr. who recommends that service should be given to John Duncan in the question of the mortgage of Mr. McDowell. April 17, 1801.
7. James Johnston, Pittsburgh, to John Mathews, Zanesville. Quotes prices for which he is willing to sell his lands. April 25, 1801.
8. Samuel C. Vance, Fort Washington, to John Mathews, Zanesville. “There is a friend of mine who is owner of 400 acres of that ¼ Township which was located in the name of the Hunt’s – he wishes a conveyance from the proper source.” April 26, 1801.

Box 2/Folder 5: 1801 June – August
3. Joseph F. Munro, Chillicothe, to John Mathews, Zanesville. “it will be Difficult to procure a house at Hocking & perhaps it will be necessary to build a small one for our purpose.” June 12, 1801.
7. Joseph F. Munro, Lancaster, to John Mathews. Receipt stating that “Mr. Crooks has Delivered His Loading.” August 8, 1801.
9. James Johnston, Pittsburgh, to John Mathews, Zanesville. Writes that he cannot send the Power of attorney “by this Post” but suggests “that any bargain you make I shall confirm – if you should make any before you receive the Power.” August 21, 1801.
12. Charles Burrall, Baltimore, to John Mathews, Zanesville. Writes that John Wright of Georgetown is interested in lands in the name of Mr. Biddle of Philadelphia. Wishes to have them placed in the books of the collector and he will pay the taxes. August 28, 1801.

Box 2/Folder 6: 1801 September – October
1. John Clark, Philadelphia, to John Mathews, Zanesville. Writes about shipping whiskey, the price of furs, etc. September 10, 1801.
2. [Philemon Beecher], Lancaster, to John Mathews, Zanesville. States that Mr. Crooks had arrived with the whiskey. September 26, 1801.
6. John Wright, Georgetown + Roads, Eastern Shore, Maryland, to John Mathews, Zanesville. Writes about taxes. Thinks there must be some error, part of his 4,000 acres had been sold and therefore he should not be charged for the whole tract. October 11, 1801.
7. John Mathews to John Moore. Deed is signed by John Mathews and by him as attorney for Clarina Backus. Deed is for one lot, no. 13, in Tuscarawas and contains five acres. October 16, 1801.
12. William C. Schenck, Newark, to John Mathews, Zanesville. “I think the man asks too much for digging the well … have directed him [Mr. Isaac Staden] to give no more than two Dollars pr. foot.” October 26, 1801.

Box 2/Folder 7: 1801 November – December
2. Martin Baum, Wheeling, to John Mathews, Zanesville. “M. Bowman and myself have
determined to sell the whole of our section of Land adjoining your Town on the Muskingum.”
Give instructions for surveying and “laying off” the land. November 10, 1801.
3. E. Backus, Marietta, to John Mathews, Zanesville. Wants to know if taxes have been paid on
land belonging to Theodore Foster. November 23, 1801.
4. William Austin, Lancaster, to John Mathews, Zanesville. “I shall open house in two weeks from
this & the is not one drop of Brandy nor Whiskey nor Wine in the place now is the time if you
have those articles to send them as quick as possible.” November 30, 1801.
5. John Davidson, Washington City, to John Mathews, Zanesville. Writes about locating lands for
Mr. Underwood. December 4, 1801.
7. Simon & Hyman Gratz, Philadelphia, to Sproat & Mathews. Statement of account. November 6,
1800 – December 8, 1801.
9. George Jackson, Washington City, to [John Mathews], Zanesville. Writes about selling some of
his lands. States prices. December 15, 1801.
10. Joseph F. Munro, Lancaster to John Mathews, Zanesville. Writes concerning the formation of a
partnership with J. Mathews. December 18, 1801.
25, 1801.
decline business here than to continue it with so small supplies.” December 30, 1801.

Box 2/Folder 8: 1802 January – March
concerning the shipment of articles is signed by John Mathews. Bill no 8. January 16, 1802.
1802.
4. Stephen R. Wilson, Wood County, to John Mathews. Receipt for notes. S. R. Wilson was one of
the administrators of the estate of Israel Ward, deceased. January 30, 1802.
5. John Mathews, Zanesville, to Mr. Austin, Lancaster. Sends a shipment of castings. February 3,
1802.
1802.
8. Sproat & Mathews to Increase Mathews & Co. Statement of account. April, 1801 – March 19,
1802.
9. Increase Mathews & Co. to John Mathews. Statement of account. March 1, 1801 – March 26,
1802.
March 26, 1802.
11. Joseph F. Munro & Co. “A List of Ballances Due Joseph F. Munro & Co. on account of a
concern of Joseph F. Munro with Sproat & Mathews. March 27th 1802.” March 27, 1802.
12. Increase Mathews & Co. “List of Ballances unpaid of the 1st of Debts due Increase Mathews &
Co.” March 27, 1802.
13. Sproat & Mathews to Joseph F. Munro. Statement of account. Sproat & Mathews assumed the
settlement Jan. 27, 1802. Also signed by Joseph F. Munro. March 27, 1802.
14. Increase Mathews & Co. “List of Balances Due to I. Matthews & Co. at Zanesville March 27th,
1802.” March 27, 1802.

Box 2/Folder 9: 1802 April – May
1. Le Clercq to John Mathews or Earl Sproat. Requests payment of $8 – balance due for the “schooling” of his son. April 1, 1802.
2. Sproat & Mathews. Bill for 6 barrels of whiskey. “Store at Lancaster in charge of Mr. William Austin.” Carriage from Marietta to Zanesville was $3 per barrel. “Forwarded from Zanesville April 2, 1802.” March – April 2, 1802.
5. Sproat & Mathews, Marietta. “List of Ballances due Sproat & Mathews … at the dissolution of their partnership.” April 15, 1802.
10. Ebenezer Buckingham, Marietta, to John Mathews. Requests that the money J. Mathews has in hand for road subscriptions be paid to Dudley Woodbridge. May 12, 1802.
11. Earl Sproat, Marietta, to John Mathews, Zanesville. Writes that he has ten barrels of whiskey for E. Sproat. Also, sends a statement of his account. May 25, 1802.

Box 2/Folder 10: 1802 June – October
1. John & Increase Mathews. “Peltry sent to Pittsburgh June 1802.” June 1, 1802.
13. Edward D. Turner, Pittsburgh, to John Mathews, Zanesville. “I want to raise two thousand five hundred Dollars. tell me if you can do it out of the Land owned by me in the Section with M’ Ormsby, and to accomplish it, at what price it must be sold p’ Acre?” September 1, 1802.

Box 2/Folder 11: 1802 November – December
3. John Mathews, New Lancaster, to James Walker. “As you have not been able to deliver the whiskey this fall I shall expect the cash in lieu of it next Spring – in this case I shall make a considerable Sacrifice for if I had the Whiskey according to agreement I would have sold it at a good profit.” November 23, 1802.
4. Increase Mathews, Springfield [Putnam], to John Mathews, Lancaster. Includes a list of the articles which he is sending to J. Mathews. November 26, 1802.
8. Increase Mathews to John Mathews, Lancaster. Includes a list of articles sent to J. Mathews by Mr. Crooks. December 13, 1802.

Box 3/Folder 1: 1803 January – February
8. Elnathan Scofield, Lancaster, to John Mathews, Marietta. “Mr. Roads has been here conversing about the Mill he says he will Strike off one hundred Acres of Land in Common with the Mill at two dollars pr acre.” January 22, 1803.
9. Elnathan Scofield, Lancaster, to John Mathews, Marietta. “there is a young Gentleman here by the Name of Selby the one who is Courting Miss Allen – he is wishing to rent Johnsons house I could not inform him whether you or Noah Zane had the agency.” January 25, 1803.


11. [E. Sproat]. “Sproat’s account of Ballances at Marietta – February 1803.” February, 1803.


Box 3/Folder 2: 1803 March – April


2. Amasa Delano, Lancaster, to John Mathews, Zanesville. “I have settled with Mr. Scofield … there now is a balance due me of about $70.00.” Business letter. March 4, 1803.


5. Wilson Hunt, Philadelphia, to John Mathews, Zanesville. “Our friend Capt. James Taylor has been so kind, as to pay me one Hundred Twenty one Pounds.” March 17, 1803.


7. Zacheus Biggs, Steubenville, to John Mathews, Springfield or Zanesville. “I have to inform you that I do not know of any other land owned by Samuel Dick only that on Owl Creek.” March 25, 1803.


Box 3/Folder 3: 1803 May – July

1. J[ohn] P[eter] [Romaine] Bureau, Gallipolis, to John Mathews, Marietta, O. Writes concerning the payment of his debts. “I have the Promise of the Clerkship for this new county.” May 1, 1803.


4. James Lyle, Philadelphia, to Sproat & Mathews, Marietta. “Mess John Davis & Co having become bankrupts; their Estates are vested in Assignees . . . We find on their books, Accounts against your several Concerns, which we inclose.” May 13, 1803.


6. Daniel McElheran, Pultney Township, Belmont County, to John Mathews, Zanesville. The three commissioners appointed for Belmont County were J. Mathews, Mr. Speer, and Mr. Brown. May 18, 1803.


10. Martin Baum, Cincinnati, to John Mathews, New Lancaster or Marietta. “I take the liberty of inclosing you Ninety three Dollars paper money, with a request of paying the undernamed Gentlemens Taxes, for last and this year.” June 17, 1803.


12. Martin Baum, Cincinnati, to John Mathews, Zanesville. Tells about the formation of an exportation company. “The principle object of this institution is, to export the produce of the Country to the markets, and the proceeds thereof to be brought back in Cash.” July 12, 1803.

13. Elnathan Scofield, Lancaster, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam]. “The business is so dull here that I cannot confine myself wholly to the store – particularly this fall I shall take a job surveying.” July 13, 1803.


Box 3/Folder 4: 1803 August – October

1. John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam], to Ebenezer Buckingham, Jr. “Memorandum of a settlement with Ebene Bickham Junr Augt 1st 1803. Finally Settled and Counted this thirteenth day of April 1804.” Signed by both parties. August 1, 1803.


3. Increase Mathews & Co. “List of Balances Due to Increase Matthews & Co March 27th 1803 Copied from the original and corrected Aug. 4th 1803.” March 27, 1803 – August 4, 1803.


5. R. Anderson, Montgomery County, Md., to John Mathews, Zanesville, O. “I send the Deed passed by your to me for my Military right to Land in the State of Ohio.” August 10, 1803.


8. D. McElheran, Pultney to John Mathews, Zanesville. “Do not think of going into the wood until the business is Settled any Loss that may accrue against you I will, make good.” August 25, 1803.

9. Benjamin Morgan, New Orleans, to John Mathews, Marietta. “The unexpected good fortune of the United States in Obtaining by Purchase the Whole of the Province of Louisiana places the Western part of America in General and this city in particular in a very eligible situation for Commerce.” August 25, 1803.


11. James Parker, Perth Amboy, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam], O. Lists eight questions which he wishes to have answered regarding his lands. Wants the taxes paid on his lands. August 29, 1803.


Box 3/Folder 5: 1803 November – December
4. George Taylor, Jr., Philadelphia, to John Mathews, New Lancaster. “I am glad that the long lost deed of Cropley Rose has been found and came safe to my hands.” November 28, 1803.
5. Philemon Beecher, Lancaster, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam]. “Mr. Brook in behalf of himself and (?) applied to me to write and request you to send them information of what terms you will accept in the sale of your lands on Licking particularly those including the Indian Tower.” December 3, 1803.
7. James Johnston, Wheeling, to John Mathews. Wishes to have his tax receipts sent to him. December 8, 1803.
11. C. Backus, Chillicothe, to John Mathews, Zanesville. Has a debt of $424 – “I could not but call on you to discount this sum in your settlement with the surveyor General.” December 19, 1803.
15. Charles Ball to John Mathews. Writes about the location of some lands. December 31, 1803.

Box 3/Folder 6: 1804 January
1. George Gillasspy to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam]. Gives the statement of the account of John Mathews with the late firm of Gillasspy & Strong which was dissolved Dec. 31, 1803. Letter is signed by George Gillasspy and Joseph Strong. 1804.
2. Jared Mansfield to John Mathews, Zanesville. “I have only time to request you most earnestly to forward your surveys, to this office, with all possible dispatch.” Document is damaged. 1804.
6. John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam], to James Denny [& G. Burner]. “Mr. Richard McBride was appointed post master at Zane Ville [Zanesville] about five weeks ago … at the same time informed the post master General that he should keep the office at this place on the West side of the Muskingum … Mr. Burner refuses to bring or take the mail from this side.” January 18, 1804.
7. John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam], to James Denny. “If on a fair representation other Postmaster General thinks proper to order the office to be kept on the other side let it go there.” January 22, 1804.
8. John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam], to James Denny. “If on a fair representation other Postmaster General thinks proper to order the office to be kept on the other side let it go there.” January 22, 1804.
9. Robert Underwood, Washington, to John Mathews. Writes about land affairs. “I am much pleased to learn that the Saw Mill at Springfield [Putnam] is Working and also that the local situation of that place promises so well to ans’. In the way of Water Works.” January 27, 1804.
10. John Creed, Lancaster, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam]. “Mr. Henry Miser mentioned to me some days since his desire to remove to Springfield from this place if he could meet with encouragement.” January 28, 1804.
11. Denman Meeker & Co., Philadelphia, to John Mathews, Zanesville. Did not know that his business partnership had been dissolved. Send a statement of their account which is now long past due. January 28, 1804.
14. Jared Mansfield, Marietta, to John Mathews, Zanesville. “If you will be so good as to accelerate the completion of your Work, if possible, so as to make your returns even sooner than you had engaged, I shall esteem it as a favour.” February 15, 1804.
8. William W. Smith, Philadelphia, to John Mathews, Zanesville. Enclosed on another page are the accounts of Null & Smith against Sproat & Mathews and also against Mathews & Brown. February 17, 1804.


10. John Mathews to David Beam. Statement of account. Document is also signed by David Beam. February 20, 1804.

Box 3/Folder 8: 1804 March - May


2. Amasa Delano, Versailles, Ky., to John Mathews, Zanesville, O. “I have no papers in my possession relative to the business concerning the contract with Johnston & myself or Perry & myself, I must therefore refer you to Mr. Beecher who has them all.” March 16, 1804.


6. John Clark, Wheeling, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam]. “The money was left in 500 dollar bill, I have been thru all the Town and cannot get it changed in to small money but you may Expect it in all next week.” March 23, 1804.


8. James Lyle, Philadelphia, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam]. “being anxious to wind up the Business, we request that you will forward us the Bond or note as soon as possible.” March 29, 1804.


10. James Converse, Lancaster, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam]. If some of his loading has come to their storehouse, he wishes to have some saddles and bridles sent out with Mr. Scofield’s goods. April 8, 1804.

11. Henry Brown, Dayton, to John Mathews, “Dear Field”. Business affairs. “The increase of population in this place is very considerable, yet money is scarce.” April 12, 1804.


15. Jared Mansfield, Marietta, to John Mathews, Zanesville. “Though it may not be strictly regular to deliver your plats to the Register before they are compared in this office: it seems to be the best mode that can be adopted, in the present urgent state of affairs.” May 14, 1804.


17. James Parker, Perth Amboy, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam]. “You mention an idea of selling or as you term it sacrificing a little to encourage Settlers on these lands. I would very willingly sell part of mine to Settlers and indeed would wish to do so: but what is the Sacrifice?” May 29, 1804.
Box 3/Folder 9: 1804 June
2. William Payne, Boston, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam]. “I have now to request you to sell the Land in the Military Tract that Cap't Turner informed you that I was interested in, provided it will sell at one Dollar pr Acre.” June 10, 1804.
4. James Johnston to John Mathews. “I wrote … beging of you to make a Choice for Dillon that I might make a Deed to Spencer for which he is very uneasy.” June 12, 1804.
8. Mahlon Ford, Morristown, N.J., to John Mathews, Muskingum. “The tract of Land I own in the Military lands which you surveyed … wish you would be good enough to take care of for me & pay the taxes.” June 18, 1804.

Box 3/Folder 10: 1804 July – August
6. Abner Lord, Marietta, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam]. “Inclosed is the Rent for a number of articles delivered to Mr. John Hook.” July 12, 1804.
7. C. Swan, Washington, to John Mathews, Zanesville, O. “Your division of our joint quarter No. 2 Township 5, Range 5 in the military tract has been ratified by all the parties.” July 14, 1804.
8. Jacob Burnet, Cincinnati, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam], O. Writes about land affairs, taxes, etc. July 17, 1804.

11. Francis Le Clerc, Galipolis, to John Mathews, New Lancaster. “Since my return I have been appointed Surveyor of our new County – and several persons of our town have applied to me in order to have the boundaries of their respective Lots ascertained but I found there was not to be found a single stake standing that could be depended upon.” July 28, 1804.


13. Seth Carhartt to Esq. Sturgeon, New Lancaster. “Please to send me … the Amount of A Note I left in your hand last January against Charles Babb.” August 1, 1804.

14. William Payne, Boston, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam]. Wishes to have a draft sent so that account can be closed. August 15, 1804.


18. George Gillaspy, Philadelphia, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam]. Wishes to have a draft sent so that account can be closed. August 15, 1804.


21. John Creed, Lancaster, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam]. “I this morning heard of your Oxen being in this Country at Gen Wells up Hockhocking and shall go today and bring them down.’ August 18, 1804.


23. Isaac Criag, Pittsburgh, to John Mathews, Zanesville, O. “A few days ago I received A letter from our Mutual Friend Caleb Swan Esq accompanied by your note to him dated 10th of May 1800 for $805-60 together with a Mortgage on A part of Your lands as A collateral Security for that Sum.” August 20, 1804.
9. C. Swan, Washington, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam], near Zanesville, O. “It will be a serious disappointment to me, not to receive the amount of your note at the time you proposed.” September 18, 1804.
10. George Taylor, Jr., Philadelphia, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam]. “I observe what you say about the land warrants, and shall not purchase any more on your account. They are in demand here at 35 Dollars. . . . The Trinity Church Lottery will draw in November and I shall be glad to furnish you with such tickets as you & your friends may want.” Document is damaged. September 18, 1804.
11. James Kilbourn, Worthington, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam]. Requests that the enclosed letter should be delivered to Mr. True. September 22, 1804.

Box 3/Folder 12: 1804 October

8. John Duncan, Washington, Penna., to John Mathews, Zanesville. Writes about taxes on his lands. “Please to let me know how your Country comes on with improvements and if any settlers are near my land.” October 16, 1804.
12. Silvanus Lawrence, Mendam [Mendham Township], Morris County, New Jersey to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam]. “Press hard on Joseph Butler for the first Payment of his bond and if he cannot Pay it all – take What you can Git.” October 26, 1804.
14. John Creed, Lancaster, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam], O. “I could not get a Deed from Zane to Yaney [?] unless I could procure his bond to Lofland.” October 30, 1804.
15. Jeremiah Hunt, Cincinnati, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam]. “In your letter addressed [sic] to my Brother Jesse, you observe that the reasoning in the petition does not apply to you part of the Country.” October 30, 1804.
Box 3/Folder 13: 1804 November – December

4. George Taylor, Jr., Philadelphia, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam]. “The Trinity Church Lottery commences drawing on Monday next, I therefore send you herein inclosed a ticket no. 14315 in the name of Mr. Leavens – the price is 6.50 that of the subscription 4 dollars each.” November 20, 1804.
5. John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam], Muskingum County, O., to Col. A. Lord. “I have about a tun of hemp on hand which I will exchange for your salt stored here.” November 26, 1804.

Box 4/Folder 1: 1805 January – February

3. Jonas Stanbery, New York, to Mr. Mathews. “When does the law expire for Locating warrants & is there any probability of the time being extended?” January 5, 1805.
17. John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam], to Mr. H. Gratz. Sends a draft. February 1, 1805.
18. John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam], to Elisha Mathews. Copy of two letters which were included in the material sent to Messers L. & H. Gratz under date of March 31, 1805. February 1, 1805.
19. Hyman Gratz, Lexington, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam]. Plans to stop at Springfield, O., soon after the 4th of February and wants Mr. Mathews to pay the balance of his account at that time. February 1, 1805.

Box 4/Folder 2: 1805 March – April
5. James Williams to John Mathews. Bond for $10,000. Deed of conveyance was received at Annapolis, March 18, 1808. Receipt was signed by John Mathews and James Williams. March 12, 1805.

Box 4/Folder 3: 1805 May
2. Samuel Mellor, Jr., Waterford, to Mr. Mathews, Licking. Has sent 4 barrels of flour which he wishes Mr. Mathews to sell on commission. May 2, 1805.
7. James Williams, Annapolis, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam]. Signature of J. Williams has been detached. “I discovered that I had made a Considerable Mistake by omitting to add 25 cent pr. acre on 1875 acres.” May 12, 1805.
8. Michael Nourse, Washington, to [John Mathews]. “There have been but few Warrants offered for sale and none for location; it is probable there may be some towards the next Session of Congress.” May 14, 1805.

Box 4/Folder 4: 1805 June
3. John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam], Muskingum County, to James Williams. Writes about the sale of lands, prices, etc. June 6, 1805.
6. Jesse Hunt, Cincinnati, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam]. Requests that the deed should be recorded. June 10, 1805.


Box 4/Folder 5: 1805 July – August
1. Jared Mansfield, Cincinnati, to John Mathews, Zanesville. Writes about the surveying of lands in Indiana which had been awarded to Mr. Cass. July 1, 1805.
3. Joseph Thomas, New York, to John Mathews, Zanesville. Wants to sell his lands located on Jonathan Creek. Lands were located in the name of Charles M. Goldsborough. July 3, 1805.
16. J[ohn] P[eter] [Romaine] Bureau, Gallipolis, to John Mathews, Zanesville. “As to your opinion about sending here your son Johny I do most sincerely approve of it … if you will send Johny to this place to my care I assure you he shall be well Treated.” August 23, 1805.
17. Baum & Thompson, Cincinnati, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam], O. Writes that some articles on a boat belonging to J. A. Tarascon were found marked for Marietta. Will send them on the next trip. August 30, 1805.

Box 4/Folder 6: 1805 September – October
4. Jesse Hunt, Cincinnati, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam]. Wants to know if the deed, which had been sent for recording, had been received. September 24, 1805.


6. Jonathan Clark, Walpole, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam]. “You offer to buy the Land but as I am not necessitated for money at present nor can make it convenient to go to New Braintr (Braintree?) to get a Deed made out – I have concluded not to sell it.” October 5, 1805.


10. James Bruff, St. Louis, La., to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam], O. Sends a copy of a letter, July 16, 1805, about a section of land which he was offering for sale. November 16, 1805.

11. Richard Wells to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam], O. “my father informed me that Mr. Buskirk did not pay you the mony you lint me by M’. McGuire.” December, 1805.

12. James Morrison, Zanesville, to Mr. John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam]. “I am anxious to know whether Judge Slaughter has paid you the $30 … I have three or 4 Warrants of 100 Acres each, have earnestly to request that you will inform me where to Locate them …” December 2, 1805.

Box 4/Folder 7: 1805 November – December


4. James Williams, Annapolis, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam], O. Sends a copy of a letter, July 16, 1805, about a section of land which he was offering for sale. November 16, 1805.

5. Richard Wells to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam], O. “my father informed me that Mr. Buskirk did not pay you the mony you lint me by M’. McGuire.” December, 1805.

6. James Morrison, Zanesville, to Mr. John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam]. “I am anxious to know whether Judge Slaughter has paid you the $30 … I have three or 4 Warrants of 100 Acres each, have earnestly to request that you will inform me where to Locate them …” December 2, 1805.

7. John Mathews to Calvan Babbit. Title bond for $1500. Signed by J. Mathews and Lewis Nye. Witnessed by Ezra Perrin and John Mc? The small page states that the account was settled November 22, 1806. December 4, 1805.


Box 4/Folder 8: 1806 January – February

4. Jesse Hunt, Cincinnati, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam], O. Wants to know if a letter addressed to W. M. Baker has been missent. It should be delivered to Springfield near Dayton. Ohio. January 11, 1806.
5. Mahlon Ford, Morristown, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam], O. Writes that he will sell the land at $2 per acre. January 14, 1806.
10. Michael Nourse, Washington, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam], Muskingum County, O. “All your warrants had been located; an objection however has since been made to the location of No. 254 in the names of the assignees.” February 11, 1806.

Box 4/Folder 9: 1806 March – April
4. Jesse Hunt, Cincinnati, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam], O. Wants to know about his lands – situation, etc. March 9, 1806.
7. Zachariah A. Beatty, Wills Creek, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam], O. Wants taxes paid on his lands. March 27, 1806.
9. Asa Davis to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam]. Writes that he has secured a barrel of tar for Mr. Mathews. The price was $10. April 3, 1806.
17. James Williams, Annapolis, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam]. Had to sell his lands cheaply because of his need for money. Congress has passed a law to sell their lands for cash only. April 28, 1806.

Box 4/Folder 10: 1806 May – August

Box 4/Folder 11: 1806 September – October
1. Mahlon Ford, Morristown, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam], O. Wants to know if payment has been made on his lands – is greatly in need of money. September 10, 1806.
6. James Williams, Annapolis, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam], O. Writes about financial affairs, taxes, etc. October 13, 1806.
8. John Creed, Lancaster, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam]. Writes that all of the land, excepting 5 acres of lot no.29, had been sold to Hugh Boyle. October 24, 1806.


Box 4/Folder 12: 1806 November – December


4. Lewis Nye to Mr. Mathews. “Mr. Linley has offered to take all of Turners land that we hold for sale provided that we will take part trade.” November 11, 1806.

5. A. McLaughlin, Pittsburgh, to John Mathews, Zanesville. Wants information about lands which has been recorded in the office at Zanesville. Land was transferred from Thomas Worthington to Samuel Finley – tract contained 1200 acres. November 27, 1806.


9. James Herron. Received of John Mathews a “List of corrections, alterations, etc. to be made in sundry tracts for the year 1807. December 15, 1806.

10. James Williams, Annapolis, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam], O. “No peace between Englª. And France – and a Bloody war has Commenced between France & Prussia there has been some Days hard fitting, and much blood shed.” December 21, 1806.


13. George Taylor, Jr., Philadelphia, to John Mathews. Wants to know if the taxes have been paid for Holmes & Rainey. December 24, 1806.

Box 5/Folder 1: 1807 January – July

1. Isaac Vore, St. Clairsville, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam]. “I may inform thee that I am ready to Comply with my Contract made with Luis Nye but cannot leave home at this time. January 15, 1807.


6. James Williams, Annapolis, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam], O. Acknowledges receipt of $440. “Your Returning and Cutting me of with a Trifiling Remittance has disappointed, and hurt me very much, be assured.” March 17, 1807.

7. Dudley Woodbridge, Marietta, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam]. “I have 450 Bushels of Corn Cribbed (besides the 60 that you are to have) which I want to turn into Cash on the best terms I can.” April 24, 1807.


11. George Taylor, Jr., Philadelphia, to John Mathews, Muskingum County, O. “Be pleased to pay the taxes for the present year on the following lands and to redeem such as my have taxes against them for the last year.” June 22, 1807.


15. Charles Williams to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam]. “I have Sold that 200 acres of Land Joining the Prairie for two Dollars per acre.” July 16, 1807.


Box 5/Folder 2: 1807 September – October


2. Jabez True, Marietta, to John Mathews. “The School in this place will stop after this week & I think will not begin for some time.” September 16, 1807.


4. George Taylor, Jr., Philadelphia, to John Mathews, Muskingum County, O. Requests that land owned by Major Jackson should be redeemed from any claim. October 9, 1807.

5. George Taylor, Jr., Philadelphia, to John Mathews, Muskingum County, O. “Direct you to redeem & pay the taxes on 100 acres … in the name of John Coleman.” October 14, 1807.

6. James Williams, Annapolis, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam], O. Wants a full remittance of second payment on some lands. October 14, 1807.

7. John Wright, Georgetown, to unknown. Has not had a reply from his letter of June, 1807. Wants immediate attention to this taxes, etc. October 22, 1807.


Box 5/Folder 3: 1807 November – December
8. James Williams, Annapolis, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam], O. Acknowledges receipt of $527.92. “A small proportion of the Balance long due. . . . We are yet in suspense as to peace or a war with England.” December 2, 1807.
11. William Payne, Boston, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam], O. Acknowledges receipt of $520. “I hope you will be able to send me the balance in March when I shall send you the deed.” December 23, 1807.
12. Charles Williams, Tuskarawa, to John Mathews, Chillicothe. Writes about roads, appointment or commissioners, etc. December 29, 1807.

Box 5/Folder 4: 1808 January – July
10. James Williams, Annapolis, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam], O. Business letter. “Its said and I believe its True that our Minister Armstrong has left the Court of France (which he ought to have done 6 month since) and that we shall have war at last.” June 13, 1808.
11. John Reid, Philadelphia, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam], Muskingum County, O.  “Hope you will give me the necessary Information of the value and Quality and if there be any Taxes or Incumbrance on the two following Locations.”  June 20, 1808.
14. George Taylor, Jr., Philadelphia, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam].  “I subjoin a list of the land on which you will be pleased to pay the taxes for this year.”  July 4, 1808.
15. Edward D. Turner, County of Arcadia, Territory of Orleans, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam], Muskingum County, O.  Wants to know if taxes have been paid on his lands.  July 16, 1808.

Box 5/Folder 5: 1808 August – December
2. James Williams, Annapolis, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam], O.  Writes about the payment of taxes.  August 31, 1808.
4. Paul Fearing, Marietta, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam]. Sends a list of persons for whom J. Mathews will act as agent.  Agency was formerly held by Paul Fearing.  October 4, 1808.
5. James Bruff, St. Louis, La., to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam]. Sends $5 to pay taxes on land in Ohio.  “I have left the army and shall quit this country & either settle in Tennessee near Nashville on lands I hold there; or return to my property in Mary.”  October 7, 1808.

Box 5/Folder 6: 1809 January – April
1. George Taylor, Jr., Philadelphia, to John Mathews, Muskingum County, Ohio. Acknowledges receipt of $451. “I now transmit to you herein inclosed two sheets containing twenty of the Lehigh tickets … to be disposed of on a commission of five per cent. A Sketch of the Scheme you will find in the Gazette of the United States.” May 1, 1809.

2. James Williams, Annapolis, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam], O. Financial affairs. “I congratulate you on the late Issue of affairs with England. Commerce begin to flourish again we have acco’ this day of Hostilities having commenced between Austria and France.” May 8, 1809.


Box 5/Folder 8: 1809 September – December
1. Edward D. Turner, County of Acadia, Territory of Orleans, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam], O. Wants to know the condition of the land which he owns in the vicinity of Springfield. September 7, 1809.
2. William Beard to John Mathews. Articles of agreement signed by both parties. William Beard was a carpenter. September 12, 1809.
5. Thomas Evins to John Mathews. Articles of agreement signed by both parties. September 12, 1809.
8. Edward D. Turner, County of Acadia, Territory of Orleans, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam], O. Writes about an error in the amount of land purchased from Mr. Payne and Mr. Turner. October 21, 1809.
11. L. Woodbridge, Marietta, to John Mathews Mocsahala. Writes about a Power of Attorney from Sister Clary (?). Wants $30 if it can be sent conveniently. “I went yesterday into Virginia a girl hunting – but I did not succeed in obtaining one for Sally … if you are disposed to take old Sall (?) I will send her to you in the first Boat that will take her up the River.” November 19, 1809.

Box 5/Folder 9: 1810 January – July
3. Solomon Sibley, Detroit, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam]. Wants to know why he has not replied to the letter sent to him, dated Dec. 14, 1809, in which S. Sibley enclosed his Power of attorney enabling Mr. Mathews to execute a deed. Document is damaged. February 21, 1810.
4. James Williams, Annapolis, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam], O. “Having a very Considerable payment to make very soon … I have therefore again to request your Immediate remittance.” February 27, 1810.
5. James Williams, Annapolis, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam]. “Be assured that if you do not come forward and make full remittance very soon, you must not expect me to Deed you any part of the Land.” April 26, 1810.
6. Solomon Sibley, Detroit, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam]. “I have become interested in a Vessel which is now under repair and will run me very hard for cash.” Document is much damaged. April 27, 1810.
16. Benjamin Ives Gilman, Marietta, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam]. “The warrant belongs to the widow & orphan children of a revolutionary officer. I wish to ascertain whether the land has been located.” July 25, 1810.

Box 5/Folder 10: 1810 August – September

1. Ebenezer Buckingham, Jr., to John Mathews. Writes about an order for some lumber. August 4, 1810.
2. Unsigned document to John Mathews. “List of Bank Bills delivered by me to John Mathews in payment for land for which I received his deed this 17th of Augt. 1810.” August 17, 1810.
11. Thomas Cromwell, Pittsburgh, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam], O. “I think it's not impossible but I may remove to your Country next Spring.” September 19, 1810.


Box 5/Folder 11: 1810 October – December

2. Solomon Sibley, Detroit, to John Mathews. Financial affairs. “We have but little to do here with politics, not having any political rights of our own.” October 6, 1810.


9. John Mathews. “List of Land belonging to John Mathews & others subject to the State tax for 1811.” Statement that this is a copy is signed by Jacob Crooks. December 14, 1810.


11. John Mathews. “List of Land belonging to John Mathews subject to the state tax for the year 1811.” Statement that this is a copy is signed by Jacob Crooks. December 14, 1810.


Box 6/Folder 1: 1811 January – February


7. John Creed to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam]. “I am confident the castings were all sold or taken away before I left your store. I rather think there was left 1 or 2 bars of Iron.” January 5, 1811.

8. Solomon Sibley, Detroit, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam], O. Financial affairs. “We have but little to do here with politics, not having any political rights of our own.” January 6, 1811.

10. James Williams, Annapolis, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam], O. Acknowledges receipt of $570. “I have to entreat you to use all possible endeavors toward any Relief by making all the remittance in your power.” January 14, 1811.


Box 6/Folder 2: 1811 March – April

1. William Woodbridge, Marietta, to John Mathews. “I have waited in the constant expectation of receiving John’s deposition relative to yr business with Harvey – I brought suit against him – he appeared & contested the claim, I procured an adjournment until next Saturday.” March 4, 1811.


12. John Mathews. “Articles of agreement between John Mathews, owner of the flat boat, Moxehala Trader, and Josiah Munroe and Edward Harkness, hands engaged . . . to perform the voyage to New Orleans.” Also signed by J. Munroe and E. Harkness. Boat will be commanded by Henry Northup. April 9, 1811.


17. Martin Baum, Cincinnati, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam], O. Writes about land affairs. April 24, 1811.

Box 6/Folder 3: 1811 May – July
1. Henry Northup, Natchez, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam], O. “We have been some days longer than I calculated in getting to this place by reason of the high wind.” Writes about his trip down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. May 14, 1811.
5. Henry Northup to John Mathews. Gives statement of account of Edward Harkness and Josiah Munro – workers on a flat boat Moxahala, owned by J. Mathews. N. Northup was the master of the boat. Also includes a receipt signed by E. Harkness and J. Munro for $66 – travel expenses to their homes in Springfield. May 30, 1811.
9. Zacheus Biggs to John Mathews. Deed is signed by Zacheus and Eliza Biggs, for a lot in Coshocton sold to J. Mathews for $100. June 25, 1811.

Box 6/Folder 4: 1811 August – November
6. John Creed to John Mathews. “If it should suit your convenience to send me the castings mentioned in the annex’d mem°. I will pay ye the money.” September 24, 1811.
   December 11, 1811.
2. John Mathews to Matthew Williams. Title bond for $1500 signed by J. Mathews and as attorney 
3. John Mathews to Adam Johnston. Title bond for $1000. Signed by J. Mathews and as attorney 
4. John Mathews to James Calder. Title bond for $1000. Signed by J. Mathews and as attorney for 
5. John Mathews to James Williams. Transfer of lands in the name of James Williams. December 
   29, 1811.
7. John Mathews to unknown. Transfer of land to Jacob Sellers, to Bradley Buckingham, and 
   Edward Herrick. December 30, 1811.
8. John Mathews. Transfer of 2400 acres from Edward D. Turner to Isaac Guion. December 30, 
   1811.
10. John Mathews to Lewis Nye. Transfer of 300 acres from L. Nye to Bradley Buckingham and 
    Edward Hornich. December 30, 1811.
11. John Mathews and others. Land transactions in Coshocton County, O. Statement that this is a 
    copy is signed by R. Mitchell. December 30, 1811.
    Muskingum County.” December 30, 1811.
13. Zachariah A. Beatty to John Mathews & Clarina Backus. Articles of agreement for exchange of 
    lots. December 30, 1811.
14. John Mathews to James Williams. Transfer of lands in the name of James Williams. December 
    30, 1811.

Box 6/Folder 6: 1812 January – May

1. Jacob Addams, Zanesville, to John Mathews, Mr. Mellon, Mr. Brooster, Mr. Enoch Minshell. 
   Statement of separate accounts. January 8, 1812.
2. John Mathews to Daniel Converse. Title bond for $1000. Signed by J. Mathews and as attorney 
3. James Williams, Annapolis, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam], O. Acknowledges receipt of 
5. Lewis Nye to John Mathews. Order to pay $44.91 to Mr. McCan after taking out an order in 
   favor of Joseph Martin. February 1, 1812.
6. John Mathews to Henry Miller. Title bond for $1000. Signed by John Mathews and as attorney 
   for Clarina Backus. March 23, 1812.
7. John Mathews to Cornelius Vankirk. Title bond for $1000. Signed by J. Mathews and as 
9. R. D. Shepherd, New Orleans, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam], O. Tells of the death of Capt. E. D. Turner and his wife. Evan Jones and R. D. Shepherd were appointed executors of the estate. Wants to know something about his holding in Ohio. April 2, 1812.
12. A. Johnston, Coshocton, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam], O. Business letter. Included is a statement of his account, articles sent to J. Mathews, etc. May 3, 1812.
14. George Taylor, Jr., Philadelphia, to John Mathews. Sends deed of Asher Robins to A. A. Massias which is to be recorded. May 9, 1812.

Box 6/Folder 7: 1812 June – November
8. Unsigned document. Taxes on lands. “There is about 600 acres of land to which I have not yet got a title from Turner – Turner is dead – a title must be obtained by a bill in chancery against the heirs.” July 20, 1812.
16. James Bruff, Centreville (?), E. Shore, Md., to John Mathews, Muskingum, O. Wants to know the tax rate on 100 acres, from 1804 to 1812. August 31, 1812.
22. E. & S. Buckingham to John Mathews. Statement of account which was rendered and payment made on November 30, 1812.

Box 6/Folder 8: 1813 January – April
1. Isaac Van Horn to John Mathews. John Mathews’ account with the estate of Benjamin Sloan, deceased. 1813.
13. George Taylor, Jr., Philadelphia, to John Mathews. Writes concerning a deed which had not been received. February 1, 1813.

Box 6/Folder 9: 1813 May – December


18. Daniel Bradley, Fairfield, Conn., to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam], O. Wants an account of his lands – value, taxes, etc. November 12, 1813.


21. Beelen, Pittsburgh, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam], O. “I must again address you respecting the disagreeable subject of Mr. Tarascon claim.” December 23, 1813.


Box 6/Folder 10: 1814 January – April
12. Jacob Kingsbury to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam], O. Asks J. Mathews to be his agent and pay the taxes on his lands. March 3, 1814.
13. John Mathews to Edmond B. Dana and Joseph Barker, Jr. Articles of agreement concerning a boat and a load of flour on a voyage down the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. April 13, 1814.
15. Joseph Barker, Jr., Fort. Massac, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam]. “Inform you where we are and what success we have had in [descending?] the Ohio we have made but two landings since we left Belpre.” April 28, 1814.

Box 6/Folder 11: 1814 May – August
1. Joseph Barker, Jr., Natchez, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam]. Writes about his trip down the Mississippi. “I wish that I could inform you that we were like to get 15 Dollars for our flour
which was your calculation … I shall be able to sell quick at twelve Dollars at N-O.” May 16, 1814.


5. Joseph Barker, Jr., Natchez, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam], O. Unable to sell the flour at the price desired so has placed it in the hands of Gilly & Pryor, commission merchants of good standing. June 15, 1814.


15. George Taylor, Jr., Philadelphia, to John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam]. Sends list of land owners whose taxes are to be paid. August 8, 1814.


Box 6/Folder 12: 1814 September – December


9. Zacheus Biggs, Round Bottom Mills, to John Mathews. Writes about his work at the flour mill. “I am told the people of Springfield & perhaps yourself have a kind of onion Seed which groes to full size from the Seed in one Season. I would be glad to have or that would procure for me what would produce about 150 Bushels of onions as I am about to make a large Garden.” November 28, 1814.


13. Samuel Hunt to John Mathews. “It is my wish now that you will pay the money to Thomas L. Rice or Discount to him in the payment of the land as I have received of him full compensation for the amount of the Hundred dollars.” December 12, 1814.


Box 7/Folder 1: 1815 January – May


8. Joseph Barker, Jr., Union, to John Mathews, Putnam. “I had the mortification to receive notice that my Note in the Bank had been protested . . . I feel extremely hurt not to have been able to meet my engagements punctually.” March 22, 1815.

9. Gilly & Pryor, New Orleans, to Joseph Barker, Jr., Belpre, O. Business letter. Included is a note addressed to John Mathews, Putnam, from Joseph Barker, Jr., that states he is forwarding the letter to J. Mathews. March 24, 1815.


11. Boz Wells, Steubenville, to John Mathews. “With respect to the subject of wool I will observe in the first place, I have nothing to do with the purchasing that business devolves upon Mr. C.H. Orth the manager of the Factory.” March 24, 1815.

12. Paul Fearing to John Mathews. “Mr. Addie, of New York . . . wrote me requesting information concerning his land . . . I wish you to give him all the information you can respecting said Land.” March 25, 1815.


Box 7/Folder 2: 1815 June – December


Box 7/Folder 3: 1816 January – December
1. “Garden Marks.” Moxahala Mills is crossed out on the front. Mentions various fruits, vegetables and herbs planted in a garden. 1816.
3. Moses Craig, Mt. Vernon, to John Mathews. “Mr. Stevens has Left Vernon and the people air destroying your timber very fast.” February 4, 1816.
4. Zacheus Biggs, Round Bottom Mills, to John Matthews. “I have had a troublesome Job on hand in the Course of last Summer I rebuilt my mill.” March 2, 1816.
6. Boz Wells, Steubenville, to John Mathews. “Amidst a multiplicity of business I neglected paying due attention to your wool. It had never been opened until this day. . . . Mr. Orth has found it such as he cannot receive. We cannot work wool as coarse as yours.” June 19, 1816.
13. Dudley Woodbridge, Jr., Marietta, to John Mathews. “A letter just received from Philad. states that flour is selling there for 13 Dolls per barrel & is in great demand.” November 23, 1816.

Box 7/Folder 4: 1817 January – December
1. List of taxes for 1817.
4. William Kilty, Annapolis, to Col. John Mathews, Putnam, O. “I think the best course at present will be to lease it for the Term that you mention and you may consider this as an authority to do so.” February 8, 1817.
7. Ralph Osborn, Auditor’s Office, Columbus to John Woodbridge, Chillicothe, letter about taxes. Letter was forwarded by J. Woodbridge to John Mathews. March 6, 1817.
8. Boz Wells, Steubenville, to John Mathews, Putnam. Writes that he has been unable to sell all of the wool for J. Mathews. April 24, 1817.
13. Jacob Kingsbury, Kingsbury Hill, Franklin, Conn., to John Mathews, Putnam, O. Wants information about his lands – value, sale, payment of taxes, etc. September 9, 1817.
15. George Taylor, Jr., Philadelphia, to John Mathews, Putnam, O. Writes about the payment of taxes on lands in the name of George Latimer. (Also, there is a letter from George Latimer, dated at Philadelphia, Dec. 11, 1817, and directed to John Mathews. Writes about the paying of taxes.) December 10, 1817.

Box 7/Folder 5: 1818 January – December
1. A. Henderson, Bank of Marietta, to Messers John Mathews, George Jackson, & N.C. Findlay. Notice that a bill of exchange, drawn by T.L. Pierce on W.W. Taylor, for $4000 was past due and had been posted for non-payment. January 17, 1818.
4. A. McLaughlin to John Mathews. “I think it advisable to inform you the parent Bank has put a stop to our discounts, after having been barely 60 days in operation … Not a dollar scarcely to be seen, and all the Branches in the Western Country up to the land mark of Capital.” May 9, 1818.

5. Earl Sproat, Steubenville, to John Mathews. Writes about some lands on Duck Creek owned jointly by Earl Sproat and John Mathews and which had been sold to Rufus Payne for $100. May 14, 1818.


7. T. Backus, Franklinton, to John Mathews. “I have put off the suit which Morrison brought against me as administrator as long, I believe, as I possibly can – execution is now issued.” July 17, 1818.


9. A. McLaughlin, Chillicothe, to John Mathews. “Was not at our Board the day your note was last renewed there. But I understood that it was passed without requisition conditionally, that 20 per cent in place of 10 at the 1st time should be paid at the next renewal.” August 9, 1818.


Box 7/Folder 6: 1819 January – June


3. Amasa Delano, Columbus, to unknown. Letter, “In a conversation with you last year you mention’d the illiberal treatment of the Muskingum Bank Directors toward you.” Columbus, January 25, 1819.


5. Joseph Higbee, Trenton, to John Mathews, Putnam. O. Wants to know if taxes have been paid on his lands. January 30, 1819.


7. A. A. Massias, Charleston, S.C., to John Mathews, Putnam, O. Wants to know if Mr. Mathews has received his “Power of Attorney” and if any of his lands have been sold.” February 6, 1819.

8. Alex McLaughlin, Chillicothe, to John Mathews. “A resolution passed the board of Directors of the Branch Bank here yesterday that no note should be renewed, without 10 per cent deduction.” February 9, 1819.

10. A. McLaughlin, Chillicothe, to John Mathews, Putnam. Regarding a bank resolution demanding “10 per cent on the original amount of all loans made, would be rigidly required.” February 20, 1819.

11. Ebenezer Tuttle, Chillicothe, to John Mathews, Muskingum County. Notice that 10 per cent of his note for $5000 will be due by April, 1819. [February 20], 1819.

12. Josiah Johnson, Philadelphia, to John Mathews. Requesting Mr. Mathews to pay the taxes on lands patented in the name of John Tolbert. Asks Mr. Mathews to be his agent. April 5, 1819.

13. James T. Claypoole, Chillicothe, to John Mathews, Putnam, Ohio. Sends a list of banks from which notes will be accepted. List is dated April 9, 1819. April 10, 1819.


Box 7/Folder 7: 1819 July – September

1. Ebenezer Tuttle, Chillicothe, to John Mathews, Putnam. Writes that he had received, that same day, $65 form Martin Baum which was placed to John Mathews' credit. July 1, 1819.


3. William Kilty, Annapolis, to John Mathews, Putnam. Writes about the leasing of some land if a sale can not be made. August 2, 1819.

4. Ebenezer Tuttle to John Mathews, Putnam. Gives a statement of the amount due on his note of $5000 to the Bank of U.S. at Chillicothe. August 9, 1819.

5. Ebenezer Tuttle, Chillicothe, to John Mathews, Putnam. “Enclosed I return you a note which is a counterfit received in your letter of the sixth inst.” Writes about financial matters. August 10, 1819.


7. John Mathews to [Ebenezer Buckingham, Jr.]. “The sense of injury has been so long and so deeply impressed . . . that it would be childish and improper, to accord to a reconciliation, without an investigation.” August 26, 1819.


9. Ebenezer Buckingham, Jr., to John Mathews. “Instead of manfully agreeing to submit the matters in controversy to our neighbours . . . you haveemeanly attempted to screen yourself from fair investigation.” September 3, 1819.

10. John Mathews to [E. Buckingham]. “The object of this note is, to correct you in an error . . . your error is this, you imagin I have put my property out of my hand to avoid my creditors.” Writes that nothing has been put out of reach of his “Marietta execution.” September 6, 1819.

11. Moses & Aaron Wilcox, Hillingworth, to John Mathews. Want some information about their lands – value, location, etc. September 22, 1819.

Box 7/Folder 8: 1819 October – December

1. Bank of United States, Chillicothe, O., to John Mathews, Putnam. Notice that $500 is due on his note for $5000. Part of document has been torn off. October 9, 1819.
2. Ebenezer Tuttle, Chillicothe, to John Mathews, Putnam. Acknowledges receipt of money to pay the amount due on his note in order to have it renewed. October 13, 1819.
3. George Taylor, Jr., Philadelphia, to John Mathews. Writes that all his property has been assigned to Mahlon Hutchinson and Brittain White, Jr., and so will be unable to pay the draft. October 18, 1819.
5. Jacob Kingsbury, Franklin, Conn., to John Mathews, Putnam. Sends $4 to pay taxes. Wants to know the value of his lands in Coshocton County, would like very much to sell them. October 30, 1819.
7. A. McLaughlin to John Mathews. “Edward B. Thompson & Co. of Rushville, are putting up a Boat load of Pork, for the Orlean Market … have packed probably 40 or 50 barrels.” Places an order for the building of a flat boat 50 feet long and 16 feet wide. November 25, 1819.
9. A. McLaughlin, Columbus, to John Mathews. “Altho Mr. Hahn asks an extravagant and unusual price per foot for the Boat, yet Messrs. Edward B. Thompson & Co. will be under the necessity of getting him (through your kind agency) to build one.” Writes about the decision of the legislature regarding the branches of the U.S. bank in Ohio. December 6, 1819.

Box 7/Folder 9: 1820 January – July
2. A. Henderson, Marietta, to John Mathews, Putnam. “Intending to establish a Distillery myself, … My wish is to work from 4 to 5000 bushels of corn a year – please to say for I have great dependence upon your judgment as a practical Man.” January 1, 1820.
7. Amasa Delano, Columbus, to unknown. Mr. Samuel Salivant has just been appointed Treasurer and plans to visit Zanesville for a short time. February 18, 1820.
8. A. Henderson, Marietta, to John Mathews. Letter of introduction for Mr. Reed who was a distiller and who wanted to visit J. Mathews’ “still house.” February 24, 1820.
11. Bank of the U.S., Chillicothe, O. to John Mathews, Putnam. Notice that $500 was due on his note for $5000. April 15, 1820.
13. Mahlon Ford, Cincinnati, to John Mathews, Putnam. Acknowledges receipt of bond and mortgage. “I am very sorry that it was not in your power to have sent me some money.” May 5, 1820.
15. A. McLaughlin, Chillicothe, to John Mathews, Putnam. “I have due me at Rushville for old debts say near 3000 dollars. I have also in the owl creek country, and the North fork of Licking, say $3000 more … can see no method of raising money from those debts, unless I turn in, and take Pork for them.” Asks the price of the best quality barrels and kegs for lard. July 27, 1820.
16. J[ohn] P[eter] [Romaine] Bureau, Gallipolis, to John Mathews, Putnam, Ohio. States that he is agent of 10 one hundred acre lots in the 1st quarter, 8th township, & 11th range, located in the name of Richard Gernon. Wants to know their value, etc. July 27, 1820.

18. Philander Chase to John Mathews. Sends $38 for Dr. H. Reed of Zanesville, December 29, 1820.

Box 7/Folder 11: 1821 January – December


7. Dudley Woodbridge, Marietta, to Messers J. Mathews & J. Belknap. “Whiskey as well as most other articles are dull of sale for cash . . . money has become really scarce, much more so than I ever knew it.” February 20, 1821.

8. Bank of the United States, Chillicothe, to John Mathews, near Putnam. Notice that payment was due on note of $5000. February 24, 1821.

9. James Ravenscroft, Coshocton, to John Mathews. Writes that he is unable to pay rent for the land. “I can sell you grain for the rents due which will be $80.00.” March 13, 1821.


11. Joshua Jones, Chester County, Penna., to John Mathews, Putnam, O. Requests J. Mathews to pay taxes on lands owned by the late Dr. John Davis. April 19, 1821.

12. Bank of the U.S., Chillicothe, to John Mathews, near Putnam. Note is signed by E. Tuttle. States that $8.33 is due for the renewal of his note for $5000. April 28, 1821.

13. William W. Petit, Detroit, to John Mathews, Moxahala, near Putnam, Ohio. “I should be glad to ascertain if you will meet this payment of the note in any of the following articles at the prices affixed to each … It is expected that they will delivered at some port on Lake Erie.” May 5, 1821.


15. Amasa Delano, Chillicothe, to John Mathews, Putnam, O. Writes about the settlement of his old business affairs. “it would be a much more desirable object to effect a final settlement by surrendering real estate & thereby relieve my indorsers as well as myself from farther responsibility.” May 25, 1821.


18. A. McLaughlin, Louisville, to John Mathews. “I am this far on my way to Orleans, to open a commission house in that city.” November 20, 1821.

20. Charles Williams, Coshocton, to John Mathews. “I hav sent an order on the postmaster to Chambers to draw the money and send you one hundred dollars by the first of next month.” December 10, 1821.

21. William Kilty, Annapolis, to Col. John Mathews, Springfield [Putnam], near Putnam, O. Has been made administrator of the estate of his late uncle who was chancellor of the state of Maryland. December 31, 1821.

Box 8/Folder 1: 1822 January – December
2. Amasa Delano, Columbus, to unknown. “I have thought fit to drop a line on the subject of my Bank business in which you are concern’d as indorser.” February 3, 1822.
3. William P. Darst to John Mathews. “inform me whether you will engage to make me say 100 Bbs Flour … and write at what time you will be ready to receive wheat.” February 19, 1822.
7. John Creed, Lancaster, to unknown. Has not been successful with the sale of flour at New Orleans and elsewhere. October 14, 1822.

Box 8/Folder 2: 1823 January – December
2. John Dodge, Waterford, to John Mathews, Putnam, O. “Having lost my companion the Last summer and having a family of small Children find it Difficult to Do with hired help have thought of visiting Mrs. Betsy Perrin of Grandville she being a person of my acquaintance in our younger Days . . . much of the futer prosperity and happiness of my family Depends on the choice I make of a companion.” February 9, 1823.
5. Amasa Delano, Chillicothe, to John Mathews, Putnam, O. “I have had a conversation with M'. Creighton on the subject of your business, who says the board have no disposition to purchase your property & farther intimated that every accommodation would be extended you consistant with the interest & safety of the Bank.” May 26, 1823.


10. Dudley Woodbridge, Marietta, to John Mathews, near Putnam. Writes concerning surveys of the Wakatoomaka lands. “Annexed is a plan of the tract with a valuation which my father fixed to each 160 acres.” December 20, 1823.

Box 8/Folder 3: 1824 January – December

1. Unsigned letter to John Mathews, near Zanesville, Ohio. Writes about lands near Mt. Vernon which belongs to John Mathews and a Mr. Williams in Philadelphia. “I omit my name but a fraud to Justis writ to Allisander Gragg or Joseph Carsoon.” January 15, 1824.


8. John A. Tarascon, Shippingsport, Ky., to John Mathews, Zanesville. Writes that he is sending his son, Lewis, to settle and close all matters relative to his mortgage. At the bottom of the page is a note from L. J. Tarascon written by Simmons Mills, Coshocton County, O., in which he states that he hopes John Mathews will pay in full his debt of $2000 to his father, J. A. Tarascon. April 19, 1824.


Box 8/Folder 4: 1825 January – December


3. Solomon Sibley, Detroit, to John Mathews, Zanesville. “I am advised that Joseph F. Munro has attacked the demand I have against Peter Mills, Esq. in the hands of the latter – upon a claim Mr. Morris sets up agt. me for interest, on a demand I collected for him, from Mr. David C. McKinstry of Detroit.” April 29, 1825.

4. Amasa Delano, Newport, to John Mathews, Putnam, O. “I have the satisfaction to inform you that after so long a time, I have come on terms with the U.S. Bank, for the final settlement & discharge of the debt I owe at the Cin. Office on which you are endorser.” May 25, 1825.

5. Amasa Delano, Newport, to John Mathews, Putnam, O. “In compliance with your request I will state the situation of my business with the U.S. Bank at the Cin. Office.” August 5, 1825.


8. Solomon Sibley, Detroit, to John Mathews. Writes about collecting some notes and also about financial matters. September 30, 1825.

9. William Woodbridge, Detroit, to John Mathews. Writes about a package sent to John Mathews which contained a mortgage to be recorded. October 5, 1825.


11. John A. Tarascon, Shippingport, to John Mathews, Putnam, O. “My Brother was a man of great regularity in Businesses and of no secret to me. There is not in his Books any Copy of the letter you said you received of him … that letter may become important to his children for settlements with Charles W. Simmons.” October 31, 1825.

12. Jacob Kingsbury, Franklin, Conn., to John Mathews, Putnam, O. Writes about the payment of his taxes. “I expect the Ohio Canal will make my land valuable, as it will pass through Coshocton County.” November 18, 1825.


Box 8/Folder 5: 1826 – 1828


6. W. Creighton, Jr., Chillicothe, to John Mathews, Esq. “I have this day written to M’ Downer to inform the Sheriff of Muskingum County that the property of yours which he has levied, is bound by a prior levy in favour of the Bank of the United States.” June 15, 1827.

7. Jos. Morrison, Dayton, to John Mathews, Zanesville, O. “We find it almost impossible to make any more delays in the payment of this debt which is a matter of some 15 or 20 years standing and has already cost us half the amount in the collection.” August 27, 1827.


9. Martin Baum, Cincinnati, to John Mathews. Writes about the purchase of flour, cost of flat boats, etc. October 17, 1827.


12. John Mathews to Moses Morehead. Deed is only partially completed, for land in Muskingum County. 1828.

13. Jacob Kingsbury, Franklin, Conn., to John Mathews, Putnam, O. Sends money to pay taxes. Wants to know if anyone has made an offer to purchase his lands and if the canal or U.S. road will run through or near his tract of land. February 2, 1928.
14. Jos. Morrison, Columbus, to John Mathews, Zanesville. Wants to know when John Mathews will be able to make a payment on his debt to the father of J. Morrison. April 9, 1828.
15. M. T. Williams, Newark, to John Mathews. Writes in regard to the proposition for the payment of the State Judicial against George Jackson and John Mathews. April 13, 1828.
17. M. T. Williams, Cincinnati, to John Mathews, Putnam. “The reciprocal right you reserve to yourself can not, I think, be objected to by the Board of Commissioners.” April 30, 1828.
18. M. T. Williams, Cincinnati, to John Mathews. Writes that he must postpone his trip to Dresden, Ohio, until the first of June. May 9, 1828.

Box 8/Folder 6: Undated
5. Zacheus Biggs to John Mathews. Land affairs. B-26
9. Coshocton, Ohio. “Plan of part of the towne of Coshocton and that part of said town which has been vacated and laid off in out lots. C-27
10. Plan of land at Coshocton, Ohio. C-28
11. Coshocton, Ohio. Notice relative to securing permission to cut timber on the lands of the proprietors of the town of Coshocton. C-29
12. Mr. Craig memorandum regarding two saddles for Messers Abbot and Willson. C-46
15. Paul Fearing to John Mathews, Gallipolis. “I cannot imploy you any longer than to issue the provisions I sent you – which I presume will be no disappointment as you was not anxious to do the business.” F-9
16. J. & A. Hunt, Cincinnati. “Mr. Brown will charge J. & A. Hunt in their general account on the books of my first bonum at Lorimies.” H-64

Box 8/Folder 7: Undated
2. A. Marshalk to Mr. Mathews, at Lorimies. “will you be good enough to let the above ment’d. men have each to the am’t. of their order.” M-44

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16. John Mathews. Regarding a loan to be paid to Col. Barber. M-63

Box 8/Folder 8: Undated
1. John Mathews to Dr. H, editor of the Zanesville Express. “When I handed you the other day a manuscript for publication exposing the character of Ebenezer Buckingham Esq. you objected to the publication on account of its being personal.” M-64
2. John Mathews to the Editor of the Zanesville Express. Writes about exposing the “character of Ebenezer Buckingham.” M-65
5. John & Increase Mathews. “Division of notes and accounts.” M-68
7. Mathews & Nye. Land certificate no. 6 for Mathews & Nye. M-70
12. Mrs. Betsey Reed, Glastenbury, to J. Mathews, Putnam, Muskingum Co., O. Writes about some land on Alum Creek which she had given to the church. “My object was to benefit the Episcopal Church in Ohio generally, and St. James in Zanesville in particular.” July 29, 182? R-3
13. Account no. 16 of supplies procured by Mr. Scott, surveying expenses. S-7
14. “Sundry accounts in the hands of Esq’ Smith not in the gen’ act.” S-12
15. Earl Sproat to John Mathews. Requests the taxes to be paid on lot no. 26 in military lands in the name of Ebenezer Smith. S-23
   T-23
20. “Old plan of Tuscarawas.” T-26

Box 8/Folder 9: Account Book
1. Unidentified. Attributed to John Mathews. Account Book, ca. 1797 – 1803. This is an unsigned
   account book, identified by the handwriting and entries as belonging to John Mathews.

Box 8/Folder10: Memo Book