



Collection Name: Edmund Ravenel Letters
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Dates: 1824, 1835
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Biography:

Edmund Ravenel was born in Charleston, South Carolina, on December 8, 1797. He received his medical education at the University of Pennsylvania from which he graduated in 1819, after which he returned to Charleston to practice medicine. He was an early advocate for the establishment of the Medical College of South Carolina and served as professor of chemistry and pharmacy for ten years. During that time he also served as dean of the college. Ill health forced his retirement from the college in 1835, after which he became a planter. He was acutely interested in conchology and amassed a large collection of specimens which are at the Charleston County Museum. After years in the country as a planter, he returned to Charleston where he died on July 27, 1871.

Scope and Content Note:

The Edmund Ravenel Letters, 1824 and 1835, include his March 1824 application to Joseph Manning, president of the Medical Society of South Carolina, as a candidate for the position of chair of chemistry and pharmacy at the newly created Medical College of South Carolina. Also included is a March 1835 letter from Edward Frost, secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Medical College, communicating the resolution passed by the Trustees of the Medical College upon Ravenel's retirement from his position on the faculty.

Merged Collections:

The following collections were merged to create the Edmund Ravenel Letters: MSS 45 Edmund Ravenel application, 1824 and MSS 46 Resolution of the Trustees of the Medical College, 1835

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Subject Headings:

Ravenel, Edmund, 1797-1871

Frost, Edward

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