



Guide to the John Kearsley Mitchell papers, 1827-1849

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Summary

Collection Title:

John Kearsley Mitchell papers, 1827-1849

Creator:

Mitchell, John Kearsley, 1793-1858

Abstract:

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Extent:

7 items

Physical Location:

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English

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Materials in English

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Biographical/Historical

Physician and scientist of Philadelphia.

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- Mitchell, John Kearsley, 1793-1858

General Note

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