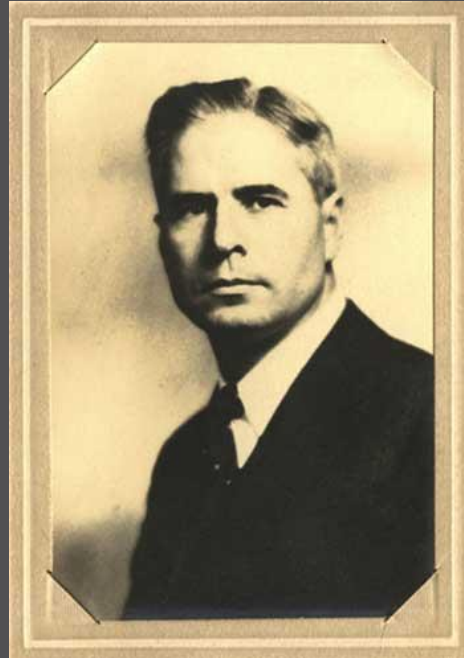


# Hofstra University Library Special Collections

## University Archives Faculty Collections



Broadus Mitchell (1892-1988)

Author, Professor, Economist

# Introduction to the Collection:

The Broadus Mitchell Collection at Hofstra University contains family correspondence, professional correspondence and organizational correspondence which detail the events in Mitchell's life. Also included are print materials, manuscript materials, a small amount of financial documents and personal items.

Mitchell taught economics at Johns Hopkins from 1919 to 1939. He ran for Governor of Maryland in 1934 on the Socialist Party ticket. He spent successive years at Occidental College in California from 1939 to 1941 and at New York University from 1942 to 1944. He also taught at Rutgers from 1949 to 1958. Mitchell came to Hofstra's New College in 1958 and retired in 1967 at 75 ; he received an Honorary Degree from Hofstra in 1967.

He died in Tarrytown, New York at the age of 95.

## The Broadus Mitchell Collection is arranged in Seven Series.

1. Family Correspondence – arranged by correspondent
2. General Correspondence – arranged chronologically
3. Subject - related correspondence – arranged alphabetically by topic and chronologically within each folder
4. Manuscript material – arranged in two subseries:
  1. manuscripts by Broadus Mitchell – by title
  2. manuscripts by other authors - alphabetically by author
5. Print materials – arranged by form of the materials (for example, pamphlets, newspaper clippings, petitions)
6. Financial documents
7. Personal items

THE FOLLOWING PAGES  
CONTAIN SAMPLES  
FROM  
THE COLLECTION



Broadus Mitchell's son, Sidney, born 1927

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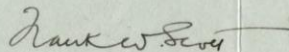
February 29, 1932

Professor Broadus Mitchell  
Johns Hopkins University  
Baltimore, Maryland

Dear Professor Mitchell

We understand that you have in preparation a manuscript on the principles of economics designed for use as a textbook. If this is the case and you have not considered or made arrangements for its publication, we should be glad to have an opportunity to see the manuscript.

Very truly yours



Editor-in-chief

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Professional Correspondence to  
Broadus Mitchell from  
D.C. Heath and Company,  
February 29, 1932





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Western Union Telegram sent to  
Broadus Mitchell on May 5, 1937



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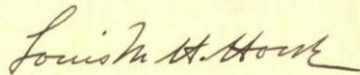
February 14, 1933

Mr. Broadus Mitchell,  
The Johns Hopkins University,  
Baltimore,  
Maryland

My dear Mr. Mitchell:

Mr. Roosevelt has asked me to acknowledge your letter of December 31st, and thank you for sending him the statement which was signed by your fellow economists. He will keep the word of advice in mind when the time comes to deal with national questions and will talk it over with his economic advisers.

Very sincerely yours,

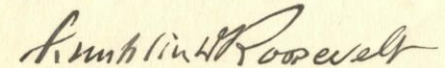


Secretary to Mr. Roosevelt

It is my desire that my mail be answered with the greatest possible promptitude.

The many thousands of letters which have been received since the election and the hundreds which come in every day have made it impossible for me personally to dictate or sign replies. I have however asked my secretary to answer your letter, and I trust that you will understand.

Very sincerely yours,



Personal Correspondence to  
Broadus Mitchell from  
Franklin D. Roosevelt, and  
from Roosevelt's Secretary on  
January 2, 1939



LYNCHBURG, VA.

JAN. 2, 1939.

DEAR SIR,

I HAVE READ YOUR ARTICLE IN THE RECENT J.H.U. ALUMNI BULLETIN ADVOCATING THE ADMISSION OF NEGROES TO THE UNIVERSITY. THE ONLY ARGUMENT THAT YOU ATTEMPT TO MAKE IS THAT EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES SHOULD BE AFFORDED THEM. J.H.U. IS NOT A FEDERAL OR STATE INSTITUTION. THEY ARE ADMITTED TO CHICAGO, HARVARD, COLUMBIA AND OTHER UNIVERSITIES, AND THEREFORE OPPORTUNITY IS NOT LACKING. IF THE SCHOOLS AND INSTITUTIONS OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE WHITES SHOULD BE OPENED TO NEGROES, WHY NOT OPEN THE CHURCHES ---AND YOUR HOME?

SINCE YOU ADVOCATE THE AFFILIATION OF THE TWO RACES, WHY DO YOU NOT INVITE THEM TO YOUR HOME, TO YOUR FAMILY SOCIAL AFFAIRS; WHY DO YOU NOT PERMIT YOUR FAMILY TO VISIT THEM AND TO ATTEND THEIR SOCIAL FUNCTIONS? WHY DO YOU NOT PERMIT THEM TO VISIT YOUR DAUGHTERS (IF YOU HAVE ANY), AND WHY NOT LET THEM INTERMARRY?

ANSWER SOME OF THESE QUESTIONS WHEN YOU ARE AGAIN IMPELLED TO EFFUSE SOME OF YOUR RADICALISM IN THE BULLETIN.

YOURS &C.,

ANOTHER ALUMNUS.

Personal letter from a fellow  
Johns Hopkins University alumnus  
January 2, 1939

THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

January 10, 1939.

DANIEL WILLARD,  
PRESIDENT, BOARD OF TRUSTEES,  
2 NORTH CHARLES STREET.

My dear Professor Mitchell:

With further reference to the subject matter of our discussion in my office yesterday afternoon: On my way into town this morning I stopped at President Bowman's office and talked with him also about the matter. I told him of your inquiry as to whether in my opinion he would receive a petition from you or if the Board of Trustees would receive and act on such a petition with reference to the negro question. He replied substantially as you did yesterday to a somewhat similar question by me. He said the affairs of a University, which is sometimes referred to as a group of scholars, are conducted quite differently in many ways from the manner, we will say, in which industrial undertakings such as a railroad are carried on. President Bowman stated that it was customary when such questions arose concerning the internal management of the University, that they be taken up in the first instance with the Academic Council which consists, as I understand, of your colleagues on the faculty, and I suggest that if you desire to pursue the subject matter further, you take it up with the Council in accordance with the established practice of the University.

I wish to add that I was very much interested in our conversation yesterday afternoon. While it was apparent of course that our personal views were quite dissimilar concerning many matters of fundamental importance, nevertheless I was interested in hearing from you

Professional Correspondence to  
Broadus Mitchell from Daniel Willard,  
President, Board of Trustees,  
Johns Hopkins University,  
January 10, 1939



## Broadus Mitchell's 2<sup>nd</sup> Wife, Louise Mitchell



young Louise



Louise's childhood home



cartoon sketch



Broadus Mitchell's beloved dogs, 1940

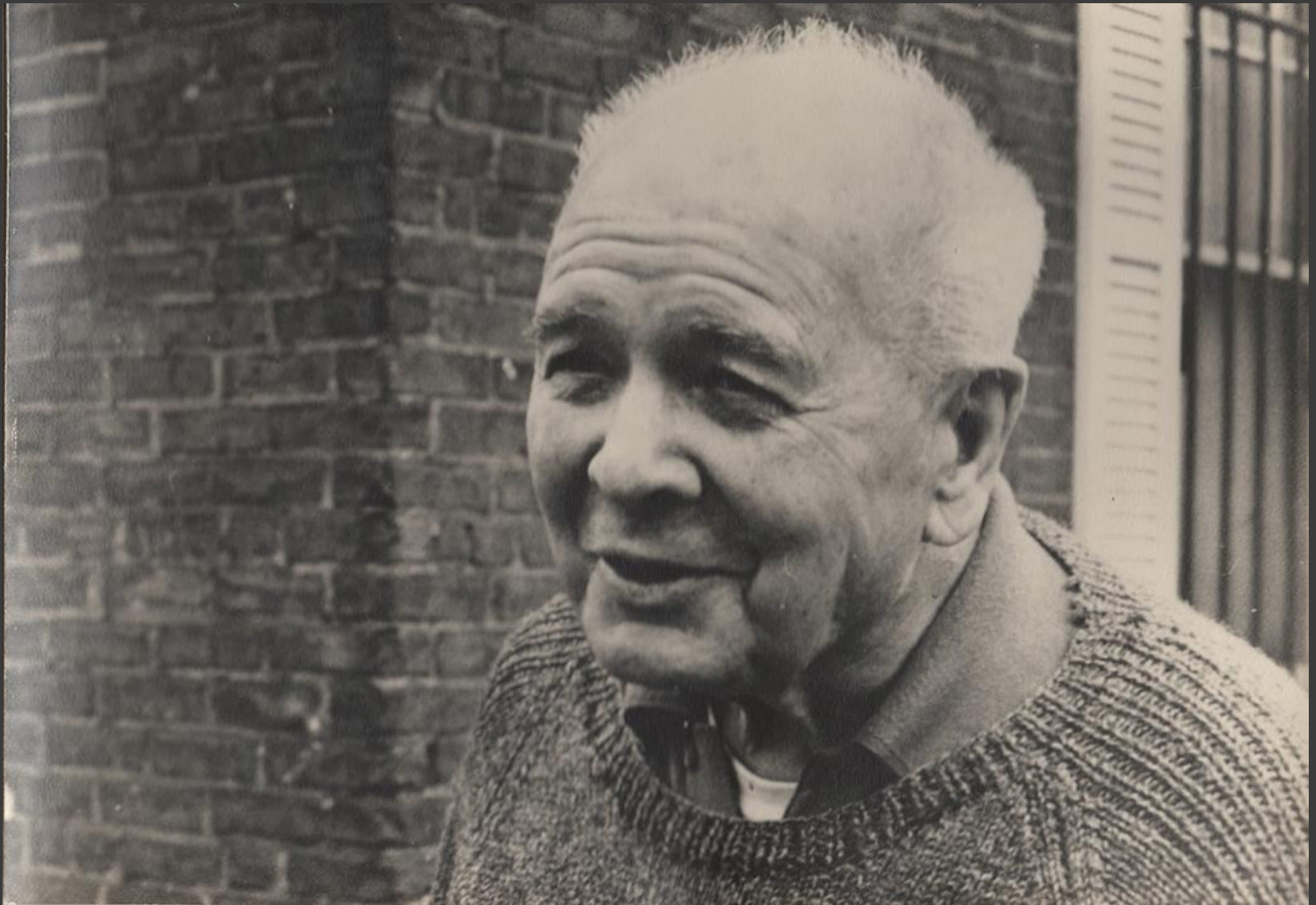




Broadus Mitchell, late 1940's



Broadus Mitchell and Louise Mitchell, mid 1960's



Broadus Mitchell in New York City, 1970's





Broadus and Louise Mitchell, 1981