

Guide to the

# Jenny Mitchel letters

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## **Summary**

Creator: Mitchel, Jenny

Title: Jenny Mitchel letters

Date: 1851-1855

Size: .15 linear feet (1 v.)

Source: Purchase, Kaplan, William, 1961

**Abstract:** Jane Verner Mitchel (known as Jenny) was the wife of Fenian leader John Mitchel. Collection consists of transcripts of Jenny Mitchel's letters to Mary Thompson in Ireland, describing the life of the Mitchel family as political prisoners in Van Dieman's Land (Tasmania), their escape to San Francisco in 1853 and life in the United States.

Alternative Form Available: Entire collection available on microfilm; New York Public Library

**Preferred citation:** Jenny Mitchel letters, Manuscripts and Archives Division, The New York Public Library

#### **Creator History**

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#### **Scope and Content Note**

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### **Key Terms**

### **Geographic Names**

Ireland -- Politics and government -- 1837-1901

**Subjects** Irish -- California Mitchel family Political prisoners -- Australia -- Tasmania

### Names

Mitchel, Jenny Mitchel, John, 1815-1875 Thompson, Mary-Frances Fenian Brotherhood