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JOHN ROBERTSON (1787-1873) LETTERS

The collection includes photocopies of letters from Judge John Robertson to his brother Wyndham. John Robertson lived at "Mt. Athos" plantation outside Lynchburg, in Campbell County. The original letters are in the "Wyndham Robertson Papers" at the University of Chicago.

- BOX 1**
- 1-1** Letter to James S. Patton [Rappahannock Academy, VA] from Robert W. Allison (17 September 1974)
 - 1-2** Correspondence (1818-1832)
 - 1-3** Correspondence (1833-1835)
 - 1-4** Correspondence (Jan.-Apr. 1836)
 - 1-5** Correspondence (May-Dec. 1836)
 - 1-6** Correspondence (1837)
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 - 1-8** Correspondence (1843-1872)
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John Robertson was born 13 April 1787, at "Belfield," the family home in Prince George County, Virginia, the son of William and Elizabeth Bolling Robertson. He married Ann Frances Trent in Cumberland County, Virginia, on 26 April 1819. His brothers Thomas Bolling and Wyndham Robertson were governors; the first, of Louisiana (1820-24) and the latter, Virginia (1836-37).

John graduated from William & Mary College, studied law, and practiced in Richmond, Virginia. He became Attorney General of Virginia early in 1819 and served in both houses of the General Assembly. He also served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1834-39, was appointed Judge of the 21st Circuit Court of Virginia in 1841, and served as a member of the Virginia Convention of 1861.

Judge John Robertson made his home in his father's residence in Richmond, Virginia, until August 1861, when it was made available to Sally Tompkins for a hospital during the Civil War. During the summers and in his final years, Robertson resided at "Mt. Athos." It was there that he died on 5 July 1873, and was buried in the family cemetery.

SOURCE: *Biographical Dictionary of the American Congress*, (Washington: Government Printing Office, 1950); "The Family of William & Elizabeth Bolling Robertson," (N.p.: N.pub., N.d.), FF1470, Jones Memorial Library, Lynchburg, VA.