

# Selected Calendar, 1838-1927 of the Papers of Townsend Mikell (1840-1926)

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## **Background:**

Townsend Mikell (1840-1926) was a planter of Edisto Island, S.C.; son of Isaac Jenkins Mikell and second wife, Amarintha Jenkins Townsend; Townsend Mikell attended the University of Virginia; during the Civil War, he initially enlisted with the Calhoun Artillery, an Edisto Island unit, but later transferred to Maj. John Jenkins' "Rebel Troops." Mikell and his squad were captured by a Federal shore party on Edisto Island in April 1863; husband of Sarah Webb Clark Mikell (1843-1910) and father of Susalee Mikell (b. ca. 1873)

**Extent:** 369 items (1838-1927)  
24 vol. (1826-1830 and 1859-1925)

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## **Summary:**

Unbound papers, 1838-1927, and 24 volumes, 1826-1830 and 1859-1925 re Civil War, cotton farming and agriculture, sharecropping and labor issues; Edisto Presbyterian Church, development and installation of telephone service, maintenance of roads and bridges in low country South Carolina, and other concerns.

Topics discussed include cultivation of cotton and truck farming of vegetables; membership in the Edisto Mounted Rifles; service as a public official on Edisto Island with terms as chairman of the Board of School Trustees and as superintendent of the Board of Commissioners, a post dealing with the maintenance and repair of roads and bridges; the Cotton License Act, ca. 1897, which required that a person be licensed to purchase seed cotton; election in 1904 as a director of the Coast-Line Telephone Company; sharecropping arrangements; consideration of importing European immigrant laborers; and the Edisto Island Presbyterian Church.

Collection has very little correspondence and other documentation for the two decades after the Civil War, but does include one labor contract, 1 Feb. 1871, "Articles of agreement... between T. Mikell planter & the Freedmen & women," with an estimate of costs for working plots. Mikell's activities as a planter are thoroughly documented through the bound volumes in the earlier accession and by the account books, time books, and cotton books included in this gift which contain information about planting on Sunny Side, Cypress Tree, and California plantations.

In addition to his planting activities, Townsend Mikell served in the Edisto Mounted Rifles. Receipts and other documents, 1886-1894, indicate that social occasions were central to their meetings.

One of the principal institutions on the island was the Edisto Island Presbyterian church where Townsend Mikell served as ruling elder. Beginning in 1897 and continuing until 1916, the collection contains considerable correspondence relating to Townsend Mikell's effort to have the church compensated for the loss of its pipe organ and other property during the Civil War. He corresponded with Congressmen William Elliott, R.S. Whaley, and George Legare, as well as Senators Benjamin Tillman and E.D. Smith. He also engaged the services of former Union officer Frank A. Butts, who served on Edisto Island with the 47th New York Infantry Regiment and filed claims before the Southern Claims Commission. When Butts died, Washington attorney G.W.Z. Black took over the case in 1914.

Twenty-four bound volumes, 1826-1830 and 1859-1925 include time books of laborers, accounts with laborers, other materials reflecting Mikell's farming operations on Edisto Island, S.C., during antebellum and Reconstruction eras and into the 20th century; 3 volumes, titled "Plantation Incidents," listing miscellaneous expenses, work records, "Factor's Account," model of "Mud Car," floor plans for barns and house with notation, 16 Dec. [1881], "Dr. J[oseph] J[ames?] Murray my best earthly friend died in Charleston"; 2 volumes, 1880-1919, titled "Cotton Ginned at Sunny Side Mill"; one volume, 1895-1906,

work record; 2 account books, 1872-1894, listing household expenses, a list of articles sold at auction, and a receipt from the "Sunny Side Emporium (Edisto Island)"; and one volume, 1874-1880, titled "Camp Ground," listing registered voters, both whites and African Americans, with notations disqualifying certain individuals.

## Selected Calendar of Collection

- ADS, 18 April 1838 (release of dower—Providence Mikell, widow, to John C. Mikell and others).
- 2 MSS, 1 May 1839 and 14 June 1844 (receipts for payments by I. Jenkins Mikell, administrator of the estate of Margaret Mikell).
- ALS, 17 November [18]59, Edisto Island, I. Jenkins Mikell, to "My Dear Son" (re his return from St. Helena where he and his wife "were detained by the extreme illness of your aunt Polly," expressing his gratitude for a letter from his son announcing that he had "sought & found our Blessed Savior no earthly honor heaped upon you, can be equaled to this....Be not ashamed of Jesus, openly acknowledge him, and He will bless you," encouraging him to read his Bible "prayerfully and earnestly," re the deaths of Mrs. Mikell Seabrook and John A. Seabrook, and the illness of William Mikell, and inquiring if he received his father's daguerreotype).
- ALS, 4 December [18]59, Edisto Island, I. Jenkins Mikell, to Townie [Townsend Mikell] (informing him that while taking communion, "my thoughts ran away to you, whether you may not at the same hour be celebrating the dying Love of our Divine Master," re the return to the island of William Mikell who "looks very thin—but his illness does not appear to have wrought any change in him," and Tommie and Buck grieving the death of their son Frank).
- ALS, 24 November [18]60, Edisto Island, I. Jenkins Mikell, to Townie (responding to his son's letter and advising—"my deliberate opinion is that every son of Carolina should return to her soil, her hour of Trial is at hand," giving his opinion that war was inevitable, advising him to return to South Carolina and to go directly to the governor—"tell him you have had a military education at Yorkville, and that you were at the University of Va. when you heard of the dangers

that threatened your state, and you hastened to offer in person your services,” reporting that “our negroes are very quiet and those about the family are very much distressed at the prospect of my going to war,” noting that “our people are tired of talking. Our enemies believe we are cowards, and if we are not in earnest this time. I will begin to think so too,” and suggesting that he come to Edisto rather than to Columbia).

- AL (incomplete), 14(?) April 1863, [J.L. Seabrook], to “Dear Major” [John Jenkins?] (re the escape of Whaley’s “boy (William) from the yankees” and giving details of his capture).
- ALS, 6 June [18]63. Aiken, I. Jenkins Mikell, to Maj. John Jenkins (discussing the situation of “our young men” imprisoned in the jail in Beaufort and speculating—“They are kept in jail in Beaufort near at hand—as future hostages for the safety of their officers commanding negro troops....They are the sons of Planters and former masters of these very negroes,” urging him to use his influence for their early exchange, and reporting that he had contacted Judge Magrath “as his relations with the Genl [Beauregard] commanding the department are very friendly”).
- ALS, 18 June [18]63, Aiken, I. Jenkins Mikell, to John Jenkins (re a letter from his son Townsend who was confined on the *Vermont*, re his efforts on behalf of the captives, including his communication with Judge Magrath who “is very much concerned about the fate of the captives,” castigating Union general Hunter—“My only hope now, is the removal of that Dog Hunter, & the substitution, I hope of a better man,” and noting that Senator Robert Barnwell “adopts my view of their detention”).
- ALS, 23 December 1864, Pocotaligo, Sgt. Townsend Mikell, Co. I, 3<sup>rd</sup> S.C. Cavalry, to Capt. E.W. Page (requesting a leave of eight days to procure a horse, “having lately had the misfortune to lose the one which I had in service by capture by the Enemy,” with endorsements).
- DS, 26 May 1865 (Townsend Mikell’s certificate of parole).
- MS, January 1869 (T[ownsend] Mikell in account with T.P. Mikell).

- MS, 1 February 1871, Edisto Island (“Article of an agreement...between T. Mikell planter & the Freedmen & women,” with cost estimate of working plots).
- ALS, 8 February 1873, W[illia]m States Lee, to Townsend Mikell (expressing “thanks to you for all of your kindness”).
- ALS, 29 May [18]81, White Point, J.F. Townsend, to Townsend Mikell (regretting to learn “of the serious turn in your father’s illness” and offering his assistance in getting family to Edisto).
- AL (fragment), 1 June 1881, James Island, ?, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto (apparently re militia).
- ALS, 11 June 1881, Johns Island, W. Edings Fripp, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (re his resignation as captain of the company and the election of Thomas Seabrook).
- MS, 1884 (apparently store accounts).
- MS (incomplete), 4 November 1885 (statement of cotton sold by Witte Brothers).
- DS, 23 December 1885, Berkeley County (mortgage of real estate—Sunnyside plantation—Townsend Mikell to Julian Mitchell).
- MS, July-August 1886 (E[disto] M[ounted] R[ifles] in account with Townsend Mikell).
- MS, 20 November 1886 (receipt—Townsend Mikell to E. Murray of \$140.00 to the EMR).
- ADS, 15 January 1887, Berkeley County (Townsend Mikell leasing a tract of land “known as ‘Sisters Isld’” to Mrs. Fanny L. Woodruff for ten years at \$25.00 a year).
- MS, January 1887 (Edisto Mounted Rifles in account with “Comt. Of Arrangements”).
- MS, 14 February 1887, Charleston (statement of freight charged for one case of clothing of the Edisto Mounted Rifles shipped on the *St. Helena*).

- MS, 14 May 1887 (receipt—Edisto Mounted Rifles in account with R.N. Gourdin Smith for expenses).
- MS, 9 May 1888, Edisto (receipt for payment to Gustav Staeven).
- MS, 14 May 1888 (receipt for uniforms purchased by the Edisto Mounted Rifles from Jacob Reed's Sons, military tailors and contractors).
- MS, 17 July [18]88 (receipt—T. Mikell to *News & Courier* "To Advertising Tilt").
- MS, 17 September 1888, Charleston (receipt—E. Murray to Fred. Von Santen & Sons).
- MS, 25 September 1888 (receipt—Edisto Mounted Rifles to Gustav Staeven).
- MS, 26 September 1888 (receipt—Edisto Mounted Rifles to T.P. Mikell—"Balance of amt for music").
- MS, 24 October 1888 (receipt—Capt. Townsend Mikell to steamer *Silver Star*).
- MS, 19 November 1888, Columbia, Office of the Adjutant and Inspector General (transmitting to Edisto Mounted Rifles \$145.86 "for 39 uniformed Officers and Men paraded at Annual Inspection").
- MS, 5 March 1889, Edisto Island (receipt for Townsend Mikell's payment of \$10.00 on account of dance, as ordered by the Edisto Mounted Rifles).
- MS, 10 June 1889, Edisto Island (receipt).
- MS, 20 June 1889 (receipt—E. Murray to *News & Courier* "To Advertising Edisto Rifles").
- MS, 20 June 1889 (receipt—Edisto Mounted Rifles, to World-Budget Co., Charleston).

- ALS, 19 February 1891, Mt. Pleasant, Hawkins K. Jenkins, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (re teaching certificate of Townsend Mikell's daughter).
- ALS, 31 August 1891, Edisto Island, Townsend Mikell, to E. Clarence Whaley (re a meeting of the township board and the election of Henry Bailey as constable).
- DS, 9 September 1891, Berkeley County (mortgage of real estate—Townsend Mikell to Rebecca Mikell, widow of Thos. P. Mikell).
- DS, 9 September 1891, Berkeley County (mortgage of real estate—Mrs. Rebecca Mikell to Townsend Mikell).
- DS, 14 January 1892, Berkeley County (mortgage of real estate—Townsend Mikell to Mrs. Sarah Lee Mikell—of California plantation, formerly "Orange Grove").
- ALS, 10 April 1893, Little Edisto, J. Swinton Whaley, chairman, Board of School Trustees, to Townsend Mikell, ex-chairman (requesting "books, school records, record book of board proceedings and any other school property you may have in your possession...").
- ALS, 1 Jan. 1894, James Island, F.L. Leeper, to "Dear Towny" (regretting that Mikell's illness prevented his visiting and family news).
- ALS, 17 February 1894, Edisto Island, Sallie Pope, to Townie (thanking him for his letter "with Statement of Direct Taxes and Check"—"Very many thanks for collecting it for me. It was quite a surprise and very acceptable").
- AL, 27 May 1894, Charleston, ?, to Mr. Mikell (apparently discussing a dispute over freight charges).
- ALS, 9 July 1894, Spartanburg, Rev. E.C. Murray, to "Uncle Townie" (re his financial situation and stating the terms for boarding "Jim and Townie").

- ALS, 1 October 1894, Saluda, N.C., Sallie Pope, to “My dear Brother & Sister” [Townsend Mikell], Edisto Island (expressing sympathy over the death of their son).
- MS, 1894 (resolutions commending Townsend Mikell’s services to the Edisto Mounted Rifles and sympathy re his son’s death).
- ALS, 23 January 1895, Edisto Island, M.M. Seabrook, to Townie (re a record of payments to those who worked on the road and explaining that “I have put Ben Hopkins on the poor list....He seems to be badly off”).
- LS, 7 May 1895, Charleston, Sam[ue]l Lord, to Townsend Mikell (re his meeting Mr. King at the U.S. Court House and King’s statement “that the mortgage held by the Presbyterian Church was an insufficient security for the debt, and that any attempt, at this time, to enforce it would lead to a very heavy loss”).
- LS, 11 May 1895, Charleston, Samuel Lord, to Townsend Mikell , Edisto Island (re a debt owed Mikell by a Mr. Smith and King’s opinion that the land was worth very little “during the present depression” and that Mikell should “let the matter rest” for a time).
- LS, 17 July 1895, Charleston, Samuel Lord, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (re indebtedness to Mikell).
- LS, 22 August, Charleston, Samuel Lord, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (enclosing letter from King & Spalding re Smith’s indebtedness).
- LS, 24 September 1895, Charleston, Lord & Burke, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (advising that “The Presbyterian Church is under no obligation to bid in the property at more than they believe to be its real value, and should not do so”).
- MS, ca. 1895 (“Tax assessment, 1894 & 1895”—Edisto Island, Johns Island, and Wadmalaw Island).

- ALS, 2 January 1896, Mt. Pleasant, F.L. Leeper, to Towney (explaining their precarious financial situation of the past year, requesting a loan of \$150.00 to pay a debt which was being called, regretting that it was necessary for him to leave the presbytery he was serving—“But the providences of God seem strangely to commend it,” and considering a call to Timmons ville).
- ALS, 10 January 1896, Mt. Pleasant, F.L. Leeper, to “Dear Bro” (expressing gratitude for his loan of money to pay his indebtedness).
- ALS, 7 March 1896, Edisto Island, Donald D. Salley, to Townsend Mikell (citing deficiencies of the house that he was renting and the exorbitant rent and Mikell’s reply explaining his position and terminating all intercourse between them).
- ALS, 10 March 1896, Edisto Island, Dr. Donald M. Salley, to Townsend Mikell (reviewing their business and personal relationship and his opinion that Mikell’s once favorable opinion of him had changed).
- LS, 18 May 1896, Charleston, Julian Mitchell, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (inquiring if the “Bill of Lumber for Elcox Bridge which I handed you will suit”).
- LS, 27 May 1896, Charleston, Julian Mitchell, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (enclosing letter from W.G. Eason, county auditor, comparing property values for Edisto, Johns, and Wadmalaw islands and stating—“I am surprised to find, that although Edisto is the largest, it is not very much larger than John’s Island, although nearly double of Wadmalaw”).
- LS, 30 May 1896, Charleston, Julian Mitchell, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (re lumber for Elcox Bridge and stating that “I have seen all the parties that I have any pleasant relations with, in reference to doing what they could to get as large an appropriation as possible...from the County Board”).
- ALS, 1 June 1896, Townsend Mikell, to Dr. D.D. Salley (stating that he was sending a carpenter to make the repairs and reminding him of the expiration of the lease on 1 February 1897).

- LS, 1 June 1896, Charleston, Julian Mitchell, to J. Murray LaRoche, Edisto Island (stating that he had purchased the lumber for Elcox Bridge, “expecting to be repaid by the County,” and requesting that he ask Townsend Mikell to inquire about obtaining palmetto logs locally).
- ALS, 3 June 1896, Aiken, F.L. Leeper, to “Dear Bro” (re his inability to make prompt payment on his debt and his situation in Aiken).
- MS, 22 June 1896 (receipt—Charleston County to Cameron Barkley & Co.).
- LS, 2 July 1896, Charleston, Julian Mitchell, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (informing him that the bill for lumber and freight for the Elcox Bridge amounted to \$32.60).
- LS, 2 July 1896, Charleston, Southeastern Lime & Cement Co., to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (acknowledging receipt of his order).
- LS, 22 July 1896, Charleston, Southeastern Lime & Cement Co., to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (re his order).
- MS, 30 July 1896 (re charge for labor account for work on the Elcox Bridge).
- MS, 1 August 1896 (receipt for pipe and cement—Southeastern Lime & Cement Co. to Townsend Mikell).
- ALS, 3 August 1896, Edisto Island, Dr. Donald D. Salley, to Townsend Mikell (offering to pay for damage done by his cow in Mikell’s cotton patch “as I would have done for any damage to your fence, on the road sometime ago. Had you let me known, instead of cutting my rope....it seems only common courtesy to have spoken to me about it before acting as you did”).
- MS, 6 August 1896 (bill—Southeastern Lime & Cement Co. to Townsend Mikell).
- ALS, 14 August [18]96, Prospect Hill, E. Mitchell Whaley, to Townsend Mikell (re terms of the license fee “to trade in seed cotton”).

- ALS, 14 August [18]96, Townsend Mikell, to E. Mitchell Whaley (complaining that Dr. Salley's shoats were running loose on his property).
- MS, 19 August [18]96 (statement of expenses for work on the public highway on Edisto Island).
- ALS, 24 August 1896, Columbia, Geo. A. Blackburn, to "Dear Friend and Bro." [Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island] (stating that "You will probably need preaching next summer, and I will want to do it for you," thanking him for assistance to Frank Leeper, and expecting 200 scholars for the next session of school).
- ALS, 4 September 1896, Charleston, Julian Mitchell, to Townsend Mikell (inquiring about payment for the lumber).
- ALS, 6 September 1896, Clemson, Townie, to Cousin Mike (friendly letter).
- ALS, 22 September 1896, Charleston, J. W. Craig, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (offering his services "for rebuilding or repairing Bridges").
- ALS, 25 September 1896, Walterboro, J.W. Wescoat Co., to Townsend Mikell (re terms for delivering lumber to Yonges Island and explaining that at present they could not offer lot sales beyond that point).
- ALS, 25 September 1896, Columbia, Geo. A. Blackburn, to [Townsend Mikell] (acknowledging receipt of contribution "to assist in the education of Frank Leeper and reporting—"Our school is moving along with its 150 scholars very well").
- ALS, 30 September 1896, Edisto Island, Dr. Donald D. Salley, to Townsend Mikell (reporting that the stable roof and gate were damaged in a gale; with Mikell's reply that he would send the carpenter as soon as he repaired the barn roof).

- ALS, 7 October 1896, Edisto Island, Dr. Donald D. Salley, to Townsend Mikell (inquiring when he intended to make repairs; with Mikell's reply that he had contacted but not heard from a carpenter—"If he is not there by tomorrow you can get one to attend to what you want repaired").
- ALS, 22 October 1896, Edisto Island, M.M. Seabrook, to Townsend Mikell, Charleston (inquiring when he wanted four 18-inch tiles).
- ALS, 31 October [18]96, James Island, Elias S. Rivers, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (requesting that he consult with the members of his board about attending a meeting of "the Boards of Commissioners of each Township in the agricultural portion of the county...at the Fire Proof Building in Charleston previous to the convening of the Legislature...to take into consideration such matters as affect the interests of these communities, and to agree upon a common plan for their improvement").
- MS, 1 November [18]96, *Steamer Louise* (receipt for payment of freight on lumber).
- MS, 5 November [18]96, Charleston (receipt—*News & Courier* to Townsend Mikell).
- MS, 6 November 1896, Edisto Island (receipt—Gustav Staeven to Board of Township Commissioners, Edisto Island).
- LS, 6 November 1896, New York, Engineering Record, to Townsend Mikell (requesting a list of bidders "in the matter of building Little Edisto bridge").
- MS, 11 November [18]96 (receipt—Townsend Mikell to *Steamer Louise* for four days work building bridge).
- MS, 16 December 1896 (receipt for payment of Road Commutation tax).
- MS, 24 December 1896, Edisto Island (receipt for \$400 for "building Little Edisto Bridge & Bulkhead & furnishing materials for same").

- ALS, 17 January 1897, Jno. G. Wilkinson, to Townsend Mikell (presenting his bid for constructing a causeway bridge on Edisto Island, with materials and specifications included).
- MS, 18 January 1897, Edisto Island (receipt—Board of Commissioners of Edisto Island to Hector Williams—“for services as detective to report any one buying cotton without paying the License”).
- MS, January 1897 (invoice from Southeastern Lime & Cement Co. to Townsend Mikell, County Superintendent).
- ALS, 1 February 1897, Edisto Island, Dr. Donald D. Salley, to Townsend Mikell (sending two drafts for balance of rent on Mikell’s house and stating—“I regret the unpleasantness that this transaction has caused, and shall try to forgive the wrong that you have done me, at the same time asking your pardon for what wrong action I may have taken”).
- ALS, 1 February 1897, Townsend Mikell, to Dr. Donald D. Salley, Edisto Island (responding to Salley’s letter, disagreeing with his interpretation, and requesting the balance in cash rather than drafts).
- ALS, 2 February 1897, Edisto Island, Dr. Donald D. Salley, to Townsend Mikell (contending that drafts were as good as money and stating—“However if you do not care to accept them you will have to wait until I am able to collect them...cotton must first sell”).
- MS, 1 March 1897 (instructing Mr. Townsend Mikell to pay John Mikell \$30.00 for 480 feet of palmetto logs for Sandy Causeway bridge).
- MS, 5 March 1897 (invoice for 105’ 8” of pipe—Southeastern Lime and Cement Co. to Townsend Mikell).
- MS, 10 March 1897 (list of those who had paid Road Commutation tax for 1897).

- Ms, 12 March 1897, Edisto Island (list of persons with “Time on Public Roads putting down tiles”).
- MS, 17 March [18]97 (“Supervisor (Cantwell) acct”).
- MS, 17-19 March 1897, Edisto Island, B.J. Bailey, to M.M. Seabrook (stating his need to get hands from Mr. Townsend Mikell for work on the steamboat landing road).
- ALS, 17 March 1897, M.M. Seabrook, to Townie (referring to the letter from Bailey citing the need for laborers).
- MS, 18 March 1897 (deposit ticket—American Savings Bank of Charleston).
- MS, 18 March 1897 (receipt—Edisto Island Township).
- LS, 19 March 1897, Charleston, W[illia]m P. Cantwell, County Supervisor, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (advising the Edisto Island Township Board “to meet and elect a chairman”).
- MS, 22 March 1897 (receipt—Edisto Island township).
- ALS, 22 March 1897, Charleston, Wm P. Cantwell, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (re signing of oaths).
- ALS, 25 March 1897, Townsend Mikell, to Donald D. Salley (informing him that his rent was two months overdue).
- ALS, 27 March 1897, Edisto Island, Ben J. Bailey, to Townsend Mikell (enclosing names apparently re road work).
- ALS, 29 March 1897, Edisto Island, Dr. Donald D. Salley, to Townsend Mikell (responding to a letter from Mikell re the balance due on Salley’s rent).

- MS, 2 April 1897 (receipt—Edisto Island Township to J.G. Wilkinson—for logs, lumber, and construction of Sandy Causeway bridge and bulkhead).
- MS, 8-10 April 1897 (list of names and time worked on the roads).
- MS, 14 April 1897 (receipt—Edisto Island Township).
- MS, 16 April 1897 (list of names and time worked on the roads).
- LS, 23 April 1897, Washington, Wm Elliott, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (replying to Mikell's letter re compensation for an organ removed from the Presbyterian Church during the war, and providing information that he would need to file a claim, and stating that the length of time had elapsed would adversely affect their claim—"But please understand that these difficulties will not make the slightest difference in my efforts in the matter...").
- MS, 29 April 1897 (names and time worked on the road).
- MS, 29 April 1897 (receipt).
- ALS, 4 May 1897, Edisto Island, Ben J. Bailey, to Townsend Mikell (reporting that he had completed working on a section of the road and that everyone worked except those with legal excuses and Isaac Griffin who refused to work on the section under repair).
- MS, 20-22 May 1897 (list of names and wages paid for road work).
- MS, 29 May 1897 (list of names and wages paid for road work).
- MS, 29 May 1897 (receipt for payment of wages for road work).
- MS, 8 June [18]97 (D.M. Bailey's record of time as overseer of work on the public road).
- MS, 3 June [18]97 (list of names and wages for work on the public road and causeway).

- MS, 5 June [18]97 (list of names and wages for “Rolling mud on Elcox causeway”).
- MS, 5 June 1897 (receipt for payment of wages).
- MS, 21 July 1897 (receipt—Edisto Island Township to Cameron Barkeley & Co.).
- MS, 9 August 1897 (payment by Edisto Island Township to W.S. Fickling for “services as overseer for 1897”).
- MS, 23 August 1897 (payment by Edisto Island Township to W.S. Fickling to Ben J. Bailey for salary as overseer of section #2).
- ALS, 24 August 1897, Little Edisto Island, E. Mikell Whaley, to Townsend Mikell, Chairman, Township Board (stating that he could not attend a meeting concerning the law that required a license to purchase seed cotton, relating that he intended to purchase the license, and “I expect the law to be enforced against those who do not take it out”).
- MS, ca. 25 August 1897 (re meeting of Edisto Island Township board to consider electing a detective to enforce the law regarding licenses for those who purchased seed cotton).
- ALS, 31 August 1897, Edisto Island, B.J. Bailey, to Townsend Mikell (names of those who did not work on the road).
- ALS, 2 September 1897, Edisto Island, Ben J. Bailey, to Townsend Mikell (re the \$5.00 due him for balance of his salary as overseer).
- MS, 2 September 1897 – 10 January 1898 (record of checks issued).
- ALS, 18 September 1897, Edisto, A.S. Bailey, to Townsend Mikell (requesting that he deliver a clear title to California plantation to Bailey’s trustees in Baltimore).

- MS, 1 October – 31 December 1897 (Board of Township Commissioners in account with M.M. Seabrook).
- MS, ca. 1 October 1897 (M.M. Seabrook in account with Commissioners of Edisto Island).
- 2 MSS, 9 and 23 November 1897 (receipts—Townsend Mikell to C.P. Poppenheim, Charleston, for nails, spikes, and shovels).
- MS, 9 December 1897 (receipt—Edisto Island Township commissioners for 103 bushels of shells for road).
- MS, 30 December 1897 (receipt to J.G. Murray for services as overseer of section #1 for 1897).
- MS, 1897 (receipt to E. Mitchell Whaley for services as magistrate).
- MS, 7 January 1898 (account of services rendered for road work by J. Swinton Whaley).
- MS, 20 January 1898 (receipt—Edisto Island Township commissioners to *News & Courier* for advertisement for oyster shells).
- MS, 21 January 1898 (receipt for payment to J.G. Wilkinson for work on bridge and bulkhead).
- ALS, 22 January 1898, Edisto, Jno. G. Wilkinson, to “Dear Billy” (furnishing names of hands and wages due for those “I worked on the bridge for Cousin Townsend”).
- MS, 31 January 1898 (receipt for payment to J.G. Wilkinson for work on bridge).
- MS, 31 January 1898 (receipt to B.J. Bailey for work on Steamboat Landing road).
- ALS, 6 February 1898, Charleston, J.A.F. Meyer, to Townsend Mikell (responding to advertisement in *News & Courier* for 50,000 bushels of oyster shells and offering to furnish them at 2.5 cents/bushel; with Mikell’s reply accepting his proposal).

- ALS, 3 March [18]98, Enterprise, Joe S. Sosnowski, to Townsend Mikell (inquiring at what price he could furnish three bushels of highland rice).
- ALS, 9 March 1898, Charleston, J.A.F. Meyer, to Townsend Mikell (stating that he could expect the shells next week).
- ALS, 15 March 1898, Charleston, J.A.F. Meyer, to Townsend Mikell (re the oyster shells).
- MS, 18 March 1898 (receipt for payment to B.J. Bailey for services as overseer).
- ALS, 25 March 1898, Cordesville, J.A.F. Meyer, to Townsend Mikell (re payment for shells).
- LS, 26 March 1898, Washington, W[illia]m Elliott, to Townsend Mikell (enclosing report of War Department re claim for loss of organ by Presbyterian Church on Edisto Island during the Civil War).
- ALS, 15 April 1898, Edisto Island, Townsend Mikell, to J.A.F. Meyer, Charleston (accusing him of forgery for “changing the figures over my signature” and advising that the amount was correct).
- ALS, 16 April 1898, Cordesville, J.A.F. Meyer, to Townsend Mikell (responding to Mikell’s letter and giving an explanation of his decision to alter the amount).
- ALS, 18 April, 1898, Cordesville, J.A.F. Meyer, to Townsend Mikell (re the bill for shipping and unloading the oyster shells).
- ALS, 21 April 1898, Edisto Island, Townsend Mikell, Chairman, Edisto Island Township Board, to Theo. D. Ravenel, Jehossie (reporting that Edisto Island Township Board desired “to have direct communication between this Island & the main land,” relating that a survey had determined that the route through Jehossie was preferred for several reasons, and soliciting his support for gaining approval for this route).

- ALS, 24 April [18]98, Adams Run, Theodore D. Ravenel, to Townsend Mikell (stating that he was in favor of the proposed road “under certain conditions”).
- ALS, 27 April 1898, Charleston, J.A.F. Meyer, to Townsend Mikell (re a shipment of shells).
- ALS, 30 April 1898, Charleston, Julian Mitchell, to Townsend Mikell (re the proposed road and calling his attention to legislation passed at the last session).
- MS, 30 April 1898 (receipt).
- ALS, 1 June [18]98, Adams Run, Theo. D. Ravenel, to Townsend Mikell (reporting that he had spoken with Mrs. Rhett “about the granting a right of way through Jehossie Island to the mainland” and stating that she agreed under certain conditions, and requesting a meeting).
- MS, 6 June [18]98, Edisto Island (receipt for payment to J.M. Seabrook “for seeing the unloading of Boats and keeping account of Shells”).
- MS, 6 June 1898 (receipt for payment for 14,800 bushels of shells).
- MS, 1 July 1898 (receipt for payment by Township Board of Edisto Island to G.W. Seabrook).
- MS, 1 July 1898 (receipt for payment by Township Board of Edisto Island to O.W. Seabrook).
- ALS, 23 July 1898, Charleston, J.A.F. Meyer, to Townsend Mikell (inquiring if any shells were needed).
- ALS, 20 August 18, Charleston, J.A.F. Meyer, to Townsend Mikell (instructions for paying captain of sloop *Nancy*).
- ALS, 26 August 1898, Edisto Island, E. Clarence Whaley, to Townsend Mikell (seeking appointment “to the position of seeing to the execution and carrying out of the ‘Cotton License Act,’” advising that he was competent and also that “because as an old Confederate soldier

whose duties to his country were faithfully performed...who is now in want and can get no employment...”).

- ALS, 31 August 1898, Edisto Island, Townsend Mikell, to Henry Bailey, Edisto Island, and L.E.O. King (informing them of their selection as constables “to see the Cotton License act enforced”).
- ALS, 4 October [18]98, Charleston, J.A.F. Meyer, to Townsend Mikell (apologizing for delay in shipment of shells because of problems with his boats and offering to send a load within three weeks; with Mikell’s reply that the delay had inconvenienced the township and that the shells must be shipped within three weeks—“another party is to haul me some, & if you cannot comply with the above, I will give him the whole amount”).
- ALS, 10 October 1898, Charleston, J.A.F. Meyer, to Townsend Mikell (assuring him that the shells would arrive on schedule).
- MS, 28 October 1898 (receipt—Townsend Mikell to Southeastern Lime and Cement Co.).
- ALS, 3 November 1898, Robert B. Hills, to Townsend Mikell (re the arrival of the *Etiwan* with 1,732 bushels of shells and still awaiting other boat).
- MS, 3 November 1898 (receipt for shells).
- ALS, 9 November 1898, Edisto Island, Townsend Mikell, to J.A.F. Meyer, Charleston (contending that the 6,000 bushels of shells would have been delivered if the *Heyward* had unloaded its shipment and expressing the opinion that the captain “does not know how to manage his boat...”).
- ALS, 5 December [18]98, Charleston, J.A.F. Meyer, to Townsend Mikell, Chairman, Edisto Island (re order for shells and stating that he could send two large vessels if shells were needed on North Edisto).

- ALS, 7 December 1898, Edisto Island, Whitridge Bailey, to Cousin Towney (making a proposal for renting California plantation as a business venture and offering to have the hands do business at Mikell's store).
- MS, 30 December [18]98, Edisto Island (receipt for salary paid to J.G. Wilkinson "To superintending & labor furnished in laying tile across public road"),
- MS, 1898 (apparently accounts with tenants).
- MS, 8 August 1899 (receipt paid by Townsend Mikell, chairman, for 4,700 feet of plank).
- ALS, 30 May 1900, Palatka, Fla., Tho[ma]s P. Hay, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (re the pleasures of their recent visit and glad to learn that they arrived safely in S.C., re his interest in "step[ping] into Dr. Thompson's place"—"Cannot you & some of my friends make some effort & exert some influence to that end," explaining that the climate in Florida "is breaking down Jennie's health" and that "Charleston & its vicinity are more home to me & J. than any place on earth," and re his attendance at the church assembly in Atlanta).
- ALS, 20 August 1900, Whitridge Bailey, to Cousin Towney (re a shipment of 17.5 cords of wood).
- ALS, 12 September 1900, Edisto Island, Whitridge Bailey, to Cousin Towney (requesting that he settle a bill for wood hauled).
- ALS, 14 September 1900, Edisto Island, Townsend Mikell, to [Whitridge] Bailey (disputing the amount of wood that had been received and the amount reflected in the invoice).
- ALS, 19 September 1900, Edisto Island, Whitridge Bailey, to Cousin Towney (re the mistake in the invoice for wood).
- LS, 20 January 1903, Columbia, W.A. Clark, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (re various options for investing in Olympia Cotton Mills and commenting on the death of Narciso Gonzales—"This has cast a gloom over the better element of our community. He will prove a great loss to the

entire State. The outrage against law and order is but one of the legitimate consequences of the spirit of lawlessness which has prevailed in our State in the past decade. Where it is to end God only knows”).

- LS, 18 July 1903, Columbia, W.A. Clark, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (explaining the dates for sending out interest and dividend checks for Olympia and Richland mills and thanking him for sending his water—“I have been drinking the water...with great benefit, and think that it has helped me a good deal”).
- ALS, 24 January 1904, Edisto Island, Townsend Mikell, to Lewis Parker, Columbia (inquiring about notice of claims made against Olympia Cotton Mills and wanting to know how the claims would affect “Certificates of Indebtedness styled ‘Gold Bonds’”).
- ALS, 28 January 1904, Columbia, Lewis Parker, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (explaining the financial condition of Olympia Cotton Mills and noting that the holders of gold bonds were not protected because the indebtedness exceeded \$750,000 and advising—“As a practical question in my judgment nothing is left to the holders of these bonds except to come into the scheme of reorganization and accept long time bonds in exchange for their present holdings”).
- L (incomplete), 20 February 1904, Edisto Island, [Townsend Mikell], to Lewis Parker, Columbia (stating that he agreed to the plan of reorganization explained in the circular “hoping under your efficient management that everything will work out all right”).
- ALS, 26 February 1904, Edisto Island, Townsend Mikell, to Baltimore Trust & Guarantee Co., Baltimore, Md. (turning in his two gold bonds nos. 706 and 707 and requesting receipt).
- ALS, 8 June 1904, Charleston, M. (?) Smith, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (informing him of his election as a director of the Coast-Line Telephone Co.).
- ALS, 15 June 1904, Charleston, M. (?) Smith, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (re the amount of stock in the Coast-Line Telephone Co. that would be received for turning in his bonds of the Island Telephone Co.).

- MS, 1 July 1904 (advising him of the various options for a new contract for telephone service).
- ALS, 9 September 1904, Townsend Mikell, to E.M. Redman, Cottageville (ordering two hundred telephone poles).
- ALS, 13 September 1904, Cottageville, E.M. Redman, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (requesting that he send payment after the poles were inspected and stating—“if you want any more Poles would like to get them for you”).
- ALS, 12 December 1904, Charleston, Coast Line Telephone Co., to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (re obtaining rights of way for telephone line and stating—“Just as soon as we can get things in proper order over there we desire to commence the construction of the new line and will endeavor to get through with it as quickly as possible”).
- DS, 2 January 1905, Charleston County (lease of the Townsend Mikell store and Wm. Murray dwelling on Sunnyside plantation to Mrs. M.C. Dickinson).
- LS, 2 January 1905, Charleston, Mitchell & Smith, to C. Bissell Jenkins, President, Coast Line Telephone Co. (re right of way “from Mrs. Chisolm across the Pine barren Plantation” and progress of construction).
- LS, 3 January 1905, C.B. Jenkins, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (stating that he had not received signed contracts for rights of way and that construction would be delayed until contracts were returned—“It is absolutely essential that we get local assistance in matters of this kind, and if you can devise any means by which we can have these parties sign up, we can complete the work in a few days”).
- ALS, 28 March 1905, Edisto Island, Townsend Mikell, to Baltimore Trust & Guarantee Co. (enclosing bonds of the Olympia Cotton Mills “which the Committee of reorganization has directed to be sent to you for deposit”).

- MS, 11 April 1905 (certifying that the Charleston Presbytery had appointed Townsend Mikell, or A. Stobo Bedon in the event of Mikell's inability to attend, as commissioner to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Ft. Worth, Tex.).
- LS, 10 July 1905, Charleston, Julian Mitchell, Jr., to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (relating that the matter of the contracts "is a very important one and has given both Mr. Smith, Mr. Jenkins, Mr. Towles and myself a great deal of trouble and consideration," contending that it was matter for the Directors and not the stockholders, and requesting a meeting of the Directors as soon as possible).
- LS, 18 July 1905, Charleston, Julian Mitchell, Jr., to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (agreeing to a meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>).
- ALS, 24 July 1905, Edisto Island, Townsend Mikell, to C. Bissell Jenkins, Charleston (submitting his resignation as Director—"it is an expense & trouble to me in attending meetings & using my time & labor in looking after this end of the line," complaining that he was embarrassed by having contracts that he negotiated abrogated, and stating that he did have the gratification of knowing that "the Edisto portion of the line, which has always been troublesome, had given less trouble in the past year than ever before").
- LS, 2 August 1905, Charleston, Julian Mitchell, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (regretting his decision to resign, stating—"I do not see anything at all to cause you to resign," re the terms of the new contract, and inviting him to stop by his office for discussion).
- MP, 7 August 1905 (circular letter outlining the plan for reorganization of Olympia Cotton Mills sent out by the Reorganization Committee).
- ALS, 5 September 1905, Edisto Island, Townsend Mikell, to C. Bissell Jenkins, Charleston (re a bill that he received and did not intend to pay as it was not in accordance with the contract he signed).

- LS, 7 September 1905, Charleston, C.B. Jenkins, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (re the settlement of the bill, reviewing the differences between Mikell and the company over the contract that he signed, and stating a desire to meet with him).
- LS, 28 October 1905, Columbia, E.J. Watson, Commissioner, Department of Agriculture, Commerce, and Immigration, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (re his plan for arriving in Charleston and thanking him for the invitation to dine and to visit Edisto).
- LS, 18 November 1905, Columbia, E.J. Watson, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (expecting to be able to obtain three bushels of highland seed rice for him, inquiring what he had done with regard to “the matter of laborers for Edisto Island,” and advising that he was expecting a number of “excellent farmers” from Southerland County, N.Y.—“There are no better farm laborers in any county...and I am anxious to locate them where they will be given the very best of treatment”).
- ALS, 23 November 1905, Edisto Island, Townsend Mikell, to E.J. Watson, Columbia (on obverse of above) (expressing appreciation for his assistance in obtaining seed rice, expecting Mr. Cox of Wadmalaw to take some of the laborers, and stating that the labor situation on Edisto was not resolved “as the negroes have not contracted yet for next year,” and thanking him “for the interest you take in us”).
- LS, 28 November 1905, Columbia, E.J. Watson, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (stating that he had spoken with Col. Griffith of the State Penitentiary who promised to send “the best of the rice” when it was harvested and requesting that they keep him advised re labor needs).
- Ds, 28 December 1905, Charleston County (agreement between Townsend Mikell and Mrs. Mary C. Dickinson re terms of payment for her purchase of “the stock of goods in the store on the Sunny Side Plantation on Edisto Island...”).
- L, 30 December 1905, Enterprise, R. Lebbly Clement, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (thanking him for offering to send in both applications and anxious “to get some labor that will be an improvement on Mr. Nig”).

- MS, ca. 1905 (contract for telephone service with Coast Line Telephone Co, signed by Townsend Mikell).
- LS, 7 January 1906, Columbia, E.J. Watson, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (acknowledging his letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> and stating—“The department will move just as rapidly as it possibly can in the matter of securing all of these people for the island, and I trust we will be successful”).
- LS, 10 January 1906, Columbia, E.J. Watson, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (reporting that “our New York office is earnestly working in the matter of the applications filed by you for white help on Edisto Island”).
- ALS, 25 January 1906, Martins Point P.O., H.L. Cox, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (enclosing check for \$154.00 to pay transportation costs for fourteen laborers from New York to Charleston—“I hope they will show up all right and prove satisfactory to all parties concerned”).
- LS, 27 January 1906, Washington, B.R. Tillman, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (stating that it was unlikely that the church could be compensated for the loss of its organ and “no chance to get the silver which was stolen in Columbia” and advising that he consult with Messrs Butts & Phillips, Washington, “who are the lawyers that are working up the other church cases in South Carolina”).
- LS, 27 January 1906, New York, Raymond L. Griffiss, to Whaley & Rivers, Charleston (explaining that the people who were scheduled to go to S.C. had left for the west and that “Department’s agents on Long Island will attempt to get up another party during the week”).
- ALS, 30 January [19]06, “The Palmettoes,” Edisto Island, J.S. Baynard, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island ( re his decision “to take two (2) of the men we spoke of yesterday, men with families preferred if I can get them” and hoping to go to Charleston with him to meet with commissioner Watson “and if necessary buy some little things that will contribute to their comfort when they get here”).

- ALS, 2 February 1906, Charleston, Whaley & Rivers, Cotton Factors, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (acknowledging receipt of check statement of “Amts pd. in the NY matter”).
- LS, 8 February 1906, Columbia, E.J. Watson, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (advising that “a family with 4 children and three single men” was sailing from N.Y. on Friday and inquiring “how the other men are doing or whether you have had any trouble with them”).
- LS, 9 February 1906, Charleston, A.E. Gaetjens, Asst. Supt. Clyde Steamship Co., to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (re the family from N.Y. referred to in above and wanting to know if Mikell would meet them “or if you wish me to arrange for their transportation to Edisto”).
- L(R) (incomplete), 21 February 1906, to King, Spalding & Little, Atlanta, Ga. (re the matter of the Edisto Island Presbyterian Church’s loan of \$11,000 to Burton Smith).
- L, 24 February 1906, ? , to William Murray, Edisto Island (re the controversy within the Edisto Island Presbyterian Church concerning the request of Townsend Mikell for a letter of dismissal from the session and giving a lengthy and detailed explanation written after much reflection—“I have concluded to comply with your request and give you the benefit of my judgment and at the same time volunteering certain suggestions in the hope that I may be the instrument of reconciling these unhappy differences and healing a breach which has for so many years divided and distracted the good people of this worthy old church”).
- ALS, 1 March 1906, Edisto Island, Townsend Mikell, to E.J. Watson, Columbia (re the failure of the family from N.Y. to arrive, requesting reimbursement for the thirteen laborers still due—“It has got so late now,” stating that he had let his Irishman go--“He is willing to work & is satisfield but physically unable,” retaining his other worker “though it at a loss to me,” regretting that “such trash was sent us, as it has given the movement a ‘black eye,’” and advising that he was willing “to give the movement” another chance the next year “in the way of ‘share croppers’ provided you can insure & give us the right sort of people”).

- ALS, 6 March 1906, Charleston, Alexander Sprunt, to Townsend Mikell (belatedly thanking him for a shipment of “Edisto potatoes” and advising that he would be delighted to receive Mikell as a member of his church).
- LS, 12 March 1906, Columbia, E.J. Watson, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (shipping him two bushels of upland rice seed from the state farm in Sumter County).
- L(R), 10 April 1906, [Columbia, E.J. Watson], to D.G. Griffith, State Penitentiary (explaining that the manager of the state farm had shipped Mr. Mikell rice sheafs rather than seed—“Mr. Mikell is very much put out with me” and requesting that he be sent the two bushels of seed for his “experiment on growing upland rice on the Sea Islands”).
- LS, 10 April 1906, Columbia, E.J. Watson, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (enclosing the letter cited above, re some confusion over the number of laborers who had been received on Edisto, hoping to meet with him—“I am very anxious to see you and ascertain how the people sent to the Islands are doing at this stage,” assuring him that his department had been working tirelessly since the meeting of the legislature “to get the tide of the desirable Europeans of agricultural experience resumed in this direction,” and commenting on Mr. Cox’s request for a refund of the amount advanced for transportation and “complaining that the men he had were worthless and further saying that he did not think he had been treated right from the beginning”).
- LS, 13 April 1906, Columbia, E.J. Watson, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (re a letter from D.G. Griffith re his inability to furnish rice seed—“he is without rice seed even for his own use, the rats having destroyed all he had”).
- L, 24 May 1906, James Island, Anonymous, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (soliciting his philanthropy in the case of tenant P.L. Dickinson—“a deserving, honest and honorable family”; with Townsend Mikell’s manuscript explanation of his relationship with P.L. Dickinson following).

- ALS, 29 June 1906, Edisto Island, Townsend Mikell, to Mrs. M.C. Dickerson [Dickinson] , Charleston (re her failure to pay an installment due on 28 June and advising her to “appoint, in writing, some one to value & turnover to me an amount of goods at the invoiced price, equivalent to the sum you owe me”).
- ALS (on the obverse of the above), 16 July 1906, Edisto Island, Townsend Mikell, to Mrs. M.C. Dickerson [Dickinson] (re her failure to respond to his communication of 29 June and advising her to “send me the store keys & name your appraiser”).
- ALS, June 1906, Edisto Island, Townsend Mikell, “To the person who wrote me the anonymous letter” (Mikell’s view of his relationship with Dickinson and his note—“Did not send this”).
- LS, 9 July 1906, Charleston, Julian Mitchell, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (advising him of the correct legal procedure to take in the matter of Mrs. Dickinson).
- LS, 22 January 1907, Washington, Rep. Geo. S. Legare, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (“Cousin Townie”) (advising him of the proper course to pursue in filing a claim for the church organ and stating—“It is absolutely impossible for Congress to go into the examination of each claim, in fact it is very hard now to even secure the passage of a bill referring a claim to the Court of Claims”).
- LS, 6 February 1907, Washington, Geo. S. Legare, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (informing him that he had forwarded his letter to Messrs. Butts & Phillips).
- MP, 11 February 1907, Senate Bill 8421 (“A Bill For the relief of the trustees of the Presbyterian Church of Edisto Island, South Carolina).
- LS, 25 March 1907, Washington, Frank A. Butts, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (posing questions re the claim of the Presbyterian Church of Edisto Island, with Townsend Mikell’s manuscript replies).

- LS, 6 June 1907, Washington, Frank A. Butts, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (hoping to gather information with regard to the church's claim over the next several months, suggesting information that might be supplied by fellow soldiers in his regiment who served with him on Edisto and advising—"In the meantime, see what you can do in regard to securing any evidence from any of the old residents, or the old negroes, who may still be living on Edisto Island," and recalling what he had been told by several Negroes when he visited Mr. Whaley).
- ALS, 2 September 1907, Hendersonville, N.C., S.E.B. (?), to Susalee Mikell, Edisto Island (post card with a view of Hotel Gates, Hendersonville).
- MS, 1907-1915 (extracts from Session book of Presbyterian Church of Edisto Island re pastor's salary).
- LS, 17 February 1908, Washington, Geo. S. Legare, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (suggesting that he write Sen. Tillman to urge him to communicate with Mr. Butts to press the church's claim—"There is nothing further that we can do until your case has been tried by the Court of Claims").
- LS, 19 February 1908, Washington, Frank A. Butts, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (explaining the delay in gathering information re the claim of the Presbyterian Church of Edisto Island, expecting to be able to collect evidence in the spring or early summer, and regretting that the claim had not been filed as the same time as the claim of the Episcopal church on Edisto Island as that claim had been allowed).
- ALS, 7 August [19]08, I.H. (?), to Miss Susalee Mikell, Edisto Island (post card with a view of the Isle of Palms and hoping to hear from her when she came to Charleston).
- ADS, 1 January 1909, Charleston (contract of employment for farm labor between Townsend Mikell and Peter Read).
- ALS, 18 January 1909, Edisto Island, Townsend Mikell, to "My very dear Daughter" (discussing "home influence on children," warning her against "card parties"—"I look upon them as one of

the worst vices of the age. If the women want amusement, let them do some needle work, & not give the men encouragement in gambling...,” noting that she and Ed “are just commencing life, & you two can’t be too careful how you start,” re their activities—eating oranges from the tree, reporting that work on the farm was proceeding “nicely”—“Have two very good plane hands & hope they will continue, as they have started,” and news of other family and friends on the island).

- ALS, 22 February 1909, Edisto Island, Townsend Mikell, to “My ever dear Daughter” (re their activities, preparing to plant and expecting to increase the acreage “as I find I have not enough work for the labor I have. Not one of the hands who left & promised to work here have been back to strike a lick,” reporting that the cotton crop had been sold “at a little more than half of what I got last year for it...It is a great relief to have the agony over,” and giving an account of their activities, especially those involving the church).
- LS, 26 May 1909, Washington, Frank A. Butts, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (bringing him up to date on the claim of the Presbyterian Church, requesting that he send a list of witnesses and that he suggest a location on the island or in Charleston for gathering the evidence, and noting that the last Congress adjourned without making an appropriation “to pay the Southern War claims, that have been allowed by the Courts,” although “It is thought that such a bill will be passed along towards the close of the next session which will be about next April or May”).
- ALS, 12 November 1909, Edisto Island, Townsend Mikell, to “My very dear Daughter” (writing her on his 68<sup>th</sup> birthday, re their activities, he harvesting his corn and potatoes and hoping to resume ginning the following week, and news of family and friends).
- ALS, 1 December 1909, Edisto Island, Townsend Mikell, to “My very dear Daughter” (informing her that they had received her letter and “were glad to hear you are so nicely and contentedly fixed in your new home,” re their pleasant visit “with Allen, Lily & the children,” instructions for the orange trees that he sent, noting that “The hands appear to be all quiet,” harvesting an abundance of lettuce and about 50 or 60 more bags of cotton to gin, and the death of Dr. James Seabrook).

- ALS, 13 December 1909, Edisto Island, Townsend Mikell, to “My dear Daughter” (family news and ginning nearly completed).
- ALS, 20 January 1910, Edisto Island, Townsend Mikell, to “My dear Daughter” (re their trip back to Edisto from Columbia, reporting that the store burned during his absence due to careless burning, relating that they enjoyed their visit in Columbia—“There was but one thing lacking, which made me feel a little sad, that was, The Family Alter,” and planning to send potatoes and oysters).
- MP, 13 December 1910 (funeral card—Mrs. Sarah Weber Mikell).
- MS, 28-30 April 1911 (an account of the celebration of the 201<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the Edisto Island Presbyterian Church).
- ALS, 28 May 1911, Edisto Island, Townsend Mikell, to “My ever dear Daughter” (looking forward to coming to Columbia for a visit, noting that he had been feeling badly because of overexertion in hot weather, recalling the presence of his wife—“I wish sometimes, that it won’t be long before the summons comes. Though whatever is my father’s will, may be mine. He must have something further for me to do & I think He is revealing it & pray that He will give me knowledge & strength to do it, as He wants it done,” re the dry weather and the crops—“I don’t think the cotton is suffering as much as the other crops,” his crop of the previous year sold—“Cotton has gone down ten & fifteen cts.”).
- MS, 1911 (Townsend Mikell’s recollection of the history of the Presbyterian Church of Edisto Island from 1860 to 1866 when the former members regained possession of the church).
- ALS, 7 April 1914, Washington, G.W.Z. Black, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (informing him that the Court of Claims had served notice of dismissal of cases on the docket “if good reason is not shown by 1<sup>st</sup> of May for long delay and of intention to complete case in near future,” noting that the case of the Edisto Island Presbyterian Church “seems to be one of merit,” and calling upon him to arrange for taking testimony of witnesses).

- ALS, 1 May 1914, Washington, G.W.Z. Black, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (re the death of Maj. Butts and stating terms for his assuming charge of their claim; with Mikell's letter to the widow of Maj. Butts on obverse and ALS, 19 June 1914, to Black, requesting to "know the true status of the Presbyterian church claim").
- L, 28 May 1914, Washington, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Pensions, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (attesting to the reputation of Black).
- ALS, 10 July 1914, Washington, G.W.Z. Black, to Townsend Mikell, Sunny Side (reporting that he had filed request to take depositions).
- ALS, 16 July 1914, Washington, G.W.Z. Black, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (giving very detailed instructions re procedures for taking testimony of witnesses).
- LS, 22 July 1914, Department of Justice, Washington, Huston Thompson, to "Sir" (advising that G.H. Thorne would be at Sunny Side, 3 August, for the purpose of taking testimony re the claim of the Presbyterian Church of Edisto Island).
- LS, 27 July 1914, Washington, G.H. Thorne, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (re his arrival in Charleston and advising that it was Mikell's responsibility to have a stenographer and typewriter).
- ALS, 22 April 1915, Edisto Island, Townsend Mikell, to Rev. J.L. McLees (stating—"As regards the matter of the EIP Church of which we spoke on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>[.] I sincerely want it settled, but as long as there is any implication of wrong doing under the name of the EIP Church I cannot consent to it").
- LS, 2 November 1915, Charleston, J.C. Dillingham, to William Murray, Edisto Island (enclosing extracts of the minutes of the Presbyterian Church of Edisto Island and advising that the record should be changed to reflect what was he considered to have been stated at the meeting of the presbytery).

- ALS, 8 November 1915, Martin's Point, M.R. Kirkpatrick, to "My dear Brother" (re his recollection of the meeting of presbytery regarding Mr. Mikell's motion to have the church dropped from the Home Mission Commission's "roll of beneficiaries").
- ALS, 8 November [19]15, Edisto Island, Wm. Murray, to J.C. Dillingham, Charleston (explaining his recollection of what was said at the meeting of presbytery and stating—"I certainly cannot unite with you in any effort to have the records changed and in fact, I shall oppose any move in that direction. If you were acquainted with the affairs of our church, I am sure my dear sir, you would let this matter alone").
- ALS, 11 November 1915, Charleston, Alexander Sprunt, to Townsend Mikell and Wm. Murray (re the controversy over the record of the action of the Charleston Presbytery re the Presbyterian Church of Edisto Island).
- LS, 18 March 1916, Washington, E.D. Smith, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (writing in reply to Mikell's letter and stating that he would look into the matter "of the claim of the Presbyterian Church of Edisto Island).
- LS, 22 March 1916, Washington, Rep. R.S. Whaley, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (re the status of the claim of the Presbyterian Church of Edisto Island and noting—"On November 1<sup>st</sup>, 1915, it was dismissed by the Court of Claims under the provisions of the Crawford amendment which barred all claims of this nature on which a finding by the Court had not been rendered. However, the Mann bill which passed the House at this session of Congress provides for the restoration of these claims to their place on the calendar. The Bill is now in the Senate...").
- MP, June 1916 (invitation issued by Edisto Island Agricultural Society to a "Community Gathering").
- LS, 13 July 1917, Columbia, W.A. Clark, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (inviting him to attend the Camp Hampton annual meeting on 21 July to celebrate the first battle of Manassas with a barbecue dinner at the Old Soldier's home).

- ALS, 27 November 1917, Alexander Sprunt, to [Townsend] Mikell (re the published account of the Synod's proceedings and the omission of any reference to an appeal by Mikell).
- ALS, 27 November 1917, [Charleston], Alexander Sprunt, to [Townsend] Mikell (thanking him for a bag of potatoes, re a letter from W.A. Clark enclosing a paper for Mikell, and stating that he paid the stenographer \$4.00 "for preparing the Record for the appeal").
- DS, 19 January 1919 (bill of sale for "One red ox" sold by Townsend Mikell).
- MS, 28 February 1919 (Townsend Mikell in account with Whaley & Rivers).
- MS, 28 April 1919 (Townsend Mikell in account with Whaley & Rivers, factors and commission merchants).
- MS, 3 June 1919 (sales account of Townsend Mikell's cotton sold by Whaley & Rivers).
- 2 MSS, 1 August 1919 (drafts of two letters from Townsend Mikell to President Woodrow Wilson) (expressing sympathy for the President that he should face opposition to his effort towards a peace).
- LS, 4 August 1919, Washington, J.P. Tumulty, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (extending the President's gratitude for his letter of support).
- AL, 30 August 1919, [Townsend Mikell], to Messrs. W[haley] & R[ivers] (re a mistake in their rendering of his account).
- 3 MSS, 2 September and 29 November 1919 and 3 February 1920 (Townsend Mikell in account with Whaley & Rivers).
- LS, 7 July 1921, Athens, Ga., Chas. A. Rowland, Laymen's Missionary Movement, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (thanking him for a contribution and his letter expressing support for their efforts).

- LS, 11 November 1921, Charleston, Alexander Sprunt, to [Townsend] Mikell (extending him birthday greetings).
- ALS, 30 December 1922, Sunny Side, Townsend Mikell, to "My very dear Children" (thanking them for Christmas remembrances and stating that he had "a nice barrel [of oysters] waiting for the order").
- MS, 16 January 1924 (re \$25.00 donation to the Executive Committee Home Mission).
- LS, 17 January 1924, Clinton, J.S. Hunter, Business Manager, Presbyterian College, to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (thanking him for a donation from the Edisto Island Presbyterian Church).
- LS, 13 January 1925, Sterling, Illinois, A.L. Haglund, Secy., Charter Gas Engine Co., to Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (inquiring if he were still the owner of two Mietz oil engines).
- MS, 30 January 1925 (Townsend Mikell in account with Ella Miles).
- ALS, 14 February 1927, Columbia, W.A. Clark, to Mrs. Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (family news and relating that he was preparing a memorial of Townsend Mikell).
- ALS, pmk. 20 October 1927, Charleston, W.A. Bresnihan, to Mrs. Townsend Mikell, Edisto Island (re the inscription and quotation for Townsend Mikell's stone and he planning to be on Edisto Island the following week).
- ALS, n.d., Bridget, to Miss Victoria Mikell, Columbia (post card).
- ALS, n.d., Cordesville, J.A.F. Myers, to Townsend Mikell (re payment for a shipment of oyster shells).
- MS, n.d. (record of cotton picked and ginned).

- ALS, n.d., R.B. Hills, to [Townsend] Mikell (acknowledging receipt of 1,926 bushels of shell from the *Etiwan*).
- MS, n.d. (signed petition to the Edisto Island Township Board of Commissioners “ask[ing] you to provide for us a right of way by which we may be in certain and constant communication with the out-side world”).
- MS, n.d. (note on an envelope re Townsend Mikell’s request to have the school register and stating that the keys were still in possession of the teachers).
- MS, n.d. (computations re cypress trees).
- MS, n.d. (record of “Time hands on S.B. Bridge”).
- MS, n.d. (note requesting lumber).
- MS, n.d. (memo re building dimensions).
- MS, n.d. (record of hands who worked on one of the Edisto bridges).
- MS, n.d. (estimate of building materials).
- MS, n.d. (record of “Hands who did not appear for road duty”).
- MS, n.d. (invoice from G.W. Seabrook to Edisto Island Township Commission).
- MS, n.d. (list of names, apparently with amounts subscribed).
- ALS, n.d., John Jenkins, to Townsend Mikell (requesting that he carry something to church).
- ALS, n.d., G.W. Seabrook, to Commissioners of Edisto Island (reporting “hands absent from road duty on Steamboat landing section”).

- ALS, n.d. (estimates of building materials).
- ALS, n.d., Joe LaRoche, to [Townsend] Mikell (reporting that William Davis had replaced the planks on the Cow Pens Bridge which had been swept away in a storm for which he was to be paid \$1.00 and stating—“Tide came over the Isld about 2ft—but did not alarm us any as the 93 was so much worse”).
- MS, n.d. (estimates for building materials).
- MS, n.d. (lumber bill for building materials).
- MS, n.d. (“Account of monies paid out received & due for painting the inside & porch of Presbyterian Church”).
- MS, n.d. (a tribute signed “Your affect. Coz. T.B. Mikell”).
- ALS, 29 April n.y., Edisto, Susan Mikell, to Dear Mike (thanking him for the photograph “of my beloved son” and commenting on his death).
- ALS, n.d., Emmie Pope, to “Uncle Townie” (stating that there must be a mistake about the meat that he sent them, “as I don’t know anything about our being a member of this market”).
- 2 ALSs, n.d., Columbia, W.A. Clark, to “My dear Brother” (re the critical illness of Julie and her death).
- ALS, n.d., Wm. States Lee, to Mr. and Mrs. Townsend Mikell (affectionate regards from the former pastor of Edisto Island Presbyterian Church).
- MS, n.d. (Townsend Mikell in account with D.D. Salley for repairs to house rented by Salley).

- MS, n.d. (“Statement of final settlement of Estate of Mrs. Providence Mikell and also so much of the Estate of John C. Mikell, as by the will of Mrs. P. Mikell, was to be adjusted under her will in case that said John C. Mikell should die without issue”).
- MS, n.d. (William Murray in account with Edisto Mounted Rifles).
- MS, n.d. (apparently initiation rites for an organization that admitted both male and female members).
- MS, n.d. (“A list of members indebted to the E[disto] M[ounted] R[ifles]).
- MS (incomplete), n.d. (constitution and bylaws of the Edisto Island Agricultural Society).
- MS, n.d. (a list of Edisto Island plantations apparently listing the names of individuals who were eligible for road work).

- Volumes

- MS vol. bd., 1826-1830 (journal of A.S. Townsend).
- *Bohn’s Album and Autographs of the University of Virginia, with a Short History...* (Washington, 1859), including letters to Townsend Mikell, 1860-1867, 1912; Company Roll of the Rebel Troop, J.L. Seabrook, Capt., T.W. Mikell, 1<sup>st</sup> Lt.; and invitation to 1912 reunion of University of Virginia students who served in the Confederate army).
- MS vol. unbd., 1868-1871 (accounts with various workers).
- *Miller’s Almanac* (Charleston, 1877, with notes re planting).
- MS vol. bd., 17 December 1883 – 6 March 1885 (“Journal of Yoland Ogilvie”).

- MS vol. bd., 1889-1896 (time book listing workers and amounts of cotton picked and including “Summary of Cotton picking” at Sunny Side).
- MS vol. bd., 1892-1897, California plantation (time book listing workers and the amount of cotton picked).
- MS vol. bd., 1893 (chiefly notes re planting).
- MS vol. bd., 1895-1898 (accounts with tenants).
- MS vol. bd., 1897-1910, 1915-1921 (labor agreements between Townsend Mikell and workers and accounts with workers).
- MS vol. bd., 1898-1924 (Sunny Side—record of workers and cotton sold).
- MS vol. bd., 1904-1907 (chiefly entries re agricultural operations).
- MS vol. bd., 1905-1916 (time book listing workers and the amount of cotton picked).
- MS vol. bd., 1906-1921 (record of cotton production and ginned at Sunny Side, Cypress Tree, and California plantations, including lists of African-American workers).
- MS vol. bd., 1917-1925 (accounts with laborers).