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## **Letter from J. McGehee Whitner to B. R. Colson**

J. McGehee Whitner

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JACKSONVILLE, FLA. January 16th, 1913.

Mr. B. R. Colson, Sec'y.,  
Trustees Dixieland College,  
Gainesville, Florida.

Dear Brother Colson:-

Yours of the 13th to hand and contents noted.

There is one other item remaining to be cleared up and perfectly understood between us, viz., the fee for attorney's examination of title, and drawing of all necessary papers, incident to the loan, which said fee is invariably 1%. The parties loaning these monies are out in other parts of the country, and have their attorneys, who are regularly employed by them to make examinations and reports, on all loans under consideration. They require "ex parte" testimony, in each and every case, as to the validity of title, technicalities in the wording and drawing of papers, etc., in whatever part of the country the loan is to be made. Naturally, they do not act on the testimony of interested parties, as to the validity of title, form of papers necessary, and methods of drawing same, etc., and so, you can readily see, that the question of making or not making this charge of 1% for attorney's fees, is not left to me to settle. With this matter clearly understood, and your advising me to that effect, I will be glad to proceed in endeavoring to secure the loan, as outlined in your letter of January 13th, tho' there is a possibility that they will not be willing to make the loan, with the prospects of its only running two year's time. Awaiting your reply, and with best wishes, I remain,

Yours very truly,

*J. McGehee Whitehead*