

A Guide to the Edward Payson Roe Collection

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Charlottesville, Virginia 22903
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Item Listing

Manuscript

"Fruit and Nut Trees: An Arbor-Day-Plea"

Unit Date n. d.

Extent

AMsS,
10 p.

Scope and Content

[Tipped into booklet.]

Letters

Edward Payson Roeto Charles Mumford

Unit Date 1871 May 13

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Encloses [manuscript?]; indicates his willingness to cut it if it is too long; invites him to visit; writes that he will soon send a check for \$20.]

Edward Payson Roeto Charles W. [Squires]

Unit Date 1874 Oct 9

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Sends autograph in response to request for [Squire's] collection of "Knights of the Quill."]

Edward Payson Roeto A. H. Holloway

Unit Date 1877 Feb 27

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Thanks him for "interesting volume."]

Edward Payson Roeto Frank S. Wood

Unit Date 1879 Apr 22

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Expresses thanks for being honored by Wood's Society.]

Edward Payson Roeto Editors, Youth's Companion

Unit Date 1884 Oct 21

Extent

ALS,
8 p.

Scope and Content

[Outlines a story of a war refugee family based on Memoirs of the War of the Revolution in the Southern Dept. of the United States; indicates his desire to produce what the editors want and to cooperate in every way; hopes for sufficient remuneration as he is financially pressed.]

Edward Payson Roeto [Samuel Sidney] McClure

Unit Date 1884 Oct 22

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Approves circular and hopes to hear from McClure about his sister's [Mary Abigail Roe] story as well as his own.]

Edward Payson Roeto S[amuel] S[idney] McClure

Unit Date 1885 May 9

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Writes that, because of the volume of other work, he must know when the requested piece would be required and what he would receive for it before making a commitment.]

Edward Payson Roeto [Samuel Sidney] McClure

Unit Date 1885 Aug 27

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Writes that Current, which had been publishing a story of his, failed; fears he will suffer financial loss as a result; states that failure has impelled him to write " Significant Hummingbirds, " which he describes, to recoup losses; offers to sell it for \$200.]

Edward Payson Roeto S[amuel] S[idney] McClure

Unit Date 1885 Sep 7

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Writes that, although he has had another offer for [" Significant Hummingbirds"], he has awaited McClure's response; sends the manuscript and points out its timeliness, because much criticism is being expressed of "wearing little birds."]

Edward Payson Roeto [Samuel Sidney] McClure

Unit Date 1885 Sep 22

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Excuses his delay in replying because he was on a mountain excursion with [Henry Mills] Alden; accepts the rejection of his story and will try again.]

Edward Payson Roeto [Samuel Sidney] McClure

Unit Date 1885 Nov 11

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Writes that he will meet McClure in December to discuss requests; states he is reluctant to take on new commitments because of promised work; hopes to begin war stories shortly; explains that he must write when the mood strikes rather than promise "a certain length and at a certain time"; writes he must complete work for Harper's [Monthly].]

Edward Payson Roeto S[amuel] S[idney] McClure

Unit Date 1885 Dec 2

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Explains the illness of his child prevented their planned meeting; requests a letter stating the type of work desired; states he will do his best but cannot meet demands as to length and completion date.]

Edward Payson Roeto [Samuel Sidney] McClure

Unit Date 1885 Dec 10

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[States that he is writing a book which will provide more income than short stories; writes he will communicate with McClure when he has more time for stories.]

Edward Payson Roeto Perry, Mason & Co.

Unit Date 1886 Feb 3

Extent

ALS,
3 p.

Scope and Content

[Discusses a short story, which he has almost completed; writes he will submit it to [Youth's Companion], his first attempt having been rejected; comments on a story which recently appeared in their publication which affected him deeply.]

Edward Payson Roeto Editor, New YorkStar

Unit Date 1886 Feb 4

Extent

ALS,
3 p.

Scope and Content

[Discusses observance of the Sabbath and the role of Sunday newspapers; believes Sunday should be set apart from the rest of the week and publications should emphasize literature and articles leading to "higher thoughts . . . and better living" rather than business and crime.]

Edward Payson Roeto Perry, Mason & Co.

Unit Date 1886 Apr 24

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Expresses understanding of an editor's right to choose his material and accepts the rejection of his story, which he has submitted elsewhere; writes that he is "mulish enough" to try again.]

Edward Payson Roeto S[amuel] S[idney] McClure

Unit Date 1886 Nov 8

Extent

ALS,
2 p.

Scope and Content

[Writes that he has returned from Charleston with material for a story; states he will leave in 2 weeks for Santa Barbara, California with his family; expects the railroad companies and Santa Barbara to profit from his literary work; hopes for financial concessions; explains that, having "endorsed for a relative and lost everything," he is in financial difficulty.]

Edward Payson Roeto F. B. Wright, [Editor, the Graphic News]

Unit Date 1887 Feb 9

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Accepts, on behalf of his friend, whatever seems fair for the manuscript and photographs; believes the article will be an attractive feature in Wright's magazine.]

Edward Payson Roeto Editor, Lippincott's Magazine

Unit Date 1888 Apr 9

Extent

ALS,
1 p.

Scope and Content

[Offers for publication a love story, "A Queen of Spades," for which he asks \$300 to be paid as soon as possible; reserves the right to publish in book form at a later date.]