

# A Guide to the Thomas Nelson Page Collection

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## Item Listing

### Manuscripts

**Farcical poem entitled "Dutch Marriage Ceremony," unsigned but addressed to Virginia Lafayette Nelson**

**Unit Date** n.d.

**Extent** AMs, 2 p.

### Letters

**Subseries A: Letters of Thomas Nelson Page and Associated Letters****Thomas Nelson Pageto Elisabeth Gilman**

**Unit Date** 1911 Aug 4

**Extent** ALS, 2 p.

**Scope and Content**

[Re Robert's ( Robert W. Nelson) health and plans to attend school.]

**Thomas Nelson Pageto Elisabeth Gilman**

**Unit Date** 1912 Sep 6

**Extent** ALS, 1 p.

**Scope and Content**

[Encloses cheque for \$200.00 for two Nelson boys' tuition, apologizes for including her in the business transaction.]

**Thomas Nelson Pageto Elisabeth Gilman**

**Unit Date** 1913 Jan 3

**Extent** ALS, 1 p.

**Scope and Content**

[Encloses cheque for \$250.00 for the Nelsons' tuitions, is glad to hear they are doing well.]

**Thomas Nelson Pageto Elisabeth Gilman**

**Unit Date** 1913 Feb 17

**Extent** ALS, 1 p.

**Scope and Content**

[Encloses \$200.00 for balance on tuition.]

**Thomas Nelson Pageto Elisabeth Gilman**

**Unit Date** 1913 May 23

**Extent** TLS, 4 p.

**Scope and Content**

[Suggests that it may be time for Robert to go to work, recommends that Gilman discuss the matter with Loulie Bruce, explains that he has many calls on him and enumerates one from his cousin who cannot send his son to school.]

**Thomas Nelson Pageto Elisabeth Gilman**

**Unit Date** 1913 May 26

**Extent** TLS, 1 p.

**Scope and Content**

[Recounts conversation with Louise B., his sister-in-law, concerning Page's ( S. Page Nelson) eligibility for St. Paul's School; does not promise to continue his financial support, but agrees to keep the matter under his consideration.]

**Thomas Nelson Pageto Elisabeth Gilman**

**Unit Date** 1913 Jun 7

**Extent** TLS, 3 p.

**Scope and Content**

[Agrees to send the tuition if Gilman writes him that only through his assistance can the Nelson boys continue their schooling, says that he would like to be kept abreast of the two boys' activities in the future.]

**Elisabeth Gilmanto S. Page Nelson**

**Unit Date** 1939 Dec 27

**Extent** TLS, 1 p.

**Scope and Content**

[Encloses two letters from Thomas Nelson Page. ]

**S. Page Nelsonto Robert W. Nelson**

**Unit Date** [1947] Mar 17

**Extent** ALS, 1 p.

**Scope and Content**

[Encloses photographs, says he has found other boyhood memorabilia predating the sale of Banister Lodgeand will divide other pictures with Robert.]

**S. Page Nelsonto Robert W. Nelson**

**Unit Date** 1952 Sep 17

**Extent** ALS, 2 p. w/env

**Scope and Content**

[Encloses Thomas Nelson Pageletters, expresses gratitude for Lizzie's ( Elisabeth Gilman) having stood by them; discusses presidential race and possibilities for banking if the Democrats stay in, calls for depression to weed out competition.]

## **Subseries B: Letters of the Nelson Family**

### **[ M. M. Elfreth] to Virginia Lafayette Nelson, Oakland**

**Unit Date** [1843] Sep 13

**Extent** ALS, 2 p. w/env

#### **Scope and Content**

[Wishes good health for your Brother Robert, sends materials and 56 cents change, sends regards to various family members]

### **Robert Nelsonto Hugh T. Nelson**

**Unit Date** 1884 Apr 17

**Extent** ALS, 4 p. w/env

#### **Scope and Content**

[Has written to Dr. Mallet and Col. Venable, hopes he may get the place; describes a wedding in New Yorkfrom which he has just returned; says he has received a letter from Dr. Mallet, a copy of which he encloses; Mallet recommends Robert Nelson for one of two positions as Instructor in the School of Mines of the University of Missouri. ]

### **Horace Jonesto Robert Nelson, with two additional letters on same leaf**

**Unit Date** [1887] Nov 15

**Extent** ALS, 4 p. w/env

#### **Scope and Content**

[Jones encloses note for \$10 payment of Nelson's bill, reports on having visited the Oaklandhousehold; Nelson writes his mother ( Virginia Lafayette Nelson), reports on family news, sends along Major Jones' letter; Hugh T. Nelsonwrites his mother ( Virginia Lafayette Nelson) about family matters.]

### **Robert Nelsonto Virginia Lafayette Nelson**

**Unit Date** 1904 Oct 4

**Extent** ALS, 2 p. w/env

#### **Scope and Content**

[Discusses family news.]

### **"Your affectionate old Aunt, E. K. Page" to Virginia Lafayette Nelson**

**Unit Date** 1909 Aug 9

**Extent** ALS, 6 p. w/env

#### **Scope and Content**

[Mainly discussing family news, with mentions of the St. Martin's Parish day (a church holiday with a sermon by Virginia Lafayette Nelson's kinsman, Rev. Everard Meade, and a paper read by Berkeley Minor), John Page's appendicitis, Mary Willis Minor's stay at " Rock Castle, " one of the Fontaine homes.]

### **Virginia Lafayette Nelsonto Robert W. Nelson**

**Unit Date** 1947 Dec 23

**Extent** ANS, 1 p. w/env

#### **Scope and Content**

[Note on an envelope which contained something given to Virginia Lafayette Nelsonby her Aunt, Eliza K. Nelson. ]

### **Virginia Lafayette Nelsonto Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Nelson**

**Unit Date** [1948] Dec

**Extent** APS, 1 p. w/env

**Scope and Content**

[Christmas card]

**Miles [Farrows ?]to "Bob" [ Robert W. Nelson]**

**Unit Date** n.d.

**Extent** ALS, 1 p.

**Scope and Content**

[Says he is glad to give Robert W. Nelson the use of his rooms while he is away at Hot Springs, Virginia.]

**"Your affec brother" [in law, Robert W. Nelson] and "your . . . sister, Ellie C. Nelson" to "My darling Ria" [ Maria Clark]**

**Unit Date** n.d.

**Extent** ALS, 3 p.

**Scope and Content**

[Discusses family matters.]

**Subseries C: Letters of the Gilman Family****Charles J. Bonaparteto Elisabeth Gilman**

**Unit Date** 1910 Nov 21

**Extent** TLS, 1 p.

**Scope and Content**

[Witty letter regarding Gilman's anticipated visit to " Bella Vista" and a hunting permit for her companion.]

**F. Courtneyto Everett Wheeler**

**Unit Date** 1911 Nov 24

**Extent** ALS, 1 p.

**Scope and Content**

[Thanks him for suggestion of incorporating Kipling's Recessional in his next sermon.]

**Rep. William Sulzerto Everett Wheeler**

**Unit Date** 1912 Dec 13

**Extent** TLS, 1 p.

**Scope and Content**

[Thanks him for suggestions.]

**Mayor William J. Gaynorto Everett Wheeler**

**Unit Date** 1913 Feb 24

**Extent** TLS, 1 p.

**Scope and Content**

[Briefly discusses the three scamps.]

**Photographs****Included in a letter so dated from S. Page Nelsonto Robert W. Nelson**

**Unit Date** 1947 Mar 17

**Scope and Content**

[3 unidentified and 1 of Robert W. Nelsonclipped from newspaper.]

**Included in a letter so dated from Virginia Lafayette Nelson to Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Nelson**

**Unit Date** [1948] Dec

**Scope and Content**

[1 unidentified, 1 of " Banister Lodge, " 1 of "EAC" [ Elvira Ann Clark], 1 of "MBC ( Mary Bailey), EAC (Mother), MWC ( Maria Wilson, Aunt Wye)."]

**Miscellaneous photographs**

**Unit Date** n.d.

**Scope and Content**

[2 of EAC [ Elvira Ann Clark], 2 unidentified.]

**Miscellaneous**

**School reports of Virginia Lafayette Nelson from the school of "The Misses Nelson" at Long Branch, 3 p.**

**Unit Date** 1836-1840

**Obituary clippings for Elisabeth Gilman, 6 p.**

**Unit Date** 1950, n.d.