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Mrs. W. Nelson Page Collection
Collection Number: 131 WFCHS

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PROCESSING INFORMATION: Initial processing undertaken in 1982. Last updated by Buffy Knappenberger in October 2024.

EXTENT: 0.21 linear feet.

DATE: 1845- 1966; bulk early 1900s

EXISTENCE AND LOCATION OF COPIES: Photographs in this collection have been digitized and are available to view online through the Past Perfect online database: <http://handley.pastperfectonline.com/>

SCOPE AND CONTENT: This collection contains two photo albums containing pictures of infants, children, and adults taken in the early 1900s and kept by Mrs. W. Nelson Page (Willie McGuire Page) of Winchester, Virginia. In addition, there is genealogical material relating to the Page and McGuire families, and Raymond Rickard. A booklet honoring the centennial of Shenandoah Valley National Bank in 1966 in Winchester, VA, is included with volume 1, August 1892 of “The Blandome and Random News,” edited by Hunter McGuire.

BIOGRAPHICAL/HISTORICAL: Mrs. Nelson (Willie McGuire) Page was born in 1809 to Dr. William P. and Nannie Tucker McGuire. She was educated in Winchester, VA and New York. She was a lifelong member of the Christ Episcopal Church and sang in the choir for 60 years. She died on June 24, 1985, and is buried at Mt. Hebron Cemetery in Winchester.

BIBLIOGRAPHY: Obituary, *Winchester Evening Star*, June 24, 1955

IMMEDIATE SOURCE OF ACQUISITION: Gift of Mrs. W. Nelson Page.

CONTAINER LIST:

BOX 1

Album #1 – contains 128 photos including two cyanotypes

Album #2 – contains 47 photos; primarily infants and children

“The Blandome and the Random News,” vol. 1, August 1892, Hunter, McGuire, Editor in Chief, John Carmichael, business manager, unnumbered pages, handwritten (mimeographed)

Frederick Parish, history of, 3 leaves, typescript, no author, no date

Page, Robert Powell, 1845-1930, Memorial Booklet, 1 item, published, 8 pages

Page-McGuire Family History Notes, 2 leaves, manuscript

Rickard, Raymond—obituary, April 6, 1909, Harrisonburg, 3 leaves, printed (photocopy)

Shenandoah Valley National Bank, Century of Service, 1866-1966, written and prepared by Dr. Melton Wright [1966], 1 item, printed

PHOTOGRAPHS

- [131-001] Postal employee weighing apples for parcel post shipping, circa first half of 1900s.
- [131-002] Dr. William P. McGuire (1846-1926), at Point Lookout P.O.W. Camp, Maryland. Chew's Battery. Photograph of drawing, 1865.
- [131-003] W. Nelson Page (1883-1974) as a little boy about 5-6 years old, circa 1888-89.
- [131-004] Willie McGuire Page as a little boy about 5-6 years old, circa 1890s.
- [131-005] Interior of Christ Episcopal Church at 134 (now 138) West Boscawen Street. Christmas decorations are shown, early 1900s.
- [131-006] Christ Episcopal Church at 138 West Boscawen Street, early 1900s.
- [131-007] Winchester baseball team. No persons identified, circa 1910s.
- [131-008] Confederate Memorial Day Parade. Confederate veterans (members of Turner Ashby Camp, U.C.V.) marching past Taylor Hotel on North Loudoun Street, crowds of people, etc. "They are led by Morgan Anderson (1865-1952), Bugler of the Camp; and in the front rank are Dr. William P. McGuire (1846-1926) in Confederate Gray leading his grandson, Dr. William P. McGuire, Jr., and Captain George Washington Kurtz (wearing a straw hat) leading his grandson John Vernon Eddy," June 6, 1914.
- [131-009] Mr. Home Hack (at the wheel) poses in his new 1905 seven passenger Packard with friends Lawrence Weems, Courtney Weems, Nelson Page (in cap), Walter Abel, and his father, Van Meter Hack of "Springdale", Bartonsville, together with Chris Garrison (Afro-American, in white), who worked for Miss Nancy Coble. In background, west side of 48 West Boscawen Street, partial view of 43 West Boscawen, two horses and wagons, stack of bricks, 1905.
- [131-010] 6th birthday party at Blandon for R. T. McGuire, July 28, 1899.
- [131-011] 124 Amherst Street. Two views of home with porch and door insert, before and after modifications. Original in located in Scrapbook number 1, page 28.
- [131-012] 38 children attending birthday party for Virginia Baker. The attendees are identified (left to right, by row) as: (first row) Charlie Smith (in Fauntleroy rig), Anne Douglas Williams (m. Richard Griffith), Laura Dame (m. Rev. Wm. Smith), Anne Douglas Beverley (m. Sen. Harry Flood Byrd [fifth row]), Lucy Willis (m. 1-Ridgley White 2-Frank Hack), Evie McGuire (m. Col. Abney Payne), Eleanor Conrad (m. A. C. Carson); (second row) W. Nelson Page [peering out from behind Anne Williams, m. "Willie" Mcquire-fifth row], Marshall Russell, Albert Baker, Gray Beverley (m. 1- Sue Faulkner 2-Julia Womack), Virginia Baker [the birthday girl, with flowers] (m. Peter Vredenburg), Mary Bragonia, Ruby Smith, Edith Brown, Helen Holliday, William A. Beverley (m. Elizabeth Palmer); (third row) Annie Lewis (m. Rev. Chas. Tyndall), W. A. Baker (m. Ellen "Nellie" Browne), Rebecca Lewis (m. Mr. Dahl), Davis Conrad, Bradshaw Beverley (m. Nelia Dupuy), Mary Baker, Bessie Baker, Belle Harrison (m. Seabury Davies), Katie Harrison, William Holliday; (fourth row) Kitty Poor, Edward Baker, Carrie Baker, (no first

name) Nokes, Admiral Richard Evelyn Byrd (m. Marie Ames), Ned Brown; (fifth row) Jennie Gilkerson (m. Alexander Baker), "Willie" McQuire (m. William Nelson Page [second row]), Senator Harry Flood Byrd (m. Anne Douglas Beverley [front row]), Philip Williams III (m. Gladys George), January 4, 1895.