

# Magee, Nelson M., Collection

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### Unit ID

Ms.2022.055

### Unit Date

1948-1952

### Language

The materials of this collection are in English.

### Abstract

This collection contains correspondence and personal items belonging to Nelson M. Magee, a 1952 graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Correspondence includes letters and cards sent to Magee while he was a V.P.I. student from 1948 to 1952.

### Creator

Magee, Nelson M.

### Creator

Roberts, Lou Anne

### Creator

Triplett, Louise

### Extent

0.2 Cubic Feet 1 box

## Repository

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# Biographical Note

Nelson M. Magee was born on October 10, 1930, in Wakefield, Virginia. He graduated from Newport News High School in 1948 and from Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1952 with a B.S. in architectural engineering. At V.P.I., Magee was a 2nd Lieutenant of Company G (Artillery) and a member of several student organizations, including Pershing Rifles, Order of DeMolay, Peanut Club, American Institute of Architects, and Scabbard and Blade. Magee was stationed at Fort Bliss Army Base in El Paso, Texas, before becoming 1st Lieutenant in command of construction of Launching Facilities for the Nike Ballistic Missile Program in Washington, D.C.

Magee enjoyed a prolific international career. He moved to Rome, Georgia, in 1972 to work for Ledbetter Construction Company and became a member of the Georgia National Society of Professional Engineers in 1974. He began work for the Vulcan Material Company of Birmingham, Alabama, in Saudi Arabia in 1976 and rose to the position of President and CEO for Saudi Arabian Vulcan before leaving Saudi Arabia in 1989. From 1990 to 2000, he lived Almeria, Spain, where his company built resorts. Upon his retirement in 2000, he returned to Rome, Georgia, where he remained until his death on March 18, 2017.

Magee married Edna Yolanda Magee, and the couple had three children.

Sources:

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# Scope and Content

This collection contains correspondence and personal items, dating from 1948-1952 and belonging to Nelson M. Magee, a 1952 graduate of Virginia Polytechnic Institute. Correspondence includes letters and cards sent to Magee while he was a V.P.I. student. Magee's personal items include a high school commencement program, receipts related to car insurance claims, orders for V.P.I. class rings, a V.P.I. license plate attachment, and a personal notebook with penciled notes related to war bonds.

# Keywords

Ephemera

Letters  
Students and alumni  
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## Arrangement

The collection contains two series based on content type. Series I contains correspondence to Nelson Magee, arranged by author. Series II contains other personal items belonging to Magee, arranged chronologically.

## Description of Subordinate Components

### Series I: Correspondence

**Unit Date** 1948-1952

#### Letters from Lou Anne Roberts

**Unit Date** 1951-1952

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 1 (folder)

#### Letters from Louise Triplett

**Unit Date** 1951-1952

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 2 (folder)

#### Graduation Cards to Nelson M. Magee

**Unit Date** 1948, 1952

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 3 (folder)

#### Miscellaneous Cards and Letters

**Unit Date** 1948-1952

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 4 (folder)

### Series II: Personal Papers

**Unit Date** 1948-1952

#### Nelson Magee High School Commencement Program

**Unit Date** 1948

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 5 (folder)

#### V.P.I. License Plate Attachment

**Unit Date** 1950-1951

**box-folder** 1 (box)

**Container** 6 (folder)

#### V.P.I. Class Ring Order Forms

**Unit Date** 1951  
**box-folder** 1 (box)  
**Container** 7 (folder)

**Car Insurance Claim**

**Unit Date** 1951  
**box-folder** 1 (box)  
**Container** 8 (folder)

**Linkous Motor Company Receipt**

**Unit Date** 1952  
**box-folder** 1 (box)  
**Container** 9 (folder)

**Nelson Magee Personal Notebook**

**Unit Date** undated  
**box-folder** 1 (box)  
**Container** 10 (folder)