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Biographical / Historical

John Sergeant Wise was the son of Henry Alexander Wise and grandson of John Sergeant. Siblings include Richard Alsop Wise, Professor at William & Mary. He was born December 27, 1846 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil and attended the Virginia Military Institute and studied law at the University of Virginia. He practiced law in and around Richmond and had several unsuccessful bids for election to Congress and for Virginia Governor and represented Virginia's At-Large district in Congress 1883-1885. Wise lived in New York City for a time and practiced law there until his retirement. Wise also wrote many books, most notably a memoir titled, *The End of an Era*. Wise died on May 12, 1913. Sources consulted, www.bioguide.congress.gov, www.encyclopediavirginia.org

Scope and Contents

Collection of 15 letters addressed to John S. Wise, in New York, City, New York. Most are written from the American lawyer and author, Robert Green Ingersoll. Other letters are from other notable actors, authors, and playwrights such as James Morrison Steele MacKay, Albert Marsham Palmer, and John Martin Tracy. Most letters are more personal in nature and detail regrets for not attending functions or for not writing sooner. Some request advice regarding ideas, lay out plans for travel, and send regards to Wise's other family members. Though formal in presentation, the letters offer a personal glimpse into the social life of this lawyer, author, and politician. Included with this collection are two letters addressed to Hugh W. Wise, John Wise's son, from Thomas Nelson Page. and one letter to Henry Alexander Wise, John Wise's father, from William Swan Plumer.

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Plumer, William S. (William Swan), 1802-1880

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