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1777-1822

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Creator

Mazzei, Filippo, 1730-1816

Creator

Tucker, St. George, 1752-1827

Creator

Page, Mann, 1749-1781

Creator

Mason, Stevens Thomson, 1760-1803

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Biographical / Historical

John Page (April 17, 1744-October 11, 1808) was a figure in early United States history. He served in the U.S. Congress and as Governor of Virginia.

Page was born and lived at Rosewell Plantation in Gloucester County, Virginia. His great grandfather was Colonel John Page (1628-1692), an English merchant from Middlesex who emigrated to Virginia with his wife Alice Lucken Page and settled in Middle Plantation. He was the brother of Mann Page III.

John Page graduated from the College of William and Mary in 1763, where he was a friend and the closest college classmate of Thomas Jefferson, having exchanged a great deal of correspondence. He then served under George Washington in an expedition during the French and Indian War. He was a delegate to the state constitutional convention in 1776. He also served during the American Revolutionary War as an officer in the Virginia state militia, raising a regiment from Gloucester County and supplementing it with personal funds. During that war, he attained the rank of colonel.

Page was also involved in politics. He became the Lieutenant Governor of Virginia and served from 1776-1779. He was then a member of the Virginia House of Delegates 1781-1783 and 1785-1788. Page was elected to the First United States Congress and reelected to the Second and Third, and to the Fourth as a Republican. Overall, he was Congressman from March 4, 1789 to March 3, 1797.

After his terms in Congress, he was again a member of the Virginia House of Delegates in 1797, 1798, 1800, and 1801. He became the Governor of Virginia in 1802 and served to 1805. After being governor, he was appointed United States commissioner of loans for Virginia and held office until his death in Richmond, Virginia on October 11, 1808.

He was interred in St. John's Churchyard in Richmond.

Scope and Contents

Correspondence (11 letters) of members of the John Page (1744-1808) family of "Rosewell," Gloucester

County, Virginia regarding local, national, and international politics, the American Revolution, family news (Lowther and Page families), the semaphore, and fashion. Correspondents include Mann Page, Jr., Margaret (Lowther) Page, John Page, St. George Tucker, Stevens Thomson Mason, David Meade Randolph, Henry Tazewell, Philip (Filippo) Mazzei and George Weedon. Subjects also include John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, John Burgoyne, Viscount Howe, George and Martha Washington, Alexander Hamilton and Edmund Pendleton.

Related Materials

See also; Mss. Sm Coll Page: John Page Letter to James Madison; Msv Me4: John Page Memorandum book, 1762-1797, 39.2 V81go Virginia Governor's Papers, Mss. 1996.56 Kentucky-Virginia Boundary Settlement Collection and the John Page Poem "What Muse Can Dictate", all at Special Collections Research Center, Swem Library, College of William and Mary.

Keywords

United States--History--Revolution, 1775-1783

Gloucester County (Va.)--History

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Page family

Jefferson, Thomas, 1743-1826

Adams, John, 1735-1826

Washington, Martha, 1731-1802

Hamilton, Alexander, Jr., 1816-1889

Washington, George, 1732-1799

Description of Subordinate Components

Series 1: Letters related to the family of John Page (Mss 94 P14)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/577069

Scope and Contents

Seven letters related to Page family members, which came down through the Page family. Includes letter by St. George Tucker, 18 Dec. 1794 (telegraph), two letters by Margaret Lowther Page, 16 Feb. 1793 & 22 Jan. 1795 and Mann Page 9 June 1777.

Item 1: Mann Page, Jr, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to his brother John Page, Williamsburg, Virginia

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448442

Unit Date 1777 June 9

Mixed materials Manuscripts Oversize Box 19 (box)

Container 1 (Item)

Scope and Contents

Letter, Mann Page, Jr, Philadelphia, to his brother John Page, Williamsburg, VA, June 9, 1777. Agrees with his (JP) remarks that removal from public office [Congress] is no disgrace provided no reflections were thrown on the character of the person removed. More detail on the other items can be found in the the PDF Inventory.

Item 2: Margaret Page to John Page

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/577071

Unit Date 1793 February 16

Mixed materials Manuscripts Oversize Box 10 (Box)

Container 1 (Oversize_Folder)

Container 2 (Item)

Item 3: St. George Tucker to John Page

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/577072

Unit Date 1794 December 18

Mixed materials Manuscripts Oversize Box 10 (Box)

Container 1 (Oversize_Folder)

Container 3 (Item)

Item 4: Margaret Page to sister

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/577073

Unit Date 1795 January 22

Mixed materials Manuscripts Oversize Box 10 (Box)

Container 1 (Oversize_Folder)

Container 4 (Item)

Item 5: Steven Mason to [John Page?]

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/577074

Unit Date 1801 March 7

Mixed materials Manuscripts Oversize Box 10 (Box)

Container 1 (Oversize_Folder)

Container 5 (Item)

Item 6: John Page to Mr. Stuart

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/577075

Unit Date 1803 October 26

Mixed materials Manuscripts Oversize Box 10 (Box)

Container 1 (Oversize_Folder)

Container 6 (Item)

Item 7: David Meade Randolph

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/577076

Unit Date 1822 October 1

Mixed materials Manuscripts Oversize Box 10 (Box)

Container 1 (Oversize_Folder)

Container 7 (Item)

Series 2: Letters by John Page (Additions to Mss 94 P14)

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/577070

Scope and Contents

Four letter (additions to Mss94 P14) written by John Page.

Item 8 (Acc. 1993.40): John Page to Henry Tazewell

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448443

Unit Date 1798 June 11

Mixed materials Manuscripts Oversize Box 10 (Box)

Container 2 (Oversize_Folder)

Container 8 (Item)

Scope and Contents

(Addition, Mss. Acc. 1993.40): Concerns Republicanism versus Federalism; Alexander Hamilton's ambitions; and whether or not Page would run again for Congress.

Item 9 (Acc. 1999.10): John Page to General George Weedon, Williamsburg, Virginia

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448444

Unit Date 1777 November 7

Mixed materials Manuscripts Oversize Box 10 (Box)

Container 2 (Oversize_Folder)

Container 9 (Item)

Scope and Contents

(Addition, Mss. Acc. 1999.10) ALS of John Page to General George Weedon, Williamsburg, 7 Nov. 1777 regarding military matters of the Revolution including forts on the Delaware; Cornwallis assaulting Fort Mifflin; mention of Howe, Burgoyne; Pearce's letter was foolish; queries Rowland's rifle scheme; "fine figure" Burgoyne and his troops will "cut in England".

Item 10 (Acc. 2000.21): John Page, Richmond, Virginia to "Dear Sir"

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448445

Unit Date 1804 May 24

Mixed materials Manuscripts Oversize Box 10 (Box)

Container 2 (Oversize_Folder)

Container 10 (Item)

Scope and Contents

(Addition, Mss. Acc. 2000.21) Letter, 24 May 1804, of John Page, Richmond, Va. to "Dear Sir". Explains why he never repaid a debt of one hundred dollars plus interest to recipient's father who has since died; sends payment of one hundred and forty four dollars. 1 p. ALS.

Item 11 (Acc. 2001.06B): John Page, New York, N.Y., to Philip Mazzei, Paris, France

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/448446

Unit Date 1789 April 8

Mixed materials Manuscripts Oversize Box 10 (Box)

Container 2 (Oversize_Folder)

Container 11 (Item)

Scope and Contents

(Addition, Mss. Acc. 2001.06B) Letter, 8 April 1789, of John Page, New York City, to Philip Mazzei, Paris, France. Expresses renewed friendship with Mazzei; laments the loss of his wife two years before; thanks God for his children who resemble their mother; remarks on Mazzei's "Recherches sur Etats Unis" even though he disapproved of the new government; congratulates Mazzei on his new appointment and asks him to give his love to Mr. Jefferson. 1 p. ALS. Note: Endorsement on verso shows Jefferson forwarded Page's letter to Mazzei. See Thomas Jefferson to James Madison, 18 June 1789, in Julian P. Boyd, ed. "The Papers of Thomas Jefferson" XV, 195.