

# Richard Marvin Nelson scrapbooks

## Descriptive Summary

<b>Repository:</b>	Georgia Historical Society
<b>Creator:</b>	Nelson, Richard Marvin, approximately 1885-1967.
<b>Title:</b>	Richard Marvin Nelson scrapbooks
<b>Dates:</b>	1929-1951
<b>Extent:</b>	0.6 cubic feet (2 volumes)
<b>Identification:</b>	MS 1248

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## Biographical/Historical Note

Robert Marvin Nelson (circa 1885-1967) was a New York attorney with extensive industrial interests in Savannah, Georgia and vicinity. He graduated from Harvard and St. Paul College of Law. He was married to Daphne McKee Brown. He was well known in Savannah and in 1939 was given the Lucas Trophy for his contributions to Savannah's industrialization. Upon his retirement in 1950, Nelson sold his stock in the Port Wentworth Corporation and Coleraine Homes, Inc. to the Central of Georgia Railroad.

In the 1910s the Port Wentworth Terminal Company was created in conjunction with the Savannah and Atlanta (S and A) Railroad. By the 1920s the company and the railroad were in deep financial trouble. Robert Nelson was instrumental in leading the S and A Railroad out of receivership and profitable by 1939. The lands surrounding S and A Railroad at Port Wentworth were part of James Potter's antebellum plantation, Coleraine. In 1934, Nelson's Port Wentworth Corporation was organized to take over all the Georgia assets of the Port Wentworth Company. At that time the Port Wentworth Corporation, with Nelson as president, consisted of the Savannah Sugar Refining Corporation, Savannah River Lumber Corporation, Pan-American Petroleum and Transport Corporation, Certain-Teed Products Corporation, Savannah Creosoting Company, Savannah Wire Cloth Mills, and Dixie Asphalt and Products Corporation.

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## Scope and Content Note

This collection consists of two scrapbooks created by Richard Marvin Nelson (circa 1885-1967). These scrapbooks include information about Nelson and the companies he presided over while in Savannah, Georgia. The companies include the Savannah Sugar Refining Corporation, Savannah River Lumber Corporation, Pan-American Petroleum and Transport Corporation, Certain-Teed Products Corporation, Savannah Creosoting Company, Savannah Wire Cloth Mills, and Dixie Asphalt and Products Corporation.

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## Index Terms

Business enterprises--Georgia--Savannah.  
Consolidation and merger of corporations.  
Corporate reorganizations.  
IConglomerate corporations.  
Industrial concentration.  
Nelson, Richard Marvin, approximately 1885-1967.  
Port Wentworth Corporation (Savannah, Ga.)  
Scrapbooks.

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## Administrative Information

### Custodial History

Material was acquired from family of creator.

### **Preferred Citation**

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### **Acquisition Information**

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### **Container List**

#### **Item**

1 Scrapbooks. Georgia, 1929-1951 ( 2.0 volumes )