



Orville Peets Correspondence, 1944-1958

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Biography of Orville Houghton Peets

Orville Houghton Peets, son of Edward Orville and Mary Houghton Peets, was born in Cleveland, Ohio on August 13, 1884. While still in high school he began producing political cartoons for the *Cleveland Leader*. A cartoon dealing with the Boer War was reprinted in the *London Daily Mail*. An uncle living in London saw the cartoon and subsequently offered to pay for his training abroad as an artist. In 1903 Peets departed for Paris where he studied at the Académie Julien and the École des Beaux-Arts under artists William-Adolphe Bouguereau, Leon Bonnat and Marcel Andre Baschet. After three years living abroad, Peets returned to the United States. He began taking short visits to Paris in early 1910 and late 1912, eventually settling in Paris to paint and teach etching. Among his students were four former pupils of Howard Pyle as well as a member of one of Wilmington's earliest families, Ethel Poyntell Canby, whom he would later marry. A portrait study in oil of Ethel Poyntell Canby Peets was given an honorable mention in the Paris Salon and bought by the French Government for the Luxembourg collection. Peets returned to the United States in the fall of 1914, during which time he and Ethel Poyntell were married. Peets returned to Europe, while Ethel waited out war years at the art colony on Woodstock, New York. Shortly after Peets rejoined her, he received a commission from the Hispanic Society of America that took him abroad to Portugal and Spain for another three years. Once completed, Peets settled in Indian River Hundred, Delaware, between Millsboro and Rehoboth, where he exhibited at the Wilmington Society of the Fine Arts and the Rehoboth Art League. Peets was awarded a number of portrait commissions in the 1940s, for individual patrons as well as for the State of Delaware Portrait Commission. Most notable is that of Henry Ridgely, a president and founder of the Farmers Bank of Delaware. Peets taught for five years at the Wilmington Academy of Art. Peets died 1968 in Lewes, Delaware.

Scope and Contents Note

The Orville Peets correspondence contains draft, original and copies of correspondence involved in the commission, planning and presentation of the Sergeant William Lloyd Nelson Portrait to the Delaware State Portrait Commission. In December 1943 the Congressional Medal of Honor was awarded, posthumously, to Sergeant William Lloyd Nelson for his part in the battle of Djebel Dardys, Tunisia, on April 24, 1943. His former associates from the Hercules Powder Company collaborated in raising necessary funds to commission and plan the presentation of the portrait.

The first series of correspondence is primarily between Orville Peets, the artist awarded the commission, and William S. Marvel, the Chairman of the Sergeant William Lloyd Nelson Portrait Committee of the Employee Relations Committee, Hercules Powder Company. The second series is comprised of correspondence between William S. Marvel and others in the planning of the presentation ceremony.

Description of the Collection

Folder 1 – Correspondence between Orville Peets and others

Unsigned letter to Mr. Orville Peets, Millsboro R.D., Delaware from Edward L. Grant, June 26, 1945. Regarding portrait of William Lloyd Nelson commissioned by the Hercules Powder Company – 1 leaf

Unsigned letter to Mr. Edward Grant, Hercules Powder Co., Wilmington, Delaware from [Peets], R.D. Millsboro, Delaware, June 27, 1945. Regarding portrait – 1 leaf

Draft and Subscription card “The Sergeant William Lloyd Nelson Portrait Fund” sponsored by the Hercules Powder Company. “Let’s All Remember Sgt. Wm. Lloyd Nelson Portrait Fund Day, June 29, 1945” – 5 leaves

Letter to Mr. Orville Peets, Millsboro, R.D., Delaware from W.S. Marvel, Chairman, Sgt. Wm. Lloyd Nelson Portrait Committee of the Employee Relations Committee, Hercules Powder Company, July 6, 1945. Regarding portrait – 2 leaves

Letter to Mr. Marvel from Orville Peets, “Thorneby”, Indian River Hundred, Millsboro R.D. Delaware, July 9, 1945. Regarding portrait – 1 leaf

Letter to Decoration & Awards Branch, Adjutant General’s Office ... Washington, D.C., Attention Colonel G. Dewey Gardner from F.M. Hakenjos, Explosives Department, Hercules Powder Company, July 24, 1945. Regarding Congressional Medal of Honor awarded posthumously to Sergeant William Lloyd Nelson; Portrait painted for presentation to the Delaware State Portrait Commission; Authenticity in depiction of uniform in the portrait – 1 leaf

Letter to Mr. W.S. Marvel from Orville Peets, July 30, 1945. Regarding portrait details – 1 leaf

Letter to Mr. Marvel from Orville Peets, no date. Regarding portrait – 1 leaf

Letter to Mr. Leon de Valinger, Hall of Records, Dover, Delaware from Orville H. Peets, July 27, 1945. Regarding portrait – 1 leaf

COPY of letter to Mr. Orville H. Peets from Leon de Valinger, Jr., State Archivist, State of Delaware, The Public Archives Commission, Dover, Delaware, August 2, 1945. Regarding portrait – 1 leaf

Letter to Mr. Marvel from Orville Peets, August 3, 1945. Regarding portrait – 2 leaves

Letter to Mr. Leon de Valinger Jr., Hall of Records, Dover, Delaware from Orville H. Peets, August 6, 1945 – 1 leaf

Letter to Mr. W.S. Marvel from Orville H. Peets, August 16, 1945. Regarding small-scale study of portrait – 1 leaf

Letter to Mr. Orville H. Peets from [W.S. Marvel], August 23, 1945. Regarding receipt of small-scale study of portrait – 1 leaf

Letter to Major Arthur Flood, Public Relations Office, Fort DuPont, Delaware from W.S. Marvel, Chairman, Sgt. William Lloyd Nelson Portrait Commission, August 29, 1945. Requesting loan of a GI uniform to ensure authenticity in portrait – 1 leaf

Letter to Mr. F.M. Hakenjos, Hercules Powder Company, Wilmington 99, Delaware from Arthur E. DuBois, Special Assistant, Army Service Forces, Office of the Quartermaster General, Washington 25, D.C, August 24, 1945. Regarding ribbons depicted in portrait – 1 leaf

Letter to Mr. W.S. Marvel from Orville Peets, September 7, 1945. Regarding portrait – 3 leaves

Letter to Mr. W.S. Marvel from Orville H. Peets, September 13, 1945. Uniform has arrived – 1 leaf

Letter to Mr. W.S. Marvel from Orville H. Peets, September 19, 1945. Regarding plaque to be attached to portrait frame – 1 leaf

Letter to Mr. W.S. Marvel from Orville Peets, October 1, 1945. Regarding portrait progress – 1 leaf

Letter to Mr. Orville H. Peets from W.S. Marvel, October 1, 1945. Regarding completion of portrait and price quote for three additional small-scale portraits – 1 leaf

Letter to Mr. Marvel from Ethel Peets, October 17, 1945. Includes envelope – 2 leaves

Letter to Mr. Marvel from Orville Peets, December 19, 1945. Regarding completion of additional small-scale portraits – 1 leaf

Letter to Mr. Marvel from Orville Peets, January 15, 1946. Regarding completion of additional small-scale portraits – 1 leaf

Letter to Mr. Orville H. Peets from F.C. Woerner, Acting Chairman, Sgt. William Lloyd Nelson Portrait Committee, January 17, 1946. Regarding transfer of Mr. W.S. Marvel out of Wilmington and completion of small-scale works – 1 leaf

Letter to Mr. Orville H. Peets from F.C. Woerner, Acting Chairman, Sgt. William Lloyd Nelson Portrait Committee, January 22, 1946. Regarding additional four small-scale studies of portrait – 1 leaf

Letter to Mr. F.C. Woerner from Orville Peets, January 21, 1946. Regarding progress of small-scale portraits – 1 leaf

Letter to Mr. F.C. Woerner from Orville Peets, February 24, 1946. Peets sent four complete small-scale portraits. Bill for work completed by Peets – 2 leaves

Letter to Mr. F.C. Woerner from Orville Peets, February 26, 1946. Regarding return of boxes used to mail small-scale portraits – 1 leaf

Notebook with two pages of notes listing people involved in creation of portrait.

Presentation Program: Sergeant William Lloyd Nelson Portrait to the State of Delaware. Includes reproduction of portrait by Peets.

Newspaper clippings about the Orville Peets portrait of William Lloyd Nelson: “New V.F.W. Post Formed: Middletown Unit Named For Sergeant Nelson, Medal of Honor Winner” unknown publication, no date; “Millsboro Artist Selected to Paint Sgt. Wm. Nelson: Portrait of Tunisian Victim Destined for Hall of Fame” unknown publication, no date; “State to Get Portrait of Sergt. W.L. Nelson” unknown publication, no date; “Committees Complete Plans for Nelson Ceremonies” unknown publication, [October 4, 1945]; “Nelson Portrait Discussed” ... Delaware, July 18, 1945; “State to Receive Portrait of Hero: Hercules Group Has Fund for Sergt. Nelson’s Picture” unknown publication, no date; “State to Receive Sergeant Nelson Portrait Oct. 15: Dr. D.A. Poling to Speak At Presentation Ceremony in Hotel DuPont” unknown publication, no date; “Nelson Portrait Given Delaware: Secretary of State Storey Accepts Picture of Winner of Medal of Honor” Wilmington Morning ..., October 16, 1945.

Folder 2 – Correspondence not directly involving Orville Peets

Letter to Dr. E.H. Ensor, Chairman, Hercules War Committee, Experiment Station, June 5, 1945, Dict. June 2 from Hercules Employee Relations Committee by F.M. Hakenjos, Chairman. Announcement for William Lloyd Memorial – 2 leaves

Letter to Mr. F.E.B. McCann, Chamber of Commerce, Mullin Building, Wilmington, Delaware from [illegible], Director of Safety, June 20, 1945. Regarding planning for painting and presentation of a portrait of Sergeant William Lloyd Nelson – 1 leaf

Letter to Mr. John S. Shaw, Hercules Powder Company, Wilmington, Delaware from F.E.B. McCann, [June 18, 1945]. Regarding planning of portrait – 1 leaf

Letter (COPY) to Decoration and Awards Branch, Adjutant General’s Office, Washington, D.C., Attention Colonel G. Dewey Gardner from F.M. Hakenjos, June 24, 1945. Regarding authenticity of uniform in depiction of uniform – 1 leaf

Letter to Dr. Daniel A. Poling, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania from W.S. Marvel, Chairman, Sgt. Wm. Lloyd Nelson Portrait Committee, August, 1945. Requests Poling to deliver the principal speech during the presentation of the portrait on October 15, 1945, to be held in the Gold Ballroom of the Hotel DuPont in Wilmington. Mentions Orville Peets as the artist commissioned to paint the portrait. – 1 leaf

Letter to Mr. Leon de Valinger, Jr., State Archivist, Dover, Delaware from W.S. Marvel, Chairman, Sgt. Wm. Lloyd Nelson Portrait Committee, August 4, 1945 – 1 leaf

Letter to W.S. Marvel, Chairman, Sgt. Wm. Lloyd Nelson Portrait Committee, Hercules Powder Company, Wilmington, Delaware from Daniel A. Poling, Minister, the Baptist Temple, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (mailed from Hillsboro, New Hampshire), August 8, 1945. Accepts invitation to speak at the presentation of portrait – 1 leaf

Letter to W.S. Marvel, from Wm. Douglas Sparks, Hercules Powder Committee, August 14, 1945. Regarding program for presentation ceremonies, Sergeant William Lloyd Nelson Portrait – 1 leaf

Letter to Dr. Daniel A. Poling, Hillsboro, New Hampshire from Sgt. William Lloyd Nelson Portrait Committee, August 24, 1945. Regarding information for Poling about presentation program and schedule – 1 leaf

Letter to W.S. Marvel, Chairman, Hercules Powder Company, Wilmington, Delaware from Daniel A. Poling, Minister, the Baptist Temple, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (mailed from Hillsboro, New Hampshire), August 28, 1945. Regarding receipt of program material – 1 leaf

Letter to Major Arthur Flood, Public Relations Office, Fort DuPont, Delaware from W.S. Marvel, Chairman, Sgt. Wm. Lloyd Nelson Portrait Committee,, September 10, 1945. Regarding receipt of uniform to be used to ensure authenticity in portrait – 1 leaf

Letter to Dr. Daniel A. Poling, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania from W.S. Marvel, Chairman, Sgt. Wm. Lloyd Nelson Portrait Committee, September 10, 1945. Regarding plans for presentation of portrait – 1 leaf

Letter to Mr. William S. Marvel, Chairman, Sgt. Wm. Lloyd Nelson Portrait Committee, Hercules Powder Company, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware from Leon de Valinger, Jr., State Archivist, State of Delaware, the Public Archives Commission, Dover, Delaware, September 13, 1945. Regarding planning of presentation of portrait. Enclosed copies of similar presentation programs: Presentation program of "A Showing of the Portrait of Sergeant James P. Connor by Frank Schoonover, June 1-June 29, 1945, Wilmington Institute Free Library, July 2-July 31, 1945, The Hall of Records, Dover;" Presentation program of "A Showing of the Portrait of Major George S. Welch by Peter Hurd, February 14-March 3, 1944, The Hall of Records, Dover, March 4-March 31, 1944, The Delaware Art Center, Wilmington" – 3 leaves

Letter to Mr. Orville Peets, Millsboro, R.D., Delaware from [WSM], September 18, 1945. Regarding presentation portrait – 1 leaf

Letter to Mr. Leon de Valinger, Jr., State Archivist, Dover, Delaware from W.S. Marvel, Chairman, Sgt. Wm. Lloyd Nelson Portrait Committee, September 18, 1945. Regarding presentation portrait – 1 leaf

Letter to Mr. William S. Marvel, Chairman, Sgt. Wm. Lloyd Nelson Portrait Committee, Hercules Powder Company, Wilmington, Delaware from Leon de Valinger, Jr., State Archivist, State of Delaware, the Public Archives Commission, Dover, Delaware, September 20, 1945 – 1 leaf

Letter to Mr. William S. Marvel, Chairman, Sgt. Wm. Lloyd Nelson Portrait Committee, Hercules Powder Company, Wilmington, Delaware from Leon de Valinger, Jr., State Archivist, State of

Delaware, the Public Archives Commission, Dover, Delaware, September 22, 1945. Regarding planning of presentation portrait. Enclosure COPY "The Secretary of War, Washington. By direction of the President, I take pleasure in awarding the MEDAL OF HONOR posthumously to Sergeant William L. Nelson, Infantry, United States Army ... Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of War," no date – 2 leaves

Letter to His Excellency, The Governor, Walter W. Bacon, Dover, Delaware from W.S. Marvel, Chairman, Sgt. Wm. Lloyd Nelson Portrait Committee, September 14, 1945. Regarding planning of presentation portrait – 2 leaves

Letter to Mr. Orville H. Peets, Millsboro, R.D., Delaware from W.S. Marvel, Chairman, Sgt. Wm. Lloyd Nelson Portrait Committee, September 14, 1945. Regarding plaque to be attached to portrait – 1 leaf

Letter to Major Arthur Flood, Public Relations Office, Fort DuPont, Delaware from W.S. Marvel, Chairman, Sgt. Wm. Lloyd Nelson Portrait Committee, September 25, 1945. Regarding return of GI uniform – 1 leaf

Letter to Mrs. Henry Ridgely, Chairman, Portrait Commission of the State of Delaware, Dover, Delaware from W.S. Marvel, Chairman, Sgt. Wm. Lloyd Nelson Portrait Committee, September 25, 1945. Regarding attendance to presentation ceremony – 1 leaf

Letter to Mr. George P. Bissell, Member, Portrait Commission of the State of Delaware, Wilmington, Delaware from W.S. Marvel, Chairman, Sgt. Wm. Lloyd Nelson Portrait Committee, September 25, 1945. Regarding attendance to presentation ceremony – 1 leaf

Letter to Mr. W.S. Marvel, Chairman, Sgt. Wm. Lloyd Nelson Portrait Committee, c/o Hercules Powder Company, Wilmington, Delaware from Walter W. Bacon, Governor, State of Delaware, Dover, September 25, 1945. Governor Bacon is unable to attend presentation, sending Secretary of State William J. Storey in his stead – 1 leaf

Letter to W.S. Marvel, Chairman, Sgt. W.L. Nelson Portrait Committee, c/o Hercules Powder Company, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware from George P. Bissell, Member Delaware Portrait Commission, Laird, Bissell & Meeds, Wilmington, Delaware, September 26, 1945. Acceptance of invitation to presentation ceremony – 1 leaf

Letter to Greenwood Book Shop, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware from W.S. Marvel, Chairman, Sgt. Wm. Lloyd Nelson Portrait Committee, September 28, 1945. Regarding use of display window in lobby of Delaware Trust Building October 15-19 – 1 leaf

Letter to Mr. William S. Marvel, Chairman, Sgt. Wm. Lloyd Nelson Portrait Committee, Hercules Powder Company, Wilmington, Delaware from Leon de Valinger, Jr., State Archivist, State of Delaware, the Public Archives Commission, Dover, Delaware, September 29, 1945. Regarding biographical sketch of Mr. Peets. Enclosure – 3 leaves

Letter to Mr. Ellis K. Lecrone, Superintendent, Middletown Public School, Middletown, Delaware, from W.S. Marvel, Chairman, Sgt. Wm. Lloyd Nelson Portrait Committee, October 1, 1945. Regarding attendance to presentation ceremony – 1 leaf

Letter to the Honorable William J. Storey, Secretary of State, Dover, Delaware, from W.S. Marvel, Chairman, Sgt. Wm. Lloyd Nelson Portrait Committee, October 2, 1945. Regarding presentation of portrait – 1 leaf

Letter to Mr. Leon de Valinger, Jr., State Archivist, Dover, Delaware from W.S. Marvel, Chairman, Sgt. Wm. Lloyd Nelson Portrait Committee, October 2, 1945 – 1 leaf

Letter to Mr. W.S. Marvel, Chairman, Sgt. Wm. Lloyd Nelson Portrait Committee, Hercules Powder Company, Wilmington, Delaware from Leon de Valinger, Jr., Secretary, State of Delaware, Portrait Commission, Dover, Delaware, October 3, 1945 – 1 leaf

Letter to Dr. Daniel A. Poling, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania from W.S. Marvel, Chairman, Sgt. Wm. Lloyd Nelson Portrait Committee, October 3, 1945 – 1 leaf

Letter to Mr. W.S. Marvel, Hercules Powder Company, Wilmington, Delaware from Daniel A. Poling, The Temple, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, October 4, 1945 – 1 leaf

Letter to Mr. W.S. Marvel, Chairman, Sgt. Wm. Lloyd Nelson Portrait Committee, Hercules Powder Company, Incorporated, Wilmington, Delaware, from William J. Storey, Secretary of State, Dover, October 4, 1945. Regarding presentation speech – 1 leaf

Letter to Mr. Leon de Valinger, Jr., State Archivist, Dover, Delaware from W.S. Marvel, Chairman, Sgt. Wm. Lloyd Nelson Portrait Committee, October 4, 1945. Regarding presentation program – 3 leaves

Letter to Mr. W.S. Marvel, Chairman, Sgt. Wm. Lloyd Nelson Portrait Committee, Hercules Powder Company, Wilmington, Delaware, from Ellis K. Lecrone, Supt. Middletown Public Schools, Middletown, Delaware, October 9, 1945. Regarding attendance to presentation ceremony – 1 leaf

Letter to Greenwood Book Shop, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware from W.S. Marvel, Chairman, Sgt. Wm. Lloyd Nelson Portrait Committee, October 24, 1945 – 1 leaf

Letter to Major Arthur Flood, Public Relations Office, Fort DuPont, Delaware, from W.S. Marvel, Chairman, Sgt. Wm. Lloyd Nelson Portrait Committee, October 9, 1945 – 1 leaf

Luncheon Guest list – 1 leaf

Letter to Mr. W.S. Marvel, Chairman, Sgt. Wm. Lloyd Nelson Portrait Committee, Hercules Powder Company, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware, from Leon de Valinger, Jr., State Archivist, State of Delaware, Portrait Commission, Dover, Delaware, August 13, 1945. Enclosure COPY Letter to Mr. Orville H. Peets, R.D., Millsboro, Delaware from Leon de Valinger, Jr., Secretary, August 13, 1945 – 4 leaves

Pre broadcast announcement, WDEL, October 14, 1945 – 1 leaf

Schedule of events – 9 leaves

Letter to Mr. William Douglas Sparks, Publicity Department, Hercules Powder Company, Wilmington, Delaware, from Leon de Valinger, Jr., Secretary, State of Delaware, Portrait Commission, Dover, Delaware, October 18, 1945 – 1 leaf

Letter to Mr. James O'Neill, Chairman, Employee[e] Relations Committee, Hercules Powder Company, Wilmington, Delaware, from Leon de Valinger, Jr., Secretary, State of Delaware, Portrait Commission, Dover, Delaware, October 18, 1945 – 1 leaf

Letter to Mr. Marvel and Members of the Portrait Committee from Rebecca Nelson, October 17, 1945. Includes envelope – 2 leaves

Letter to the Employees of Hercules from Rebecca Nelson, October 17, 1945. Includes envelope – 2 leaves

Newspaper article: "Naming VA Hospital for Nelson Favored," unknown publication, March 11, 1945 – 1 leaf

Letter to Mr. H.G. Bevis, Chairman, Hercules Employee[e] Relations Committee, Hercules Powder Company, Wilmington 99, Delaware, from J. Caleb Boggs, Congress of the United States, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., March 2, 1949. Regarding naming of Veterans Hospital after Sergeant Nelson – 1 leaf

Letter to Mr. H.G. Bevis, Chairman, Hercules Employee[e] Relations Committee, Hercules Powder Company, Wilmington 99, Delaware, from Robert F. Kelly, Executive Secretary, United States Senate, Committee on Banking and Currency, February 27, 1949. Regarding naming of Veterans Hospital after Sergeant Nelson – 1 leaf

Letter to H.G. Bevis, Hercules Powder Company, Wilmington 99, Delaware, from John J. Williams, United States Senate, Washington, D.C., March 1, 1949. Regarding naming of Veterans Hospital after Sergeant Nelson – 1 leaf

"Statement of Honorable John J. Williams in introducing bill in the United States Senate, February 14, 1949, designating the United States Veterans Hospital, under construction at Wilmington, Delaware, as the William L. Nelson Veterans Memorial Hospital" – 3 leaves

Letter to Honorable John J. Williams, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. from H.G. Bevis, Chairman, Hercules Employee[e] Relations Committee, February 25, 1945. Regarding naming of Veterans Hospital after Sergeant Nelson – 1 leaf

Letter (COPY) to General Frank T. Himes, Administrator of Veterans Affairs, U.S. Veterans Bureau, Washington, D.C., December 27, 1944. Regarding naming of Veterans Hospital after Sergeant Nelson – 1 leaf

Letter (COPY) to Mr. F.M. Hakenjos, Chairman, Hercules War Committee, Hercules Powder Company, Wilmington 99, Delaware, from L.H. Tripp, Director of Construction, Veterans Administration, Washington, D.C., December 15, 1944. Regarding naming of Veterans Hospital after Sergeant Nelson. Enclosure Facts about William Lloyd Nelson – 2 leaves

Letter to Mr. Orville Peets, Millsboro, R.D., Delaware, from Edward L. Grant, June 26, 1945. Introducing idea Peets painting portrait of William Lloyd Nelson – 1 leaf

Letter to Mr. James J. O'Neil, Chairman, Employees' Relations Committee, Hercules Powder Company, Wilmington, Delaware, from W.S. Marvel, Office Manager, Hercules Powder Company, Cumberland, Maryland, January 7, 1945[6]. Regarding certificate of "Special Citation" – 1 leaf

Letter to Mr. William Marvel, Hercules Powder Company, Allaganey Ballistics Lab., Cumberland, Maryland from James J. O'Neill, Advertising Department, Wilmington, Delaware, December 18, 1945. Regarding certificate of "Special Citation" – 2 copies, 1 leaf each

Letter to Mr. Henry T. Terry, Jr., Advertising Department, Hercules Powder Company, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware, from John J. Williams, United States Senate, Washington, D.C., March 27, 1952. Regarding naming of Veterans Hospital after Sergeant Nelson – 1 leaf

Letter to Honorable John J. Williams, Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C., from Henry T. Terry, Jr., Advertising Department, March 20, 1952. Regarding naming of Veterans Hospital after Sergeant Nelson. Enclosure – 2 leaves

Letter to Mr. Henry T. Terry, Jr., Advertising Department, Hercules Powder Company, Inc., Wilmington, Delaware, from John J. Williams, United States Senate, Washington, D.C., April 1, 1952. Regarding naming of Veterans Hospital after Sergeant Nelson – 1 leaf

Letter to Mr. and Mrs. Orville Peets, Millsboro, Delaware, from Mrs. George P. Bissell, Jr., February 19, 1953. Regarding group show of Delaware artists at the Delaware Art Center. Includes exhibition catalog: "Five Artists: Jack Lewis, Orville H. Peets, Howard S. Schroeder, Anne Warren West, Charles M. West, Jr., March 9 [to] March 31, 1957" The Wilmington Society of the Fine Arts, Delaware Art Center Building – 2 leaves

Letter to Miss Brincklé from Orville H. Peets, Indian River Hundred, Millsboro, Delaware, January 1, 1958 – 2 leaves