Form of material and dates: 1777-1822. Personal correspondence of members of the family of John Page (1743-1808) of "Rosewell," Gloucester Co., Va. regarding politics and family news. Correspondents include Mann Page, Jr., Margaret (Lowther) Page, John Page, St. George Tucker, Stevens Thomson Mason, and David Meade Randolph.

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9 June 1777. Mann Page Jun[io]r, Philadelphia, to his brother John Page, Williamsburg, Virginia. 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; plans to write Assembly to fill his position lest his reputation suffer; the enemy still threatens the city; reports from the West Indies predict a war between France and England which has been exacerbated by the capture of a French vessel which had some American plank on board; also the Dutch are at variance with the English; sends family greetings. 3 pp. ALS (Medium oversize file).

16 February 1793. Margaret [Lowther] Page, "Rosewell," to her husband John Page, Representative in Congress, Philadelphia, [Penn.]. Received four letters from him; laments the loss of her letter to him in the mail; encloses measure of Peggy's foot so he can order shoes for her; sends additional list of items he can purchase for her; St. George Tucker is satisfied with Richard's [Randolph] vindication "but the world--the world believes, and the report is still circulating with additional Horrors!"; grieves over Dr. Tucker's [?] retiring from public business; his anecdote confirms her aversion to cards; looks forward to a "brilliant entertainment" at Warner Hall in honor of the christening; please remember her to [John Baptist] Ashe, [John] Steele, [William Barry] Grove, and [Nathaniel] Macon; in three weeks they will be reunited. 3 pp. ALS.

18 Dec[embe]r 1794. S[t.] G[eorge] Tucker, Williamsburg, [Va.] to [John] Page, n.p. Encloses an ivory model of the telegraph made by "young Houston"; leaves it to his [JP] judgment whether or not it should be a present to Congress; met with little encouragement from his friends when he built his first model; wishes to be the "first person in America who should appear to have seized the idea of our inventive Allies"; urges him to have his letter and the characters included copied and sent to the editor of the Encyclopedia; urges him to write. Includes telegraphic characters and an explanation. 4 pp. ALS.

22 January 1795. Margaret [Lowther] Page, [Philadelphia, Penn.] to her sister. n.p. Sends condolences for her suffering; has lodgings at No.7, South Fourth Street which are expensive; encountered Billy Walton the day of their arrival; dined at the President's (Mrs. Washington was kind and attentive); both the President and Mrs. Washington inquired about her [sister]; has seen [William B.] Giles and [William Vans] Murray; the only gentlemen of "our old set" who have visited are [Abraham B.] Venable, [Nicholas] Gilman, [Benjamin] Hawkins, and [William Barry] Grove; Mr. Venable paid his
addresses to the youngest Miss Allen but was rejected by her; drank tea with Mr. [William Johnston] Dawson in his chamber; describes ladies fashions of the day; her husband sends his regards; family greetings. 4 pp. ALS.

7 March 1801. Stev[ens] Thom[son] Mason, n.p. to [John Page?], n.p. Thanks him for the enclosed pamphlet; their republican friends agree with all his ideas except of being restored to the old confederation; appointments of the new administration include [James] Madison, Secretary of State, [Henry] Dearborn as Secretary of War, [Levi] Lincoln as Attorney General, and Rob[er]t R. Livingston as Minister to France; the new Secretary of the Treasury will be [Albert] Gallatin, and the new Secretary of the Navy, Gen[era]l [Robert] Smith; Mr. [John] Dawson goes with the French Convention; Messrs. [Oliver] Ellsworth and [William Vans] Murray will negotiate the ratification, then Mr. Livingston will set out; Mr. [John] Adams left "loaded with general contempt and covered with the indignation of his former adherents" even though he provided for many of them in the judiciary and elsewhere; news of two French victories in Europe; the Arch Duke in Vienna begged a separate peace which was acceded, and Russia, Sweden, and Denmark have formed a league against Britain; encloses "a curious specimen of Mr. Adams's delicacy on the subject of laying in furniture for the Presidents House." 3 pp. ALS.

26 Oct[obe]r 1803. John Page, Richmond, [Va.] to the Hon[ora]ble Mr. Stuart, by Bob Conley, jun[ior], n.p. Members of the Board will meet at 10:00 tomorrow to agree on the means for giving public testimony to the "venerable and patriotic Judge Pendelton" who has died. 1 p. ALS.

1 October 1822. D[avid] M[ead]e Randolph, Richmond, [Va.] to John Page, n.p. Recommends his son D[avid] M[ead]e to be his [JP] school assistant; D.M. has a grammar school in Amelia County, where M. Gibs and Dr. Meade can state his qualifications; the school will be over October 24th when Dr. Meade goes to the Mississippi; another situation must be found for him without delay; sends regards. 1 p. ALS.
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John Page, W[illia]msburg, [Va.], to Brigad[je]r General [George] Weedon at Head Quarters near Philadelphia, [Penn.], 20 Nov[embre]r 1777. Disappointed that his [GW] letters failed to mention Cornwallis’s assault on Fort Mifflin; the “Forts have already done Wonders & as I am sure no Doubt they will hold out till Howe can hold his Post no longer & may be reduced to Burgoyne’s Terms”; remarks “what a fine Figure Burgoyne & his Troops will cut in England!”; asks how Capt. Rowland’s Rifle Scheme pleased the General. 1 p. ALS. Includes typescript.