

**Roanoke Public Libraries  
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Julian Wise Manuscripts**

**Collection Description:**

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**Creator:** Julian Wise

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**Introduction:**

This collection contains material directly related to Julian Wise or the Rescue Squad movement in the United States and/or Virginia. Personal correspondence, articles and awards comprise the majority of the collection.

**Biographical Note:**

Julian Stanley Wise, born in Roanoke, VA, on 13 January 1900, was founder of the Roanoke Life Saving and First Aid Crew, the first volunteer rescue squad in the United States. He was the son of Robert Samuel Wise and Marcella Himes. As a nine year old child, Wise was among a group of spectators who had watched helplessly from the banks of the Roanoke River as two men drowned. Inspired by his childhood memory, he and nine of his coworkers at Norfolk and Western Railway formed the volunteer rescue squad. Wise is also credited with helping communities throughout Virginia and other states to organize volunteer rescue squads. He was also involved in the founding of state and international rescue squad organizations. Throughout his life Wise received many awards and tributes including a citation from President Nixon in 1973 for his dedication to the rescue squad movement. Wise was captain of the Roanoke Squad for 30 years and stayed on as squad president until 1985. He was married to Ruth Light Wise. Wise died on 22 July 1985 at the age of 85.

**Scope and Content:**

The Julian Wise Manuscript collection is comprised of 1 legal-size storage box. This collection contains materials associated with Julian Stanley Wise, founder of the first volunteer rescue squad in the nation. Biographical sketches, documents on the history and organization of the Roanoke Life Saving and First Aid Crew and the Virginia Association of Rescue Squads; personal correspondence of Mr. Wise; media articles regarding Mr. Wise and the Life Saving and Rescue Squad; and certificates, tributes, and awards. The majority of the materials were generated in the 1960s and 1970s.

**Container List:**

Box 1 of 1

Folder 1 - Wise, Julian Stanley – Biographical Sketches

*Item 1-* “Roanoke’s Pioneer,” a biographical sketch of Julian S. Wise, author unknown, undated

*Item 2-* “Biography of Julian Stanley Wise.” A biographical sketch of Julian Stanley Wise, author unknown, undated

*Item 3-* “Biography of Julian Stanley Wise,” a biographical sketch of Julian Stanley Wise included in Greeneville Emergency Rescue Squad Open House program, author unknown, dated 9/16/1973

Folder 2 – Virginia Association of Rescue Squads

*Item 1-* Biographical sketch on first organizational meeting of the Virginia Association of Rescue Squads held on 2/12/1935, author unknown.

*Item 2-* News release on Rescue Squad Week 1969, Commonwealth of Virginia Governor’s office, Mills E. Goodwin, Jr., Governor, 5/15/1969

Folder 3 – Roanoke Life Saving and First Aid Crew Memos

*Item 1-* Information re: Ruth Wise Trophy

*Item 2-* Poem entitled, “Just For Today,” author unknown, date unknown

Folder 4 – Roanoke Life Saving Crew Coat of Arms

*Item 1-* legend on Coat of Arms

*Item 2-* Picture of Coat of Arms

Folder 5 – Poem – Johnson, Dr. Marcellus A. Jr., Medical Advisor to Roanoke Squad

*Item 1-* “The United States Flag,” Marcellus A. Johnson, Jr., author, dated September 1943

Folder 6 – Personal Correspondence

*Item 1-* William Stewart, U.S. Surgeon General, to Julian Wise, dated 6/21/1966

*Item 2-* William Flannagan, Director, Roanoke Memorial Hospitals, to Julian Wise, dated 7/29/1968

*Item 3-* Richard Crampton, MD, Director, Coronary Care Unit, University of Virginia School of Medicine, to Julian Wise, dated 2/25/1971

*Item 4-* Richard Crampton, MD, Director, Coronary Care Unit, University of Virginia School of medicine, to Julian Wise, dated 5/1/1972

*Item 5-* Harry L. Rosenbaum to Richard Nixon, President of the United States, dated 6/23/1972

*Item 6-* Fred Walker, Director of Public Affairs, Norfolk and Western Railway Co., to Julian Wise, dated 8/14/1972

*Item 7-* Richard Crampton, MD, Director, Coronary Care Unit, University of Virginia School of Medicine, to Julian Wise, dated 10/27/1972

*Item 8-* R. Earle Glendy, MD, Director of Cardiology, Roanoke Memorial Hospitals, to Members of Roanoke Life Saving Crew, dated 12/20/1972

*Item 9-* Richard Nixon, President of the United States, to Julian Wise, dated 2/13/1973

*Item 10-* M. Caldwell Butler, U.S. House of Representatives, to Julian Wise, dated 2/16/1973

*Item 11-* Reverend Dean Kesler, Damascus, MD, to Julian Wise, dated 3/2/1973

*Item 12-* Stanley B. Kamm, Administrator, Shenandoah County Memorial Hospital, Woodstock, VA, to Julian Wise, dated 7/17/1973

*Item 13-* Terry Leedom, Carolina Power & Light Company, to Julian Wise, dated 9/7/1973

*Item 14-* Editorial article, "Anxious to work with rescue squad," Zebulon Record (NC), written by Charlotte Fowler, RN, dated 9/6/1973

*Item 15-* Richard D. Rogge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Richmond, VA, to Julian Wise, dated 2/4/1974

*Item 16-* Glenn H. Puhle, President, Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads, to Julian Wise, dated 3/15/1974

*Item 17-* Robert P. Adams, Sr., Chief, Garner-St. Mary's Rescue Squad, Garner, NC, to Julian Wise, dated 4/9/1976

*Item 18-* Richard H. Fisher, MD, Lewis-Gale Clinic, Salem, VA, to Julian Wise, dated 5/8/1976

*Item 19-* Raymond E. Hogan, Executive Vice President, Lynchburg General-Marshall Lodge Hospital, Lynchburg, VA, to Julian Wise, dated 5/21/1976

*Item 20-* Marcellus A. Johnson, III, MD, Roanoke, VA, to Julian Wise, dated 5/21/1976

*Item 21-* C.S. Elliott, Executive Director, Virginia Baptist Hospital, Lynchburg, VA, to Julian Wise, dated 5/21/1976

*Item 22-* William Flannagan, Director, Roanoke Memorial Hospitals, Roanoke, VA, to Julian Wise, dated 5/24/1976

*Item 23-* Kenneth H. Axtell, ADM Administrator, Williamsburg Community Hospital, Williamsburg, VA, to Julian Wise, dated 5/24/1976

*Item 24-* Nathan Bushnell, III, President, Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Southwestern Virginia, Roanoke, VA, to Julian Wise, dated 5/27/1976

*Item 25-* Julian Wise to Dr. Norman D. Fintel, President, Roanoke College, Salem VA, dated 5/27/1976

#### Folder 7 – Media Articles

*Item 1-* "The Rescue Squads Roll On," written by James J. Kilpatrick and Charles Henry Hamilton, Reader's Digest, April 1956

*Item 2-* "Big Results from Little Shots," author unknown, the Register Newspaper, Danville, VA, dated 9/26. 1965 (editorial)

*Item 3-* Letter from William J. Lees, The Memorial Hospital, Danville, VA, to Julian Wise, dated 9/27/1965

- Item 4-* “Rescue Squad Originator Gets Citizenship Plaque,” Woodmen of the World Magazine, Omaha, NE, June, 1976
- Item 5-* “Rescue Squads,” written by Richard H. Fisher, MD, Roanoke, VA, the Roanoke Times, 3/1/1975 (editorial)
- Item 6-* “Saving Lives,” prepared for WSLs TV Channel 10, dated 2/24/1964 (editorial)
- Item 7-* “Roanoke Life Saving Crew Gives Demonstration, Using a Dummy,” by C.R. Hughes, undated
- Item 8-* “Plaudits to Blacksburg,” by Julian Wise, Roanoke, VA, undated (editorial)
- Item 9-* “Motive Power Men Started First Aid Crews,” author unknown, dated 5/25/1928
- Item 10-* Virginia Record Magazine, Richmond, VA, featuring Virginia’s volunteer rescue squads, July, 1968
- Item 11-* “Oxygen in Life Saving and Rescue Work,” published by Virginia Rescue Squads, 1965
- Item 12-* “First Aid Bulletin,” published by Virginia Association Rescue Squads, Volume XXVI, Number 7, July 1973
- Item 13-* “International Rescuer,” published by International Rescue and First Aid Association, Vol. 14, No. 3, May-June, 1970
- Item 14-* “Green Board to the President,” Norfolk and Western Magazine, 5/15/1973

Folder 8 – Wise, Julian Stanley – Certificates, tributes, Awards

- Item 1-* Man of the week, Julian S. Wise, The Hotel Roanoke, Roanoke, VA, undated
- Item 2-* Certificate of recognition for volunteer services, The National Foundation-March of Dimes, undated
- Item 3-* Article entitled, “A Tribute to Julian S. Wise, Founder of the Rescue Squad Movement,” published in The Canadian Red Cross Society First Aid News, Ontario Division, Toronto, Canada, Fall & Winter 1968
- Item 4-* Service to Mankind Award presented Julian S. Wise, by the West Central Virginia District, Sertoma International, 3/10/1969
- Item 5-* Resolution of appreciation to Julian Stanley wise, by Council of the City of Roanoke, VA, dated 8/18/1969
- Item 6-* Letter of Award of life membership to Julian S. Wise, by N.C. Association of Rescue Squads, Elkin, NC, dated 9/9/1969
- Item 7-* Announcement regarding Julian S. Wise receiving John Blair, Jr. Award, 192<sup>nd</sup> Annual Grand Lodge Communication, 2/12/1970
- Item 8-* Certificate of appreciation for service, The National Foundation, undated
- Item 9-* Elk of the Year award, Roanoke, VA Lodge No. 197, dated 2/5/1975
- Item 10-* Article entitled, “Top Elk Names by Lodge 197”, undated
- Item 11-* Release for article entitled, “Top Elk Named by Lodge 197,” The Roanoke Virginia World News, dated 3/28/1975

*Item 12-* Scroll of appreciation for service, Roanoke Valley Chamber of Commerce, dated 9/29/1951

Folder 9 – Life Saving and Rescue Squad Anniversary Announcements

*Item 1-* Announcement of Thirty-Fourth Anniversary of the Volunteer Life Saving and Rescue Squad Movement, May, 1962

*Item 2-* Announcement, “Forty-Four Years in the Art and Science of Life Saving,” May 1972

*Item 3-* Announcement of Thirty-Seventh Annual Convention of the Virginia Association of Volunteer Rescue Squads, 9/30/1972

*Item 4-* Program brochure, “50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Volunteer Life Saving and First Aid Crews,” 5/27/1978