

# GEORGE NELSON (1876-1962)

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<b>Title</b>	<b>George Nelson Collection</b>		
<b>Preferred Citation</b>	Archive Center, Indian River County Main Library, Vero Beach, Florida.		
<b>Donation</b>	<b>Date:</b> 1890-2010	<b>Accession No.</b>	
<b>Acquisition Information / Provenance</b>			
<b>Creator</b>	Library Staff		
<b>Repository</b>	Indian River County Main Library, Archive Center 1600 21 <sup>st</sup> Street, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Vero Beach, Florida, 32960 Telephone: 772-770-5060 x5    Email: genealogy@irclibrary.org		
<b>Location</b>	Archive Center and Genealogy Department, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor Indian River County Main Library		
<b>Extent</b>	Two 5W x 15 1/2L x 10 1/2 H		
<b>Arrangement</b>	1 ms box organized into * folders by name and subject content,		
<b>Language</b>	English		
<b>Dates</b>	c.a. 1890-1965		

### Historical Note

Historical discrepancy exists as to the number of slides and ownership. Please see folder #5 for a complete inventory of the pictures. At the time of the glass slide acquisition by the Indian River County Library, it appears there were only 700 slides. And, in the minutes of the Indian River Library Association for Jan 14, 1964, Mrs. J. H. Conn had the slides on Pelican Island.

From the minutes of the Indian River County Library Association:

- September 1963, Bishop Conkling reported that the [George Nelson] slides are now in the library for safekeeping. Agreement was made with George Nelson's cousin Helen Stewart.
- October 1963 payment (donation) was given to Helen Stewart.
- November 1963, the library purchased a Bausch & Lomb projector for a total of \$210.50.
- December 1963 they consulted the "wildlife people" (assumed to be the Fish and Wildlife Service – see email notes) and they would send a person to photograph the slides to be used on an ordinary projector. The total number of slides is ONLY 699. (The collection currently is over 2500.)

### Indian River County Historical Society Glass Slides

According to William C. Thompson, columnist of Pioneer Chit-Chat (published in Vero Beach Press Journal, November 26, 1964,) they discovered about 100 glass "magic lantern" slides in the back room of the Chamber of Commerce. Later, seventy-eight slides were donated to the historical society when they formally organized in 1983. In 2005, the society donated their historical collection to the library which included 73 identified glass slides (five missing.) These slides are a mixture of George Nelson and the Indian River Farms. It is assumed the slides found in the Chamber of Commerce may be the historical society slides.

The Pelican Island slides were taken by George Nelson and Paul Kroegel, so it is not known how Mrs. J. H. Conn had them in her possession.

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In 1986, when the private library was acquired by Indian River County, the slides were still in the libraries possession and located in an attic above the offices of the building at 1028 20<sup>th</sup> Place.

By 1991, when the new building was built at 1600 21<sup>st</sup> Street, the slides were possibly given to a caretaker or someone who was interested in preserving them such as Mr. Eubanks or Mr. Eno. Also, the Fish and Wildlife Service was interested and may have had them in their possession for a while. Eventually, they ended up at the Environmental Learning Center (ELC) in Wabasso. In 2010, Pam Cooper, supervisor of the Archive Center at the Main Library inquired about their location because she was in the process of cataloging the historical society slide collection and the two Nelson albums that stayed in the libraries possession. Since Pam worked at the library since 1986 and remembered the slides, it was natural to ask about their whereabouts. Once it was found they were at ELC, she corresponded with Holly Dill and the ball began rolling as to who owned them. In this collection (folder #5) are the emails and correspondence. Eventually, it was agreed by all that the library was the original owner, therefore was able to move them back and have them preserved. It was surprising to find out that there were over 3700 photographs (glass slides, etc.)

The library also had in their possession the original George Nelson two photograph albums. These stayed with the library and were stored in acid-free boxes.

### **Biographical of George Nelson**

George Nelson parents were Scandinavian. His father Martin was born in Norway and his mother Augusta was born in Sweden. George and his brother Martin were born in Vinalhaven, Knox County, Maine. According to the 1900 census, his mother, a widow had three children and two were living. However, on the 1910 census only one child was living. Until her death, George and Augusta lived six months together for over 40 years in Sebastian, Florida, but returned to their home in Massachusetts every summer. She died in Lexington, Massachusetts, February 20, 1941.

According to the census of 1900-1920, George is listed as a Taxidermist at a College. In 1902, he was hired as a Preparator of the Harvard Museum of Comparative Zoology until his retirement in 1946. See folder #7, *Reports of Museum of Comparative Zoology at Harvard College*. George Nelson was known to be a botanist, zoologist, ornithologist, and an ardent photographer. According to Harvard reports he was often praised for his excellent work on preparing types of animals including dinosaurs for display.

Local history states that George arrived in Sebastian about 1901, however, he did not arrive until 1909. For a short time, Nelson lived with the Paul Kroegel family during part of the winter months. In 1910, he purchased land from Paul Kroegel and built his own home which still stands in Pelican's Landing Resort on Indian River Drive in Sebastian. During this time, he built several buildings to accommodate his glass slides and provide a place to process them. In 1952, he sold his home and moved with his cousin Helen Stewart to Vero Beach on 2363 DeSoto Avenue.

George Nelson died April 25, 1962 and his cousin Helen Stewart donated his glass slides to the then private Indian River Library.

Nelson made several trips to Swan Island, Honduras to study the birds. At Harvard University, there exists a manuscript collection of his journals, photographs and other papers from 1912-1962. There are two journal notebooks of Nelson's trips to the Swan Islands from 1912-1913 at Harvard.

**Scope and Content**      Contains research, Nelson family history, provenance, detailed listings of photographs and slides.

**Index Terms**              Nelson, George Family  
Kroegel, Paul Family  
Keyes, George 1916-2013  
Indian River County (Fla.)  
Indian River Farms Corporation

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Sebastian, Indian River County, (Fla) - History  
Vero Beach, Indian River County, (Fla.) – History  
Swan Island, Honduras  
Dominican Republic  
Ornithology

### Access

Unrestricted. The manuscript collection is open for research. Gloves and clean hands are required.

Restricted - All glass slides. They have been scanned and are available in jpg and tiff formats. None of the original slides are available for public use.

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### BOX 1 OF 2

#### Folder 1 – George Nelson – His life

Two DVD's (duplicates) are in this file that has some images of the glass slides.

NEL-01-01	Biographical information on George Nelson
NEL-01-02	Census documents
NEL-01-03	Genealogy family charts from Ancestry.com online
NEL-01-04	Dale M. Nelson – Nephew to George and son of Martin, the brother of George
NEL-01-05	Sebastian Home
NEL-01-06	Vero Beach Home 2363 DeSoto Avenue
NEL-01-07	Passenger lists and passport
NEL-01-08	Sundberg family – Augusta, mother of George
NEL-01-09	Hodsdon Family – sister to Augusta
NEL-01-10	Automobiles owned by George Nelson
NEL-01-11	100 Years Ago in the American Ornithologists' Union. <i>The Auk</i>

#### Folder 2 – Newspaper Articles

The list below area newspaper clippings located in the collection.

**THE FILE IS IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER - PLEASE DO NOT REARRANGE.**

DATE	NEWSPAPER TITLE	ARTICLE TITLE
1909 Feb 19	St Lucie County Tribune	Professor Geo. Nelson, naturalist of Harvard University, has been here for two weeks in the interest of the University Museum.
1920 Dec 24	Miami Herald Record	Artesian Well to Light House: St. Lucie Farmer Uses Water From Deep Well to Generate Electricity. Fort Pierce: Makes Collections of Snakes
1922 Dec 7	Vero Press	Sebastian News: George Nelson of Boston, Mass., writes that he will be down on Dec, 15 of this month and will spend the winter at his home here.
1923 Jan 18	Vero Press	Sebastian News: George Nelson is the proud owner of a new Ford roadster. He drove the car up front Vero Tuesday afternoon.
1923 Apr 12	Vero Press	Sebastian News: Mrs. A. G. Nelson left Thursday for her home in Lexington, Mass. Her son, George Nelson is still here.
1923 Apr 19	Vero Press	George Nelson left Wednesday morning for his home in Lexington, Mass., after spending five months at his home, "Palm View Cottages" south of Sebastian.
1930 Apr 15	Vero Beach Press Journal	George Nelson and mother, Mrs. Augusta Nelson, left Sunday for their summer home in Massachusetts, after spending the winter at their home here, on South Riverside Drive. It is understood that after this summer, Mr. Nelson intends to make his permanent home here.
1930 Nov 7	Vero Beach Press Journal	Permission was granted Prof. George Nelson to take one manatee from the waters in Indian River county for use in scientific research work at Johns Hopkins University at Baltimore, MD
1930 Nov 11	Vero Beach Press Journal	Mrs. Augusta G. Nelson arrived Thursday afternoon from Lexington, Mass to spend the winter here with her son, Geo. Nelson, at "Palm Place", on South Riverside Drive.

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DATE	NEWSPAPER TITLE	ARTICLE TITLE
1933 Feb 17	Vero Beach Press Journal	Harvard Man Will be Rotary Speaker: George Nelson of Harvard university, will give a talk illustrated with colored stereopticon slides on the subject of the birds and reptiles of the tropics at the noonday luncheon of the Rotary club today. Mr. Nelson has given many years to the study of nature and the collection of specimens and photographs. The slides to be used have been carefully prepared by him, the coloring being done under the lens of the microscope. Mr. Nelson has made his winter home at Sebastian for several years.
1933 Dec 11	Times Picayune-New Orleans	Earliest Dinosaur is Now at Harvard: Skeleton of Plateosaurus is First to Be Free-Mounted. --- The present specimen was mounted by George Nelson
1935 Feb 8	Vero Beach Press Journal	ROTARY CLUB SUPPER AND LECTURE TONIGHT AT COMMUNITY CHURCH: The local Rotary club will have a box supper at the Community church tonight, followed by an illustrated lecture on wild flowers of Florida given by Prof. George Nelson of Harvard University, a winter resident of Sebastian.
1935 Feb 24	Vero Beach Press Journal	<p>GEORGE NELSON GIVES TALK ON NATURAL HISTORY:</p> <p>On Friday the Rotary club was entertained by George Nelson, of Harvard university, who preserved a series of Stereopticon slides showing various forms of wildlife in native habitat. The pictures included birds, animals, reptiles and other rare curiosities of nature, the slides having been prepared by Mr. Nelson as the result of long research and study in connection with his work at the university.</p> <p>Mr. Nelson has made Sebastian his winter home for several seasons and has made many friends since coming into this section. His kindness in presenting this study of natural history is appreciated by many who have heard him give this highly entertaining and informing presentation.</p>
1937?	Vero Beach Press Journal	TAILS OF FISHES: We expect to have a good story for next week. George (Snake) Nelson advised us today that he is going to make a trip into Blue Cypress about next Saturday. George is probably one of the best black bass fishermen in the state...
1939 Nov 24	Vero Beach Press Journal	Geo. Nelson and mother of Massachusetts and the former's cousin Miss Helen Stewart of Los Angeles, Calif., arrived last week to spend the winter at the Nelson home south of town.
1940 Oct 11	The Harvard Crimson	Prehistoric Monster Mounted for Exhibit ---mounted for public exhibit...by George Nelson, Preparator-in-Chief
1941 Feb		Obituary: Augusta Nelson
1941 Feb 28	Vero Beach Press Journal	George Nelson was called Thursday to Lexington, Mass due to the passing of his mother, Mrs. A. G. Nelson, 85. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon and Mr. Nelson left immediately afterward arriving here Tuesday morning.

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DATE	NEWSPAPER TITLE	ARTICLE TITLE
1941 Mar 7	Vero Beach Press Journal	GEORGE NELSON OF SEBASTIAN IS NOT THE ONE IN COURT: George Nelson of Sebastian hastens to inform his friends in Indian River county that the George Nelson referred to in county court activities in last Friday's Press Journal was definitely not him had a transient passing through the county. Mr. Nelson resides in Sebastian during the winter months and for many years has been connected with Harvard university. He is also known locally as a sports fisherman.
1941 May 2	Vero Beach Press Journal	George Nelson and his cousin, Mrs. Helen Stewart, left Wednesday to return to their home in Massachusetts. They were accompanied by Ted Miller of Fort Pierce.
1950 Mar 24	Vero Beach Press Journal	Dr. Alfred S. Romer, director of the Harvard museums, was a recent guest at the home of George Nelson
1952 Apr 10	Vero Beach Press Journal	Sebastian News: Mr. and Mrs. O. H. McKeehan...purchased the George Nelson estate south of town. Mr. Nelson and Mrs. Helen Stewart are at home 2363 De Soto Avenue in Vero Beach
1960 Feb 22	Vero Beach Press Journal	Sebastian News: Mr. and Mrs. J.T. Thompson and Mrs. Paul Kroegel called Friday on Mrs. Helen Stewart and George Nelson at Vero Beach
1962 May 3	Vero Beach Press Journal	Obituary: George Nelson
1963 Nov 21	Vero Beach Press Journal	Wildlife Photos, Slide on Display at Vero Beach...at Indian River County Library in Vero Beach.
1964 Apr 2	Vero Beach Press Journal	Overflow Crowd Sees Nelson Nature Slides
1985 Dec 9	Vero Beach Press Journal	Colorful County Flora, Fauna Subject of Show
1991 Apr 3	Vero Beach Press Journal	Nelson Slides Recall Old-Time Sebastian
2014 May 15	Vero Beach 32963	"George Nelson: A treasure trove of early Florida images

### Folder 3 – Articles from publications

- NEL-03-01 *More Tales of Sebastian* 1992. Pp.182 and 191
- NEL-03-02 *Pioneer Chit-Chat*. 26 Nov 1964. "Who Recalls 'Magic Lantern' Shows?" – This article is discussing glass slides that were found at the Chamber of Commerce building prior to 1964. By the description and number, this is most likely the same slides that the Indian River County Historical Society has in their collection. It has been determined, that many if not all were done by George Nelson. They were used by the salesman of Indian River Farms Company.
- NEL-03-03 *Florida's Hibiscus City: Vero Beach*. 1968. P. 354
- NEL-03-04 *Tales of Sebastian* 1990. P. 50, 51, **54**, 129, 130
- NEL-03-05 *Florida's Historic Indian River County* by Charlotte Lockwood, 1976. P. 17, 42, 43,

### Folder 4 – George Nelson Travels

This is for information purposes only. Includes maps and some history from the Internet.

- NEL-04-01 Azua – Dominican Republic
- NEL-04-02 San Pedro de Macoris, Dominican Republic
- NEL-04-03 Puerto Plata Province – Dominican Republic
- NEL-04-04 Swan Islands, Honduras

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### Folder 5 – Inventory, Provenance and Procedures

On May 20, 2010 Pam Cooper, CJ Madigan and Tony Young picked up ten boxes and a small pink plastic pail (Baby Fresh) that contained glass slides, negatives and prints. At the time, it was not known who owned the property. Through research and communications, it was determined the library was the original owner.

The following estimated figures are a total of all photographs including negatives, prints (excluding George Keyes reprints NEL-02-02) and glass slides.

Description	TOTAL
Album NEL-02-03 photographs (Pelicans only)	158
Album NEL-02-04 photographs	114
Glass Slides Boxes A-J (1-10)	2799
Negatives/prints Box 11	111
Indian River County Historical Society (78 less 5 missing)	73
<b>PICTURE TOTAL</b>	<b>3255</b>

Each of the boxes had letters on them. They were reconfigured to numeric because of the way the computer organizes numbers vs alphabetical. Below are the box descriptions:

#### BOXES / CONTAINERS

Letter	No.	Container	Content/Description	Slides	Scanned*
A	01	Brown wood box**	Snakes, salamanders, frogs/toads, turtles, fox, rodents, rabbits, insects, crabs	136	411
B	02	Brown wood box**	Painted flora and fauna; artificial great auk; unusual "ice" formations; Fort Florida; insects, sunset/rise	117	320
C	03	Brown wood box**	Painted flora and fauna; flowers from Fellsmere;	158	472
D	04	Black wood box**	Birds and nests; feeding and flying birds; woodpeckers; appears these may all be from Massachusetts or New England.	115	345
E	05	Pink box baby wipes**	These seem to be the best images and may have been selected for that reason. On the top of the box is the name "Art Eno." They most likely were used for presentations. The slides have multiple numbered stickers on them. The paintings of these images is the most refined.	43	43
F	06	Viking cardboard box**	Pictures of family and friends in Florida and Massachusetts; early experiments with painting on glass. Travel scenes; some purchased slides. There are two sets of numbered notecards that may correspond to those in box five.	201	261
G	07	Viking cardboard box**	Experimenting with both printing and painting continues with flora; apparently not an easy skill to acquire. Lots of snakes, but many birds & reptiles as well. A few landscapes & travel scenes.	565	576
H	08	Viking cardboard box**	Experimenting with both printing and painting on the glass slides continue with flora. A lot of snakes and exotic scenes, including rhinos in the wild and a boa constrictor with a pig in its belly.	684	729

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Letter	No.	Container	Content/Description	Slides	Scanned*
I	09	Viking cardboard box**	All negative images on glass. This is the first time the slides are in envelopes, dates ranging from the 1910s into the 1950s. Plants filmed in a studio. Also, birds, landscapes and travel, likely Central America.	340	670
J	10	Viking cardboard box**	Negatives of flora and fauna that were originally in brown envelopes. Most are greyscale or black/white. Also spiders, many kinds of crabs, cacti from Winter Beach. Locations listed are Wekiva River, St Johns River, Sebastian River, Micco, Roseland, Fellsmere, Sebastian, Vero, Wabasso, Winter Beach, Swan Island and Lexington, MA. There are three pictures of the Kroegel property including one of his home from 1914. Dates vary from 1912 to 1930s. Pictures of Nelson's Lexington home.	440	849
IRCHS		Plastic see-through box	This glass slide collection came with the Indian River County Historical society collection in 2005. Some are George Nelson's slides. It appears many of them are slides made for the salesmen of Indian River Farms.	73	73
<b>SUB-TOTAL OF GLASS SLIDES ONLY</b>				2872	4749
	11	Prints and negatives	Swan Island, people (George Nelson?), parades in Lowell, MA; historical marker in Concord, MA; snakes; buildings and old architecture on Swan Island?; Picture of George and his mother	111	128
		Photographs	Album NEL-02-03 photographs (Pelicans only)	158	158
		Photographs	Album NEL-02-04 photographs	114	114
<b>TOTAL OF ALL PICTURES/SLIDES</b>				3255	5149

\*Many of the slides were scanned 2-3 times depending on what was written on the outside of the slide. Scanning glass slides is not the same as scanning a photograph. The slide (image) and the object are two different items. Each slide was scanned as a 300 Jpg and a 600 Tiff. In addition, there are scans for one-inch images for future internet displays.

\*\*This is how the collection was received; these slides are now in permanent, archival housing. The wooden boxes have been saved for display purposes and are located in the Archive room.

- NEL-05-01      1963 Indian River County Library (private) Board Minutes –
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Nel-05-02      2010 Email conversations regarding ownership between Pam Cooper, Holly Dill of ELC, Charlie Pelizza of FWS, Mark Madison of FSW, Paul Tritaik of FWS, Dick Baker, Dorn



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Whitmore of FWS, Layne Hamilton of FWS, Kevin Kilcullen of FWS, Joanne Webb of FWS, Joe Carroll,

NEL-05-03 Photocopy of letter dated Nov 20, 1993 to Mr. Phil Morgan, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Atlanta, GA from Bill Reffalt of Herndon, Virginia regarding his trip to Vero Beach in search of George Nelson glass slides.

NEL-05-04 According to Holly Dill in an email to Pam Cooper, Art Eno rescued the glass slides in 1990 from the attic of the Indian River County Library at 1028 20<sup>th</sup> Place. Mr. William Eubanks may have had the collection at one time.

NEL-05-05 Procedures for processing as set by C.J. Madigan of Shoebox Stories - professional. A working notebook with dividers for each box is with this file.

### GNGS - George Nelson Glass Slides collection

-01-, 02-, etc - the original box number that the slide was found in  
-001, 002, 003 - simply an identifier within the box

EXAMPLE: GNGS-05-004 is the fourth slide in Box 5 of the George Nelson collection.

A plus sign + following the sequence number - GNGS-05-004+ indicates there are other digital images associated with this slide.

An "R" following the number is a different scan of the same slide. "R" stands for reference image. This is the area around the image itself on the slide that has notes or labels on it. Sometimes there was writing/labels on both the front and the back of the glass slide. In that case you would see:

GNGS-05-004R-1 reflective scan of side one of slide 003  
GNGS-01-004R-2 reflective scan of side two of slide 003



Some boxes, such as Box 09, had envelopes with identifying information associated with the slide. In that case, you'd see:

GNGS-09-071

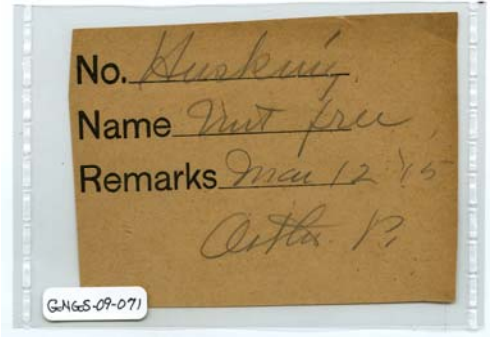
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GNGS-09-072-env

cj Madigan



NEL-05-06      Inventory of 78 glass slides (5 missing) from the Indian River County Historical Society Collection. Although they called them “The George Nelson glass slides,” some may have belonged to the Indian River Farms Corporation. In addition, these may be the slides that William Thompson of *Pioneer Chit-Chat* who published in his column (Nov 26, 1964) the story of his find. The glass slides were found in a back room of the Chamber of the Commerce. A print of all the slides is included in this file.

Some of the slides have a number etched into the slide itself. Those #'s are not included in the right-hand column. The numbers on the right in black seem to be of the slide presentation sequence. The other numbers, in blue, are from some other numbering systems – not very many of them.

G. L. Nichols was located at 143 Wabash Ave, Chicago, IL (Most likely this is Grace L. Nichols, glass slide painter as noted on the 1910 census of Chicago.)

**THIS COLLECTION IS FILED WITH THE INDIAN RIVER COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOXES.**

# on Env.	TITLE	Comments	GN Slide No.	IRCL No.	Owner
1.	IRC – “A Great Agricultural District”	color (words only)	Unk.		IRCHS
2.	Interest in Florida?	(words only)	Unk.		IRCHS
3.	Live South in Winter and North in Summer	(words only) not a slide	Unk.		IRCHS
4.	Indian River Vegetables	(words only)	Unk.		IRCHS
5.	Florida and I.R.C Tomatoes	(words only)	Unk.		IRCHS
6.	A Monument to Permanent Soil Fertility	color Slide from Cornell U.- professional chart	Unk.		IRCHS
7.	A.B. Michael Driveway – Wabasso	color photo	24		IRCHS
8.	10 acres of tomatoes of Jones & Gettler	color photo	71		IRCHS
9.	T.W. Jeffers - 10 acre pepper field	color photo	66		IRCHS
10.	Seminole Building	color photo	11		IRCHS
11.	Municipal Power and Light Plant	color photo	Unk.		IRCHS
12.	Across the Quay Bridge	Missing	Unk.		IRCHS

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13.	Where the Fisherman meets Beauty, IRC, ca 1925	color photo	61		IRCHS
14.	Wabasso Grade School – 1925	color photo	70		IRCHS
15.	George Baughman raises field corn	color photo	69		IRCHS
16.	W.C. Braddock – 12 acre field of eggplant	color photo	68		IRCHS
17.	Orange Apartments – Vero Beach, FL	color photo	10		IRCHS
18.	Royal Park Inn – Vero Beach, Florida (razed)	color photo	67		IRCHS
19.	Judge Andrews Home, Rte 60 & 58 <sup>th</sup> Ave	b/w photo	14		IRCHS
20.	Scene in Indian River County	Missing	Unk.		IRCHS
21.	Vero Beach County Club and Golf Course	color photo	55		IRCHS
22.	Jones on Jungle Trail	color photo	65		IRCHS
23.	Cocoanut Palm/Fruit	color painted – Nichols Slides, III. (professional?)	98		IRCHS
24.	Indian River County – home	b/w photo	63		IRCHS
25.	Canal – Indian River County	color photo Nichols Slides	4		IRCHS
26.	Beach at Vero Beach, Florida	color photo Davenport	58		IRCHS
27.	Bean field - IRC	color photo	50		IRCHS
28.	Acres of Beans - IRC	color photo	36		IRCHS
29.	Acres of Cabbage plants - IRC	color photo	31		IRCHS
30.	Produce field - IRC	color photo	51		IRCHS
31.	Produce Field - IRC	color photo	42		IRCHS
32.	Acreage of pepper plants - IRC	color photo	28		IRCHS
33.	Harvesting the bean crop - IRC	blue/green color (?) photo	41		IRCHS
34.	Potato field – IRC	blue/green color (?) photo	Unk.		IRCHS
35.	Tomato picking time – IRC	color photo	32		IRCHS
36.	Produce – IRC	blue color (?) photo	53		IRCHS
37.	Cabbage acreage – IRC	blue/green color (?) photo	29		IRCHS
38.	Orange grove – IRC	blue color (?) photo	47		IRCHS
39.	Chickens – IRC	Missing	Unk.		IRCHS
40.	Chicks – IRC	Kansas City Slide Co. (stock photo of chicks?) color	Unk.		IRCHS
41.	Sugar cane – IRC	blue color (?) photo	22		IRCHS
42.	Orange tree – IRC	color photo	Unk.		IRCHS
43.	Drainage canal – IRC	color photo	Unk.		IRCHS
44.	Fishing – Gibbson Springs	b/w photo Fla. Photo Concern, Ft. Pierce	60		IRCHS
45.	Red-bellied Woodpecker on Tree - George Nelson	“photo and slide by George Nelson” color photo	D 47		IRCHS

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46.	Alligator – Vero Beach – 3/23/33 - George Nelson	“photo and slide by George Nelson” color photo	W31, 36, 359		IRCHS
47.	Swamp Rose Mallow (Hibiscus Moschentos) - George Nelson	“photo and slide by George Nelson” color photo	C171, 43		IRCHS
48.	Wild Poinsettia, Sebastian, FL 1/19/33 - George Nelson	“photo and slide by George Nelson” color photo	C99, 107		IRCHS
49.	Primrose Willow, Sebastian FL 2/10/33 - George Nelson	“photo and slide by George Nelson” color photo	C169, 45		IRCHS
50.	Butterfly – George Nelson	color photo (doesn't say Nelson)	Unk.		IRCHS
51.	Poinsettia – George Nelson	color photo (doesn't say Nelson)	Unk.		IRCHS
52.	Pelican Island – Vero Beach, FL	Removed 10/28/97 – belongs to Ruth Stanbridge <b>Missing</b>	Unk.		IRCHS
53.	Mangrove – IRC	“I have in my files” <b>written next to list) Missing</b>	Unk.		IRCHS
54.	Why worry about – “How will Mother and I” .....	text only – not a slide	Unk.		IRCHS
55.	Map of United States “Average Value of Land ....	b/w map Kansas City company professional	4		IRCHS
56.	Indian River Fruit – Advertisement	text only – not a slide	Unk.		IRCHS
57.	Orange Tree	b/w photo	Unk.		IRCHS
58.	Growing “greens” in IRC	b/w photo - <b>cracked</b>	52, E4		IRCHS
59.	Acres of produce – potatoes (?)	b/w photo	40		IRCHS
60.	Acres of produce – peppers (?)	b/w photo Nichols Slides, Chicago	37, 72		IRCHS
61.	Cornfield – IRC	b/w photo	34, 55		IRCHS
62.	Field of lettuce – IRC	b/w photo	43		IRCHS
63.	Avocados- IRC	blue color (?) photo	Unk.		IRCHS
64.	Riomar Golf Course, (?) Vero Beach, FL	Fla. Photo Concern, Ft. Pierce b/w photo	56		IRCHS
65.	Map of Vero Beach, FL	Kansas City Slide Co. – plat sections map – Oslo to Wabasso pre-1925	Unk.		IRCHS
66.	Landscape – IRC	blue color (?) photo	48		IRCHS
67.	Orange Tree – IRC	color photo	Unk.		IRCHS
68.	Grapefruit – IRC	b/w photo	F3		IRCHS
69.	Indian River County Grove	has crack Nichols Slide b/w photo	38, 40		IRCHS

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# on Env.	TITLE	Comments	GN Slide No.	IRCL No.	Owner
70.	Royal Park Apartments	has cracks – color photo Victor Animatograph Co., Davenport, Iowa	Unk.		IRCHS
71.	Farmer in vegetable field	cracked - color photo	33		IRCHS
72.	Early pioneer mother with her two children	b/w photo with print of slide – not part of slide show	Unk.		IRCHS
73.	Unknown – early pioneer woman	b/w photo with print of slide – not part of slide show	Unk.		IRCHS
74.	Two pioneer children playing in their metal wagon	b/w photo with print of slide – not part of slide show	Unk.		IRCHS
75.	Little girl sitting on child's chair sitting at child's table	b/w photo slide – not part of slide show	Unk.		IRCHS
76.	Two pioneer women	b/w photo slide – not part of slide show	Unk.		IRCHS
77.	Family - pioneer father & mother with two children (unk)	b/w photo with print of slide – not part of slide show	Unk.		IRCHS
78.	2 men and a woman, bird in flight at shore	b/w photo – not part of slide show	W-1, 45		IRCHS

NEL-05-07 Selected printed copies of the some glass slides.

NEL-05-08 Glass slide artist Grace L. Nichols (1875-1947). She is mentioned in the George Nelson collection and may have assisted him. See NEL-05-06 previously.

NEL-05-09 Printed copies of “numbered postcards” that were found in Box six (F). They may be notes created by Art Eno for the images found in box five (Baby Fresh) pink container.

### Folder 6 – *Notes on Pelican Island* by George Nelson

Copies of the article that was published in *The Auk*, Vol. 28, No. 4 Oct 1911. Observations of Pelican Island, written by George Nelson.

*Images Through the Doors of Time: Photos From the Kroegel Collection*. James E. Culberson. Seabird Publishing, 1995. A duplicate copy. Some notes inserted. Many pictures were taken by George Nelson and Rodney Kroegel.

NOTE: This book is a result of glass slides found in the Kroegel home. Jim Culberson worked with the Kroegel family to make copies and publish them.

### Folder 7 – Museum of Comparative Zoology at Harvard College reports

Many of the museum reports completed missing historical information regarding George Nelson's life. Therefore, a timeline was created with the reports interspersed with other documents of Nelson's life.

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Under the "source" is listed the name of the document and any page numbers. Only the reports are filed in this folder chronologically.

### TIMELINE

DATE	EVENT	SOURCE
1876 March 19	Birth of George Nelson in Vinalhaven, Maine	1900 Census; Passenger lists; Mason membership card; passport
1880 Jun 28	George living in household of Martin and Augusta and his brother Martin in Vinalhaven, Maine	1880 Census Knox County, ME
1897 Mar 12	Passport of George Nelson living at 6 Nelson Street, Quincy, MA (Norfolk County) He lists his occupation as a carpenter. He is leaving the country approximately 2 years. Does not state where he is going.	USA Passport Suffolk Co., MA
1900 Jun 8	George Nelson is living with his widowed mother Augusta at 6 Nelson St, Quincy, MA. His occupation: taxidermist	1900 Census Norfolk County, MA
1900-01	George Nelson is listed under "Reports of Fishes and Reptiles"	<i>Annual Report of The Keeper of the Museum of Comparative Zoology (ARKMCZ) at Harvard College p.23</i>
1901-02	George Nelson has progressed in weeding useless material and duplicates. In addition, he mounted specimens for the exhibition room.	ARKMCZ –p. 21 and 24
1902-03	George Nelson is appointed Preparator – They called him a competent and zealous helper.	ARKMCZ – p. 4,5,21,23,25
1903-04	Nelson prepared 150 fossil vertebrates for exhibition including a large Anaconda	ARKMCZ – p. 4
1904-05	Nelson mounted reptiles for the exhibition. On page 28, is mention of Carolina Paroquet from Nebraska. It mentions Dr. Henry Bryant	ARKMCZ – p.5
1905-06	Nelson mounted fowls and pigeons, guinea-pigs. Continued work on reptiles especially Python and Cobra. Gift from Nelson, American Robin	ARKMCZ – p.7,23
1906-07	Nelson improved reptile exhibition. Many new additions and gifts by Nelson.	ARKMCZ – p.5,6,7,29,30
1907-08	Nelson mounted a Caribou from Alaska. He went to Santo Domingo early in 1908. He succeeded in obtaining an Agouta, <i>Solenodon paradoxus</i> , which was discovered in 1833.	ARKMCZ – p.5,6,8,27
1908 Nov-Dec	The twenty-Sixth annual congress of the American Ornithologists' Union – Frank Chapman and E.W. Nelson are at this meeting in Cambridge. George Nelson worked with E.W. and it is probable he also went to this convention where lantern slides were shown of Pelican Island.	<i>The Auk</i> Vol 10 No.6
1909 Feb 19	<i>Professor Geo. Nelson, naturalist of Harvard University, has been here for two weeks in the interest of the University Museum. [It is 2-3 months since the annual congress and George Nelson is now in Sebastian --- most likely for the first time.]</i>	<i>St Lucie County Tribune</i>

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DATE	EVENT	SOURCE
1908-09	Nelson has mounted many new specimens. Mentions his photographs of Solenodons from Santo Domingo and the two mounts. Mentions short trip to Florida.	ARKMCZ – p.4,5,7,8
1909-10	Nelson mountings. A second preparator has been added to the staff – Walter R. Zappey	ARKMCZ –p.5
1910-11	Description of Nelson's work and value to the Museum.	ARKMCZ –p.9,27,28,31
1911-12	Nelson made two trips to Swan Islands, Caribbean and collected specimens for eight weeks. Several descriptions of the animals he mounted.	ARKMCZ – p.8,9,26,27,29,30,34
1912 Jul 14	Manifest of passengers on the ship SS Esparta sailing from Port Lim and Swan Island.	Passenger list, line 5
1912-13	Nelson's third trip to Swan Island Mar-Apr 1913. Lists of mountings and specimens. Also, group picture of North American squirrels, chipmunks and spermophiles on tree branches going up and down mounted by Nelson.	ARKMCZ –p.5,7,8,24,32-34,plate 2
1913-14	More Nelson mountings. Zappey died 1914. Nelson is the only preparator.	ARKMCZ –p.6,7,27,31
1914-15	Nelson's skills are highly regarded and mention of his photographic skill,	ARKMCZ –p.6,26
1914-15	Nelson's residence is Lexington and he is listed as a Naturalist and gives his place of birth as Vinalhaven. It also provides date of death and lodge name.	Massachusetts Mason membership card
1915 Mar 18	Nelson is arriving at New Orleans from Cristobal on the SS Heredia, he is 39 and living in E. Lexington, MA	Passenger list, line 20
1915-16	Nelson's services are "varied and as skilful as usual"...he has made a large number of negatives, principally for illustrations for publications of the Museum	ARKMCZ –p.7,21
1916 Mar 3	Passenger George Nelson born Vinalhaven, ME is listed as arriving at New Orleans on the SS Cartas from southern ports	Passenger List, line 23
1916-17	"Exceptional skill of Mr. George Nelson in all branches of taxidermia..." Lots of accolades.	ARKMCZ –p.6,7,18,19
1917-18	More accolades for Nelson... Talks about "elaborate colored drawings and his excellent photographic work."	ARKMCZ –p.7,21
1918-19	Nelson spent several months in Florida collecting mammals, reptiles and fishes in and about Sebastian...	ARKMCZ –p.4,20
1919-20	More accolades...made over and remount the Audubon Great Auk	<i>Reports of the President and the Treasurer of Harvard College, p.236</i>
1920 Jan 15	Lexington, Middlesex County, MA George Nelson 43 living with his mother Augusta 63 – occupation taxidermist at college	1920 Census
1920-21	Praise for Nelson and his newest edition are a Manatee obtained in 1919 at Sebastian	<i>Reports of the President and the Treasurer of Harvard College, p.269</i>
1922 Dec 7	George Nelson of Boston, Mass., writes that he will be down on Dec 15 of this month and will spend the winter at his home here.	<i>Vero Press</i>

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DATE	EVENT	SOURCE
1923 Jan 18	George Nelson is the proud owner of a new Ford roadster. He drove the car up from Vero Tuesday afternoon.	<i>Vero Press</i>
1923 Apr 12	Mrs. A. G. Nelson left Thursday for her home in Lexington, Mass. Her son, George Nelson is still here.	<i>Vero Press</i>
1923 Apr 19	George Nelson left Wednesday morning for his home in Lexington, Mass., after spending five months at his home, "Palm View Cottages" south of Sebastian.	<i>Vero Press</i>
1930 Apr 2	George Nelson 54 and his mother 74 living in Sebastian. He is listed as a Preparator for a museum.	1930 Census, line 1-2
1930 Apr 15	George Nelson and mother, Mrs. Augusta Nelson, left Sunday for their summer home in Massachusetts, after spending the winter at their home here, on South Riverside Drive. It is understood that after this summer, Mr. Nelson intends to make his permanent home here.	<i>Vero Beach Press Journal</i>
1930 Nov 7	Permission was granted Prof. George Nelson to take one manatee from the waters in Indian River County for use in scientific research work at Johns Hopkins University at Baltimore, MD	<i>Vero Beach Press Journal</i>
1930 Nov 11	Mrs. Augusta G. Nelson arrived Thursday afternoon from Lexington, Mass to spend the winter here with her son, Geo. Nelson, at "Palm Place", on South Riverside Drive.	<i>Vero Beach Press Journal</i>
1932 Dec 11	"Earliest Dinosaur is now at Harvard: Skeleton of Plateosaurus is First to be Free-Mounted" The present specimen was mounted by George Nelson, chief preparator in the museum...	<i>Times-Picayune, New Orleans</i> p.23
1933 Feb 17	Harvard Man Will be Rotary Speaker: George Nelson of Harvard university, will give a talk illustrated with colored stereopticon slides on the subject of the birds and reptiles of the tropics at the noonday luncheon of the Rotary club today. Mr. Nelson has given many years to the study of nature and the collection of specimens and photographs. The slides to be used have been carefully prepared by him, the coloring being done under the lens of the microscope. Mr. Nelson has made his winter home at Sebastian for several years.	<i>Vero Beach Press Journal</i>
1935 Feb 8	ROTARY CLUB SUPPER AND LECTURE TONIGHT AT COMMUNITY CHURCH: The local Rotary club will have a box supper at the Community church tonight, followed by an illustrated lecture on wild flowers of Florida given by Prof. George Nelson of Harvard University, a winter resident of Sebastian.	<i>Vero Beach Press Journal</i>



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DATE	EVENT	SOURCE
1935 Feb 24	<p>GEORGE NELSON GIVES TALK ON NATURAL HISTORY:</p> <p>On Friday the Rotary club was entertained by George Nelson, of Harvard university, who preserved a series of Stereopticon slides showing various forms of wildlife in native habitat. The pictures included birds, animals, reptiles and other rare curiosities of nature, the slides having been prepared by Mr. Nelson as the result of long research and study in connection with his work at the university. Mr. Nelson has made Sebastian his winter home for several seasons and has made many friends since coming into this section. His kindness in presenting this study of natural history is appreciated by many who have heard him give this highly entertaining and informing presentation.</p>	<i>Vero Beach Press Journal</i>
1936-37	George Nelson Preparator	ARKMCZ
1937?	<p>TAILS OF FISHES: We expect to have a good story for next week. George (Snake) Nelson advised us today that he is going to make a trip into Blue Cypress about next Saturday. George is probably one of the best black bass fishermen in the state...</p>	<i>Vero Beach Press Journal</i>
1939 Nov 24	<p>Geo. Nelson and mother of Massachusetts and the former's cousin Miss Helen Stewart of Los Angeles, Calif., arrived last week to spend the winter at the Nelson home south of town.</p>	<i>Vero Beach Press Journal</i>
1940 Apr 3	<p>George Nelson 64 living with his mother Augusta 84 on Dixie Highway. He is listed as Preparator at Yale University</p>	1940 Census, line 72-73
1940 Oct 11	<p><i>Prehistoric Monster Mounted for Exhibit: 175,000,000-Year-Old Fossil is placed in Zoology Museum – Dinedontosaurus Oliveiral, a large grass-eating reptile that lived in Southern Brazil...mounted by George Nelson</i></p>	<i>The Harvard Crimson</i>
1941 Feb	<p>Augusta Nelson obituary – died Feb 20 in Lexington, MA Name is listed as Augusta G. Sundberg Nelson 84 – has a daughter Mrs. Freeman Hodsdon of Gloucester</p>	<i>Lexington newspaper</i>
1941 Feb 28	<p>George Nelson was called Thursday to Lexington, Mass due to the passing of his mother, Mrs. A. G. Nelson, 85. Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon and Mr. Nelson left immediately afterward arriving here Tuesday morning.</p>	<i>Vero Beach Press Journal</i>
1941 Mar 7	<p>GEORGE NELSON OF SEBASTIAN IS NOT THE ONE IN COURT: George Nelson of Sebastian hastens to inform his friends in Indian River county that the George Nelson referred to in county court activities in last Friday's Press Journal was definitely not him had a transient passing through the county. Mr. Nelson resides in Sebastian during the winter months and for many years has been connected with Harvard university. He is also known locally as a sports fisherman.</p>	<i>Vero Beach Press Journal</i>

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DATE	EVENT	SOURCE
1941 May 2	George Nelson and his cousin, Mrs. Helen Stewart, left Wednesday to return to their home in Massachusetts. They were accompanied by Ted Miller of Fort Pierce.	<i>Vero Beach Press Journal</i>
1945-46	Nelson retirement – “Mr. George Nelson, Preparator-in-Chief, who was invited to join the staff of the Museum by Alexander Agassiz in 1902, has also retired for the same reason. Mr. Nelson’s skill in taxidermy, exemplified in his mounts of recent mammals, birds, and reptiles, as well as fossil vertebrates of various kinds, has brought distinction to the Museum’s exhibits. He has also contributed many important additions through the years to the collections of various groups of animals from the southern United States. And we have every expectation that his interest in the Museum will continue unabated.”	ARKMCZ-p.8,11,16,23,25
1946-47	Retirement and replacement appointed	ARKMCZ-p.7,10
1952 April	Sold his home in Sebastian and moved to 2363 DeSoto Avenue, Vero Beach, FL with his cousin Helen Stewart.	<i>Vero Beach Press Journal</i>
1961-62	“George Nelson, oldest retired member of the museum staff, died at his home in Vero Beach, Florida, last April at the age of 86. Mr. Nelson joined the Museum staff as a preparator in 1902. In 1937 he was given a corporation appointment as Preparator-in-Chief. He retired to Florida in 1946.	Annual Report 1961-1962 Museum of Comparative Zoology, p.8
1962 May 3	Obituary: George Nelson, 86 of 2363 DeSoto Avenue, Vero Beach, died April 25. Mr. Nelson a pioneer first came to Florida in 1899 from Lemington, Mass (Lexington) on an exploratory expedition. He came to Indian River County in 1908 for six months of each year and moved to Sebastian as a resident permanently in 1946. He retired at the age of 70 as preparator-in-chief of Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.  He is survived by a cousin, Mrs. Helen Stewart, who has had charge of his home since 1939.  Masonic Funeral services were held at 7:30 pm April 27, from the Floyd Funeral Home Chapel	<i>Vero Beach Press Journal</i>
1962 Dec 10	Obituary: George Nelson “...arsenic poisoning affected his health”	Museum of Comparative Zoology Newsletter Vol. 2, no. 1 p.6
1963 Nov 21	Wildlife Photos, Slides on Display at Vero Beach	Fort Pierce News, p.11
1964 Nov 26	<i>Pioneer Chit-Chat</i> . . “Who Recalls ‘Magic Lantern’ Shows?” – This article is discussing glass slides that were found at the Chamber of Commerce building prior to 1964. By the description and number, this is most likely the same slides that the Indian River County Historical Society has in their collection. It has been determined, that many if not all were done by George Nelson. They were used by the salesman of Indian River Farms Company.	<i>Vero Beach Press Journal</i>

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### Folder 8 – Harvard Museum of Comparative Zoology

- NEL-08-01 Email correspondence and other notes with Harvard staff regarding “their” George Nelson collection.
- NEL-08-02 Ernst Mayer Library visit by Richard (Dick) Baker – his notes and copies from library files.
- NEL-08-03 Printed copies from database of Zoological collections at Harvard which shows many of the items that George Nelson was the collector or the preparator of the skins.
- NEL-08-04 Another database that shows all collections found in Sebastian.
- NEL-08-05 Miscellaneous items from the zoological databases.

### BOX 2 OF 2

- NEL-02-01 Archival blue-grey 6-1/2x 4-1/x box is located in the front. Inside are two glass slides wrapped in bubble-wrap. Below is a brief description.
- Black and white flowers on a very tall stem/stalk. It is broken and appears to be a George Nelson slide.
  - Colored slide of what appears to be a Revolutionary War re-enactment. Too professionally done and may be something George Nelson picked up in his hometown of Lexington, Massachusetts.
- NEL-02-02 George Keyes (1916-2013) of Sebastian, Florida made black and white copies from selected glass slides of the original George Nelson collection of 2500+ slides. Listed below are the copies he made and are in polyester sleeves. They are not matched to the original collection. Most of these pictures can be found in the scanned images.  
[Photograph # MSS-NEL-001 – MSS-NEL-101]
1. Fort, prison, & light Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic
  2. Pirates Fort – Mar 1916
  3. Waterspout – Mar 1916
  4. Waterspout – Mar 1916
  5. Full Rigged Ship - A working barque at sea – Mar 1915
  6. Capt. McKenzie taking position
  7. San Domingo Harbor (1916)?
  8. Off Macoris (Dominican Republic)
  9. Loading sugar steamers from lighters. Note bags of sugar - Macoris
  10. Tug and lighters – Macoris (Dominican Republic)
  11. Railroad in Macoris (Dominican Republic)
  12. Building in Macoris (Dominican Republic) – Sign over door on small building at left “Farmacia La Macorisana”
  13. Tower in Macoris
  14. Church in Azua (Southwestern Dominican Republic)
  15. Mockingbird Hotel the only one in Azua 1916
  16. Street in Azua D.R.
  17. Azua (two people on a horse)
  18. River in Azua
  19. Houses in Azua
  20. Mule in water
  21. Shoreline
  22. Shore Scene inside reef - north side Little Isl 1913
  23. Shoreline
  24. So. Shore – Little Island – Mar 1916
  25. Turtle men

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26. *Man in water holding turtle.*
27. East Point Little Island from boat – Apr 1913
28. Teddy and turtle
29. Teddy and turtle
30. Teddy
31. Little Island 1913
32. Little Island 1913
33. Little Island 1913
34. Little Island 1913
35. So. Shore, Little Isl 1915
36. Jim Duff's Hole – Mar 1916
37. Husking 4<sup>th</sup> move 3/12/1915
38. Rat eaten nuts – 3/12/1915
39. Coconut section – Mar 1916
40. Coconut sprout section – Mar 1916
41. 300 nut coconut tree – 3/18/1915
42. Don & amber fish 40 lbs – Apr 1913
43. Carrying nuts
44. Bunch of nuts – 3/17/1915
45. Husking nuts – 3/12/1915
46. Pile of nuts – 1912
47. Husking 1<sup>st</sup> move – 3/12/1915
48. Husking 2<sup>nd</sup> move – 3/12/1915
49. Husking 3<sup>rd</sup> move – 3/12/1915
50. Husking not free – 3/12/1915
51. Workmen, mule and card – Mar 1916
52. Carrying nuts
53. Carrying nuts Swan I. 1912
54. Mule and cart – 3/11/1915
55. Don husking – 3/12/1915
56. Don husking – 3/12/1915
57. Turtle and captors – Apr 1913
58. Loggerhead eggs – Apr 1913
59. Heron pond ... Swan – 1912
60. Coconut shore
61. Husking nuts – 1916
62. Husking nuts – 1916
63. Mackie hat making – 3/13/1915
64. Wireless men ... Swan Island – Mar 1916
65. Iguana on Paw Paw Swan I – 1912
66. View from Labin door ... Swan I.
67. Machineal – 3/18/1915 – Tropical American tree of the spurge family, with a milky, irritant juice and plum like, poisonous fruit.
68. Forest scene ... Swan (Path to well) – 1912
69. Path to Fowlers Bay – 3/18/1915
70. Path to Fowlers Bay – 3/18/1915
71. Surf coasting – Mar 1916
72. Doc Summer & Dan – Mar 13, 1915
73. Surf bathing – Apr 1913
74. Booby
75. S.S. Ft. Morgan
76. Launch – Apr 1913
77. S.S. Ateuas ... Swan I – 1912
78. Launch leaving ship – Mar 1916

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79. Coconut grove ... Swan I – 1912 *A typewritten description of Swan Island was next to this picture. Contains several paragraphs.*
80. S.S. Fort Morgan in Bay – 1<sup>st</sup> trip
81. Side of “Heredia” as we left – 3/9/1915
82. Moon *Flower*
83. Jimson Weed ... Lex., Mass. 8/16/1935
84. Pink Glory ... Winter Beach, FL – 3/30/1934
85. Oxalis
86. Carrot ... Seb. Fl. – 4/17/1934
87. Caesar’s weed ... Seb. Fla – 11/28/1933
88. Sesuvium ... Seb – 3/25/1934
89. Wild Pea ... Seb. Fl – Apr 1934
90. Rattlebox (Crotolaria) Rattling of dry seeds in the pod accounts for the name.
91. Prickly Pear ... Roseland – 4/14/1934 – Ripe fruits edible or may be made into syrup or jelly.
92. Delicious morel – 5/9/1908
93. Beach Dandelion
94. City of Jacksonville *Riverboat*
95. Miami River – 1914
96. No Name *Bell shape flower*
97. Helen & Bananas *Probably his cousin Helen Stewart.*
98. Corn snake ... Seb – Mar 1928
99. *Steamboat Frederick DeBary – Typewritten description includes history.*
100. George Nelson about 1941 - *Typewritten biography several paragraphs.*
101. Nelson’s home ... Sebastian - 1941

NEL-02-03 George Nelson original leather photograph album. There are 158 photographs of Pelican Island in a variety of sizes. Most all have a sepia tone. More than half the album is empty. Some of the pictures are fading. [Photograph # MSS-NEL-102 – MSS-NEL-259]

Inside cover:  
Photography by –  
GEORGE NELSON  
Preparator-in-Chief,  
Museum of Comparative Zoology (Agassiz Museum)  
Harvard College,  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

NEL-02-04 George Nelson original leather photograph album. There are 114 photographs of many different species of animals including birds, turtles, snakes, insects, squirrels, frogs, etc. The album has several blank pages in between pictures in the front and the back. [Photograph #MSS-NEL-260 – MSS-NEL-373]