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#### WILLIAM NELSON.

William Nelson was born in Newark, N. J., February 10, 1847, and died in Matamora, Penn., August 10, 1914. He was educated in the public schools, for several years was engaged in journalism and in 1878 was admitted to the bar, practicing in Paterson, N. J. Although active in legal and political life, it was as a student and writer of the history of his native State that he was best known. He was secretary of the New Jersey Historical Society from 1880 to the time of his death and one of the editors of the long series of *New Jersey Archives*. He has written over fifty books and monographs on historical, literary and legal topics, including "The Indians of New Jersey," "Fifty Years of Historical Work in New Jersey," and "Issues of the New Jersey Press." Perhaps his most important work was his *History of American Newspapers*, appearing in the volumes of the "New Jersey Archives." This work covered the history of American newspapers before 1801 of the States from Ala-

bama to New Hampshire. The manuscript for the rest of the alphabet was destroyed in the Paterson fire of 1902 and the loss was never made up. He acquired a fine library of about 10,000 volumes a part of which was sold a short time before his death. In 1889 he married Salome W. Doremus, who survives him.

Mr. Nelson was a member of many historical, literary, and scientific societies in the United States and Europe. He was elected to this Society in 1909 and has presented to its library many books and pamphlets. He was especially interested in the growth of its newspaper collection, and in 1911 contributed to the Proceedings a paper entitled "Some New Jersey Printers and Printing in the Eighteenth Century."

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