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PORTER AND PANGBORN FAMILY MATERIALS, 1773-1965

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**COLLECTION INFORMATION**

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

The Porter family was established in Indiana by Captain Thomas Porter in 1816. Captain Porter’s son, Albert G. Porter was a graduate of Asbury University (DePauw University), and was a law partner of President Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis. In addition, Porter served as the 19th Governor of the State of Indiana (1881-85), a U.S. Representative (1859-63) and U.S. Minister to Italy (1889-92). Porter had five children with his wife, Minerva Brown Porter, Omer, George, Edward, Anne, and Albert B. Porter’s son Edward, who worked in banking, married Carrie Ray, and they had three children, Katherine (Kate), Eleanor, and Anne. Anne Porter married Mark Pangborn, an insurance agent who was born in New York on September 6, 1911, and they had two children, Mark Jr. and Eleanor. Mark Pangborn Jr., who worked as a librarian and geologist, married Ruth McLaughlin, a teacher.

Sources:
Ancestry.com
HeritageQuest
Materials in the collection

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains items belonging to members of the Porter and Pangborn families, who were related to each other by marriage. The collection contains a great amount of visual materials (Series 2 and 3), most of which are related to the Edward B. and Carrie Ray Porter and the Mark and Anne Porter Pangborn families. Visual materials include four family albums, portraits, snapshots, and tintypes, which document family homes, travels, and gatherings. Other items found in the collection are books dealing with law, government, and literature, which belonged to Governor Albert G. Porter. In Series 1, there is also correspondence, commemorative books about Benjamin Harrison and the State of Indiana, a scrapbook of Anne Porter Mason’s time accompanying her father in Italy, and an account book belonging to Governor Porter’s second wife Cornelia. Unrelated to the Porter and Pangborn families, there is a daybook that kept record of Governor Jonathan Jennings’ finances.
SERIES CONTENTS

Series 1: Papers and Books

CONTENTS

Souvenir Booklet, Harrison Home, n.d. Box 1, Folder 1

The Beauties of Shakespeare, n.d. Box 2, Folder 6

The Spirit of Laws, translated by Thomas Nugent, 1773 Box 2, Folder 7

The First Part of the Institutes of the Laws of England by Francis Hargrave and Charles Butler, 1812 Box 3, Folder 1

Daybook of Jonathan Jennings, 1823-34 BV 4912

A Treatise on Political Economy by Jean-Baptiste Say, 1830 Box 3, Folder 3

The Works of Lord Byron In Verse and Prose, 1835 Box 4, Folder 1

The Practical Spelling Book with Reading Lessons by T.H. Gallaudet and Horace Hooker, 1840 Box 3, Folder 2

Works of Horace, with English Notes by Charles Anthon, 1841 Box 4, Folder 2

Commentaries on the Laws of England by Sir William Blackstone, 1843 Box 5, Folder 1

McGuffey’s Rhetorical Guide compiled by A.W. McGuffey, 1844 Box 5, Folder 2

The Illuminated Bible, 1846 BV 4913

Flyer, Hiram Brown, 1852 Box 1, Folder 2

Index of Subjects, Intended as a Manual to Aid the Student and the Professional Man by John Todd, 1856 Box 1, Folder 3

Cousin Grace by Sophie May, 1865 Box 1, Folder 4

Account Book, Estate of Cornelia L. Porter, 1885-87 Box 1, Folder 5
Loose Contents Removed from Account Book, 1885-1906  
Box 1, Folder 6

Scrapbook, Annie D. Porter Mason, European Travels, 1889  
Box 1, Folder 7

Correspondence, Helen Martinson, 1906-10  
Box 2, Folder 1

Travel Notes, Edward B. Porter, 1907  
Box 2, Folder 2

Commemorative Biographical Record of Prominent and Representative Men of Indianapolis and Vicinity, 1908  
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Correspondence, Helen Martinson, 1911-18  
Box 2, Folder 3

State of Indiana Informational Booklet, 1930  
Box 2, Folder 4

The Memoirs of John W. Ray, 1965  
Box 2, Folder 5

**Series 2: Photographs**

**CONTENTS**

Funeral Arrangement, n.d.  
OVA Photographs  
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Portraits, George T. Porter, n.d.  
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Portrait, Mrs. George T. Porter, n.d.  
OVA Photographs  
Box 1, Folder 3

Snapshots of unidentified children, n.d.  
Photographs  
Box 1, Folder 1

Snapshots, Unidentified Man in Hot Springs, Arkansas, n.d.  
Photographs  
Box 1, Folder 2

Unidentified Snapshots, n.d.  
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Portraits, Albert G. Porter, ca. 1860-90s  
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Portraits, Mr. and Mrs. George T. Porter, ca. 1920s  Photographs  Box 1, Folder 17

Top Hatted Man Outside of Paxton, Illinois City Hall, ca. 1950s  Photographs  Box 1, Folder 18

**Series 3: Photo Albums**

**CONTENTS**  CONTAINER

Edward B. Porter Family, Lakehouse, Travels, and Family Gatherings, ca. 1890s  Album Storage

Pangborn Family, Travels and Recreation, 1926-30  Album Storage