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*Descriptive Inventory*

**MSS 173 PORTER, Donald G. & Janice A. (Insko) Collection**

3 boxes, 20 folders, 647 items, 1949-1955

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***BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE***

Donald G. Porter was born December 17, 1928 in Centertown, Kentucky. Janice A. (Insko) Porter was born January 7, 1932 in Buechel Kentucky. They both attended Western Kentucky State College (now Western Kentucky University), and both worked in the campus cafeteria where they met in 1950. In 1952, after Don graduated he was drafted into the Army. After his basic training he was sent to Europe for the remainder of his service. Don served as Troop Information and Education Director for his company, a medical Ambulance division in Germany. At home, Janice continued her studies and, like many others at the time, dealt with the complications of a boyfriend overseas in the Army. Don served in the Army for 18 months and returned to Kentucky after the War. He came back to Western and earned his Master's degree in History in 1955. Janice, after sitting out for the 1953-54 school year, finished her Bachelor's degree in Home Economics, also in 1955.

***COLLECTION NOTE***

This collection consists of correspondence between Donald Porter and his girlfriend, later his wife, Janice Insko. The early letters are from Don to Janice over the summer of 1951, just before his graduation. By September 1951 he was in the Army. Don's letters describe the life of a support soldier during the years of the Korean War. Janice's letters, by contrast, discuss student life at Western to keep Don informed. Janice mentions many campus events, including musical performances by "The Hilltoppers", observations about faculty, and student pranks. After Don's discharge in August 1953, a gap exists in his letters that is not resumed until the summer of 1955 when he started work on his Master's degree. By this time Janice had graduated and had begun teaching, so the couple resumes their correspondence.

When processed the correspondence was combined and organized chronologically. Also included in the collection are postcards, photographs and memorabilia relating to Western.

**SHELF LIST**

<b>BOX 1</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	<b>1951-1952</b>	<b>212 items</b>
Folder 1	Inventory and associated data		6 items
Folder 2	Correspondence of Porter and Insko	June-Sept. 1951	31 items
Folder 3	Correspondence of Porter and Insko	Feb.-June 1952	48 items
Folder 4	Correspondence of Porter and Insko	July 1952	28 items
Folder 5	Correspondence of Porter and Insko	Aug. 1952	33 items
Folder 6	Correspondence of Porter and Insko	Sept. 1952	27 items
Folder 7	Correspondence of Porter and Insko	Oct. 1952	39 items
<b>BOX 2</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	<b>1952-1953</b>	<b>201 items</b>
Folder 1	Correspondence of Porter and Insko	Nov. 1952	38 items
Folder 2	Correspondence of Porter and Insko	Dec. 1952	29 items
Folder 3	Correspondence of Porter and Insko	Jan. 1953	24 items
Folder 4	Correspondence of Porter and Insko	Feb. 1953	35 items
Folder 5	Correspondence of Porter and Insko	Mar. 1953	37 items
Folder 6	Correspondence of Porter and Insko	Apr. 1953	38 items
<b>BOX 3</b>	<b>Correspondence</b>	<b>1949-1955</b>	<b>234 items</b>
Folder 1	Correspondence of Porter and Insko	May 1953	38 items
Folder 2	Correspondence of Porter and Insko	June 1953	38 items
Folder 3	Correspondence of Porter and Insko	July 1953	42 items
Folder 4	Correspondence of Porter and Insko	Aug. 1953	14 items
Folder 5	Correspondence of Porter and Insko	Jan.-June 1954	18 items

Folder 6	Correspondence of Porter and Insko	July-Sept. 1954	24 items
Folder 7	Correspondence of Porter and Insko	June-Sept. 1955	17 items
Folder 8	Memorabilia relating to Western Kentucky State College	1949-1955	36 items
Folder 9	Postcards and photographs	1951-1955	7 items

### ***BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD***

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Correspondence between Porter and Insko, his future wife, during and just after the Korean Conflict, while Don was serving in a medical support division in Germany and she was a student at Western Kentucky State College. Letters concern military life abroad and the everyday life of a student at Western.

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### ***SUBJECT ANALYTICS***

Beard, Moorman "Monie," 1931-1999 – Relating to B2,F5  
Day, Charlotta, d.1961 – Relating to B1,F3; B2,F1&3; B3,F1  
Diddle, Edgar Allen, 1895-1970 – Comments about, 1950s B1,F7; B2,F2,4&5  
Elections and election campaigns – U.S. – Comments about, 1952 B1,F4-6;  
B2,F1&2  
Feix, James Wyne, b.1930 – Comments about, 1950s B2,F3&5  
Germany – Comments about, 1952-1954 B1,F3&5  
The Hilltoppers (Musical group) – Comments about, 1950s B1,F7; B2,F1-2; B3,F1-2  
Hina, Roy B1,F6  
Kentucky Building - Comments about, 1950s B2,F2-4  
Korean War, 1950-1953 – Letters  
Korena War, 1950-1953 – Military life  
Porter, Donald G., b.1928 – Letters from, 1951-1955  
Porter, Janice A. (Insko), 1932-2003  
Reep, Evelyn, 1891-1964 B1,F3&6-7; B2,F1&4  
Sacca, James W., Jr., b.1929 – Comments about B1,F1&7  
Simmons, Frances, 1908-1992 – Comments about B1,F5; B2,F4-6; B3,F1  
Spoelstra, Art – Comments about B2,F4-5

Stickles, Arndt Mathis, 1872-1968 - Comments about Weather – Bowling Green, 1950s B2F1; B2F2; B2F3; B3F7  
 B1F3; B1F4; B2F2; B3F1  
 Western Kentucky State College – Basketball, 1950s B2,F2-4  
 Western Kentucky State College – Cedar House, 1950s B1,F6&7; B2,F4&6  
 Western Kentucky State College – Football, 1950s B1,F6-7; B2,F1&3&5-6  
 Western Kentucky State College – Homecoming, 1952 & 1953 B1,F7, B2,F1-2  
 Western Kentucky State College – Kentucky Building, 1950s B2,F2-4  
 Western Kentucky State College – Ogden Hall, 1950s B1,F7  
 Western Kentucky State College – Red and Grey Orchestra, 1950s B1,F7; B3,F1  
 Western Kentucky State College – Relating to, 1951-1955  
 Western Kentucky State College – Snell Hall, 1950s B1,F6  
 Western Kentucky State College – Student Union Building (Garrett), 1950s  
 B1,F4-5&7; B2,F1&5-6  
 Western Kentucky State College – Students, 1950s  
 Western Kentucky State College – Students – Punishment, 1950s B2,F5  
 Western Kentucky State College – Students – Registration, 1950s B2,F3  
 Western Kentucky State College – Talisman Ball, 1950s B1,F3; B2,F6  
 Western Kentucky State College – Van Meter Hall, 1950s B1,F7; B2,F3&6  
 Western Kentucky State College – West Hall – Relating to, 1951-1953  
 Willey, Warner Moore, 1896-1968 - Comments about, 1950s B1F6; B1F7;  
 B2,F4-5; B2,F5; B3F1&4-6

***SEE and SEE ALSO***

Insko, Janice A. 1932-2003

See:

Porter, Janice A. (Insko) 1932-2003

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