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Porter Family (MSS 15)

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**BIOGRAPHY**

The collector of these papers, John A. Porter (1863-1928), was born in Butler County, Kentucky, to Francis A. (b.1827?) and Mary Ann (Alexander) Porter (b.1835?). In 1888, he moved to Paris, Texas, and worked in the gas, streetcar, and light businesses for several years. Porter served as a teacher and elder in the Presbyterian Church in the different locations in which he lived and had an interest in various religious organizations.

In 1913 he moved to St. Louis, Missouri, where he was employed as an electrical engineer for various public utilities in the Mississippi Valley; was vice president of the St. Louis Public Utilities Corporation; and was a member of the St. Louis firm of Kelso-Wurdack Utilities.

Porter retired in 1926 and moved to Colorado Springs, Colorado, to live with his sisters, Carrie and Frances Porter. He did extensive work in preparing a Porter family genealogical manuscript, but Porter died before the publication of his work was done.

**THE COLLECTION**

This collection contains mostly typescript genealogical material compiled for the purpose of publishing a book about the Porter family. Other family genealogies
include Beard, Carson, Chapman, Hail, Helm, Moody, and Sloss, with many associated families mentioned. There is a typescript historical sketch of the Porter family written in 1872 by John M. Porter of Bowling Green, Kentucky, as well as a typed copy of his Civil War experiences.

The correspondence dating from 1906 to 1957 is of a genealogical nature. Other items include deeds dating from 1799 to 1857, that pertain chiefly to Porter family's activities in the Kentucky counties of Butler and Logan.

**SHELF LIST**

**BOX 1**

Folder 1 Genealogical materials 1896-1946 51 items

1a - Correspondence of John A. Porter from W. B. Conkey Co. regarding estimates of cost of Porter Record 1926-1928 9 items

1b - Olive Swann Porter's record of the Porter families 4 items

Folder 2 War record (CW) of John M. Porter 1872 2 items

Folder 3 Historical sketch of Porter family 1872 1 item

Folder 4 General index to proposed genealogical book n.d. 3 items

Folder 5 Porter, John A. - Correspondence 1909-1928 40 items

5a - Porter & Reedy - Correspondence 1928 6 items

5b - Porter & Katie Barnett - Correspondence 1927-1928 4 items

5c - Misses Carrie & Frances Porter - Correspondence 1906-1957 7 items

Folder 6 Photostats - Rejected claim papers; Will of John Porter 1781 16 items

Folder 7 Deed, Livingston County 1822 1 item

Folder 8 Legal papers - Deeds, surveys, etc. - Logan County 1799-1856 13 items
| Folder 9 | Legal papers - Deeds, surveys, etc. - Butler County | 1812-1857 | 32 items |
| Folder 10 | Miscellaneous legal papers | n.d. | 6 items |
| Folder 11 | Clippings, etc. | n.d. | 12 items |
| 11a | Clippings sent to John A. Porter by Ella Kuykendall | n.d. | 4 items |

**BOX 2** Genealogical records - 9 notebooks, 13 packets

**CATALOG CARD**

**MSS 15** PORTER Family 1781-1957

Genealogical material (typed copy) collected by John A. Porter for a book. Correspondence pertaining to same topic, 1906-1957. Legal papers of Butler (32), Livingston (1), and Logan (13) Counties - deeds, surveys, etc., 1799-1857. Typed copy of the Civil War experiences of John M. Porter. 2 boxes. 11 folders. 9 notebooks. 13 packets. See SC 10 and inventory.


**SUBJECT ANALYTICS**

Beard family
Butler County - Deeds, 1812-1857
Butler County - Tax receipts, 1817
Civil War, - Memoirs - Porter, John M., 1839-1884
Genealogy - Carson family
Genealogy - Chapman family
Genealogy - Hail family
Genealogy - Helm family
Genealogy - Moody family
Genealogy - Porter family
Genealogy - Sloss family
Livingston County - Deeds, 1822
Logan County - Legal papers, 1799-1856
Memoirs - Civil War - Porter, John M., 1839-1884
Porter, John A., 1863-1928
Porter, John M., 1839-1884