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*Descriptive Inventory*

**MSS 294 PORTER, Eugene A., 1841-1922**

1 box. 3 folders. 3 items, 1892-1895. Original letter press books.

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***BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE***

Eugene A. Porter was born in Allen County, Kentucky on 22 August 1841. He was a prominent Warren County farmer and entered a business partnership with his brothers, Clinton J. Porter and Charles W. Porter, Edward A. Porter known as E.A. Porter & Bros. which sold a piece of agricultural machinery dubbed the "corn cob crusher." He married Isabelle Donaldson and they had two children. He died after a lengthy illness on 24 October 1922. Porter was a Methodist and was interred in Bowling Green's Fairview Cemetery.

***COLLECTION NOTE***

This collection contains two letter press books: book one runs from 16 March 1892 to 3 April 1893 (996 pages) and book 2 runs from 13 March 1894 to 31 July 1895 (1000 pages). This correspondence deals almost exclusively with the manufacture and marketing of the E.A. Porter Brothers's "corn cob crusher." The item apparently crushed corn cobs for silage. Much of the correspondence is conducted with manufacturers around the country who produced the item on a regional basis or dealt with complaints about the product. There is also a small amount of correspondence granting individuals the license to sell the "crusher." In addition there are a few letters related to Mr. Porter's own agricultural pursuits in Warren County.

***SHELF LIST***

<b>BOX 1</b>	<b>E. A. Porter &amp; Bros.</b>	<b>1892-1895</b>	<b>3 items</b>
Folder 1	Inventory		1 item
Folder 2	Letter press book	1892-1893	1 item

