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Acquisition Information

Gift from Mrs. Andrew O. Porter, 1980.

Biography

Don Carlos Porter was the son of Andrew O. and Anna Porter. From 1897 to about 1904 he was City Attorney for South Pasadena. He founded a law partnership with Charles T. Sutton under the name Porter and Sutton. It became one of the oldest law firms in Los Angeles. Don, as he was known in later life, was one of the youngest men that the First Methodist Church of Pasadena ever had as a Trustee. He retained his position there until shortly before his death at the age of 88 in 1959. He was active in the Pasadena Pioneer Association and the Pasadena Historical Society. Don married Lura Whitlock, whom he had met at the University of Southern California. After her death he married her sister, Maud.

Lura Whitlock Porter was the wife of Don Carlos Porter. Mrs. Porter was the daughter of the late B.C. Whitlock, who came to Los Angeles, California from Illinois in 1884. In 1902, she married Don Carlos Porter and resided at the family home on Orange Grove Avenue in South Pasadena. The couple had one son: Andrew O. Porter. She was a graduate of the University of Southern California and of Stanford University. She was interested in work among orphan children, and was on the board of managers of both the Children Training Society and the Boys and Girls Aid Society. She was the secretary of the Pasadena Garden Club, and a member of the First Methodist Church.

Andrew O. Porter, the second was born in 1907, the son of Don Carlos and Lura Whitlock Porter. After earning his L.L.B. at Harvard Law School, he was admitted to the bar and practiced in association with his father for ten years. In 1938, Andrew Porter was elected to the City Council of South Pasadena and was appointed Mayor two years later being one of the youngest in the country. He resigned to enter the Navy in 1943. He married Louise H. Stone, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Willard J. Stone of Pasadena. They had three sons: Thomas, John, and Carlos Porter.

Scope and Content

This collection primarily consists of Lura Whitlock Porter's research concerning her family history. The families include: Copeland, Green, Hogins, Percival, Pool, Porter, Tousey, and Whitlock. There are some earlier letters that belonged to Porter's family and they relate to farm, religious, and social life in Illinois. There are also some oversize letters found in boxes 4 and 5. The bulk of the photographs are identified, but they are not arranged in any particular order. Boxes 4 and 5
also contain hundreds of pages of genealogical notes related to the Green, Percival, Tousey, Pool, Porter, and Whitlock family.

Items of interest are letters from the American Civil War written by James H. Whitlock and William C. Pool. There are two letters from Whitlock written in 1861 that discuss the secession crisis with gusto; the third dated 1898 describes his civil war service, probably for a memoir. There are 27 civil war letters written by William C. Pool, dating from 1861 to July 1865. These letters describe the siege of Vicksburg and the Red River Campaign. There are 6 post-war letters and a note for what appears to be a memoir or a regimental history.

Additional material were added after Conservation Department approved them for use. These items include three Bibles, two books, and a scrapbook.

**Arrangement**
Arranged alphabetically.

**Personal Names**
Burkham, Caroline T.
Gibbons, Waitie Grover
Porter, Andrew O.
Porter, Lura Whitlock
Porter, William C.
Tatman, Lottie E.
Tousey, Omir
Varney, Katherine Porter
Whitlock, James G.

**Corporate Names**
United States. Army. California Infantry Regiment

**Subjects**
Genealogy
Soldiers--California--Correspondence
Wheat farmers

**Geographic Areas**
Illinois--Religious life and customs
United States--History--Civil War, 1861-1865--Personal narratives
United States--Description and travel

**Genre**
Diaries
Genealogies (histories)
Letters (correspondence)
Photographs

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Folder 7  Brock, Elizabeth C. (1920-1922)  2 items
Folder 8  Burkham, Caroline T. (1919-1922)  17 items
Folder 9  Burrows, Isabella Percival F. [approx. 1920]  1 item
Folder 10  Carey, James, Jr. (1920, June)  1 item
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Folder 62  Odell, Lucy G.A. (1922)  
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Folder 64  Pedin, Ellen Porter (1902-1904)  
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3 items. United States—History—Civil War, 1861-1865—Personal narratives; Soldiers—California—Correspondence; United States. Army. California Infantry Regiment; 5th Infantry California Volunteers

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Folder 3  Certificates (1826-1929)
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Folder 7  Diary: [unidentified] [1900s]
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Folder 8  Estate of Charles Whitlock (1921)
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Folder 10 Green family genealogy

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Folder 13 Miscellaneous: Genealogy notes [approx. 1920]

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