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Manuscript Collection

Marie Antionnette Porter (Wheeler) Papers, 1876-1926

.33 cu ft

Scope and Content

The Marie Porter Wheeler Papers, 1878-1926, consists of .33 cubic feet of diplomas, certificated, photos, and memorabilia. The collection documents Marie's childhood, environmental surroundings, and educational activities. The collection also includes certificates and diplomas documenting the educational activities of her grandfather, B. F. Porter. Of particular note is a claim for pension (1902) from the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Pension – WAR WITH SPAIN.

Box 1

Contents:

Photo Album #1 (Red): Porter Family Album

Comments on album #1:

There is no trace of memory on Marie's part of any of the people in it, nor does she remember being told anything about her father's family. She inherited it simply because she was his only child.

Photo Album #2

Comments on album #2:

Neighbors of the Roberts family were white families (one picture shows a white neighbor girl with Marie). "We didn't have any colored neighbors," Marie stated; "The family across the street were from Canada." When the pictures in the album are of group gatherings, these were often Sunday, after church scenes. People frequently `dropped over' for social visits at that time. Plus, there were the Sunday school outings, as indicated.

Folder: Memorabilia and Loose Items

1. Invitation: "Mr. and Mrs. James Ferrell request you presence at the celebration of the Twentieth Anniversary of their Marriage at their home in Elkhville, December 12, 1908, at the hour of 6 p.m. (with envelope addressed to Mrs. Lizzie A. Porter, Metropolis, Ill.)
2. Letter to Mr. B. F. Porter from the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Pensions, about "ratable disability" regarding his service during the Spanish-American War. (with envelope)
3. B. F. Porter's Bank Savings Book from the Louisville Saving Bond Company.
4. American Express Company receipt
5. Calling Card: Maria J. Potter

Oversize Items:

1. Diploma of Massac County/Education issued to Marie Porter, June 1, 1926
2. Certificate from the Board of Education issued to Marie Porter, June 1, 1926
3. Certificate of Commission as Adie-de-camp of the Grand Army of the Republic issued to B. F. Porter, December 8, 1893

4. Diploma from the College of Hypnotism issued to B. F. Porter, March 9, 1899
5. Diploma for Doctor of Medicine issued to Benjamin F. Porter, Jr., July 1878