

Porter, Frederick family photograph collection

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Summary Information

Repository:	Friends of Wood Memorial Library and Museum
Creator:	Porter family
Title:	Frederick Porter family photograph collection
ID:	2008.17
Date [inclusive]:	about 1865-1900
Physical Description:	1 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English .
Abstract:	The Frederick Porter family photograph collection contains primarily portraits taken about 1865 to 1910. The photographs have been removed from two albums, which are retained in the collection. The Porter family resided on Main Street in South Windsor, CT.

Preferred Citation

[Identification of item], Frederick Porter family photograph collection (2008.17), Wood Memorial Library and Museum, South Windsor, CT

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Biographical / Historical

[John] Warham [Wareham] Porter (ca. 1766-1825), son of Hezekiah and Sarah (Carver) Porter, settled in South Windsor, CT, on property that is currently on Main Street. He married Elizabeth Flint and is the brother of Abiezar, Israel, Timothy (Syracuse), Lebbeus (Philadelphia), Roxalana, and Ruhumah. Additional unconfirmed family: Warham is possibly the father of Elijah, Mervin, Elizabeth, Abiezar, Frederick, and Warham (possibly married to Amelia H[ills]).

In 1835, John Wareham Porter's son, Abiezar, is said to have taken down his father's house to build the house that is now located at 757 Main Street. Abiezar (baptized 1799, d. ? possibly in California) and Sophia Wood (1798-1843) married in 1820 and had seven children: (1)

Elizabeth (1821-1891) married Hiram Anderson and they lived at 757 Main Street starting in 1847; (2) Edwin (1823-) possibly married Lydia A. Bundy; (3) Frederick A. (1828-1852) unmarried; (4) Henry E. (1831-1850) unmarried; (5) Martin V. B. (1833-1909) married Lydia A. Meek (1836-1895) and had Eleanor E. (1865-?) who married James Eldridge and Frederick L (1863-1941) who married Eva W Hubbard (1874-1935) (the second to last photograph in album 2008.17.001 is said to be Frederick with the opposing photograph his sister Eleanor); (6) Charlotte? (1836-1862); (7) Leroy (1839-1862) was in the Connecticut 22nd V.V. Infantry, Co. A during the Civil War and died three months after enlisting.

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Scope and Contents

The collection contains primarily portrait photographs from about 1865 to 1910 removed from two albums, which remain intact in box 1. The photographs have been removed and individually placed in archival plastic sleeves with individual accession numbers in box 2. Many of the photographs can be dated pre-1865 due to the government tax stamps found on the back but one photograph is stamped 1885. All photographs are formal studio portraits with the exception of 2008.17.001.21, a tin type of women under a tree outdoors with a dog. Some portraits are duplicates. None of the portraits are identified, however, the second to last photograph in the first album (2008.17.001.83) is said to be Frederick Porter with the opposing photograph (2008.17.001.82) his sister Eleanor. The second album lists Frederick Porter and the address of 757 and 763 Main Street South Windsor CT at the beginning. The second picture (2008.17.002.02) has the name 'Hiram Anderson' in the same writing as the name and address. The only identifying information on the pictures include; ages on the back of 2008.17.001.06 and .07-'12 years' and '8 years' respectively, 'Merry Christmas from Jennie' on 2008.17.001. 10, and 'Edith to Aunt Linni' on 2008.17.002.30.

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Collection Inventory

Series 1. Albums

Scope and Contents

Two photo albums from which photographs have been removed.

box
Frederick
Porter box 1

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Series 2. Photographs

Title/Description	Instances
Large album photographs	box folder 1-6 Frederick
Scope and Contents	Porter box 2
Photographs removed from the large album.	
Small album photographs	

Scope and Contents

Photographs removed from the small album.

box
Frederick
Porter box 2

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