

Guide to the Porter Family Papers

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Summary Information

Repository:	University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives.
Creator:	Porter Family
Title:	Porter Family Papers
ID:	MS-01080
Date [inclusive]:	1857 to 1927
Physical Description:	0.52 Cubic Feet (1 box)
Physical Description:	0.92 Linear Feet
Language of the Material:	English
Abstract:	The Porter Family Papers (1857-1927) contain a <i>New Testament</i> Bible and assorted papers relating to the Porter family and their related merchandise business which operated between Southern California, Rhyolite, Nevada, and Chicago, Illinois. Hiram D. and Louis D. Porter owned and operated a general store in Rhyolite, Nevada in the early 20th century during the mining boom. Materials include telegrams, correspondence and money orders for H. D. & L. D. Porter General Merchandise and Porter family history documents. The Bible contains tintypes and photographs of Porter family members from Illinois.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Hiram Johnson and Sarah Little were married in 1840 and had eight children. Two of their children, Hiram D. Porter and Louis D. Porter, later owned H. D. & L. D. Porter Wholesale and Retail General Merchandise which operated between Southern California and Rhyolite, Nevada in the early 20th century. The Porter family can be traced back to La Moille, Illinois, and further back to John Porter who arrived to Massachusetts in 1627 from England.

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Arrangement

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Administrative Information

Access Note

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Names and Subjects

- Family histories
- Rhyolite (Nev.)
- General stores

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Containers
Porter family <i>New Testament</i> Bible and assorted telegrams, money orders, and correspondence, 1857 to 1927	box 01