

PORTER, WILLIAM G. (WILLIAM GIBBS), 1799-1877.

William G. Porter family papers, 1821-1936

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Title:	William G. Porter family papers, 1821-1936
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Abstract:	Papers of the William G. Porter family of Pennsylvania and Florida including correspondence, financial, and legal records, as well as the records of the family business, William G. Porter and Company.
Language:	Materials entirely in English.

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Collection Description**Biographical Note**

Reverend Thomas Porter (d. 1821) married Mary Gibbs in 1798 in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and the couple had three children: William G. Porter (1799-1877), Mary Porter (1801-1874), and Richard G. Porter (1809-1867). William married Catharine Benezet, sister of Samuel Benezet (1821-1877), and had a son, William G. Porter, Jr. (1840-1884). After his wedding, he moved from Apalachicola, Florida, to Pennsylvania, settling in Philadelphia. Richard married Mary Tibbits Salter (1824-1902) and had seven children: Richard Henry Porter, Edward Gibbs Porter, Elizabeth Pepperrell Porter, Gilbert Rodman Porter, William Salter Porter, and Richard Gibbs Porter, Jr.

In 1829, William G. Porter, along with Charles and Joseph Lawton of the firm J & C Lawton, collaborated to found William G. Porter and Company, a shipping and merchandise company. The partnership dictated that the Lawtons would supply merchandise that Porter would ship and sell on their behalf. William's brother, Richard, joined the company in 1834 after working in the area with another merchandising company headed by a Major Hardin. William included other family members in business matters. In addition to his brother, William employed his cousins, James Ruan and John Ruan (1798-1868), and his brother-in-law, Samuel Benezet. John Ruan arranged for the initial wharf and storage space in the Apalachicola Harbor, where their consignment shipping began in 1831. William G. Porter and Company worked with a number of prominent shipping companies, including Gray and Morse out of Boston, Massachusetts, and Eagle and Hazzard as well as John H. Talman out of New York, New York. They also worked with distributors in Liverpool, England, such as John Kearley and Son and John Miller and Company, as well as the Castello Brothers of Havana, Cuba. William was even appointed Vice Consul to Belgium by that country's king in 1840. In addition to destinations in the northeast and overseas, the company regularly supplied merchandise to customers along the Apalachicola River and acted as a consignment shipper for cotton farmers in Georgia and Alabama. The company also invested in their own ships, including the America and the Chipola James Grierson.

Because William G. Porter and Company was highly diversified, it weathered economic slowdowns that drove other companies out of business. The company supported itself by serving as cotton factors (or commission merchants), acting as bank and collections agents, and managing three general merchandise stores in Apalachicola, Florida, St. Josephs, Florida; and Columbus, Georgia. From 1835-1844, James Ruan managed the Apalachicola store. In 1844, Samuel Benezet took over the bookkeeping and bank agent work when James left to begin working at the store in St. Joseph, Florida (now Port St. Joe, Florida).

Their role as bank agents, which was common for areas like Apalachicola, where there was no local bank, added to their revenue, especially during the economic instability of the bank panic of 1837. As bank agents, William G. Porter and Company gained a strong position in cotton factoring. As cotton factor for many cotton planters in Alabama and Georgia, William G. Porter and Company had prime real estate on the Apalachicola River, which was the main shipping

route for cotton before the U.S. Civil War. In the 1850s, the company witnessed increased cotton consumption in England following the Crimean War (1855), which led to an expansion of the company's cotton exporting, but was followed by a crash in cotton sales by the end of the 1850s. In 1850, Benezet handed the bookkeeping of the Apalachicola store to his brother, John, and left Florida due to his failing health.

William G. Porter and Company continued to operate during the U. S. Civil War, but due primarily to blockades of Confederate ports, the amount of business conducted was limited in comparison to the booming shipments from before the war. After the war, William retired from the business, and in 1867, the company was renamed R. G. Porter and Company and directed by Richard Porter, Samuel Benezet, and John Ruan. Richard died two months after this change and John Ruan died a year later.

Due to the company's acquisitions, the family still retained a number of properties in Apalachicola. After Samuel Benezet retired to North Carolina, Richard Porter's son, Richard Henry "Harry" Porter, took control of the store and collections of rent on the properties of the company. In 1877, William G. Porter, Jr. settled the firm's final investments and closed the company.

Scope and Content Note

The collection consists of the papers of the William G. Porter family from 1821-1936, as well as the business records of William G. Porter and Company from 1831-1867. The family papers primarily include correspondence but also contain financial records, legal documents, personal papers, professional papers, and photographs of the Porter family. The business records include accounting, legal, and insurance records, as well as bills of lading, freight lists, weighers returns, and correspondence regarding their shipping business and work as bank and collection agents.

The majority of the family papers are correspondence between members of the Porter family on domestic matters, daily events, and family news, but there are also letters between Richard G. Porter, William G. Porter, and John Ruan in which they conduct business relating to William G. Porter and Company. Also included in family papers are records of the family's investments, including receipts and invoices for personal purchases and medical bills, and as property and income taxes. There are documents settling the estate of Richard G. Porter as well as legal records that include estate divisions, contracts, and disputes involving members of the family. Personal papers include devotionals, drawings, historical writings, a series of hunting journals, and photographs of three generations of Porter family members. Professional papers consist primarily of materials relating to William Porter's position as Vice Consul to Belgium, documents on the founding of William G. Porter and Company, and commissioner papers for William Porter and Richard G. Porter.

The business records of William G. Porter and Company contain accounting, legal, and insurance records, as well as shipping records such as bills of lading, ship manifests and freight lists, and weighers returns. There is also a large amount of correspondence from trading partners, both national and international, about merchandise including cotton, rum, tobacco, and other general commodities the company shipped. Other letters pertain to the company's work as bank and collections agents. Accounting records include ledgers, account statements, sales records, bills, and invoices that chronicle merchandise sales and shipping. Bills of lading document the type, quantity, and destination of freight. Legal records include powers of attorney, charter

parties, and ships protests, while ships manifests, freight lists, and weighers returns document the company's role in shipping and cotton factoring.

Arrangement Note

Organized into two series: (1) Family papers, and (2) Business records.

Description of Series

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Series 1
Family papers, 1823-1936
Boxes 1-8, OP1, BV 1-2

Scope and Content Note

The series consists of the papers of the Porter family from 1821-1936 including correspondence, financial records, legal documents, personal papers, professional papers, and photographs. The majority of this series is correspondence (1823-1936) between members of the Porter family and pertains to domestic matters, daily events, and family news. Much of the correspondence is between relatives living away from Apalachicola, Florida, including numerous letters sent by William G. Porter to his sisters during his time in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Other topics covered in the letters include the Southwark riots (1844); the Mexican-American War (1846); slave labor, both within the home and in the William G. Porter and Company; and the bank panic of 1837. Also included in family correspondence are letters between Richard G. Porter, William G. Porter, and John Ruan regarding the family business, William G. Porter and Company. Photocopies and transcriptions of most of these letters are available to researchers.

Financial records (1868-1912) consist of Porter family investments, receipts and invoices for personal purchases and medical bills, and property and income taxes. Financial records also include documents regarding the estate of Richard G. Porter. Legal documents (1821-1867) pertain mainly to events in Franklin County, Florida, some involving Samuel Benezet in his role as notary public while others, including estate divisions, contracts, and a number of financial disputes and settlements, directly involve other members of the family. There is also a slave deed from 1846 in which William G. Porter was a party as well as Dr. John Ruan's citizenship papers. Transcripts of many of the letters, created by the donor, are included.

Personal papers (1849-1907) include materials produced or collected by the Porter family, including devotionals, drawings, historical writings, and a report card. Of particular interest is a series of hunting journals that documents wildlife and hunting practices of Northern Florida from 1868-1907. Photographs (circa 1870-1920) include carte de visites and cabinet cards of at least three generations of Porter family members, as well as a cabinet card of the Apalachicola Band from 1897. Professional papers (1831-1907) include commissioner papers for William Porter and Richard G. Porter; materials relating to William Porter's position as Vice Consul to Belgium; and founding records of William G. Porter and Company including a letter, written on July 27, 1831, in which William Porter confirms details on the founding contract with Charles and Joseph Lawton of the firm J & C Lawton.

Arrangement Note

Arranged in alphabetical order.

Correspondence

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1	8	1838
1	9	1839
1	10	1840
1	11	1841
1	12	1842
1	13	1843
1	14	1844
1	15	1845 January-July
2	1	1845 August-October
2	2	1845 November-December
2	3	1846 January-March
2	4	1846 April-May
2	5	1846 June-July
2	6	1846 August-December
2	7	1847
2	8	1848
2	9	1849
3	1	1850
3	2	1851
3	3	1852
3	4	1853
3	5	1854
3	6	1855, January-May
3	7	1855, June-July
4	1	1855, September-December
4	2	1856, January-June
4	3	1856, July-December
4	4	1857, January-June
4	5	1857, July-August
4	6	1857, September-December
4	7	1858, January-June
4	8	1858, July-December
4	9	1859, January-June
4	10	1859, August-December
4	11	1860, January-July
5	1	1860, August-December

5	2	1861
5	3	1862-1863
5	4	1864-1866
5	5	1867-1869
5	6	1870
5	7	1871
5	8	1872
5	9	1873
5	10	1874
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6	3	1887-1890
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6	5	1894-1901
6	6	1923-1936
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185	2	Transcripts, 1859
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185	5	Transcripts, 1870-1872
185	6	Transcripts, 1873-1876
185	7	Transcripts, 1877-1901

Financial records

6	9	Accounts, John and Mary Ruan, no date
6	10	Bills and receipts, 1827-1829, 1835, 1840-1846

- 6 11 Bills and receipts, 1860-1861, 1863, 1865-1869
- 6 12 Bills and receipts, 1871, 1873, 1877, 1882, 1885, 1887, 1888
- 6 13 Bonds and mortgages, no date
- 6 14 City bills and invoices, 1866
- 6 15 Disputes and settlements, William G. Porter, 1842-1867
- 6 16 Estate of Richard Porter, 1867-1876, 1882, 1884-1885, 1913, 1944
- OP1 - Estate of Richard Porter, 1867-1870
- 7 1 Investments, William G. Porter, 1868-1869
- 7 2 Ledger, account book, August 1861
- 7 3 Ledger, account book, Mary S. Porter, 1866-1870
- 7 4 Ledger, memorandum book, 1817
- 7 5 Tax receipts, 1848-1869, 1875, 1884

Legal

- 7 6 Bill for divorce, Franklin Circuit Court, 1867
- 7 7 Death notice for M Delgado y Aguilera, 1882
- 7 8 Estate of Champney (settlement), 1830
- 7 9 Estate of P. Laprade, 1861
- 7 10 Estate of Thomas Porter, 1821
- 7 11 Slave deed, Jackson County, Florida, 1846
- 7 12 United States Citizenship document, James Ruan, 1840

Personal papers

- 7 13 Devotionals
- 7 14 Drawings
- 7 15 Genealogy, family names
- 7 16 Historical sketches
- 7 17 Hunting journal, Volume 1, 1868 December-1872 March 1872
- 7 18 Hunting journal, Volume 2, 1872 March-1877 March
- 7 19 Hunting journal, Volume 3, 1878 November-1882 May
- 7 20 Hunting journal, Volume 4, 1883 May-1886 January
- 7 21 Hunting journal, Volume 5, 1886 June-1897 January
- 7 22 Hunting journal, Volume 6, 1897 January-1907 January
- 7 23 Invitations, Richard G. Porter, 1829
- 7 24 Journal, R. G. Porter, 1823-1828
- 7 25 Poem, no date
- 7 26 Printed material, 1830, 1924
- 7 27 School term report, Jamie Porter, circa 1890

Photographs

- 7 28 Apalachicola Band, cabinet card, 1897
- 7 29 Gheen, Harriett Frances Porter , cabinet card, 1906 April 1
- 7 30 Porter, Helen B., cabinet card, circa 1880
- 7 31 Porter, Marietta Ida, cabinet card, circa 1905
- 7 32 Porter, Marietta Ida, carte de visite, circa 1886
- 8 1 Porter, Mary, cabinet card, circa 1880s
- 8 2 Porter, Richard Henry, carte de visite, circa 1870
- 8 3 Porter, Virginia Raney, with unidentified individuals, cabinet card, circa 1900
- 8 4 Ruge, Olive, circa 1920s

Professional

- 8 5 Business cards, no date
- BV1 - Ledger, Cash books, "Harry Porter," 1907, no date
- BV2 - Ledger, Samuel Benezet's notary public record, 1852-1856
- 8 6 Porter, Richard, Franklin County Commissioner documents, 1865
- 8 7 Porter, William G., Commissioner of the Port of Apalachicola documents, 1849
- 8 8 Vice Consul to Belgium appointment, William G. Porter, 1861
- 8 9 Vice Consul to Belgium, correspondence from Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
1842-1879
- 8 10 Vice Consul to Belgium, manuals, Belgium industries, 1847
- 8 11 Vice Consul to Belgium, manual, customs of Belgium, 1847-1848
- 8 12 Vice Consul to Belgium, manuals, foreign affairs, 1839
- 8 13 Vice Consul to Belgium, manuals from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs,
1847-1860
- 8 14 Vice Consul to Belgium, manual travel rights, 1843
- 8 15 Vice Consul to Belgium, printed material, The Belgium Monitor, 1859

Series 2
Business records, 1831-1867
Boxes 9-183, OP 2-23, BV 3-10

Scope and Content Note

The series consists of the records of William G. Porter and Company, a merchandise and shipping company operating out of Apalachicola, Florida, from 1831-1867. The series contains accounting records, bills of lading, insurance records, legal records, correspondence, ships manifests and freight lists, and weighers returns. Accounting records document the financial transactions of the company and include ledgers, account records, sales records, bills, and invoices. These materials document sales and shipping from Georgia and Alabama to Apalachicola, Florida, and shipping to foreign destinations such as Liverpool, England, and Havana, Cuba, through hubs in Boston, Massachusetts, and New York, New York. A substantial part of the series consists of bills of lading, which are contracts between William G. Porter and Company and the owners of ships detailing the type, quantity, and destination of goods shipped through consignment. Legal records include powers of attorney given by banks and insurance companies for which William G. Porter and Company worked; charter parties, which are contracts between the company and the ships they used; and ships protests that detail loss sustained during a voyage. Correspondence is comprised of letters regarding shipping, both nationally and internationally, as well as the company's work with banks as agents and in collections. The series also contains ships manifests and freight lists; weighers returns, which are notes from cotton weighers and measurers to determine pricing; and insurance records that consist primarily of policies.

Arrangement Note

Organized into seven subseries: (2.1) Accounting records, (2.2) bills of lading, (2.3) Insurance records, (2.4) Legal records, (2.5) Correspondence, (2.6) Ship manifests and freight lists, and (2.7) Weighers returns.

Subseries 2.1
Accounting records, 1831-1867
Boxes 9-51, OP 2-5, 19, BV 3-10

Scope and Content Note

The subseries consists of accounting records of William G. Porter and Company from 1831-1867. These records include account statements relating to local accounts, foreign accounts, and cotton sales. There are sales records and receipts, both for general merchandise and for cotton sales, which became the primary shipping commodity for the company in the 1850s. There are also account statements on sales within Apalachicola and on foreign companies. Bills and invoices document the company's general expenses, expenses incurred by members of the company during travel, and shipping costs such as those incurred by wharf, storage, freight, and lighterage (the transporting of materials between ships by way of a smaller vessel). Records of items sent to and from people and companies throughout Georgia, Florida, and Alabama along with the account records of these transactions were noted by the company as town bills. Accounting records also include bills of exchange (notes that are similar to checks but allow the payment to be easily transferred) and sales ledgers from the company. Records show that personal relationships were formed between members of each company as evidenced by a document on cotton sales, dated June 24, 1867, that notes the death of Richard G. Porter.

Arrangement Note

Arranged in alphabetical order.

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9	2	Accounts, current and sales, 1832-1833
9	3	Accounts, current and sales, 1834-1835
OP2	-	Accounts, current and sales, 1835 July, 1836 May
9	4	Accounts, current and sales, 1836 February-1837February
9	5	Accounts, current and sales, 1837 May-December
9	6	Accounts, current and sales, 1838-1839
9	7	Accounts, current and sales, 1840-1841
10	1	Accounts, current and sales, 1842-1843
10	2	Accounts, current and sales, 1844-1846
10	3	Accounts, current and sales, 1848
10	4	Accounts, current and sales, 1849
10	5	Accounts, current and sales, 1850-1853
11	1	Accounts, current and sales, 1854-1857
OP3	-	Accounts, current and sales, 1856, 1858-1859, 1866
11	2	Accounts, current and sales, 1858-1867
11	3	Apalachicola accounts, current, 1831
11	4	Apalachicola accounts, current, 1838-1842

11	5	Apalachicola accounts, current, 1843-1844
12	1	Apalachicola accounts, current, 1845
12	2	Apalachicola accounts, current, 1846
12	3	Apalachicola accounts, current, 1847
12	4	Cotton sales, 1832-1843
OP4	-	Cotton sales, 1837 July 5
12	5	Cotton sales, 1845 September-December
12	6	Cotton sales, 1846 January-February
13	1	Cotton sales, 1846 March-September
13	2	Cotton sales, 1858, 1861, 1865-1867
13	3	Cotton sales, advances on, 1848
13	4	Cotton sales, New York, 1851 May-September
13	5	Foreign accounts, 1855-1859
13	6	Foreign accounts, 1860
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13	8	Foreign accounts, 1865
13	9	Foreign accounts, 1866 January-February
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14	3	Bills, 1832
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14	5	Bills, 1833 August-December
14	6	Bills, 1834 January-March
15	1	Bills, 1834 April-May
15	2	Bills, 1835
15	3	Bills, 1836
15	4	Bills, 1837, 1839
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15	7	Bills, auction, 1830, no date
16	1	Bills, New Orleans, 1834 May
16	2	Bills, New York, 1844-1845
16	3	Bills, New York, 1846
16	4	Bills of exchange, 1839-1843
16	5	Bills of exchange, 1844
16	6	Bills of exchange, 1845
16	7	Bills of exchange, 1846
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16	10	Bills of exchange, 1849
16	11	Bills of exchange, 1850
16	12	Bills of exchange, 1851
16	13	Bills of exchange, 1852
16	14	Bills of exchange, 1861
16	15	Bills of sale, cattle, 1867 April
17	1	Bills, shipping, 1836 April-1837 February
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17	3	Bills, shipping, 1841 June-1842 May
17	4	Bills, shipping, 1842 July-1843 May
17	5	Bills, shipping, 1843 June-1844 December
17	6	Bills, shipping, 1845
18	1	Bills, shipping, 1846
18	2	Bills, shipping, 1847
18	3	Bills, shipping, 1848 January-July
18	4	Bills, shipping, 1848 August-December
18	5	Bills, shipping, 1849 January-May
19	1	Bills, shipping, 1849 June-December
19	2	Bills, shipping, 1850 January-May
19	3	Bills, shipping, 1850 June-December
19	4	Bills, shipping, 1851 January-June
19	5	Bills, shipping, 1851 July-December
19	6	Bills, shipping, 1852 February-May
20	1	Bills, shipping, 1852 June-December
20	2	Bills, shipping, 1853 January-May
20	3	Bills, shipping, 1853 June-December
20	4	Bills, shipping, 1854 January-March
20	5	Bills, shipping, 1854 April-May
21	1	Bills, shipping, 1854 June-December
21	2	Bills, shipping, 1855 January-March
21	3	Bills, shipping, 1855 April-June
21	4	Bills, shipping, 1855 July-December
21	5	Bills, shipping, 1856 January-February
22	1	Bills, shipping, 1856 March-May
22	2	Bills, shipping, 1856 June-December
22	3	Bills, shipping, 1857 January-April
OP20	-	Bills, shipping, 1857-1860
22	4	Bills, shipping, 1857 May-June

22	5	Bills, shipping, 1857 July-December
22	6	Bills, shipping, 1858 January-February
23	1	Bills, shipping, 1858 March-May
23	2	Bills, shipping, 1858 June-October
23	3	Bills, shipping, 1858 November-December
23	4	Bills, shipping, 1859 January-February
23	5	Bills, shipping, 1859 March-May
24	1	Bills, shipping, 1859 June-December
24	2	Bills, shipping, 1860 January-February
24	3	Bills, shipping, 1860 March-May
24	4	Bills, shipping, 1860 June-December
25	1	Bills, shipping, 1861 January-March
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27	4	Bills, town, 1838 January-March
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27	6	Bills, town, 1839 February-March
28	1	Bills, town, 1839 April-July
28	2	Bills, town, 1840
28	3	Bills, town, 1841 January-April
28	4	Bills, town, 1841 May-December
28	5	Bills, town, 1842 January-February
28	6	Bills, town, 1842 March-June
28	7	Bills, town, 1842 July-December
29	1	Bills, town, 1843 January-April
29	2	Bills, town, 1843 May-December

29	3	Bills, town, 1844 January-June
29	4	Bills, town, 1844 July-December
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30	1	Bills, town, 1845 July-December
30	2	Bills, town, 1846 January-March
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30	4	Bills, town, 1847 January-May
30	5	Bills, town, 1847 June-December
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31	1	Bills, town, 1848 March-June
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31	3	Bills, town, 1849 January-May
31	4	Bills, town, 1849 June-December
31	5	Bills, town, 1850 January-May
31	6	Bills, town, 1850 June-December
32	1	Bills, town, 1851 January-May
32	2	Bills, town, 1851 June-December
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32	5	Bills, town, 1852 August-December
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33	2	Bills, town, 1853 April-June
33	3	Bills, town, 1853 July-December
33	4	Bills, town, 1854 January-May
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34	1	Bills, town, 1855 January-May
34	2	Bills, town, 1855 November-1856 June
34	3	Bills, town, 1856 July-December
34	4	Bills, town, 1857 January-February
34	5	Bills, town, 1857 March-June
35	1	Bills, town, 1857 July-December
35	2	Bills, town, 1858 January-February
35	3	Bills, town, 1858 April-June
35	4	Bills, town, 1858 July-December
35	5	Bills, town, 1859 January-February
35	6	Bills, town, 1859 March-May
36	1	Bills, town, 1859 June-August
36	2	Bills, town, 1859 September-December
36	3	Bills, town, 1860 January

36	4	Bills, town, 1860 February-April
36	5	Bills, town, 1860 May-June, 1860 October
37	1	Bills, town, 1861 January
37	2	Bills, town, 1861 February-March
37	3	Bills, town, 1861 April-June
37	4	Bills, town, 1861 July-August
37	5	Bills, town, 1861 September-December
37	6	Bills, town, 1862-1864
38	1	Bills, town, 1865 January, June-December
38	2	Bills, town, 1866 January-March
38	3	Bills, town, 1866 April-July

Invoices

38	4	1833 September
38	5	1836 June-1838 June
OP5	-	1837-1838
38	6	1839 August-1841 April
39	1	1840-1841
39	2	1843 August-1844 October
39	3	1845 August-1846 December
39	4	1847 May-1847
39	5	1848 February-December
39	6	1849
40	1	1850
40	2	1851
40	3	1852 January-November
40	4	1853
40	5	1854 January-May
40	6	1854 June-December
41	1	1855 January-1856 June
41	2	1856 July-1857 May
41	3	1857 June-1858 April
41	4	1858 May-1859 July
41	5	1860 January-1866 January
41	6	Boston, 1839 August-1840 August
41	7	Brig Durango, 1834 July-1834 September
41	8	Commissions, 1838-1839
42	1	Consignment, 1833 January-1835 November
42	2	Consignment, 1836 January-1840 May
42	3	Consignment, 1841 January-1846 October

42	4	Consignment, 1846 December-1852 February
42	5	Inward, 1831 October
42	6	Inward, 1833 October
42	7	Inward, 1834 April-December
42	8	Inward, 1835
43	1	Inward, 1836 January-1837 May
43	2	Inward, 1838 June-1839 March
43	3	Inward, 1846 May
43	4	Merchandise, 1857 July-November
43	5	New York, 1839 August-October
43	6	New York, 1850 June-December
43	7	New York and Boston, 1841
43	8	New York and Boston, 1842

Ledgers

BV3	-	Account book, 1828-1834
44	1	Account book, 1843-1848
44	2	Account book, 1854-1861
44	3	Account book, 1860-1864
BV4	-	Account book, 1883-1890
44	4	Account book, Apalachicola, 1857-1859
BV5	-	Account book, Apalachicola, 1887
44	5	Account book, Bank of Brunswick, Porter agents, 1843-1845
45	1	Account book, Bank of Brunswick, Porter agents, 1850-1855
45	2	Account book, cash receipts, 1852-1854
45	3	Account book, David G. Raney, 1836-1837
45	4	Accounts, Samuel Benezet 1848-1859
45	5	Bills payable, 1855-1861
45	6	Cotton sales book, 1851-1852
BV8	-	Cotton sales book, 1854-1857
45	7	Invoices, 1834-1835; Bank of Brunswick, 1841-1843
46	1	Receipt book, P.D. Warehouse, 1852
46	2	Sales books, 1883
46	3	Sales books, 1884-1886
47	1	Sales books, 1907-1919

Notes, drafts, etc. paid

47	2	1829 October-1833
47	3	1834-1835
48	1	1836

48	2	1837 January-1838 December
48	3	1839
OP25	-	1839 April
48	4	1840 January-April
48	5	1840 June-December
48	6	1841
49	1	1842
49	2	1843
49	3	1844 April-December
49	4	1845
49	5	1846
49	6	1847
49	7	1848
49	8	1850
49	9	1851
50	1	1852
50	2	1853
50	3	1854
50	4	1855
50	5	1856-1857
50	6	1858-1859
50	7	1860-1864

Receipts

50	8	Schooner Cora, 1832
50	9	1833
50	10	1836 March-1844
50	11	1845-1846
51	1	1855 May-December
51	2	1856 January-February
51	3	1856 March-July
51	4	1857-1859
51	5	1860-1869
51	6	Store inventory, 1839 February

Subseries 2.2
Bills of lading, 1831-1867
Boxes 52-83, OP 6

Scope and Content Note

The subseries consists of bills of lading held by William G. Porter and Company from 1831-1867. Bills of lading are contracts between William G. Porter and Company and the owners of ships detailing the type, quantity, and destination of materials being transported. Because the company worked in consignment shipping, the bills of lading are the receipt of shipment documenting the company's shipping work, and show that by 1860, the company was shipping primarily cotton from planters in Alabama and Georgia. Materials shipped by the Apalachicola River, usually by steamship, are labeled as bills of lading by river and those sent by sea to New York, New York; Boston, Massachusetts; or foreign destinations, usually by schooner, brig, or bark, are labeled as bills of lading by sea. Steamships include Agnes, Apalachicola, Laura, South Carolina, Oswechee, Benjamin Franklin, and The Wave. Also employed were the schooners Patrick Henry, Columbia, Creole, and Monterey and the brigs General Wilson, Georgiana, and Laura Jones.

Arrangement Note

Arranged in alphabetical order.

By river

Box	Folder	Content
52	1	1831 November-December
52	2	1832
52	3	1833 February-December
52	4	1834
52	5	1835
52	6	1836 January-November
52	7	1837
52	8	1838 January-November
52	9	1839
52	10	1840
53	1	1841
53	2	1842
53	3	1844 January-April
53	4	1845 August-December
53	5	1846
53	6	1847 June-December
53	7	1848
54	1	1849 January-April
54	2	1849 May-December

54	3	1850
54	4	1851 January-June
54	5	1851 November-December
54	6	1852
55	1	1853 January-May
55	2	1853 September-December
55	3	1854 January-February
55	4	1854 March-May
55	5	1854 June-December
56	1	1855 January-February
56	2	1855 March-May
56	3	1855 June-October
56	4	1855 November-December
56	5	1856 January-February
56	6	1856 March-May
57	1	1856 June-September
57	2	1856 October-November
57	3	1856 December
57	4	1857 January
58	1	1857 February
58	2	1857 March
58	3	1857 April-October
58	4	1857 November-December
59	1	1858 January
59	2	1858 February
59	3	1858 March-April
59	4	1858 May-November
59	5	1859 December-1858 January
59	6	1859 February-May
60	1	1859 July-August
60	2	1859 September-October
60	3	1859 November-December
60	4	1860 January-February
60	5	1860 March-May
60	6	1860 June-December
60	7	1861 January
OP6	-	1861 January-April
61	1	1861 February
61	2	1861 March-June

61	3	1865 June-December
61	4	1866 January-February
61	5	1866 March-June
61	6	1866 July-August
62	1	1866 September-December
62	2	1867 January-June

By the sea

62	3	1831-1833
62	4	1834
62	5	1835
62	6	1836 January-April
62	7	1837 January-May
63	1	1836 May-December
63	2	1837 January-September
63	3	1837 October-December
63	4	1838
63	5	1839 January-March
63	6	1839 April-July
64	1	1839 August-December
64	2	1840 January-May
64	3	1840 August-December
64	4	1841 January-September
64	5	1841 October-December
64	6	1842
65	1	1843 January-March
65	2	1843 April-August
65	3	1843 September
65	4	1843 October-December
65	5	1844 January-April
66	1	1844 May-September
66	2	1844 October-December
66	3	1845 January-April
66	4	1845 May-December
67	1	1846 January-July
67	2	1846 August-December
67	3	1847 January-April
67	4	1847 May-August
67	5	1847 September-December
67	6	1848 January-May

68	1	1848 June-December
68	2	1849 January-February
68	3	1849 March-May
68	4	1849 June-September
68	5	1849 October-December
68	6	1850 January-February
69	1	1850 March
69	2	1850 April-August
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69	4	1851 January-February
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70	4	1851 September [2 of 2]
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71	2	1852 January-February
71	3	1852 March
71	4	1852 April-May
72	1	1852 June-September
72	2	1852 October-December
72	3	1853 January-February
72	4	1853 March
72	5	1853 April-July
73	1	1853 August
73	2	1853 September-October
73	3	1852 November-December
73	4	1854 January-February
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74	2	1854 June-August
74	3	1854 September
74	4	1854 October-December
75	1	1855 January-February
75	2	1855 March-May
75	3	1855 June-August
75	4	1855 September-October
75	5	1855 November-December

76	1	1856 January-February
76	2	1856 March
76	3	1856 April-May
76	4	1857 March-May
76	5	1857 June-August
77	1	1857 September-December
77	2	1858 January-April
77	3	1858 May-August
77	4	1858 September-October
77	5	1858 November-December
78	1	1859 January
78	2	1859 February
78	3	1859 March
78	4	1859 April-June
78	5	1859 July-August
78	6	1859 September-October
79	1	1859 November-December
79	2	1960 January-February
79	3	1860 March
79	4	1860 April-July
79	5	1860 August-September
80	1	1860 October-December
80	2	1861 January-February
80	3	1861 March-May
80	4	1865 May-August
80	5	1865 September
80	6	1865 October
81	1	1865 November
81	2	1865 December
81	3	1866 January
81	4	1866 February
82	1	1866 March [1 of 2]
82	2	1866 March [2 of 2]
82	3	1866 April
82	4	1866 May-June
82	5	1866 July-August
82	6	1866 September
83	1	1866 October-December
83	2	1867 January-June

Ledgers

BV6	-	bills of lading, 1848-1850
BV7	-	bills of lading, 1851-1852
83	3	bills of lading, 1855 December-1859 November

Subseries 2.3
Insurance records, 1834-1859
Boxes 84-85, OP 7-12, 21

Scope and Content Note

The subseries consists of insurance records held by William G. Porter and Company from 1834-1859. These records primarily contain policies, but also include letters regarding claims. Insurance policies were issued from a number of insurance companies including Great Western Insurance Company, Aetna Insurance Company, Augusta Insurance and Banking Company, Eagle Insurance Company of New Orleans, Georgia Insurance and Trust Company, and the Insurance Bank of Columbus, among others.

Arrangement Note

Arranged in alphabetical order.

Box	Folder	Content
84	1	Cases and receipts, 1834-1838
84	2	Cases and receipts, 1839-1840, 1842-1845
84	3	Ledger, account book, Great Western Insurance Company, 1859 October-1861 April
84	4	Ledger, costs, 1857-1861
84	5	Policies, Aetna Insurance Company, 1848-1850
84	6	Policies, Atlantic Insurance Company, 1834
OP7	-	Policies, Atlantic Insurance Company, 1839
84	7	Policies, Augusta Insurance and Banking Company, 1846-1850
85	1	Policies, Eagle Insurance Company of New Orleans, 1836-1837
OP21	-	Policies, Eagle Insurance Company of New Orleans, 1836-1838
85	2	Policies, Georgia Insurance and Trust Company, 1838-1839
OP8	-	Policies, Great Western Insurance Company, October 1857
85	3	Policies, Great Western Insurance Company, 1858-1859
85	4	Policies, Hartford Fire Insurance Company, 1850-1851
85	5	Policies, Howard Insurance Company of New York, 1852
OP9	-	Policies, Insurance Bank of Columbus, 1834
85	6	Policies, Insurance Bank of Columbus, 1834-1837, 1839
OP10	-	Policies, Insurance Company of the State of Pennsylvania, 1846
OP11	-	Policies, Jefferson Insurance Company, 1846-1847
OP22	-	Policies, Louisiana Cotton Seed Oil Factory and Insurance Company, 1836
OP12	-	Policies, National Fire Insurance Company, 1846
85	7	Policies, New York Fire and Marine Insurance Company, 1847-1848, 1852
85	8	Policies, Southern Life Insurance and Trust Company, 1838-1839, 1846
85	9	Policies, Southern Mutual Insurance Company, 1852

Subseries 2.4**Legal records, 1831-1867****Boxes 86-87, OP 13-18, 22, 24****Scope and Content Note**

The subseries consists of legal records from William G. Porter and Company from 1831-1867. These records include powers of attorney, charter parties, and ships protests. Powers of attorney include those that were afforded by banks as part of the company's position as bank agent and collection agent, as well as instances where the company acted on behalf of insurance companies in settling claims. In several cases, William G. Porter and Company acted on behalf of outside participants in the sales and purchases of commodities such as ships and cattle. Other legal records include charter parties, a contract in which a ship is hired for the shipping of goods, and ships protests, legal documents that protect the ship's owner from liability after a ship has suffered loss caused by storm or wreckage. Also included are bonds of general average, which are contracts detailing the shared loss in case of damage to a ship or cargo in transport.

Arrangement Note

Arranged in alphabetical order.

Box	Folder	Content
86	1	Archibald J. Bennett, 1845 March
86	2	Bill of sale, Schooner Grierson, 1848
86	3	Charter party records, 1860 October, 1865 June-December
86	4	Charter party records, 1866 January-August
86	5	Contract, volunteer force in Indian frontier, no date
86	6	Contracts and letters, transfer of company, 1860, 1867
86	7	Foreign records, Cuban permission to enter the country, 1835
86	8	Foreign records, St. Thomas Wharfage of Schooner Meridian, 1833
86	9	Founding documents, William G. Porter and J. and C. Lawton, 1831, 1855
86	10	General average, Brig General Wilson, 1850 October
OP13	-	General average, Brig Sarah Brown, 1849 May
OP14	-	General average, Schooner Eckford Webb, 1857 June
86	11	General average, Schooner Eckford Webb, 1857 July
OP15	-	General average, Schooner Grierson, October 1853
86	12	General average, Schooner Grierson, 1854
OP16	-	Indenture, Apalachicola land, 1837, 1858
86	13	Notary work, Samuel Benezet, 1869
86	14	Property records (Apalachicola), 1836-1843
86	15	Power of attorney, abandonment of Brig Edwin, 1838
86	16	Power of attorney, Atlantic Insurance Company and others, circa 1836
OP17	-	Power of attorney, sale of Brig Durango, 1831 December 22
OP24	-	Power of attorney, various insurance companies, circa 1836

86	17	Ships protest and attestations, 1831-1858
OP23	-	Ships protest and attestations, 1835 September
86	18	Ships protest and attestations, 1859-1867
OP18	-	Ships protest and attestations, 1868 May
87	1	Ships protest and bills, Schooner Grierson, 1852
87	2	Ships protest and bills, Schooner Grierson, 1853 January-September
87	3	Ships protest and bills, Schooner Grierson, 1853 October-1854 February

Subseries 2.5

Correspondence, 1831-1866

Boxes 88-180

Scope and Content Note

The subseries consists of correspondence to and from William G. Porter and Company from 1831-1866. The letters include bank letters, foreign letters, letters from the interior, letters pertaining to collections, and letterbooks. Bank letters include letters from the Bank of Brunswick in Augusta, Georgia, concerning the company's work as bank agent, as well as letters from other banks regarding William G. Porter and Company's work as collection agent. Foreign letters include those written from or dealing with shipping and merchandise from outside the United States, including the shipping of cotton to Liverpool, England, or rum and sugar from Havana, Cuba. Letters from the interior primarily cover shipping between William G. Porter and Company in Apalachicola and cotton planters in Georgia and Alabama, as well as dealers in Boston, Massachusetts, and New York, New York. There are also letters from shipping partners from the interior asking for specific, personal items, illustrating relationships between the company and patrons. Some of these letters include December 1849 letters requesting a wagon for a grandson or demanding refunds on rancid beans. These letters also cover topics such as the Mexican-American War (1846-1848) and the Great Fire of New York (1835). Letterbooks, bound copies of letters sent by the William G. Porter and Company, are also included.

Arrangement Note

Arranged in alphabetical order.

Bank of Brunswick (Augusta, Georgia)

Box	Folder	Content
88	1	1842 June-December
88	2	1843 January-March
88	3	1843 April-May
88	4	1843 June-December
88	5	1844 January-February
88	6	1844 March-December
89	1	1845 January-March
89	2	1845 April-July
89	3	1845 August-December
89	4	1846 January-February
89	5	1846 March-April
90	1	1846 May-June
90	2	1846 July-December
90	3	1847 January-February
90	4	1847 March-June
90	5	1847 July-December
90	6	1848 January-May

91	1	1848 June-December
91	2	1849 January-May
91	3	1849 June-December
91	4	1850
91	5	1851
91	6	1852 January-May

Bank letters

92	1	1852 June-1853 May
92	2	1853 June-1854 January
92	3	1854 February-May
92	4	1854 June-1855 May
92	5	1858 June-1859 May
93	1	1859 June-1860 May
93	2	1860 June-1861 May
93	3	Receipts, 1857 June-1858 May

Foreign letters

93	4	1832 April-1832 November
93	5	1832 December
93	6	1833 January-April
94	1	1833 May-November
94	2	1833 December
94	3	1834 January
94	4	1834 February
94	5	1834 March-April
95	1	1834 May-June
95	2	1834 July-December
95	3	1835 January-March
95	4	1835 September-October
96	1	1835 November-December
96	2	1836 January-February
96	3	1836 March-April
96	4	1836 May-September
97	1	1836 October-December
97	2	1837 January-February
97	3	1837 March-April
97	4	1837 May-June
97	5	1837 August-November
98	1	1837 December

98	2	1838 January-February
98	3	1838 March
98	4	1838 April-May
98	5	1838 June-October
98	6	1838 November-December
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99	5	1839 May-June
99	6	1839 July-December
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100	6	1841 January-February
101	1	1841 March-May
101	2	1841 June-October
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104	5	1845 April-December
105	1	1846 January-October

105	2	1846 November
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114	3	1860 April-August
114	4	1860 September-December
114	5	1861 January-May
115	1	1865 June-September
115	2	1865 October-December
115	3	1866 January-February
115	4	1866 March-May

Letters from the interior

115	5	1831 September-December
115	6	1832 January-May
116	1	1832 June-December
116	2	1833 January-June
116	3	1833 July-October
116	4	1833 November-December
116	5	1834 January-February
117	1	1834 March-April
117	2	1834 May-July
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117	4	1834 November-December
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171	5	1865 December
172	1	1866 January
172	2	1866 February
172	3	1866 March
172	4	1866 April

172 5 1866 May

173 1 1866 June

Letters relating to collections

173 2 1831-1839

173 3 1840-1847

173 4 1851

173 5 1852 January-February

173 6 1852 March-April

174 1 1852 May-November

174 2 1852 December-1853 January

174 3 1853 February-March

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180	2	1860 March-May
180	3	1860 June-November
180	4	1860 December-1861 January
180	5	1861 February-March
180	6	1861 April-May

Letterbooks

BV9	-	1830-1834
BV10	-	1834-1842

Subseries 2.6**Ships manifests and freight lists, 1841-1876****Box 181, OP 19****Scope and Content Note**

The subseries consists of ship manifests and freight lists held by William G. Porter and Company from 1841-1876 documenting the cargo that the company was shipping on particular ships. Also included are rates of freight and documents from brigs Camilla, William Taylor, Alabama, and Madison, as well as steamships George W. Wylly and Julia St. Clair.

Arrangement Note

Arranged in alphabetical order.

Box	Folder	Content
181	1	Freight lists, 1841-1845
181	2	Freight lists, 1846-1852
OP19	-	Freight lists, 1850-1852
181	3	Ledger, Shipping records and manifests, 1850-1856
181	4	Rates of freight, 1861-1867
181	5	Ship manifests, 1876 January-June
181	6	Ship manifests, 1876 July-December

Subseries 2.7**Weighers returns, 1832-1863, bulk 1832-1846****Boxes 182-183****Scope and Content Note**

The subseries consists of weighers returns collected by William G. Porter and Company from 1832-1863. The returns denote the work of cotton weighers and measurers who weighed and gauged cotton for the company. The documents include the weights and the company marks for local sellers.

Arrangement Note

Arranged in chronological order.

Box	Folder	Content
182	1	1832-1834
182	2	1836-1837
182	3	1838
182	4	1839
182	5	1840
183	6	1841
183	7	1842
183	1	1843
183	2	1844
183	3	1845-1846, 1862-1863
