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PORTER – TODD FAMILY, PAPERS

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Introduction

Joseph Porter, son of John Porter, a piano manufacturer, was born in Middletown, CT in 1839 and lived until 1908. He entered Sheffield Scientific School in 1857, but did not receive a degree. In 1900, he was awarded the honorary degree of M.A. from Yale. He built a home at 215 Whitney Avenue in 1892-93. His daughter, Alice, married William Todd, Yale 1894, in 1898. Their son, Frederick Porter Todd, was born in 1903. Alice Porter Todd died in 1958.

These papers were given to the New Haven Museum & Historical Society in 2008 by Allan P. Whittemore of Farmington Hills, Michigan.

Note:
Three pages of biographical information have been removed from the pdf version of the finding aid. They are from Dana Scrapbook Collection vol. 60 pages 74 and 75, and one other page (unidentified).
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| 4/A        | Porter Family Photographs (removed from photo album kept by Ruth Alicia Hemingway)  
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