

# Guide to the Frank Chamberlin Porter Papers

RG 119



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## Collection Overview

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**CALL NUMBER:** RG 119

**CREATOR:** Porter, Frank Chamberlin, 1859-1946

**TITLE:** Frank Chamberlin Porter Papers

**DATES:** 1886-1967 1886-1940

**BULK DATES:** 1886-1940

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** 4.5 linear feet (10 boxes)

**LANGUAGE:** English

**SUMMARY:** Correspondence, notes, and writings document Porter's life and work. Frank Chamberlin Porter (1859-1946) was Winkley Professor of Biblical Theology at the Yale Divinity School from 1891 to 1927.

**ONLINE FINDING AID:** To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/divinity.119>

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## Requesting Instructions

To request items from this collection for use on site, please use the request links in the HTML version of this finding aid, available at <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/divinity.119>.

Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

- b. box
- f. folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Conditions Governing Access

The materials are open for research.

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### Preferred Citation

Frank Chamberlin Porter Papers (RG 119), Special Collections, Yale Divinity Library.

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## Biographical / Historical

Date	Event
1859	○ Born
1880	○ B.A., Beloit
1883	○ M.A., Beloit
1886	○ B.D., Yale
1889	○ Ph.D., Yale
1889-1891	○ Instructor in Biblical Theology
1891-1927	○ Winkley Professor of Biblical Theology, Yale
1895-1925	○ Librarian of the Yale Divinity School
1897	○ D.D., Beloit
1927-1946	○ Professor Emeritus
1928-1929	○ Nathaniel W. Taylor Lecturer
1931	○ D.D., Yale
1946	○ Died

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## Scope and Contents

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Correspondence, notes, writings, and collected material document Porter's life and work.

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## Collection Contents

### Series I: Biographical Documentation

b. 1, f. 1      Incl. from *The Beloit Alumnus*

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**Series II: Correspondence, 1894-1940**

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b. 1, f. 2	Chronologically arranged letters to/from Porter	1894-1940
b. 7, f. 88	Addendum: incl. letters to/from Charles C. Torrey, Benjamin Bacon; typed excerpts of letters from colleagues; typed copy of letter from H. Richard Niebuhr to Roland Bainton re. Porter,	1923-1938

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**Series III: Notes**

b. 1, f. 3-16	Notes written by Porter; arranged alphabetically by topic, followed by folders of miscellaneous notes.
b. 2	Miscellaneous notes
b. 3	Miscellaneous notes
b. 4	Miscellaneous notes
b. 5, f. 77	Bound volume of notes taken by H. R. Miles from lectures delivered by Porter: New Testament Theology, Old Testament Theology, The Fourth Gospel as Related to Alexandrianism
b. 7, f. 89-94	Approximately 2,000 pages of notes, which include Porter's notes on NT Theology, his "Religion of the Spirit", various jottings, notes on his colleague Benjamin W. Bacon, class outlines, etc.
b. 8, f. 95	Miscellaneous unorganized notes
b. 9, f. 96	Notes and manuscript drafts for a book, Chapters I- X

**Series IV: Writings, 1896**

b. 5, f. 74	"The Apocrypha" from <i>The Biblical World</i> , pp. 272-279	1896
b. 5, f. 74	"The Bearing of Historical Studies on the Religious Use of the Bible" from <i>The Harvard Theological Review</i> , pp. 253-276	1909 Jul
b. 5, f. 74	Review of <i>The Book of Jubilees</i> in <i>Current Literature</i>	1888 Apr
b. 5, f. 74	"Lews Orsmond Brastow" - memorial address	1913 Jan
b. 5, f. 74	"Does Paul Claim to Have Known the Historical Jesus" from <i>Journal of Biblical Literature</i> , pp. 257-275	1928
b. 5, f. 74	"The Historical and Spiritual Understanding of the Bible" from <i>Education for Christian Service</i> , pp. 20-48	1922
b. 5, f. 74	The Ideals of Seminaries and the Needs of the Churches	1900
b. 5, f. 74	"Inquiries Concerning the Divinity of Christ" from <i>American Journal of Theology</i> , pp. 9-29	1904
b. 5, f. 74	"An Interview with New Testament Scholars" from <i>The Biblical World</i>	
b. 5, f. 74	"The Jewish Literature of New Testament Times: Why Should it be Studied?" from <i>The Old and New Testament Student</i> , pp. pp. 71-78, 142-151	1889 Aug
b. 5, f. 74	"Judaism in New Testament Times" from <i>The Journal of Religion</i> , pp. 30-62	1928 Jan
b. 5, f. 74	Review of <i>The Messianic Hope in the New Testament</i> by S. Mathews from <i>Am. J. of Theology</i> , pp. 111-115	
b. 5, f. 75	Review of <i>Philo-Judaeus</i> by J. Drummond from <i>New Englander</i> , pp. 127-139	1889
b. 5, f. 75	"The Place of Apocalyptical Conceptions in the Thought of Paul" from <i>J. of Bib. Lit.</i> , pp. 183-204	1922
b. 5, f. 75	"The Place of the Sacred Book in the Christian Religion"	
b. 5, f. 75	"The Pre-existence of the Soul in the book of Wisdom and in the Rabbinical Writings" from <i>Old Testament and Semitic Studies</i> , pp. 205-270	1908
b. 5, f. 75	"Princeton Theology"	
b. 5, f. 75	"Prophecy and Apocalypse" from <i>The Biblical World</i> , pp. 36-41	1899 Jul
b. 5, f. 75	"The Psalms of the Prophets" from <i>The Biblical World</i> , pp. 167-176	1894 Sep
b. 5, f. 75	"The Problem of Things New and Old in the Beginnings of Christianity -- Primitive Christianity and Judaism: A Symposium" from <i>J. of Bib. Lit.</i> , pp. 1-23	1929
b. 5, f. 75	"The Religious and Historical Uses of the Bible"	1894 Jun
b. 5, f. 75	"Religious Fellowship, Its Basis, Bounds, and Banes" - address before the New York State Conference of Religion	1914 Jun
b. 5, f. 75	"The Religious Ideas of the Book of Ecclesiasticus I and II	1891
b. 5, f. 75	"The Religious Ideas of the First Book of Maccabees"	1892



b. 5, f. 75	"Revelation, Book of" from <i>Hastings Dictionary of the Bible</i>	1902
b. 6, f. 79	"The Sayings of Jesus about the First and the Last" from <i>J. of Bib. Lit.</i> , pp. 97-110	1906
b. 6, f. 79	"A Source-book of Judaism in New Testament Times -- Critical Notes" from <i>Am. J. of Theology</i>	
b. 6, f. 79	"The Spirits in Prison -- a Neglected Theory Reconsidered" from <i>New Englander and Yale Review</i>	1888 Aug
b. 6, f. 79	"The Spirit of God in the Minds of Men" - address before the N.Y. State Conference of Religion	1903 Oct
b. 6, f. 79	"The Yecer Hara: a study in the Jewish Doctrine of Sin" from <i>Biblical and Semitic Studies</i> , pp. 93-156	
b. 6, f. 80	"The Spirit of Christianity and the Jesus of History" (typescript)	n.d.
b. 6, f. 80	"The Bible and the Religion of the Spirit" (typescript)	n.d.
b. 6, f. 80	"The Place of the New Testament in the Christian Religion (typescript)	n.d.
b. 6, f. 80	"Word and Spirit in Paul" (typescript)	n.d.
b. 6, f. 80a	"A Statement of Christian Belief"	1895
b. 6, f. 80a	"A System of Abbreviations"	n.d.
b. 6, f. 80a	"Things Greater and Less in the Bible" from <i>Yale Divinity Quarterly</i> March 1911	1911

## Series V: Printed Material

b. 6, f. 82	War poetry and notes	
b. 6, f. 83	Newspaper clippings	1886-1887, n.d.
b. 6, f. 85	Material related to Yale	
b. 6, f. 86	Miscellaneous	

**Series VI: Personal Items and Memorabilia**

b. 6, f. 81	Including license, cards, photographs	
b. 6, f. 84	Photographs	
b. 10, f. 97	Family expense book	1908-1916
b. 5, f. 76	"The Anecdote of the Grandmother of the Seminary" - writings by Mrs. Frank C. Porter	
b. 5, f. 76	"The Porter Home in Beloit and Related Note"; letter from Porter's son to Jonathan Preus including biographical information about Porter	1967, n.d.

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Subjects**

Educators

### **Names**

Porter, Frank Chamberlin, 1859-1946

### **Corporate Body**

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