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Preface

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Introduction

Collection title: Porter Family Correspondence

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Contents

The material in this collection consists of two classes of document. The first and most important is of correspondence to various members of the Porter family and the second is of papers relating to the authorship and publication of *Sir Edward Seaward's narrative*. The correspondence is from 23 individuals but the great preponderance (200/240 letters) is from W.O. Porter. Those addressed are all members of the Porter family as follows: - Anna Maria, Jane, Sir Robert Ker, William Ogilvie, and (the mother of all these) Jane Blenkinsop Porter, with one letter in copy to Charles Porter, W.O. Porter's son. Over half of the letters (142/240) are addressed to Jane Porter with others both to her and to her sister Anna Maria. Not all the letters can be certainly identified, but in almost all cases those addressee can be identified from internal and other evidence.

The collection is valuable for its documentation of the Porter family in the late eighteenth and first half of the nineteenth century and also for the evidence it furnishes, both in the related papers and in the correspondence passim, as to the authorship of *Sir Edward Seaward's narrative*. This novel has been attributed to Jane Porter by Halkett and Laing, the *DNB*, the *New Cambridge bibliography of English literature*, and major published library catalogues, but it is clear that it was in fact written by her brother W.O. Porter, though introduced by her. Other matters of interest include material relating to a presentation in 1844 to Jane Porter from admirers in the United States, and some evidence as to the genesis of W.O. Porter's novel in his personal life and circumstances.

The Porter Family

The Porter family is of some importance in early nineteenth century literary and artistic life, in addition to their connections with Durham. William Porter (1735-1779), their father, was descended from the seventeenth century Royalist, Endymion Porter, and served for many years in the Sixth Inniskilling Dragoons, staying latterly at Durham where he died and was buried in St. Oswald's churchyard. He married Jane Blenkinsop (1745-1831), a daughter of Robert Blenkinsop of Durham, and fathered five children, two of whom were born at Durham and all of whom spent some time here. The eldest was John Porter (1772-1810), subsequently a Colonel, and the second William Ogilvie (1774-1850), M.D., a naval surgeon who after retirement practised for over forty years in Bristol and was the author of two small works on typhus and on medical ethics, as well as the novel noticed above. The eldest daughter was Jane (1776-1850), a prolific and popular novelist and less successful dramatist, whose younger brother was Robert Ker (1777-1842), a historical and military painter and traveller who wrote books of travel and was subsequently knighted and awarded other honours by several foreign governments. The youngest, Anna Maria (1780-1832), was born at Durham like her brother Robert and was also, like Jane, a prolific novelist.

Accession details

All five bound volumes can be identified as having belonged to J.O. Halliwell-Phillipps who very probably acquired the material from the family estate in the mid-nineteenth century. The first two volumes (A and B) were Phillipps Ms. 14610 (in two parts), the third (C) was Phillipps Ms. 15547, the fourth (D) Phillipps Ms. 15561, and the fifth (E) Phillipps Ms. 21783. The material with the novel, which is now housed in the Library's collection of printed books, was acquired by Durham University Library in 1967 at Sotheby's.

Arrangement

The first category comprises 240 letters (including some copies and invoices) ranging in date from 1796 to 1847, with some undated. These are contained in four volumes lettered A to D and in an envelope lettered F, those in the four volumes being bound and in the envelope unbound.

The second, much smaller, category comprises papers relating to the publication and authorship of the novel *Sir Edward Seaward's narrative* and to the introduction to it by Jane Porter. These are bound in a volume lettered E and include a memorandum by W.O. Porter respecting such questions as copyright, division of profits and review copies as well as a note in his hand of suggestions for the editor's preface.

Only a few of the items are imperfect, generally in a very minor fashion.

Form of citation

The form of citation should be GB-0033-POR, or the collection title Porter family letters, and the *reference number*.

To order items in the searchroom, use the collection reference code(s), derived by removing the repository code (GB-0033-), followed by the reference number. Citing the section of the finding aid is useful.

Porter Family Correspondence

Porter MS A

Ownership history: Formerly Phillipps Ms. 14610, vol. 1

There is an error in the page numbering in this volume, after page 162 the next page is numbered 153 instead of 163, which gives a second run of numbers 153 to 162. In this list (but not in the volume) these have been referred to as 153[*bis*], etc.

pp. 1-2. Fri. 12th [179-].

John B. Porter to Miss Jane Porter

pp. 3-6. 11 October 1796.

T. Stansfield Porter to Mrs. Jane [Blenkinsop] Porter at No. 56, Great Newport Street, Leicester Square, London, from Gaystown, Strabane, Ireland.

pp. 7-8. 7 May 1801

W.O. Porter to Sir R[obert] K[er] Porter, from Lochbay [Skye].

pp.9-10. 7 July 1802

W.O. Porter to Mrs. Jane [Blenkinsop] Porter.

pp. 11-14. 14 October 1802

W.O. Porter to Mrs. Jane Blenkinsop Porter, from Lochbay [Skye].

pp. 15-18. 14 February 1803

W.O. Porter to [Sir] Robert Ker Porter at Gerrard Street, London, from Lochbay [Skye].

pp. 19-22. 14 July 1803

W.O. Porter to [Sir] Robert Ker Porter at No. 6, Gerrard St., Soho, London, from Greenock.

pp. 23-26. 6 August, 1803

W.O. Porter to Mrs. Jane [Blenkinsop] Porter at No. 6, Gerrard Street, London, from Lochbay, Isle of Skie [i.e. Skye].

pp. 27-30. 5 June 1804

W.O. Porter to Mrs. Jane [Blenkinsop] Porter at Soames House, Thames Ditton, Surrey, from Bay, Dunvegan.

pp. 31-34. 11 September 1804

W.O. Porter to Mrs. Jane [Blenkinsop] Porter at Ditton Thames, Surrey, from Dunvegan.

pp. 35-42. 14 May 1806

[John Porter] to Miss Jane Porter at Thames Ditton [endorsed "Col. Porter"].

pp. 43-46. 13 November 1808

W O. Porter to Mrs. Jane [Blenkinsop] Porter at Cottage, Long Ditton, Surrey, from HMS Eagle, Gibraltar.

pp. 47-48. 11 October 1808

W.O. Porter to Mrs. Jane [Blenkinsop] Porter at Cottage, Long Ditton, Surrey, from Bristol.

pp. 49-50. 14 May 1813

A bill [of 1803] sent by Dudley Adams to Mrs. Jane [Blenkinsop] Porter at Bristol.

pp. 51-52. 26 May 1813

A receipt for the same bill by George Adams in London on behalf of W.D. Adams to W.O. Porter.

pp. 53-54. 21 May 1813

W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter [in London], from Bristol, enclosing bill placed at pp. 49-50.

pp. 55-58. 28 February 1813

W. Ogilvie Porter to Mrs. Jane [Blenkinsop] Porter from Bristol.

pp. 59-62. 3 October 1813

W. Ogilvie Porter to Mrs. Jane [Blenkinsop] Porter at Sir Robert Porter's, 39 Weymouth Street, London.

pp. 63-66. 7 March 1817

W.O. Porter to Miss [Jane] Porter at Ditton, Kingston, Surrey, from Bristol.

pp. 67-70. 31 May 1820

W.O. Porter to Miss [Jane] Porter at Ditton, Kingston, Surrey, from Bristol.

pp. 71-74. 20 July 1820

W.O. Porter to Sir Robert [Ker] Porter at Welbeck Street, London, from Bristol.

pp. 75-78. 12 July 1822

W.O. Porter to Miss Porter at Ditton, Kingston, Surrey, from Bristol.

pp. 79-82. 30 August 1822

W.O. Porter to Miss Porter at Ditton, Kingston, Surrey, from Bristol.

pp. 83-86. 5 October 1823

T.S. Porter to Miss Jane Porter at Long Ditton, Kingston, Surrey, from HMS Martin [abroad; cover leaf postmarked Portsmouth, 26 November 1823].

pp. 87-89. 11 May 1824

W.O. Porter to Miss Porter at Ditton, Kingston, Surrey, from Bristol.

pp. 91-94. 20 May 1824

W.O. Porter to Mrs. Jane [Blenkinsop] Porter at Ditton, Kingston, Surrey, from Bristol.

pp. 95-98. 12 August 1824

[W.O. Porter] to Miss Porter at Ditton, Kingston, Surrey, from Bristol [lower part of last leaf deficient to loss of signature].

pp. 99 -102. [January 1825]

W.O. Porter to Mrs. Jane [Blenkinsop] Porter at 49 Beaumont Street, Marybone, London [postmarked 31 January 1825]

pp. 103-106. 24 March 1826

W.O. Porter to Miss [Jane] Porter at Esher, Surrey, from Bristol.

pp. 107-110. 12 November 1828

W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss Anna Maria Porter at Esher, Surrey, from Bristol.

pp. 111-114. 5 December 1828

W.O. Porter to Mrs. Jane [Blenkinsop] Porter at Esher, Surrey, from Bristol.

pp. 115-118. 19 December 1828

W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss [Jane] Porter at Esher, Surrey, from Bristol.

- pp. 119-122. 1 February 1829
W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss Anna Maria Porter at Esher, Surrey.
- pp. 123-126. [April 1829]
W.O. P[orter] to Mrs. Jane [Blenkinsop] Porter at Esher, Surrey, from Bath [postmarked 2 April 1829 and 3 April 1829].
- pp. 127-130. 5 April 1829
W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter from Bristol.
- pp. 131-134. 12 April 1829
W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss Jane Porter at Esher, Surrey.
- pp. 135-136. [15 April 1829]
W.O. P[orter] to Mrs. Jane [Blenkinsop] Porter [p. 136 contains a prescription for Miss Jane Porter dated 15 April 1829].
- pp. 137-140. 3 September 1829
W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss Jane Porter from Portland Square [Bristol].
- pp. 141-144. 4 September 1829
W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss Anna Maria Porter from Bristol.
- pp. 145-148. 6 October 1829
[W.O. Porter] to Charles [Porter] from Bristol [endorsed on p.148, "Rough draft of letter to Charles"].
- pp. 149-150. [1829?]
Envelope addressed to Miss Porter at Esher, endorsed, "Dr. [W.O.] Porter's letters about Mr. Cairns ...".
- pp. 151-154. 5 December 1829
W.O. Porter to Miss [Jane] Porter at Esher, Surrey, from Bristol.
- pp. 155-158. 5 April 1830
W.O. Porter to Miss Porter from Bristol.
- pp. 159-162. 30 May 1830
W.O. Porter to Mrs. Jane [Blenkinsop] Porter at Esher, Surrey, from Bristol [with a letter to Miss Anna Maria Porter on pp.160-162].
- pp. 153[bis]-156[bis]. [July 1830]
W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter at Esher, Surrey, from Bristol [postmarked 6 July 1830].
- pp. 157[bis]-160[bis]. 8 June 1830
W.O. Porter to Mrs. Jane [Blenkinsop] Porter at Esher, Surrey, from Bristol.
- pp. 161[bis]-164. 25 June 1830
W.O. Porter to Miss Anna Maria Porter.
- pp. 165-168. 23 July 1830
W.O. Porter to Miss Anna Maria Porter at Esher, Surrey, from Bristol.
- pp. 169-172. 1 August 1830
W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter at Esher.
- pp. 173-176. 12 August 1830
W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter at Esher, Surrey from Bristol.

- pp. 177-180. 25 August 1830
W.O. Porter to Miss Anna Maria Porter.
- pp. 181-184. 9 September 1830
W.O. Porter to Miss Anna Maria Porter from Bristol.
- pp. 185-188. 27 September 1830
W.O. Porter to Miss Anna Maria Porter.
- pp. 189-192. 27 September 1830
W.O. Porter to Mrs. Jane [Blenkinsop] Porter.
- pp. 193-194. 9 October 1830
W.O. Porter to Miss Anna Maria Porter from Bristol.
- pp. 195-198. 17 October 1830
W.O. Porter to Miss Anna Maria Porter from Bristol.
- pp. 199-202. 29 October 1830
W.O. Porter to Mrs. Jane [Blenkinsop] Porter at Esher, from Portland Square [Bristol] [cover endorsed, "Carlton Street, Waterloo Place"].
- pp. 203-206. 20 March 1818
[] Porter to Sir Robert Ker Porter [his uncle] à la Cour de St. Petersburg, Russia, from the United States of North America.

Porter MS B

Ownership history: Formerly Phillipps Ms. 14610, vol. 2
(pp. 211-226 of this volume are missing).

- pp. 1-4. 23 December 1830
W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss [Jane] Porter at Esher, Surrey, from Bristol.
- pp. 5-8. 11 January 1831
W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss [Jane] Porter at Esher, Surrey, from Bristol.
- pp. 9-12. 25 January 1831
W. Ogilvie Porter to Mrs. Jane [Blenkinsop] Porter at Esher.
- pp. 13-16. 1 March 1831
W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss [Jane] Porter.
- pp. 17-20. 15 March 1831
W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss Porter at Esher.
- pp. 21-24. [3 April] 1831
W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss [Jane] Porter from Clifton.
- pp. 25-28. [1831]
Draft by W.O. Porter (on paper dated 1830) of an address to The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in the name of his sister presenting a copy of his novel.
- pp. 29-32. 11 April 1831
W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss Porter at Esher, from Bristol.
- pp. 33-36. 12 April 1831
W. Ogilvie Porter to Mrs. Jane [Blenkinsop] Porter at Esher.
- pp. 37-40. 26 April 1831
W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss Anna Maria Porter.

- pp. 41-44. 7 May 1831
W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss Jane Porter.
- pp. 45-48. 22 May 1831
W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss Jane Porter from Bristol.
- pp. 49-50. [1831]
A note on the binding of presentation copies of *Sir Edward Seaward's narrative*.
- pp. 51-54. 24 May 1831
W. Ogilvie Porter to Mrs. Jane [Blenkinsop] Porter at Esher, from Bristol.
- pp. 55-58. 5 June 1831
W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss Anna Maria Porter from Bristol.
- pp. 59-62. 7 June 1831
W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss Porter.
- pp. 63-66. 15 June 1831
W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss Anna Maria Porter at Esher, Surrey.
- pp. 67-70. 16 June 1831
W. [O. Porter] to Mrs. Jane [Blenkinsop] Porter at Esher, from Bristol.
- pp. 71-74. 21 June 1831
W.[O. Porter] to Misses Jane and Anna Maria Porter at Esher, Surrey. [Envelope addressed to Miss Porter]
- pp. 75-78. 22 June 1831
W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter, at Esher, Surrey, from Bristol.
- pp. 79-82. 13 July 1831
W.O. Porter to Miss Anna Maria Porter at Esher, Surrey, from Bristol.
- pp. 83-86. 22 July 1831
W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter at Esher, Surrey, from Bristol.
- pp. 87-90. 31 July 1831
W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter at Esher, Surrey, from Bristol.
- pp. 91-94. 12 August 1831
W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter at Esher, Surrey, from Bristol.
- pp. 95-98. 23 August 1831
W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss Jane Porter at Esher, Surrey, from Bristol.
- pp. 99-102. 11 October 1831
W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss Anna Maria Porter at Esher, Surrey, from Bristol.
- pp. 103-106. 3 November 1831
W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss [Jane] Porter at Esher, Surrey, from Bristol.
- pp. 107-110. 22 November 1831
W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss Anna Maria Porter at Esher, Surrey, from Bristol.
- pp. 111-112. 10 September 1832
W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss Porter, addressed to "Mrs. Colonel Booth, Coughton Court, Aulcester, Warwickshire, from Bristol.

pp. 113-116. 12 October 1832

W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss Jane Porter at Coughton Court, from Bristol.

pp. 117-120. 31 December 1832

W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss Jane Porter at Coughton Court, from Bristol.

pp. 121-124. 20 August 1833

W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss Jane Porter at Marina, St. Leonards, near Hastings, from Bristol.

pp. 125-126. 10 March 1834

W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss Jane Porter at Marina, St. Leonards, near Hastings, from Bristol.

pp. 127-128. 2 April 1834

W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss Jane Porter, at Marina, St. Leonards, near Hastings, from Bristol.

pp. 129-132. 17 February 1835

W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss Jane Porter at I. Skinners [i.e. house of I. Skinner], Esq., 23 Portland Place, [London], from Bristol.

pp. 133-136. 29 March 1835

W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss Jane Porter at I. Skinners [i.e. house of I. Skinner], Esq., 23 Portland Place, [London], from Bristol.

pp. 137-140. 26 April 1835

W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss [Jane] Porter, from Bristol.

pp. 141-144. 15 May 1835

[Mrs. Booth, subscribed "Boothia"] to Miss Jane Porter, at Gloucester Place, Portman Square, London, from Montpellier, Bristol.

[p.143 contains a letter on a conjunct leaf from W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss Jane Porter of the same date with the address of Portland Square [Bristol].

pp. 145-148. 28 June 1835

[Mrs. Booth, subscribed "Boothia"] to Miss Jane Porter at No. 1, Upper Seymour Street, Portman Square, London, from Long Ashton

[p.147 contains a letter from W.O. Porter dated 29 June 1835, on a conjunct leaf.]

pp. 149-154. 23 July 1835

W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss [Jane] Porter at Sir Charles Throckmorton's, Bart., Coughton Court, [Stratford upon Avon], Warwickshire, from Bristol.

pp. 155-156. 15 August 1835

W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss [Jane] Porter at Sir Charles Throckmorton's, Bart., Coughton Court, [Stratford Avon], Warwickshire, from Bristol.

pp. 157-160. 2 August 1835

W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss [Jane] Porter at Coughton Court, Alcester, from Bristol.

pp. 161-164. 30 October 1835

W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss [Jane] Porter at Coughton Court, Alcester, from Bristol.

- pp. 165-168. 31 October 1835
[Mrs. Booth, subscribed "Boothia"] to Miss Jane Porter at Shirley Park, near Croydon, from Montpellier.
[p.167 contains a letter from W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter dated 1 November 1835, on a conjunct leaf.]
- pp. 169-172. 28 January 1836
[Mrs. Booth, subscribed "Boothia"] to Miss Jane Porter at S. Skinner's, Esq., 23 Portland Place, London, from Montpellier.
- pp. 173-174. 29 January 1836
W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss [Jane] Porter at S. Skinner's, Esq., 23 Portland Place, London, from Bristol.
- pp. 175-178. 2 May 1836
E.H. Porter to Miss Jane Porter at 4 Hyde Park Place [London].
- pp. 179-182. 24 January 1836
[Mrs. Booth, subscribed] Boothia to Miss Jane Porter from Montpellier
[p.181 contains a letter on a conjunct leaf from W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter of 25 January 1837].
- pp. 183-186. 9 May 1837
[Mrs. Booth subscribed] Boothia to Miss Jane Porter at No. 1, Upper Seymour Street, Portman Square, London, from Montpellier.
[p.184 contains a letter on a conjunct leaf from W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter, from Bristol, of 10th May 1837].
- pp. 187-190. 1 October 1837
W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss Jane Porter at Coughton Court, near Alcester, from Bristol.
- pp. 191-194. 27 September 1837
E.H. Porter to Miss Jane Porter at Coughton Court, Warwickshire, at Sir Charles Throckmorton's, Bart.
- pp. 195-196. 30 January 1838
W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss Jane Porter, from Portland Square [Bristol].
- pp. 197-198. 6 November 1838
W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss Jane Porter at Shirley Park, Croydon, from Bristol.
- pp. 199-202. 29 November 1838
[Mrs. Booth subscribed] Boothia to Miss Jane Porter at Cintra Lodge, Norwood, from Bristol.
[p.201-202 contains a letter on a conjunct leaf from W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter, from Bristol, of 30 November 1838].
- pp. 203-204. 21 February 1839
W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter, addressed to Mrs. Colonel Booth, Coughton Court, near Alcester.
- pp. 205-208. 16 February 1840
W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter at 6 Western Street, Brighton, from Bristol.
- pp. 209-210. 17 February 1840
[Mrs. Booth subscribed] Boothia to W.O. Porter, from Montpellier.

pp. 227-228. [30 May 1844]

W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter at Sir David Davies, No. 2, Berkeley Street, Berkeley Square, London [Undated, but postmark date as given.]

pp. 229-232. 4 July 1841

W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter at Sir David Davies, No. 2 Berkeley Street, Berkeley Square, London, from Bristol.

pp. 233-238. 11 July 1841

W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter at 27 Green Street, Grosvenor Square, London, from Bristol.

pp. 239-242. 26 October 1841

W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter at 27 Green Street, Grosvenor Square, London, from Bristol.

pp. 243-246. 20 May 1842

W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter, care of J.B. Bergne, Esq., Foreign Office, Downing Street, London, from Bristol.

[pp.244-245 contains copy of a notice sent to the Bristol papers by W.O. Porter on the death of his brother, Sir Robert Ker Porter.]

pp. 247-250. 28 May 1842

William Stephenson to W.O. Porter, at Bristol, Somerset, on behalf of Miss Etherington, 16 King Street, Troy Town, Rochester.

pp. 251-252. [30 May 1842]

An envelope in hand and with seal of W.O. Porter addressed to Miss Jane Porter, C. Morgan, Esqr, M.P., 13 Rutland Gate, Knightsbridge, London, undated but with postmark date as given.

pp. 253-256. 5 July 1842

W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter at 16, Belgrave Square, London, from Bristol.

pp. 257-260. 8 July 1842

W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter at C. Morgan, Esqr, M.P., 13 Rutland Gate, Hyde Park, London, from Bristol [with pencil postscript on cover].

pp. 261-264. 29 July 1842

W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter at Spencer Lodge, Wandsworth, Surrey, from Bristol.

pp. 265-270. 1 September 1843

W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter at Elias Mocatto, Esqr., Liverpool, from Bristol.

pp. 271-272. 27 September 1843

E. Maclaurin to [W.O. Porter ?] from 25, Russell Square, Brighton.

pp. 273-274. 7 May 1844

W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss Jane Porter, from Bristol.

pp. 275-278. 23 June 1844

W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss Jane Porter at Lady M. Lochart's, Elms, Brixton Hill, near London, from Bristol.

pp. 279-282. 28 July 1844

W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss Jane Porter at 13 Rutland Gate, Knightsbridge, London, from Bristol.

pp. 283-286. 6 August 1844

W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss Jane Porter at 13 Rutland Gate, Knightsbridge, London, from Bristol.

pp. 287-290. 22 September 1844

W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss Jane Porter at 31 Norfolk Crescent, Oxford Square, Hyde Park North, London, from Bristol.

pp. 291-294 and 299-300. 28 December 1844

J. Shephard to Miss Jane Porter at Dr. Porter's, Bristol, from 7 Square, Kensington.

pp. 295-296. [1845]

A printed copy dated January 1845 of "A Votive Present to Miss Jane Porter", an address by the Mayor of New York and booksellers, publishers and authors of that city, dated 28 October 1844. Noted in *The Gentleman's magazine*, new series vol. 23, i, (1845), p. 173.

pp. 297-298.

A pencil sketch of an arm-chair presented to Miss Jane Taylor, the drawing and ink notes by J. Shephard.

[299-300 listed above after 291-294]

pp. 303-304. 15 July 1845

W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter at Sir David Davies, M.D., 2 Berkeley Street, Piccadilly, London, from Bristol.

pp. 305-308. 4 January 1846

W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter at Sir David Davies, M.D., 2 Berkeley Street, Piccadilly, London, from Bristol.

[with certain passages on pp.305-306 covered by paper pinned to the page with note "to omit" in another hand]

pp. 309-310. 21 January 1847

W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter at Mr. Churchill's, No. 1, Petersberg Place, Bayswater, London.

pp. 311-314. [February 1847]

W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter at Mr. Churchill's, No. 1, Petersberg Place, Bayswater, London.

[Date pencilled in another hand on p.311]

pp. 315-316. 5 February 1847

W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter at Mr. Churchill's, Petersberg Place, Bayswater, London, from Bristol.

pp. 317-320. [184-?]

E.H. Porter to Miss Jane Porter at 4, Hyde Park Place [London]

pp. 321-322. [184-?]

[W.O. Porter] to Miss Jane Porter.

pp. 323-326. [ca.1831]

W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss A.M. Porter [on paper with watermark date of 1830, with notes on payments relating to Miss Jane Porter dated 7 July 1826 on two small scraps of paper attached].

Porter MS C

Ownership history: Formerly Phillipps Ms. 15547
(Pages 59-60, and 123-124 are missing)

pp. 1-4. 12 August 1829

W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter.

pp. 5-6. 29 November 1830

W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss Porter, from Bristol.

pp. 7-10. 22 February 1831

W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss Porter, from Bristol.

pp. 11-14. 16 June 1831

W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss Jane Porter at Esher.

pp. 15-18. 3 April 1833

W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss Jane Porter at Esher, from Bristol.

pp. 19-22. 1 February 1835

W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss Jane Porter at Esher, from Bristol.

[With note from Sarah [Booth] to Miss Jane Porter, undated, on conjunct leaf.]

pp. 23-26. 8 February 1835

Sarah Booth to Miss Jane Porter.

pp. 27-30. 8 August 1835

W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss Jane Porter at Coughton Court, Aulcester, from Bristol.

pp. 31-34. 28 February 1836

W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss Porter, from Bristol.

pp. 35-36. 17 November 1837

W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss Porter.

pp. 37-40. 30 August 1838

W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss Porter at Shirley Park, Croydon, from Portland Square, Bristol.

pp. 41-44. 8 November [183-]

W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss Anna Maria Porter.

pp. 45-48. 3 December 1840

W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss Jane Porter, from Bristol.

pp. 49-50. 21 March 1841

W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter, from Bristol.

pp. 51-54. 2 May 1841

W. Ogilvie Porter to [Sir Robert Ker] Porter.

pp. 55-58. 21 May 1841

W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter, from Bristol.

pp. 61-64. 17 February 1842

W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter, from Bristol.

pp. 65-70. 3 June 1842

W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter at C. Morgan, Esqr., M.P., 13 Rutland Gate, Hyde Park, London, from Bristol.

- pp. 71-76. 12 August 1842
W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter at Spencer Lodge, Wandsworth, Surrey.
- pp. 77-82. 4 November 1842
W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter at Lady Lochart Macdonald's, The Elms, Brixton Hill, near London, from Portland Square [Bristol].
- pp. 83-86. [ca. 1843?]
W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter at Lady Lochart Macdonald's, The Elms, Brixton Hill, near London, from Portland Square [Bristol]
[p. 86 endorsed "Dr. & Miss Porter, May 7 [18]43 ".].
- pp. 87-90. 11 June 1843
W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter at Lady Lochart Macdonald's, The Elms, Brixton Hill, near London, from Bristol, Portland Square.
- pp. 91-94. 11 June 1843
W.O. Porter to Miss [Jane Porter], from Bristol.
- pp. 95-98. 10 August 1843
W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter, from Bristol.
- pp. 99-102. 24 March 1844
W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter at Mrs. Morgan's, Rutland Gate, Knightsbridge, London.
- pp. 103-108. 5 May 1844
W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter at 31 Norfolk Crescent, Oxford Square, London, from Bristol.
- pp. 109-112. 25 August 1844
W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter at 31 Norfolk Crescent, Oxford Square, London, from Bristol.
- pp. 113-118. 13 June 1845
W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter at John Morgan's, Esq., Rutland Gate, Knightsbridge, London, from Bristol.
- pp. 119-120. [18 June] 1845
W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter.
- pp. 121-122. 5 July 1845
W.O. [Porter] to "Dear Madam" from Bristol.
- pp. 125-128. 27 December 1846
W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter, from Bristol.
- pp. 129-132. 7 August [1835]
W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss Jane Porter, from Bristol.
[Only lower half of this letter is bound top half cut off].
- pp. 133-136. n.d.
P. Holmes to W.O. Porter at Portland Square [Bristol].
- pp. 137-140. n.d.
W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter.
- pp. 141-142. n.d.
W.O. Porter to "Ladies".

pp. 143-146. 29 December 1837
Mrs. Booth [subscribed Boothia] to Miss Jane Porter, from Bristol.

pp. 147-150. 14 January 1842
Sarah [?Booth] to Miss Jane Porter from Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight.

pp. 151-154. [?1842]
Sarah [?Booth] to [Miss Jane Porter].

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(Pages 51-56 and 109-110 are missing).

pp. 1-4. 13 October 1823
Henry Giles (?) to Sir Robert Ker Porter, from I. of Wight.

pp. 5-8. 6 [?] October 1829
William Ogilvie Porter to Miss Porter.

pp. 9-12. 12 December 1830
William Ogilvie Porter to Mrs Jane [Blenkinsop] Porter at Esher.

pp. 13-14. 28 December 1830
William Ogilvie Porter to Mrs Jane [Blenkinsop] Porter at Esher.

pp. 15-18. 8 February 1831
William Ogilvie Porter to Mrs Jane [Blenkinsop] Porter at Esher, from Bristol.

pp. 19-22. 1 March 1831
William Ogilvie Porter to Mrs Jane [Blenkinsop] Porter at Esher.
[p.22 contains the address of Mrs. Porter and, upside down, the draft of an undated letter from Miss Jane Porter to Miss Spencer, 1831].

pp. 23-26. 15 March 1831
W.O. Porter to Mrs. Porter at Esher.

pp. 27-30. 8 May 1831
W.O. Porter to Mrs. Porter at Esher.

pp. 31-34. 28 May 1832
W.O. Porter to Misses Porter at the White Hart, Bath, from Portland Square, Bristol.
[Letter addressed to Miss Porter.]

pp. 35-38. 7 June 1831
W.O. Porter to Mrs. Porter at Esher.

pp. 39-42. 8 June 1831
James Churchill to Miss Anna Maria Porter at Esher, from Thames Ditton.

pp. 43-46. 13 March 1838
William Ogilvie Porter to Miss [Jane] Porter at Shirley Park, Croydon, from Portland Square, Bristol.

pp. 47-50. 1 October 1840
William Ogilvie Porter to Miss [Jane] Porter, from Bristol.
[p. 50 contains a further letter from "Your affectionate brother" to "My beloved Jane", 1 October 1840].

- pp. 57-58. [3 October 1840]
Envelope addressed to Miss Porter, redirected to E. Leaf, Esq., Priory, Acton.
[postmarked Bristol and, firstly, 3 October 1840, with seal of W.O. Porter].
- pp. 59-60. 19 July 1841
James White to [W.O.] Porter, from Sion Row, Clifton.
- pp. 61-66. 20 July 1841
W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter at 27 Green Street, Grosvenor Square, London.
- pp. 67-70. 20 December 1841
W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter, from Bristol.
- pp. 71-76. 28 November 1842
W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter at Lady Lochart Macdonald's, The Elms, Brixton Hill, London, from Bristol.
- pp. 77-78. 8 July 1842
W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter at 16 Belgrave Square, London.
- pp. 83-88. 25 December 1842
W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter at Lady Lochart Macdonald's, Elms, Brixton Hill, near London.
- pp. 89-94. 14 October 1842
W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter at Lady Lochart Macdonald's, Elms, Brixton Hill, near London, from Bristol.
- pp. 95-100. 24 May 1842
Mary Skinner to [W.O.] Porter at Bristol, from 9 Norfolk Street, Park Lane [London].
- pp. 101-104. 22 May 1842
[Mrs. Booth, subscribed Boothia, to W.O. Porter] [p. 104 bears the inscription "Dr. Porter" and "From Mrs. Booth".].
- pp. 105-108. 25 May 1842
Je Raikes to [W.O. Porter], from The Side, Chester.
- pp. 111-114. 29 May 1842
William Ogilvie Porter to Miss Jane Porter from Bristol.
- pp. 115-118. 5 June 1842
William Ogilvie Porter to Miss Jane Porter, from Portland Square, Bristol.
- pp. 119-122. 22 June 1842
William Ogilvie Porter to Miss Jane Porter, from Bristol.
- pp. 123-128. 21 June 1842
M.A. Leech to W.O. Porter, from Clifton [p.128: envelope addressed to "Miss Jane Porter, 16 Belgrave Square, London".]
- pp. 129-134. 10 February 1843
W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss Jane Porter at 16 Belgrave Square, London, from Bristol.
- pp. 135-140. 24 April 1843
W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss Jane Porter at Lady Lochart Macdonald's, Brixton Hill, near London, from Bristol.

pp. 141-142. 29 September 1843
W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter, from Bristol.

pp. 143-148. 28 September 1843
John Churchill to Miss Jane Porter, from London.

Porter MS E

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(Pages 1-34 and 57-60 are missing).

pp. 35-36. [c. 1858]
"Papers relating to the publication of *Sir Edward Seaward's Narrative*."
[paper dated 1858].

pp. 37-40. 2 October 1830
Statement, subscribed by [W.O.] P[orter], endorsed, "Memo respecting the publication of *Sir Edward Seaward's Narrative*".

pp. 41-42. 8 October [1830]
A Postscript to the above, unsigned and unaddressed, but in the same hand and hence also by W.O. Porter.

pp. 43-44. [c. 1831]
Draft of a letter, unsigned, unaddressed and undated, presumably to Messrs. Longman concerning publication of *Sir Edward Seaward's narrative*.

pp. 45-46. 1 June 1808
Copies of contracts with Messrs. Longman by Jane Porter and Anna Maria Porter, one dated 1 June 1808 on verso of a prospectus printed by J. Catnach of Alnwick and dated 1805.

pp. 47-50. 10 March 1831
W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss Jane Porter at Esher, Surrey, from Bristol.

pp. 51-54. [c. 1831]
A draft entitled "Some Hints for the Editor's Preface", unsigned and undated, but possibly by Miss Jane Porter.

pp. 55-56. 8 May 1834
A poster advertising productions of the Theatre Royal, Bristol, on 8 May 1834.

pp. 61-62. [1833]
A press cutting concerning the Exhibition of the Royal Devon and Cornwall Botanical and Horticultural Society, containing references to R.K. Porter, to which attention is drawn in a pencil annotation as follows, "From R.K. Porter's letter from Caraccas dated 10 November 1833 [?]".

Porter MS F

Additional letters. An envelope of unbound material. The correspondence in this sequence has been arranged numerically in chronological order. Some letters, however, also bear an additional and older but now superseded numeration which has been noted for these in square brackets after the present page numbers.

pp. 1-4 [95-98 & 111-114]. 10 July 1808
Wm. [O.] Porter to Miss [Jane] Porter at Cottage, Long Ditton, Kingston, Surrey, from HMS Eagle, off Toulon.

- pp. 5-6 [219-220]. 5 November 1811
[W.O. Porter] to [Mrs. Jane Blenkinsop Porter], from Bristol [First leaf only and incomplete.]
- pp. 7-10. 15 September 1818
W.[O.] Porter to Miss Porter at Mr. Murray's Wycombe Crescent, Bath, from Bristol.
- pp. 11-14. 26 September 1818
W. Ogilvie Porter to Mrs Jane [Blenkinsop] Porter at Long Ditton, Kingston, Surrey, from Bristol.
- pp. 15-18 [241-244]. 6 October 1829
W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss Porter, from Bristol.
Contains transcripts of "a series of letters with respect to my unhappy son" [Charles Porter].
- pp. 19-28. 1 February 1831
W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss Porter at Esher, Surrey, from Bristol.
Also enclosed are two scraps from other letters [23-26] and a press-cutting [27-28] of the Reading School Meeting.
- pp. 29-30. 18 April 1831
W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter Headed: "Copy of William's letter to me".
- pp. 31-36. 4 July 1831
W. Ogilvie Porter to Misses Anna Maria and Jane Porter at Esher, Surrey, from Bristol.
Also attached on a separate leaf [35-36] an abridged copy of this letter made by Jane Porter.
- pp. 37-40. 4 July 1831
W. Ogilvie Porter to Sir Robert Ker Porter, from Bristol [endorsed by addressee].
- pp. 41-44. 31 July 1831
W. Ogilvie Porter to Sir Robert Ker Porter at Caraccas, from Bristol.
- pp. 45-48 [23-26]. 3 February 1832
W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss [Jane] Porter at Esher Surrey, from Bristol.
[Lower portion of p.25-26 torn off.].
- pp. 49-50. 10 February 1832
W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss Anna Maria Porter, from Bristol.
- pp. 51-54. 2 July 1833
Sarah Booth to Miss Jane Porter at 23 Portland Place, from Portland Square [Bristol].
[Also contains on the same sheet an undated letter from W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter of 1833].
- pp. 55-58. 5 November 1833
W. Ogilvie Porter to [Sir Robert Ker Porter], from Bristol.
- pp. 59-62. 10 March 1834
J. Toup Nicolas, Captain of the [Royal] Navy to Miss Jane Porter at Esher, Surrey [re-addressed to] Coughton Court, near Alcester, Warwickshire, from East Looe, in Cornwall.

pp. 63-66. 20 March 1834

W. Ogilvie Porter to Miss Jane Porter at Coughton Court, near Aulcester, from Bristol.

pp. 67-70. 9 March 1837

[Mrs. Booth subscribed] Boothia to Miss Jane Porter at The Right Revd. Chancellor Raikes, Chester.

[Also contains on same sheet a letter from W.O. Porter to same of the same date, the lower portion of the last page being torn off.]

pp. 71-72 [83-84]. 31 December 1837

W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter at Verulam Buildings, Hastings.

pp. 73-76 [253-256]. 10 September 1840

[Mrs. Booth subscribed] Boothia to Miss Jane Porter, containing on same sheet a letter from W.O. Porter to same of 11 September 1840.

pp. 77-80. 23 May 1845

W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter at No. 17 Lower Belgrave Street, Eaton Square, London, from Bristol.

pp. 81-84. 4 January 1846

W.O. Porter to Miss Jane Porter, from Bristol. A copy not in the hand of either and endorsed in another hand, "For Lady Buxton".

pp. 85-88. 24 December 1846

W.[O.] Porter to Miss Jane Porter, from Bristol.