

# Porter, William Branch, papers

William Branch Porter collection

1933-1951



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## Descriptive Summary

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**Unit Date**

1933-1951

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English .

**Creator**

Porter, William Branch, 1888-1960

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0.8 Linear Feet

**Repository**

VCU Health Sciences Library

## Administrative Information

**Access Restrictions**

Access restricted to certain records within the collection.

**Use Restrictions**

There are no restrictions.

**Acquisition Information**

Collection discovered in office closet. Donated to library.

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## Biographical / Historical

William Branch Porter was born June 7, 1888 in Amelia County, Virginia. Raised in Powhatan County, he attended Fort Union Military Academy and Hampden-Sydney College. He graduated in medicine from the University College of Medicine in 1911. Porter taught at the medical schools of Harvard and the University of Pennsylvania before returning to Richmond. During World War I, Porter served as a member of the cardiovascular unit in Base Hospital 45, a unit made up of doctors from the Medical College of Virginia. After the war, Porter became chief of medical service at Lewis-Gale Hospital in Roanoke. In 1927, after two years abroad, he accepted a position as Professor of Medicine at MCV. He became the first full time medical professor in the school's history and focused the school on teaching and medical research. Porter was a member of many medical societies including the American Medical Association, American Heart Association, and the Medical Society of Virginia. He was Chairman of the Medical Section of the Southern Medical Association in 1935, and served as President of the Richmond Academy of Medicine in 1941. He consulted regularly with the Veterans Administration and the Surgeon General of the Army. In 1956, after 29 years, Porter retired. He was elected emeritus professor, and the medical school established the William Branch Porter Professorship in Medicine that same year. An award of a silver plated stethoscope, similar to one given to Porter by Dr. William Osler, is given each year to the top medical school student in internal medicine.

## Scope and Contents

The collection is limited to committee notes from the Academic Privileges and Admissions Committees as well as small amounts of correspondence and reprints of papers. The collection does not contain any information regarding Porter's medical practice or his academic teaching.

## Keywords

Physicians -- Virginia.

Physicians -- Virginia -- Richmond

Medical College of Virginia

Porter, William Branch, 1888-1960 -- Archives

University College of Medicine (Richmond, Va.)

## Arrangement

The collection follows its original organization.

## Description of Subordinate Components

## **Correspondence**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5186

**Unit Date** 1951, 1959

**Mixed Materials** 1 (folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

This series contains letters regarding hospital business and a primer for testing a doctors knowledge. The primer contains notes and differences of opinion written by hand.

## **Bills and Receipts**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5187

**Unit Date** 1947-1948

**Mixed Materials** 2 (folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

This series contains bills, statements, and receipts for hospital services, supplies, and office rental. Bills are to both Porter and H. St. George Tucker which could suggest they shared an office.

## **Journal Reprints**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5188

### **Scope and Contents**

This series contains reprints of articles listed by date.

### **Articles written by Porter.**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5194

**Unit Date** 1929-1951

**Mixed Materials** 3.1 (folder)

#### **Aqueous Extract of Liver**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5215

**Mixed Materials** 3.1 (folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

*Journal of the American Medical Association*, Vol. 93, July 20, 1929.

#### **The Treatment of Nontropical Sprue with Liver Extract**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5216

**Mixed Materials** 3.1 (folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

*American Journal of Medical Sciences*, Vol. CLXXIX No. 3 March 1930.

#### **The Heart in Typhoid Fever**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5217

**Mixed Materials** 3.1 (folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

*The American Heart Journal*, Vol. 10 No. 6 August 1935

#### **The Heart in Endemic Pellagra**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5218

**Mixed Materials** 3.1 (folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

*The Southern Medical Journal*, Vol. 30 No.1 January 1937.

## **Heart Changes and Physiologic Adjustment in Hookworm Anemia**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5219

**Mixed Materials** 3.1 (folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

*The American Heart Journal* , Vol. 13 No. 5 May 1937.

## **The Significance of Cardiac Enlargement Caused by Arteriovenous Fistula**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5220

**Mixed Materials** 3.1 (folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

*Annals of Internal Medicine* , Vol. 11 No. 2 August, 1937.

## **Stereograms on Cirrhosis and Fatty Liver**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5221

**Mixed Materials** 3.1 (folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

Exhibit: Annual Meeting, American Medical Association, June 11-15, 1951.

## **Articles Written by Others**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5195

**Unit Date** 1909-1937

## **The Quarterly Journal of Medicine**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5222

**Mixed Materials** 5.2 (folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

Vol. 2 No.6 January, 1909

## **Die Malaria**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5223

**Mixed Materials** 5.2 (folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

*Handbuch Der Speziellen Pathologischen Anatomie Und Histologie* , Berlin 1926.

## **Deutsches Archiv fur Klinische Medizin**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5224

**Mixed Materials** 3.2 (folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

Leipzig 1927

## **Surgical Treatment of Cardiac Ischaemia**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5225

**Mixed Materials** 3.2 (folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

*The Lancet* , January 23, 1937

## **American Council of Learned Societies.**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5189

**Mixed Materials** 4 (folder)

### **Scope and Contents**

This folder contains drafts of reports given at the meetings of the American Council of Learned Societies.

### **Admissions Committee**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5190

**Unit Date** 1953-1960

**Mixed Materials** 5 (folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

This series contains the papers of Dr. H. St. George Tucker, Jr. It contains candidate lists, request for applications, recommendations, and the decisions of the Medical College of Virginia admission committee.

### **Admissions Committee Records**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5196

**Unit Date** 1952-1953

**Mixed Materials** 5.1 (folder)

### **Admissions Committee Records**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5197

**Unit Date** 1953-1954

**Mixed Materials** 5.2 (folder)

### **Admissions Committee Records**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5198

**Unit Date** 1956

**Mixed Materials** 5.3 (folder)

### **Admissions Committee Records**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5199

**Unit Date** 1957

**Mixed Materials** 5.4 (folder)

### **Admissions Committee Records**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5200

**Unit Date** 1957-1958

**Mixed Materials** 5.5 (folder)

### **Admissions Committee Records**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5201

**Unit Date** 1958-1959

**Mixed Materials** 5.6 (folder)

### **Admissions Committee Reports**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5202

**Unit Date** 1960

**Mixed Materials** 5.7 (folder)

### **Privileges for Private Practice Committee**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5191

**Unit Date** 1941-1958

**Mixed Materials** 6 (folder)

#### **Scope and Contents**

This series contains the papers of Dr. Isaac Bigger and later, Dr H. St. George Tucker, Jr. It contains committee minutes, correspondence, and official paperwork of the privileges for private practice committee chaired by Bigger and Tucker.

**Minutes and Official Business****Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5203**Unit Date** 1941-1954**Mixed Materials** 6.1 (folder)**Correspondence****Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5204**Unit Date** 1941-1954**Mixed Materials** 6.2 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

Folder 1

**Correspondence****Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5205**Unit Date** 1941-1954**Mixed Materials** 6.3 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

Folder 2

**Correspondence****Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5206**Unit Date** 1941-1954**Mixed Materials** 6.4 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

Folder 3

**Committee Notes****Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5207**Unit Date** 1955-1958**Mixed Materials** 6.5 (folder)**Committee Notes****Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5208**Unit Date** 1955-1958**Mixed Materials** 6.6 (folder)**Miscellaneous****Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5192**Mixed Materials** 7 (folder)**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains an assortment of clippings, magazines and other papers.

**Boy Home Was Never Like This! Cries Lone Patient As He Rests in Splendor in Medical College Hospital****Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5209**Unit Date** January 16, 1941.**Mixed Materials** 7 (folder)**Scope and Contents***Richmond Times Dispatch*

**Virginia General Practice News**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5210

**Unit Date** Jan-Feb 1956

**Mixed Materials** 7 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Vol. 7 No. 1

**The Scarab**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5211

**Unit Date** February 1960

**Mixed Materials** 7 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Vol. 9 No. 1

**Curriculum Vitae**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5212

**Mixed Materials** 7 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Lytt I. Gardner, MD.

**Photographs**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5193

**Mixed Materials** 8 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

This folder contains photographs found within the collection.

**First Patient in New Hospital, 1941**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5213

**Unit Date** 1941

**Mixed Materials** 8 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Same photograph used in 1941 newspaper clipping.

**Portrait photograph**

**Unit ID** /repositories/3/archival\_objects/5214

**Unit Date** 1927

**Mixed Materials** 8 (folder)

**Scope and Contents**

Dr. Sparrell S. Gale