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Descriptive Summary

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The materials in the collection are in English.

Abstract

Letter from C. L. Porcher, a woman living in Charleston, South Carolina in 1876. Writing to her sister, Porcher refers to the recent riots in Charleston and to family matters.

Creator

Porcher, C. L.

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Biographical Note

C. L. Porcher, a woman living in Charleston, South Carolina in 1876, may possibly be more fully identified as Clelia Lightwood Porcher, daughter of Frederick A. and Emma Caroline Gough Porcher. Born in Charleston on March 8, 1847, she grew up in the home of her father and his second and third wives, Emma Carolina Gough Porcher and Caroline S. Parker Porcher. By 1870, Clelia Porcher was employed as a teacher. Porter continued to live in Charleston throughout her life and never married. She died October 7, 1924, and was buried in Magnolia Cemetery, Charleston.

Scope and Content

This collection consists of a single letter written by C. L. Porcher, a woman living in Charleston, South Carolina in 1876. Writing to her sister on September 12, Porter discusses a recent riot in Charleston, likely referring to the King Street riot that occurred on the night of September 6, following a meeting of the "Colored Democratic Club." She continues by noting that a number of men have been standing guard outside the various clubs at night and that a meeting of Charleston women had voted to provide the guards with refreshments during the night. Porter then discusses family news, including a recent death, and describes the heightened tensions among friends and family due to the riot and surrounding events.

The letter is accompanied by an envelope addressed to Miss Celia L. Porcher, in care of J. Richardson, Waverly Mills, Georgetown County, and postmarked at Charleston on September 5.

Keywords

Women -- History

Reconstruction (U.S. history, 1865-1877)

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