

in the hospital's work and particularly in the charitable service of the Out Patient Department," said Robert T. Sherman, president of the hospital association in a statement issued after Mr. Porter's death. "His generous contributions, made through St. Mark's Episcopal Church each Hospital Sunday, helped to make the work of that department possible. He looked upon his participation in hospital work as a privilege which other members of the community would be glad to share; and as chairman of Hospital Sunday in 1936 he was responsible for attracting the support of many who have remained good friends of the hospital."

After her husband's death, Mrs. Porter, who shared his interest in the Evanston Hospital, established a memorial fund in his name, to be used for the support of the hospital and particularly the work of the Out Patient Department. In this way the association of the Porter name with one of the most deserving public institutions of Evanston is fittingly perpetuated.

Mr. Porter was one of the organizers of the Chicago Heights Country Club and also the Manufacturers Association, in which he was greatly interested. Before his retirement he was a member of the Midlothian Country Club, the Chicago Athletic Association, and the Mid-Day Club of Chicago, and was prominent in the Evanston Country Club and the Glenview Country Club, which latter memberships he retained. Golf was for many years his principal recreation and he enjoyed the sport thoroughly. Mr. Porter was a Republican in politics.

He married, on February 9, 1918, Elizabeth Skinner, of St. Paul, Minnesota, daughter of James H. and Annie (Woods) Skinner. The Skinner family came to the West from Elmira, New York, in pioneer days, and was established at Faribault, Minnesota. Mrs. Porter is descended from many prominent Colonial families and is a member of the Society of Colonial Dames through her descent from George Colton, who came from England to Springfield, Massachusetts, in 1644. He was deputy to the General Court in 1669, quartermaster of the Hampshire County Troop of Horse in 1668 and a soldier in King Philip's War in 1675-76. He died in 1699.

Mr. and Mrs. Porter became the parents of one son, James Skinner Porter.

Sidney S. Porter died on March 13, 1936, in his fifty-sixth year. The position of substantial leadership which was his in the business world reflected his attainments, and his varied civic and benevolent interests evidenced the quality of his citizenship. In character he was vigorous, alert, loyal and genuinely kind, and his memory is honored today by those who were his associates in his lifetime and the community of which he was so long a part.

LEISY, EDWARD CHRISTIAN, Man of Affairs—Industrialist, capitalist and public-spirited citizen, the late Edward C. Leisy was for nearly half a century an outstanding factor in the growth and development of Peoria, Illinois. A man of vision and foresight, with unbounded confidence in the future greatness of his city, he builded for the years to come, and the success which rewarded his judgment and ability served as an inspiration to others to the lasting benefit of the community.

Edward C. Leisy was born at Keokuk, Iowa, November 16, 1859, a son of John W. and Christine (Showalter) Leisy, both natives of Germany. The parents left their home in Friedelsheim, Germany, for America on April 21, 1853, and upon their arrival located in Keokuk, Iowa. There John W. Leisy established a brewery, and as his sons grew up they became associated with him. The father died in 1873, but the sons continued to conduct the business until local option necessitated the closing of their plant and removal to a new field.

On April 15, 1884, Edward C. Leisy, with his three brothers, Gustave, Albert E. and John W., removed to Peoria, Illinois. There they established the Leisy Brewing Company, with Edward C. Leisy as its head. The venture was a success from the start and soon became one of the best known in the Middle West. From the time of his coming the career of Mr. Leisy was interwoven with the progress of Peoria. As prosperity favored him, he began his lifelong policy of using his means to help foster other industries. It was one of his fundamental principles that a person winning success in any community should share his success with that community.

His business acumen and rigid honesty in all transactions soon won him a place in other enterprises, but his active mind and progressive spirit were not satisfied with merely aiding in the development of big affairs. He felt an urge to create—to originate something worthwhile for himself. In 1910 he financed and erected the Jefferson office building, the first modern skyscraper in the city. When he began this project he was showered with warnings from more conservative friends that he was courting ruin, but within a few years the accuracy of his vision was so well proven that a large addition was erected. He also built the Orpheum Theatre, and from time to time erected other important buildings.

At the time of his death Mr. Leisy was president of the Leisy Company, the Jefferson Building Company, the Jefferson Deposit Company, and the Orpheum Theatre Company; vice-president of the Home Savings and State Bank, the State Savings and Trust Bank, the Reliance Insurance Company and the Theatres Operating Company, and a director of the Merchants and Illinois National Bank,