

## Processional Cross

Alice Porter is buried in Fairmount Cemetery in Denver, Colorado. She was the wife of Samuel C. Porter and daughter of Charles and Teresa Johns of England. Alice's parents arrived in Quebec, Canada from England in 1871. Alice was born in Colorado.

The 1885 Colorado census of Weld County puts five year old Alice there, in an unknown town, with her parents and siblings. Her father was a farmer. The town was likely Ft. Lupton, as Bureau of Land Management records show Charles purchasing land there in January of 1890. Later in 1890, he gets land near Colorado Springs under the Homestead Act.

In the 1900 United States Census, Alice was living at 1353 Santa Fe Avenue, Denver, with her parents. She was listed as a hair dresser, and her father was a grocery salesman.

The Colorado Statewide Marriage Index stated that Samuel and Alice married June 26, 1906, a mere five months before Alice passed away from mercury poisoning. A Denver Rocky Mountain News article from July 1, 1906 stated they were married by Rev. "Clayton Crissman" and would travel to Los Angeles for one month after the wedding. Rev. Chrisman served at St. Luke's, Montclair.

Alice's funeral notice in the November 16, 1906 Denver Post indicated that the service was to be held at Emmanuel Church with interment at Fairmount Cemetery. Emmanuel disbanded in 1940.

Further census records seemed to indicate that Alice and Samuel never had children, and Samuel never remarried. He is buried in the same cemetery as his wife.

It is unclear how this beautiful cross came to be at St. Elizabeth's. Perhaps the family attended church in the area when living in Weld County. Perhaps we inherited it from Emmanuel or another church. Assuming it was donated shortly after Alice's death, it's over 100 years of age. It's a very heavy piece, and in excellent shape considering its likely age.

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To the glory of God  
And in loving memory of  
**Alice Johns Porter**  
Born May 29, 1880  
Died Nov. 16, 1906

