Home: 17 Spruce Street
Grave: Grove Hill Cemetery - section 1 lot 28

Charles Ethan Porter. [1847-1923] B. in Hartford.

- Wesleyan in MA - studied Art 2 yrs. + @ NY's Natl Academy of Design
- Opened studio in Hfld in 1878 → one of first Af. Am's to exhibit there.
- Studio in tower remains @ Fox Hill also [painted floral + fruit still life]
- late 1881 - 84 ~~Paris~~ France - letter of rec. from Twain.
- sold paintings door to door until death (1923) → in Rockville.

- studio in tower remains ... tower is there now - Memorial Tower - built 1939
- brother-in-law Richard Jeffrey was George Jeffery
- buried in a family plot
- was the first in his family to attend high school. (~~6th~~ sixth child) ← five older than him
- lived in Rockville by 1850 - they were the only black family

Vernon Historical Society has image

- Charles sister Cynthia Jane Porter married Richard Alonzo Jeffrey. → who's father formed Middletown AME Zion Church.

Beman family
- Amos Beman was Alonzo's Uncle.
- Jehiel Beman was Amos Beman's father.
- Cesar Beman was Amos Beman's grandfather.

- Would like to find "The Reason Why the Colored American is Not in the World's Columbian Exposition" pamphlet by Ida Wells Burnett w/ a foreward by Frederick Douglass
- ★ Conductor Vaness - believed to be conductor at a time when there were no other black conductors in the country. Married Charles' sister, Mary & lived next door to his parents on Fox Hill. p 18