Dr. C.V. Porter (1849–1931)
- Inspiration and Thanks - -

Dr. Charles Porter, a Vernon County doctor, dairyman, and local historian, was the force behind these eleven markers. Interpretations of historic events reflect the time in which one lives. When Porter studied the Black Hawk War in the 1880’s, he used some of the most pro-Indian accounts ever produced, in contrast to the anti-Indian texts of 1830–1870 and 1890–1920. Dr. Porter’s markers, erected in 1930, coincided with historians’ attempts to describe the war dispassionately.

In his time, Dr. Porter was the Secretary of the Battle Island Association and was also a historical columnist for the Vernon County Censor. An early dairyman, he was the first in Vernon County to have a cream separator and was one of the first in the region to test milk for butterfat.

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The State of Wisconsin recognizes Dr. Porter’s Markers as a part of Vernon County history but does not condone the language or prejudicial inferences used on the Markers. Dr. Porter used descriptive, interpretative language which he researched and felt was acceptable for his era.