

## Nell Saunders Porter

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### Mrs. Clay Porter Taken by Death

**Well Known Hinton Resident Died  
From Effects of Diphtheria;  
Funeral Will be Held at Pres-  
byterian Church Satur-  
day at 2 P. M.**

A death that shocked and saddened the whole community occurred this morning when Mrs. Nell Douglas Porter, aged 30 years, wife of H. Clay Porter of this city died at her home on Temple Street, following a four day illness. Mrs. Porter was taken ill Monday with a severe case of diphtheria but little alarm was felt for her until yesterday evening when she became dangerously sick. After seven o'clock last night, little hope was held for her recovery and she died at 4:30 o'clock this morning. Death was caused from heart failure, resulting from the disease.

Nell Porter was united in marriage to H. Clay Porter, yard master on the C. & O. railroad in June, 1917, just after her graduation from the Hinton High School. To this union were born two children, Jane and Tommy. She has been a devoted wife and mother. Before her marriage she was Miss Nell Saunders, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Saunders and was born in this city, where she has lived all of her thirty years.

She was elected State Democratic committeewoman of the Seventh Senatorial District at the primary election, she was an earnest worker for her party and also took part in several club activities of the city, being a member of the Stitch and Chatter Club.

Mrs. Porter was one of the best loved and well known young women of the city and she had been dead only a few hours before the whole community was aware of the passing of a friend, neighbor and beloved citizen. She was an earnest church worker, having been a member of the Presbyterian church since a very small girl. She was one of the solo members of the vested choir of that church and her whole soul was glorified in her music, for which she probably had the greatest love, outside of her home and children. She was one of the most upright Christians of her church and nothing interfered with her working for her Master. Surely she will be richly rewarded in heaven. Her sojourn on earth has been most pleasant, she was happy and she made everyone happy around her, for her love and loyalty were shared alike with her friends and loved ones. Her loss will be keenly felt by her bereaved husband, children and family, but they have the consolation of knowing her suffering on this earth is over and that she is with God, the One whose love is greater than all.

She is survived by her husband, her daughter Jane, son Tommy, her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Saunders, four sisters, Misses June and Elizabeth Saunders, Mrs. Eloise Hoover and Mrs. Sally Baker Bigony of St. Albans one brother Howard Saunders of Fayetteville and a host of more distant relatives.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the Presbyterian church and will be in charge of Rev. A. H. Clark, pastor of the church. Burial will be made in Hilltop Cemetery.

All precautions have been taken to prevent the spreading of the disease and there will be no danger in attending the funeral.

The pall bearers have not been chosen at this time.