

re: George Eastman

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Mrs. Mary Curtis
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Lives in a Home for elderly people in Rochester.

80 years old.

Was superintendent of a hospital in Rochester for many years to which

Mr. Eastman gave a building. Mrs. Curtis was a friend of George Eastman's mother, and also of Mr. Eastman. She seemed to have Mr. Eastman's confidence, and his interest in her small vegetable garden and the many duties of the running of a hospital was typical of him.

Mrs. Curtis says he was the squarest man she ever saw and she quoted Mr. Rufus Sibley apropos of her asking Mr. Eastman for the new building. "He does his own thinking and makes his own decisions - you had better be careful!"

Mrs. Curtis spoke of Mrs. Eastman's devotion to her son ~~of~~ whom she always referred to as "my boy." She waited eagerly for his return from work every night at the window and she seldom waited past the regular time. To my surprise *(Mrs. Allison)* Mrs. Curtis spoke of Mrs. Eastman as a very jolly woman who often laughed until she cried over friendly, "homey" incidents.

According to Mrs. Curtis, Mrs. Eastman did not want her son to hoard money but to give it away as rapidly as possible. It must have been her influence which made him dispose of almost all of his wealth while he was yet alive.

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