2000 Hall of Fame Inductee

Fred Henry Leyhe

Class of 1935 Awarded posthumously

The late Fred Leyhe was a noted athlete and a born leader. The descendant of riverboat captains earned a juris doctorate from

Washington University.

Leyhe served as a special agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigations in Washington, D.C.; Detroit; and St. Louis before returning to St. Louis and to the family business. From 1858-1947, the



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Leyhe family owned and operated Eagle Marine Industries, Inc., an inland marine transportation firm.

Leyhe, one of St. Louis' foremost business leaders, was passionate about the city and the Mississippi River. Eventually, Leyhe built his own version of a steamboat, a theme restaurant called the Robert E. Lee Riverboat, which operated on the riverfront for 20 years. In addition, he was active in many civic organizations, including the Board of the Bank of St. Louis, the Regional Commerce and Growth Association, Downtown St. Louis Incorporated, and the Backstoppers of St. Louis.

Leyhe died in 1998 at the age of 80.