

RUTH GILLETTE HUTCHINSON

(Mrs. Arthur R.)

1898 - 1936

The Faculty of Vassar College wish to record at this time their appreciation of the contribution made by Ruth Gillette Hutchinson to the life of the college. From the time of her entrance into the Department of Economics and Sociology in 1922 she unassumingly but readily met every demand and carried her full share of responsibility. Her good judgment and integrity of purpose won very early the confidence of her students and colleagues. The steady development of these qualities made it possible for her in the year 1934-1935 to fulfill the duties of the Acting Chairmanship of the Department with dignity and marked success. She pursued the advancement of knowledge, both in her teaching and in her research. Among her publications "State-Administered Locally Shared Taxes" is accepted as the authoritative work on this subject. As a genuine scholar, she had an absorbing interest in carrying forward her research work. She never sacrificed the quality of her teaching, however, always drawing on her own strength in order that her students might acquire in full both the methods and the spirit of real scholarship.

Knowing well that intellectual interest is an integral part of the entire life of the students, she won their deepest respect and confidence, through an unusually sympathetic understanding of their life. Her wise counsel was sought and accepted as teacher, Resident and friend. Sensitive balance, gentleness, and clarity, distinguished her human relationships. As a member of the Faculty, whether as individual or as committee member, she gave of herself without limit, always thorough in her consideration and tolerant in her point of view. Ruth Gillette Hutchinson lived a gracious and a generous life. True to herself and to others, she contributed a fineness and a firmness which has permanently enriched the life of Vassar College.

Therefore, be it resolved that this minute be placed on the Faculty records, and that copies be sent to her family.

RUTH GILLETTE HUTCHINSON (Continued)

1920 A.B. University of Rochester

1921 A.M. Columbia University

1920-21 Courses in New York School of Social Work

1921-22 Federal Reserve Board, Junior Research Assistant

1922-26 Instructor in Economics, Vassar College

1926 Marriage

1927-28 American Telephone and Telegraph Company,  
Economic Statistician

March 1928-30 Assistant Professor of Economics,  
Vassar College

1931 Ph.D. Columbia University

1930-36 Associate Professor of Economics, Vassar  
College

March 5, 1936 Death

Publications:

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