Memorial Resolution for Louise Wilhelmina Mears

Louise Wilhelmina Mears, head of the Department of Geography at Milwaukee State Teachers College, 1912-1940, was born in Beatrice, Nebraska, March 12, 1874 and died in Nebraska City, Nebraska on April 19, 1965.

Miss Mears received her Bachelor of Education degree from Nebraska State Teachers College in 1909, her Master of Arts degree from the University of Nebraska in 1912, and studied further at the University of Chicago, Clark University, Cornell University, Harvard University, Marquette University, University of Minnesota, and University of Wisconsin.

During her professional career, Miss Mears taught at Nebraska State Teachers College in Peru, 1897-1900; was head of the Department of Geography at the State Teachers College in Moorhead, Minnesota, 1901-1907; head of the Department of Geography at the State Teachers College of Peru, Nebraska, 1907-1912, and head of the Department of Geography at the State Teachers College, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 1912-1940.

She was founder and donor of the Louise Mears Medal Award for Geographic Research at the State Teachers College in Peru, Nebraska, and at Moorhead, Minnesota, and of the William Goode Memorial Collection for the Public Library at Auburn, Nebraska. Miss Mears was a delegate to the Pan-Pacific Scientific Conference in the Hawaiian Islands in 1920; the World Education Conference in Toronto, Canada in 1927; the World Federation of Educational Associations in Oxford, England in 1935, and Rio de Janeiro in 1939.

She was an honorary member of the Eugene Field Society; member of the National Education Association, the National Council of Administrative Women in Education, the Nebraska State Historical Society, Y. W. C. A. (life), Delta Kappa Gamma (life); Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and Sciences.

Miss Mears contributed to several journals and related fields, among which were The Hills of Peru published in 1912 and revised in 1948; America's Fairyland - The Hawaiian Islands in 1922; Wisconsin - A Geographic Reader (with J. A. Merrill) in 1931; Life and Times of a Midwest Educator, Carroll Gardner Pearse in 1944.

After her retirement in 1940 she continued her support of the many national and international organizations for the promotion of education and world good will which she so staunchly supported during her professional career.

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