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Dr. Hetty Goldman of Institute For Advanced Study Dies at 90

Special to The New York Times

PRINCETON, N.J., May 5—
Dr. Hetty Goldman, an archeologist and the only woman professor at the Institute for Advanced Study, died at her Princeton home yesterday at the age of 90. She was a professor emeritus at her death.

Dr. Goldman's most influential books were "Excavations at Eutresis in Boetia," published in 1931, and "Excavations at Gozlu Kule Tarsus," in 1962. She was also a frequent contributor to scholarly journals.

A 1903 graduate of Bryn Mawr College, where she majored in English, Dr. Goldman had intended to make her career in writing but decided that she "had nothing to say," she once explained. She earned an M.A. from Radcliffe in 1910 and a Ph.D. there in 1916.

She joined the Institute in 1936 and retired 20 years later, on her 75th birthday.

On that occasion many students and friends presented her with a volume of essays, "The Aegean and the Near East," especially prepared in her honor. It included contributions from more than 40 scholars.

Dr. Goldman was awarded a gold medal for distinction in her field by the Archeological Institute of America in 1966.

In 1911, as a fellow in the Archeological Institute of America School of Classical Studies in Greece, she was the



Dorothy Wilding, 1937

Dr. Hetty Goldman

first woman permitted to direct an archeological excavation.

Among the relics uncovered under her direction were terracotta theatrical masks, figurines of gods, and temple rituals and victorious charioteers, lamps used in sanctuaries, clay-lined ovens from an ancient factory, a Hellenistic house with a bathroom and a crystal statuette dated not later than the first millennium before Christ.

Dr. Goldman is survived by a sister, Mrs. Ashton Sanborn of Cambridge, Mass.

WOMAN SCHOLAR IS HONORED AT 75

Institute for Advanced Study
Cites Hetty Goldman for
Archaeological Work

By SANKA KNOX

Special to The New York Times.

PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 19—Dr. Hetty Goldman, an archaeologist and the only woman appointed a professor at the Institute for Advanced Study here, was honored tonight on her seventy-fifth birthday.

A forty-five-year career in the pursuit of knowledge of the ancient world was saluted at the institute by friends and fellow workers. Dr. Goldman was appointed to the institute staff in 1936.

Dr. J. Robert Oppenheimer, director of the institute, and his wife were hosts on the occasion. A handsome volume of essays, "The Aegean and the Near East," dealing with aspects of Dr. Goldman's field, was presented by Dr. Oppenheimer.

Sponsored by the institute and especially prepared "in honor of one of its early and most distinguished members," the volume contained contributions from about two-score scholars. Dr. Saul S. Weinberg, University of Missouri archaeologist, was the editor.

"The golden age of archeology in Greek lands and the Near East," as Dr. Homer A. Thompson called the last three-quarters of a century in his preface to the book, opened up for Dr. Goldman in 1911.

A fellow then at the American School of Classical Studies in Athens, she was the first woman permitted by the school to conduct an archeological investigation. Her site in Greece was tiny Halae.

"I was lucky there," she said today. Out of her luck and a large measure of hard work and interpretation, Dr. Goldman did much toward establishing early chronology.

Out of explorations in Halae and Eutrisis in Greece, in Colophon and Tragus in Asia Minor, Dr. Goldman has produced and is still working on a sizable body of writings.

"She made the most of her evidence; never exaggerated, but squeezed it dry," commented Dr. Thompson.

Today Dr. Goldman appears about as forceful, vigorous and as dark-haired as the time in 1934 when she set out for Tarsus as field director for Bryn Mawr's first archeological expedition.

She is a Bryn Mawr graduate, class of 1903. Recently, addressing students at the college, she advocated courage in interpreting wise and boldly. "Better a theory if the data at all allows," she said, "for it will stimulate the imagination and awaken speculation in others who may well reach more acceptable results."

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Teachers' Meetings

The New York Classical Society and the Catholic Classical Association of Greater New York will hold a joint meeting at Manhattanville College of the Sacred Heart on Saturday morning. Speakers will be Prof. Hetty Goldman of the Institute of Advanced Studies at Princeton and Prof. Richard Krautheimer of Vassar College. The meeting will be followed by a luncheon at which Goodwin Batterson Beach will be the guest speaker. Following the luncheon the guests will visit the camps and the book exhibit now on view in the Brady Memorial Library.

Upton Close will talk on "The Open Door to Communism" at a meeting to be held at the Brooklyn Academy of Music on Thursday evening, November 14, under the auspices of the Educational Signpost. Miss May A. Quinn will preside.