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## GENERAL INFORMATION

Accession Number: 92-06

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## BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Beatrice Fry Hyslop was born in New York City on April 10, 1899, and died on July 23, 1973, during a visit to her sister in Rochester, N.Y. She was barely over the age of 20 when she was graduated from Mount Holyoke College with a B.A. in history and art in 1919. Miss Hyslop then taught history from 1919 to 1921 at Mrs. Day's School in New Haven, Conn. before undertaking graduate study in history and international relations at Columbia University from 1921 to 1922, and then again from 1923 to 1924. In between, she traveled in Europe. Her M.A. in history was received from Columbia in 1924, after which she was a teacher of history at Rosemary Hall in Greenwich, Conn. from 1924 to 1926. She returned to Mount Holyoke College as an instructor of history from 1926 to 1928. From 1928 to 1929, she again attended Columbia for doctoral studies in history and international relations. During the period 1929 to 1930, she worked on her doctoral thesis, then spent 1930 to 1932 in France continuing her academic research. While working on her thesis in France she studied at the Sorbonne, and in 1933 the French government published her book on the *cahiers* (with a supplement published in 1952). She returned to the U.S. in 1932, completed her dissertation, and in 1934 received her Ph.D. from Columbia. Her doctoral dissertation was titled, "French Nationalism in 1789." She had received the Mary E. Woolley fellowship for 1933-1934 and a Columbia University grant-in-aid for 1934-1935. As her obituary in the *American Historical Review* stated: "Even before she received her doctorate, the thoroughness of her method and her familiarity with French archives had been indicated...." Dr. Hyslop was decorated by the French government in 1931 as an *Officier d'Académie* 1961 became a *Chevalier de la Légion d'honneur*.

Nonetheless, the time was 1934, during the Great Depression, and even with a doctorate from Columbia and already established scholarly credentials, the newly-minted Ph.D. once again became a teacher of history; this time at the Kingswood School in Bloomfield Hills, Mich. It was only after two years there that she obtained a position as instructor of history at Hunter College of the City of New York in 1936. Reflecting the uncertainty of the times, this was a position given for only one year at a time. The tenuousness of her position at Hunter in the latter half of the 1930's is reflected in some of her correspondence at the time, but her value to the college, the students, and her profession was duly recognized, and by 1953 she had reached the top of her profession at Hunter when she was promoted to a full professorship. In 1959, her *alma mater*, Mount Holyoke, awarded her an honorary D.Litt. Professor Hyslop retired in 1969, becoming professor of history emerita.

Her scholarly activities and her work with, and for, cultural and professional associations, both in the U.S. and abroad, are detailed in her curriculum vitae found in Box 1, Folder 1. It is sufficient to repeat here that her

authoritativeness in her specialty was attested to by her compiling for the *American Historical Review*, the pre-eminent journal of academic historians, its listings for French history for the “Recently Published Articles” section from 1948 until her passing in 1973.

While her scholarship can be documented easily through her published works, perhaps less visible are her direct personal efforts at Hunter as teacher and adviser to students, and as a respected contributor to the community of scholars. In October 1943, she was one of five professors invited by Hunter president George N. Shuster to explore the postwar situation with a view to expanding student interest in the humanities. These “explorations” were completed by 1945, and led to the formation of the humanities major at Hunter. In November 1946, President Shuster appointed her to a six-person committee to set up an international affairs major. Professor Hyslop continued through the years as a significant participant in this area, sometimes acting as chair of the inter-departmental major. Her interest in international affairs went beyond her academic pursuits. She was a faculty adviser to the student International Relations Club for many years, assisting it with model U.N. programs and out-of-town conferences—raising funds from Hunter faculty to assist students in defraying the costs of travel, lodging, and registration. Another aspect of her concern for people is to be found in her work on the Inter-Faculty Friendship Committee of Hunter’s chapter of the American Association of University Professors. Postwar Europe found many professors in need of food and clothing. Professor Hyslop, from the fall of 1947 through 1954, chaired the Committee on Educational Reconstruction, which compiled lists of professors in need and attempted to meet such needs.

Ever cognizant of the importance of international affairs, she had been a member of the Foreign Policy Association dating back to 1922, and active since 1928 in the American Association for the United Nations (formerly the League of Nations Association); first as a member, and then as a discussion leader, competition judge, adviser, and speaker. She held many committee memberships as a junior and then senior faculty member in the history department and in the college as a whole. In 1945 and 1946, she was one of five persons elected by the entire faculty to represent it on the executive committee of the faculty. She had been a member of the association of instructors of Hunter College from her start at Hunter in 1936 to 1949, and at one time she was president of the New York City chapter of the American Association of University Professors. She was also active in the American Association of University Women (New York Committee on International Relations), and in the League of Women Voters and the Citizens Union.

Open to other cultures and civilizations of the Western world as traveler and scholar, she was also respectful of religions other than her own. An active and contributing member of the Unitarian Universalist Church, she served as

secretary-treasurer in 1951 of the Hunter College Faculty Roundtable of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, putting on a brotherhood assembly in 1951 and a concert in 1953. Her overall interest in culture is evidenced by her activities with the Hunter faculty's Humanities Club, which began in 1940 and had evolved by 1965 into the presidency of this highly-regarded faculty forum. As an undergraduate, she had studied art history at Mount Holyoke. Although her penmanship wouldn't indicate it, some sketches in her papers reveal a surprising artistic ability, and she was inclined to take photos and moving pictures on her travels abroad. Professor Hyslop gave much time to advising students in her field, and even invited groups of students to her apartment in Jackson Heights for buffet dinners. She was generous in her efforts to help students obtain scholarships and fellowships for graduate study. The writer owes his Woodrow Wilson fellowship for study at Princeton University to her because she nominated him for it. She was a supporter of the Sara Delano Roosevelt Memorial House (where many Hunter student activities were held), particularly as a member of its auxiliary fund-raising groups. Through her efforts, money was obtained for the construction of bookshelves at Roosevelt House.

Professor Hyslop's high scholarly standards and her commitment to her students came together not only in the classroom, but also in her involvement with Phi Beta Kappa. Admitted to membership as an undergraduate in 1919 at Mount Holyoke, she also became a charter member of the Phi Beta Kappa Alumnae of New York when it was formed in 1922. For the latter's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1972, she wrote its history—a 69-page booklet distributed to members. At Hunter, she first held office in its Nu Chapter from 1942 to 1944, as secretary-treasurer (then, as now, a position of much effort and responsibility). She continued an active role in many positions, culminating in her serving as president of the chapter from 1961 to 1964. She also was chair of the nominating committee for Phi Beta Kappa senator in 1967 for the Middle Atlantic District of the United Chapters of Phi Beta Kappa.

Four of the noteworthy undergraduate students of Professor Hyslop at Hunter College are: 1) Naomi Churgin Miller, who went from Hunter to Bryn Mawr with a graduate scholarship for her master's and earned a Ph.D. at Columbia, then returned to Hunter, became a full professor, and was chair of the history department from 1975 until 1992 (as well as acting dean of social science in 1989-1990); 2) Rita Abrams Hauser, who earned a doctorate in Europe and a law degree in the U.S., was a presidential appointee to the U.S. Mission to the United Nations (a position initially held by Eleanor Roosevelt), and was also a trustee of the City University of New York, of which Hunter is a component; 3) Salme Harju Steinberg, a professor of history, who is the current president of Northeastern Illinois University; and 4) Blanche Wiesen Cook, distinguished professor of history at John Jay College and the CUNY Graduate Center, among whose published works are award-winning and best-selling biographical volumes on Eleanor Roosevelt.

Professor Hyslop's dedication to Hunter College and its students is evidenced further by her bequeathing to Hunter a major portion of her estate.

Eli Arthur Schwartz



## SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The Beatrice F. Hyslop Papers contains little information about Hyslop's academic career; there is almost none of her actual research or scholarly writing. Instead, the collection includes personal and biographical information, including grant and scholarship applications and resumes that summarize her academic achievements, extensive and vivid personal correspondence, and materials from her involvement in various activities, organizations and events. There are materials from, among others, the Hunter College Humanities Club, the International Relations Club, Phi Beta Kappa, the American Historical Association and the American Association of University Professors. Organization materials often include minutes, correspondence, activities, bulletins or reports.

Additionally, there are materials from her 1955 Fulbright scholarship, and from her travels to France and the activities she took part in while she was there. Hyslop wrote book reviews for scholarly journals, and the collection contains some of these reviews, as well as related correspondence. There is also correspondence, notes and other materials relating to the listings of new French history articles that Hyslop compiled annually for the *American Historical Review*, as well as materials from the lectures she gave, including, in a few cases, the text of a speech.

## SERIES DESCRIPTION

### **Series I - Personal and Biographical Information**

Series I consists of biographical information, correspondence, a vitae, newspaper articles and clippings, an application, obituaries, as well as personal correspondence which are arranged chronologically.

### **Series II – Hunter College**

Series II consists of correspondence between Hyslop and President George N. Shuster and documents related to Hyslop's association with the History Department of Hunter College, the Humanities Club of Hunter College, the Hunter College Protestant Association, and the Nu Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa of Hunter College. Also included are samples of Hyslop's book reviews, speeches, and writings.

### **Series III – French Historical Research/Scholarship**

Series III consists of documents related to Hyslop's travels and research in France, including her 1955 Fulbright scholarship. Also included are notes and correspondence between Hyslop and the *American Historical Review*. Hyslop compiled several bibliographies on French history for the aforementioned publication.

### **Series IV - General Files**

Series IV consists of materials on general topics and subjects. Also included are photographs and documents from events Hyslop attended. Folders are arranged alphabetically.

### **Series V - Publications**

Series V consists of publications, brochures, and articles related to historical research and the teaching of history. Folders are arranged alphabetically.

### **Series VI - Organizations**

Series VI consists of documents from the American Association of University Professors, the American Historical Association, the Association of Instructors of Hunter College, the Association of International Relations Clubs, and Phi Beta Kappa among others. Folders are arranged alphabetically.

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	8	Bronx Assembly December 6, 1961
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