



Margaret Herring Gleason

A Life Well Lived

Margaret was born on June 6, 1907, in Gouverneur, New York, to Herbert and Margaret Shaw Herring. Mr. Herring was a farmer and head of the Gouverneur Co-Op Association. Mrs. Herring was a homemaker.

She graduated from Gouverneur High School in June, 1925 and from Cornell University in June, 1929, at the heart of the Depression. She graduated Phi Beta Kappa. She taught in New York City for ten years, including at Sea Cliff, before returning to Gouverneur in 1940. She taught history at Gouverneur High School from 1940 until her retirement in 1966. She was chairman of the Citizenship Education Department, overseeing the History Department and student teachers. During that period, she also taught at St. Lawrence University and helped to write the state Regency Test questions in Social Studies in Albany on different occasions.

Margaret married Harvey L. Gleason on August 14, 1957 at her home in Gouverneur. Mr. Gleason was an employee of the Bank of Gouverneur.

After retirement, Margaret became a Charter Member of the Gouverneur Historical Association. She was also a member of the Travelers Club, St. Lawrence County Historical Association and Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority. She was past president of the board of trustees of the Gouverneur Reading Room Association and an advisory board member of the Program for Continuing Education of Women at Canton Agricultural and Technical College.

Margaret's award will be presented to the student that the Directors and Members deem to be in the best interest of the Foundation.