

IN MEMORIAM

Myrtle Nims

We also saw the passing of Myrtle Nims, widow of Oriental Institute professor and former Epigraphic Survey Director Charles F. Nims. After her marriage to him in 1931, Myrtle accompanied him over the many years that Charles participated in the Oriental Institute's Epigraphic Survey at Chicago House in Luxor, Egypt, as an epigrapher, photographer, and eventually as field director. When work resumed in the 1940s after World War II, Myrtle was a constant presence at Chicago House through Charles' retirement in 1972. She was an active participant in the work at

Chicago House, responsible for binding books for the library for many years. When Charles became field director, she managed the building by shopping, planning menus, and arranging teas for Chicago House visitors. In this way, she became an integral part of the running of the Chicago House facilities and maintaining Chicago House's position as an attraction for dignitaries, visitors, and scholars. Oriental Institute Members who visited Chicago House during those years will remember her as a gracious hostess and kind ambassador for the Oriental Institute's work in Egypt. Included in her legacy to the Oriental Institute are: the many hundreds of photographs Charles took in Egypt, his book collection on Egypt and the Near East, and a generous estate plan. Myrtle was the last of the Oriental Institute family who participated in the Institute's work in the Near East in the 1930s.

