

Hugh Charles Troy

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Hugh C. Troy was born in a log cabin on a farm in Tioga County, New York. Ten years later his family purchased another farm two and one-half miles south of Ithaca, where they lived on what is now known as “Troy Road.”

His elementary education was obtained in the country district school, the Parochial School in Ithaca, and the Ithaca High School. He was captain of the high school football team, and he was chosen to present an oration at the high school commencement.

During the summer preceding his senior year in high school, Troy worked on the construction of the Cornell University Library building. He helped to install the iron book stacks, the gratings over the lower windows across the front of the building, and the iron stairs in the tower.

Hugh Troy entered Cornell in the fall of 1891. He was captain of the freshman crew as well as a member of his class football team. The next year he was president of his class. He rowed on the Cornell crew each year after his freshman year, and he was captain and stroke of the Cornell crew that competed in the first intercollegiate regatta at Poughkeepsie—that was in 1895, the year he graduated from Cornell University. He was so interested in boating, and so skillful as a teacher, that he successfully coached the Cascadilla Preparatory School crew from 1897 to 1925.

In the fall of 1896 Troy registered in the Graduate School of Cornell University. On May 1, 1897, he began work as a New York State chemist. This position did not at first require all his time, so he accepted an assistantship in the Animal Industry and Dairy Department. Fortunately, the chemistry laboratory of the New York State Department of Agriculture was in the dairy building, thus making it convenient for him to hold these two positions. In 1912 he resigned as State Chemist and became Professor of Dairy Industry at Cornell University.

About this time Professor Troy developed the Troy Salt Test, the Cornell Cheese Moisture Test, and the Troy-Wagner Milk Test Bottle, which later was patented. In after years he was responsible for the Lactic Acid Test. He was co-author of the books: *Questions and Answers on Milk and Milk Testing*, *A Dairy Laboratory Guide*, and *The Technical Control of Dairy Products*. He also wrote several bulletins and papers on milk and milk products.

Professor Troy was a member of Quill and Dagger, Sigma Xi, Knights of Columbus, and the Catholic Church. He was a member of the executive committee of Cornell United Religious Work, Ithaca Social Service League, the Ithaca chapter of Red Cross, and the Ithaca Community Chest. During World War I, Professor Troy served

two summers as a dairy expert with the Federal Bureau of Animal Industry, Dairy Division, assisting in the conservation of dairy products.

Surviving are his children, Mrs. John Rice of Mountain Lake, New Jersey; Hugh of Washington, D.C.; and Francis B., of Orinda, California; and his niece, Mrs. Alexander Zeissig of Mountainside, New Jersey.

Hugh Troy was a thoughtful researcher and a skillful instructor. His sparkling outlook on life and his overflowing humor helped to create in him an inspiring teacher. He remained vigorous in mind until the last, at the age of 93.

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