

Ernest Wilson Huffcut

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The Faculty of the University records upon its minutes this memorial of Ernest Wilson Huffcut whose beneficent influence upon the life and work of the University extended far beyond his daily service to the College of Law of which he was the distinguished Director.

He was closely identified with the University as student or teacher for more than twenty years and always a potent factor in its varied activities. Entering Cornell in 1880 he received the degree of Bachelor of Laws in 1888. Here he was instructor in English from 1885 to 1888; professor of Law from 1893 to 1903 and Dean of the Law Faculty and Director of the College of Law from 1903 until his untimely death in the present year.

Possessed of logical understanding of his theme, rare eloquence and perfect clarity of expression, a large intellectual and social sympathy and a dominant instinct for progressive action, he was accorded a foremost place by his fellow workers in the field of legal education in this country. These same attributes won for him a like regard in the deliberations of this Faculty and its committees, and in his relations with alumni and student organizations. His spirit of devoted service to his University in all its concerns—those of lesser importance as well as those more vital to its welfare—was ever voiced with persuasive grace and practical wisdom. In the death of Dean Huffcut the State has been deprived of an exemplar of civic duty and Cornell University has lost a most gifted and loyal son.

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