

WILLIAMS, Arthur Perry, 1885-1934. Born in Buffalo, New York. Received B.A. degree at Hobart College in 1911 and B.S. degree from Cornell University in 1913. He was one of the early teachers of agriculture in New York State. He taught vocational agriculture at Hamburg, New York (1913-1916) and at Burnt Hills, New York (1916-1918). From 1918-1921 he was assistant supervisor of agricultural education, New York State Department of Education. In 1921 he came to Washington where he became Federal Agent for Agricultural Education, North Atlantic Region, in which position he remained until his untimely death in 1934.

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In college "A.P." was a brilliant student, having won a Phi Beta Kappa Key at Hobart. What he did as a teacher of agriculture was often pointed to as a model for other teachers. Intensely interested in good teaching, he worked hard and travelled widely in the interest of job analysis, teaching methods. Two of his bulletins "Methods of Teaching as Applied to Vocational Education in Agriculture" and "The Conference Procedure in Teaching Vocational Agriculture" are still widely used. Working with C. H. Schopmeyer he was responsible for a series of analyses of farm enterprises. Throughout his career he aimed to raise vocational agriculture standards and he reached his objectives.

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