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George Sibley Corfield, late National President of Gamma Theta Upsilon, passed away in May, 1971. He served as Head, Geography and Geology Department, Nebraska Wesleyan University, Lincoln, Nebraska, from 1954 until his demise.

Born in Cato, New York in 1896, he attended high school there and began his teaching in Port Bryon. He then graduated from Oswego State Teachers College. He studied at Syracuse University and Cornell University.

He was awarded a B.A. and a M.A. degree from Clark University, Worcester, Massachusetts, where he accomplished an additional year of graduate work.

Professor Corfield was Principal and Assistant Superintendent in New York; Dean of Men, Duluth State Teachers College; Director of Geography, St. John University, Minnesota; Professor of Geography, Worcester State Teachers College, Massachusetts; Associate Professor of Geography, Oklahoma State University, and Chairman, Geography and Geology, Nebraska Wesleyan University.

He was quite active in the National Council for Geographic Education, serving on the Executive Board and as Coordinator for the state of Nebraska. He published a Monograph for the organization in 1942.

He served the Association of American Geographers as Southwest Regional Chairman. Corfield also served as Representative for the Brookings Institute to the International Conference on Foreign Affairs. He was invited to attend some UNESCO conferences. He was a member of the Southwestern Social Science Association, Oklahoma Academy of Science, Pi Gamma Mu, and Phi Delta Kappa.

A prolific writer, he had fifteen articles in geographic publications such

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as *Economic Geography*, *Journal of Geography* and *National Geographic Magazine*. A book, *Teaching Aids*, was collaborated with Mrs. Dora Reese. He revised the map of Oklahoma for *Encyclopedia Britannica* and was identified in the *Tulsa World* as "The Man Who Changed the Face of Oklahoma."

An authority on Latin America, he traveled extensively in that area and throughout the world. He directed two field trips to Europe.

He was listed in *Who's Who in American Education* and *Who's Who in the South and Southwest*.

President Corfield died at the age of seventy-five and was interred in Cato Union Cemetery. Surviving is his widow, Mrs. Edna Wethey Corfield, 300 East Upland Road, Ithaca, New York.

