

WINIFRED E. BAIN – PHS CLASS OF 1909

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Winifred E. Bain graduated from PHS in 1909. She went on to attend normal schools (now known as Universities) at Whitewater and Milwaukee. For eight years she taught kindergarten in Wisconsin and Minnesota. She then returned to the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and served on their faculty for three years. In 1924 she received her Ph.B. degree from the University of Chicago. She moved on to study at Columbia University and in 1929 received her Ph.D. degree. From 1929-30 Dr. Bain was Director of Teacher Training at Radford State College. By 1932 she made “a bold venture in teacher education at Teachers College” where she perhaps had her greatest contribution to the New College experiment. With her students, she organized a nursery school, empowering the children of Appalachia and was there until 1939.

In 1940, Dr. Bain became the president of Wheelock College in Boston and made significant contributions to early childhood education until her retirement in 1955. She was also president of the Association of Childhood Education. She was instrumental in the college being allowed to grant bachelor's degrees in education. Dr. Winifred E. Bain passed away in 1965.