Nathan Altschiller Court

1881-1968

Dr. Nathan Altschiller Court passed away in Norman 20 July 1968. Born 22 January 1881, in Warsaw, Poland, he was the eldest of nine children. He attended the University of Liege and the University of Ghent after having received a certificate from the Warsaw Real College. From Ghent he received two degrees, his doctor's degree having been conferred in 1911. Soon after he came to the United States, he studied and taught at Columbia University. In 1912 he married Sophie Ravitch, whom he had known in Warsaw. Dr. Court taught at the University of Washington and the University of Colorado before coming to the University of Oklahoma in 1916. He retired as Professor Emeritus of Mathematics in 1951.

Dr. Court's scholarly activities resulted in the publication of more than 100 articles. The first edition of his "College Geometry" appeared in 1925. This text was later translated into Chinese. "Mathematics in Fun and in Earnest" appeared in 1958. This has appeared in both French and Arabic. In 1952 Dr. Court was named to the Mark Twain Society "in public recognition of his contribution to literature."

Dr. Court is survived by his wife, of Norman, and a son, Dr. Arnold Court. —George J. Goodman.