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Brucya L. Dedinsky, after a lengthy illness, died at Chandler Hall on Dec. 15, 1982. She transferred her membership in the Society of Friends to Newtown Monthly Meeting from Swarthmore Meeting in February of 1977.

She left her native Russia as a young woman to study in Switzerland, France, England and Canada, later emigrating to the United States where she became a naturalized citizen in 1928. The institution that probably left the most lasting imprint on her life was Woodbrooke in Birmingham, England. She returned there often in summer vacations to reinforce her Faith.

She was a born student and teacher, pursuing her studies at the University of Chicago until she attained her Bachelors, Masters and Doctorate degrees. Thus, well-trained she devoted her life to teaching, twenty-five of those years at George School.

Her life-style was simple, even to being austere. Her living quarters were confined to one room all of her adult life and she still managed to live a full and rewarding life, while acquiring very few possessions. She traveled in Europe extensively during summer vacations and was at home wherever she went, speaking five or six languages. Art, music and reading enriched her life.

While teaching at George School, she felt a great responsibility for the growth and development of her students and for the girls on her dormitory hall. She continued to correspond with many of them until failing Health made it impossible.

She was strongly influenced by the work of the American Friends Service Committee, especially after World War II and consequently left a considerable estate to be divided between it and Newtown Boarding Home. Among other lessons she taught is one of self-denial, thrift and generosity.