

In Memoriam: Raymond Everett Crist, 1904–1993

RAYMOND EVERETT CRIST, pioneer cultural geographer and eminent researcher died on November 1993 at the age of 89. He was on the Board of Editors of this *Journal* since its inception in 1941.

Professor Crist was born in 1904 on a farm near Seven Mile, Ohio, and was the product of a one-room schoolhouse. He obtained a degree from the University of Cincinnati in 1925 in Geology and German. He became fluent in German, French, Spanish and Portuguese. While sharpening his language skills he travelled in Europe in the early 1930s and took courses at Bonn and Zurich. He studied under Raoul Blanchard at Grenoble where he obtained his PhD. in 1937 and developed a life-long passion for Geography.

He acquired a deep interest in Latin American during World War II when working in Puerto Rico and Venezuela. In 1951 he moved to Florida State University as Graduate Research Professor from the University of Maryland. His efforts made his University an outstanding center for Latin-American studies.

The Spring/Summer 1989 issue of the *Journal of Cultural Geography* was a *festschrift* honoring his life and work. Professor Crist had taught for over 40 years; he had published more than 250 scholarly books, articles and comments. He had chaired more doctoral committees on Latin American topics than anyone else in American academic geography. He served for twenty-five years on the Latin American Selection Board for the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation.

Crist was a liberal political activist and a man of vast cultural interests. He was a loyal supporter of the *American Journal of Economics and Sociology*. The research philosophy and interdisciplinary nature of this journal, as created and nurtured by Will Lissner, appealed to Crist and over 40 of his articles and 7 book reviews appeared therein. His wide range of interests, vast travel, and different employments contributed to his teaching research and outlook. As a young petroleum geologist in Mexico, and then later in Venezuela, he acquired a deep understanding of the effects land tenure relationships and culture had on the utilization of physical resources.

His wife of 45 years was Hilda Bittenwieser (1899–1988) a former professor of classics at the University of Cincinnati. As an author, and a helpful and kindly referee, he will be missed. The *Journal* has lost a brilliant and devoted friend. Scholarship will be the poorer for it.

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