Marion Dickerman was born on April 11, 1890 in Westfield, N.Y. She graduated with a B.A. in 1911 and a master's degree in education in 1912 from Syracuse University. She was a teacher, suffragist, women and children rights advocate, as well as a one time close friend of Eleanor Roosevelt. After a falling out occurred between the two, Dickerman still worked closely with FDR, who appointed her to the President's Commission to Study Industrial Relations in Great Britain and Sweden in 1938.;

During WWI, Dickerman became involved with the Red Cross and Liberty Loan drives. She also conducted work abroad, serving as a nurse orderly at the Endell Street Military Hospital in London in spring 1918.;

Dickerman died on May 16, 1983 in Kennett Square, Pennsylvania.

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