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Rosaly Torna Kurth, daughter of Nicholas and Pauline Torna, was born April 18, 1944, in Yonkers, New York. She attended Roosevelt High School, Yonkers, and was graduated in June 1962.

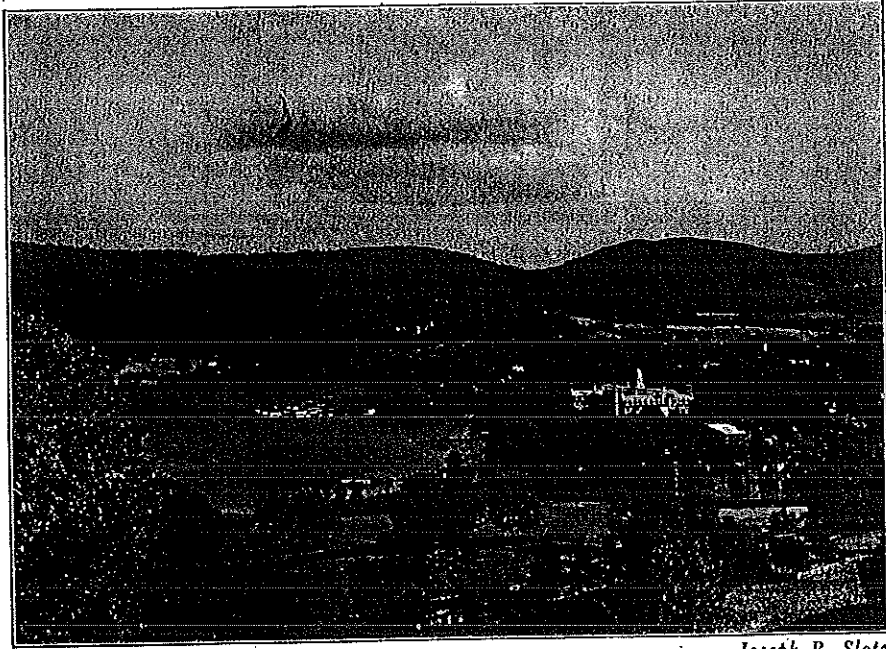
She entered Marymount College, Tarrytown, in September 1962, and received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in June 1966.

In September 1966 she was admitted to Fordham University's Graduate School of Arts and Sciences where she received an M.A. degree in English in June 1968.

In September 1968 she continued her graduate studies and took her Ph.D. written examination in October 1969. In the spring of 1971 she taught Freshman English at Iona College, New Rochelle.

In September 1971 she became the wife of Donald J. Kurth, M.D. They have one child, Kristine Elyse.

She began writing her doctoral dissertation in February 1970, under the mentorship of Andrew B. Myers, Ph.D.



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Dr. Bassett was for a long time the most widely known physician and surgeon of the region, while his wife, who followed the same profession, was the pioneer woman physician of Otsego county, and did much to allay the popular prejudice against women in the field of medicine. Dr. Wilson Bassett became noted as an expert witness in medical cases that were carried to court, and in murder trials when insanity had been set up as a defence. The resourcefulness which he displayed on such occasions led to his being described as "the most accomplished witness that has ever been placed upon the stand in Otsego county." Dr. Bassett's personal appearance marked him as belonging to the old school. He was the last man in Cooperstown to wear a black stock about his collar. His face suggested both firmness and a sense of humor. The quality of decision appeared in the mouth which the smooth-shaven upper lip displayed above the white chin-whisker, while the tousled shock of white hair and twinkling blue eyes were indicative of the whimsical turn of mind that manifested itself in witty and sententious sayings. His long experience in the court-room made him alive to the vast expense which the trial and punishment of criminals imposes upon the State, and led to his belief that criminality is usually to be attributed to lack of proper training in youth. His favorite plea for the support of the children in Miss Cooper's orphanage was "It's cheaper to educate 'em than to hang 'em!" The daughter of the two physicians, Dr. Mary Imogene Bassett, inherited the

talent of both parents, and later enjoyed the singular distinction, while still in active practice, of having a monument erected to commemorate her professional career, when, in 1917, Edward Severin Clark began to build the Mary Imogene Bassett Hospital and Pathological Laboratory,



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A FUNERAL IN CHRIST CHURCHYARD

merging with it the traditions of the older Thanksgiving Hospital.

Christ churchyard has been the scene of many impressive funerals, when, as in olden times, the unity of design in the order for Burial has been carried out, so that the outdoor function appears