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FAY BAINTER

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Signed Guestbook: October 21, 1921



Names evident above: (Complete party)

Miss Fay Bainter.....	New York	
Tad Barter.....	" "	EAST IS WEST
Ronald Colman.....	London	
Robert Harrison.....	Denver	-----
Geo H. Young.....	Portland	
Ralph H. Mitchell.....	"	1925
H. Gerard Effinger.....	"	

Fay Bainter Vitae:

Profession: Actress

Born: December 7, 1892 / Los Angeles
 Died: April 16, 1968 / Los Angeles (Age 75)

Age at Chalet: 28 years



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DETAILS / FAY BAINTER ENTRY

East is West?

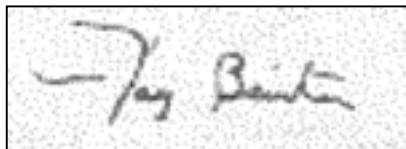
Fay Bainter first appeared in stock at the age of five, and made her debut on New York's Broadway in 1912. At the time of her appearance at the Chalet with **Ronald Colman**, she was leading her Broadway production of "East Is West" on a tour from New York city to the west coast. It seems reasonable enough to assume that the production was playing in Portland. The Bainter production would continue on south as far as Los Angeles (and possibly San Diego?), before heading back to the East Coast.

Academy award material

Unlike Ronald Colman, it would be some time before Fay Bainter moved from live performance to the screen. In 1934 she would appear in her first film *This Side of Heaven* (1934). Her transition to a new media was notably successful, and in 1938, she was nominated for two academy awards. Her nominations involved two separate categories: Best Actress for *White Banners* (1938) and Best Supporting Actress for *Jezebel* (1938). She won the Oscar for *Jezebel*. The fact that she was nominated twice in the same year was a first in Academy Award history, which led to a rule change disallowing a future occurrence. She was nominated for an Oscar again in 1961, this time for Best Supporting Actress for *The Children's Hour*, her last film. The Oscar escaped her that year to favor Rita Moreno in *West Side Story* (1961). The Internet (2001) lists 40 films in the actress category for Faye including *Our Town* (1940) and *The Human Comedy* (1940), both nominated for an Academy Award for best picture.

Other

- Fay Bainter was most often cast as an understanding mother or sympathetic matron.
- Fay was a "Miss" when she came to the Chalet but was soon to marry a military man, Reginald Venable the following year. When her husband died in 1964, with the rank of Lt. Commander, he was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. Fay joined him there two years later.
- Connection: Few women are buried at Arlington National Cemetery so it is most unusual to find that two of their small number had been guests at the Crown Point Chalet. Besides **Fay Bainter** mentioned above, the Internet/2001 reveals that **Mary Roberts Rinehart**, Chalet guest in 1916, was interred there in 1958. Mary had been a war correspondent in WW2, thus her candidacy for burial at a war memorial.
- It is apparent that the seven "signatures," visible in the "East is West" entry on the Graphic page, were penned by the same hand. The likely author is Fay Bainter, who was leading the "East is West" tour. The following Bainter signature, date unknown, was once offered for sale for \$35.00 on the Internet.

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fay Bainter". The ink is dark and the background is light and slightly textured.