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TRUE HEART SUSIE

(U.S./1919) silent \$30.00

93 minutes at silent speed of 16 fps (62 minutes at sound speed).

Directed, screenplay by D. W. Griffith, based on a story by Marian Fremont - Cinematography by G. W. "Billy" Bitzer - Artcraft Pictures. Players: *Lillian Gish, Robert Harron, Clarine Seymour, George Fawcett, Kate Bruce, Wilbur Highby, Loyola O'Connor, Carol Dempster.*

Although one of Griffith's less ambitious films, *True Heart Susie* captures the small town era of Wordsworth and Cowper due to unobtrusive camera placement and editing by Mr. Griffith. A country lady sells her cow to finance secretly her true love in college. After becoming a minister, he returns to the rural village and, unaware of Susie and her loyalty, marries an unfaithful city lady. The young man learns how much he owes Susie when his deceitful wife dies. European critics have compared this film to English pastoral poetry. -KP