

## COUNTY BOROUGH OF ROCHDALE

At a Special Meeting of the Council of  
the County Borough of Rochdale held in  
the Town Hall on Thursday, the 6th day  
of May, 1937.

It was Moved by The Mayor (Councillor Charlie Crowder, J.P.),  
Seconded by Alderman Charles Henry Bryning, J.P., and

### Resolved Unanimously

That this Council do hereby, in pursuance of the Local Government Act, 1933, confer upon Miss Gracie Fields the Honorary Freedom of the Borough of Rochdale, in grateful recognition of her eminent services to and of her love for her native town, and do hereby admit her to be an Honorary Freeman of the Borough accordingly.

In the course of a brilliant and strenuous career on the stage and on the screen, which has taken her to many parts of the world, and made her known to and beloved by great numbers of people at home and abroad, she has ever been mindful of her native town and has fulfilled with distinction and charm the role of its ambassador.

With her exceptional gifts of humour and song she has carried joy into the homes of our people and, by her whole-hearted devotion to good works and her constant readiness to be of service to others, she has endeared herself to the hearts of all and not least to the hearts of those who are proud to call themselves her fellow townsmen.

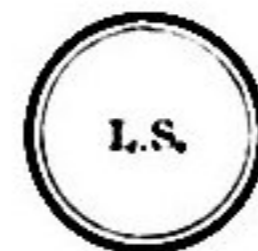
In conferring upon Miss Fields the Honorary Freedom of the Borough, the Council feel they are not only expressing their own deep appreciation but also the sincere affection and admiration of all the townspeople of Rochdale.

The Council, therefore, gladly avail themselves of the fitting opportunity afforded by the Coronation of His Majesty King George VI to bestow upon Miss Fields the highest honour which it is in their power to give and to enroll her an Honorary Freeman of the Borough of Rochdale.

The Common Seal of the Mayor, Aldermen and  
Burgesses of the Borough of Rochdale was  
hereunto affixed in the presence of

(Sd.) CHARLIE CROWDER, Mayor.

(Sd.) HARRY BANN, Town Clerk.



PRESENTATION SCROLL.