

# Obituary

## William Perry Hay

1871-1947

William Perry Hay, naturalist and educator, died at his home in Bradenton, Florida, on January 26, 1947, at the age of 76. He was born at Eureka, Illinois, on December 8, 1871; was graduated from Butler University, Indianapolis, in 1891; began his teaching as head of the Department of Biology in the Washington, D. C., high schools in 1892; and taught in a number of schools and colleges in and about Washington until the time of his retirement in 1934.

He grew up in a home of biological tradition, his father, Oliver P. Hay, of the U. S. National Museum, being one of the foremost students of both living and fossil reptiles. The son, though mainly busied with teaching, was also a herpetologist in his own right. Retirement brought him leisure, which he employed to the end of his working days in the study of his favorite groups, the snakes and salamanders. He had prepared the many detailed and accurate drawings needed for a comprehensive work on North American herpetology and had almost completed the text at the time of his death.

Before retirement from teaching Prof. Hay lived at Kensington, Maryland, and was an active participant in the work of a number of Washington scientific societies. He was a founder of the Washington Biologists' Field Club, and when that club was incorporated in 1901, he was elected president. He was a chief promoter of one of the Club's most unique and important enterprises: the establishment of field headquarters and the erection of a building for it on Plummer's Island in the Potomac River. This bit of earth has since become, with respect to its resident fauna and flora, one of the best-known spots in the whole world.

During World War II he had a large share in directing the useful service of the Hegener Research Supply of Sarasota. When the chief medical laboratories of the Nation were calling for the tropical animals needed in their research work, Prof. Hay offered his zoological knowledge and practical laboratory experience in order to aid in supplying the necessary animals. For this work he was awarded a Certificate of Merit by the Office of Scientific Research and Development, on recommendation of its Committee on Medical Research.

Twice in his time Prof. Hay accumulated a considerable zoological library. On retirement from teaching he gave the greater part of his books to the library of the U. S. National Museum. While in Florida he again

gathered together books of great value for the use of college students, and these he gave to the Department of Zoology of the University of Florida, Gainesville. He was ever a friend of youth.

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## Harris Perley Gould

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Harris Perley Gould, former head of the Division of Fruit and Vegetable Crops and Diseases, Bureau of Plant Industry, Soils and Agricultural Engineering, U. S. Department of Agriculture, died October 17, 1946, in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Gould was born at North Bridgton, Maine, September 6, 1871, the son of Charles Henry and Bertha S. (Wadsworth) Gould. He was graduated from the University of Maine with the B.S. degree in 1893 and received the M.S.A. degree at Cornell University in 1897. From 1899 to 1901 he served as assistant entomologist and horticulturist at the Maryland Agricultural Experiment Station. His early horticultural research resulted in several publications at each of these institutions.

Upon organization of the Bureau of Plant Industry in 1901 Mr. Gould joined the staff as assistant pomologist and was actively engaged in horticultural research and administration until his retirement in 1941, after three years as head of the division that includes all Federal horticultural investigations. He was an outstanding authority on fruit varieties and conducted extensive regional studies on their adaptation to climatic and physiographic conditions, particularly in southern and eastern fruit-growing sections. The results of his studies are included in 15 Farmers' Bulletins and some 25 technical and popular articles on horticultural subjects. He was also the author of a book entitled *Peach growing*, in the Rural Science Series. As collaborator, he continued his active interest in pomology after his retirement. The habits of industry acquired on a New England farm became a part of his character. To all horticulturists, professional and practical, he gave generously of his time and effort, and his interest in them and in the science and art of fruit production was untiring.

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