



## **Joseph Conrad Chamberlin (1898-1962)**

Biographical Sketch by Hany Abdoun, Archives Volunteer

Joseph Conrad Chamberlin was born on December 23, 1898, in Salt Lake City, Utah. He served with the U.S. Army in World War I. A bout with influenza during the epidemic left him with a respiratory problem for the remainder of his life. He received his Ph.D., with a thesis on Pseudoscorpions, from Stanford University in 1929.

Dr. Chamberlin worked at the University of California Citrus Experiment Station at Riverside (1924-1926) and held the post of Instructor of General Biology at San Jose State University (1926-1928). His career with the United States Department of Agriculture began when he became Project Leader of the Beet Leafhopper Project at Twin Falls, Idaho (1929-1936). He later transferred to the Pea Weevil Investigations in Oregon (1937-1943). Subsequently Dr. Chamberlin accepted a position in the Matanuska Valley, where, in cooperation with the University of Alaska, he worked to determine the insect fauna of Alaska (1943-1946). After that, he was named Project Leader of the Pea Insects Investigation Program of Oregon and Washington (1947-1961). In 1948 this program was expanded and Dr. Chamberlin moved to the Forest Grove Station, Oregon, where he remained until his retirement in 1961.

Dr. Chamberlin was a member of many scientific organizations, including the Entomological Society of America, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Entomological Society of Washington and the Entomological Society of Oregon.

Dr. Joseph Conrad Chamberlin died on July 17, 1962, at Tuality Community Hospital of Hillsboro, Oregon.

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