



Alan James Galloway (1904-1978)

Biographical Sketch by Hany Abdoun, Archives Intern

Alan James Galloway was born on February 7, 1904 in London, England. In 1925 he received his B.A. with honors in Natural Science from King's College, Cambridge, England. That same year, Galloway came to the United States and joined Shell Oil Company as a Geologist in Bakersfield, California.

In 1934 Galloway was appointed Vice President of Shell Oil Company, the youngest V.P. in the company's history. In 1940 he became an U.S. citizen and in 1953 was elected Director of Shell, a position he held until his retirement in 1958. He became a Research Associate with the Geology Department of the California Academy of Sciences in 1961. In 1965 he became the Academy's Chairman of the Board of Trustees after serving as its Vice-Chairman in 1964.

Mr. Galloway was a member of the California Academy of Sciences (beginning in 1926), the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers, the American Association of Petroleum Geologists and the Geologists' Association. He was the author of *The Geology of the Point Reyes Peninsula*, published by the State of California in February 1978.

Alan James Galloway died on August 16, 1978 in Carmel Valley, California.

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