



## **Joseph S. Hunter (1879-1972)**

Biographical Sketch by Hany Abdoun, Archives Intern

Joseph S. Hunter was born on August 9, 1879. After teaching Ornithology at the University of Nebraska, Hunter held the post of Entomologist for San Mateo County, California. In 1907 Hunter worked as a Deputy Commissioner for the Bureau of Game Conservation (formerly known as the Fish and Game Commission). During his state career, Hunter also held the posts of Assistant Executive Officer, Chief of Refuge and Chief of the Bureau of Patrol. He was appointed Chief of the Bureau of Game Conservation in 1935, a post he held until his retirement in 1949. While working for the state, Hunter played a big role in establishing California's Deer Refuge System and was credited with rebuilding the state's deer population.

Hunter was a member of the California Academy of Sciences (beginning in 1911), life member (beginning in 1930) and honorary member (beginning in 1954). Hunter was also a member of the Academy's 1905-1906 Expedition to the Galapagos Islands.

Joseph S. Hunter died on January 20, 1972.

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