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The Life of Ernest Waller

Upon graduation from Iowa State College in 1931 with a DVM degree, I joined the staff of the Veterinary Department of the University of Minnesota as an instructor in the Diagnostic Laboratory and was a part time graduate student.

I returned to Iowa State College in 1934 as an Assistant Professor of Veterinary Pathology and continued graduate work. My M.S. degree was received from Iowa State in 1938. In 1936 the Iowa State Diagnostic Laboratory and the Federal Brucellosis Laboratory were combined under my direction, resulting in the more efficient use of laboratory personal and equipment.

During 1940, I accepted an assignment at the University of New Hampshire as associate professor in Poultry Husbandry where I organized a poultry disease research program. Research work was started in Blue Comb Disease and to evaluate the procedure used in the control of the disease. After the start of World War 2, the poultry department staff took over the Poultry Extension work in the state.

In 1945, I accepted a position at the University of Vermont as Professor and Head of the Animal Pathology Department. The department's program involved both dairy and poultry as well as the supervision of the artificial insemination program (bull stud). Poultry service was limited to diagnostic and extension work.

In 1950, I joined the faculty of the University of Delaware as professor and Head of Animal & Poultry Science Department at the University of Delaware. During this period, all activities of animal science services were under the supervision of the department. My major interest was in poultry disease, research and service. Courses were taught covering poultry diseases and nutrition as well as dairy husbandry.

From 1959-1970, I was employed by Sterling Drug Co., Inc. (Sterling-Winthrop Research Institute, Rensselaer, NY), as Director of Extramural Research in Animal Husbandry. The emphasis of the program was to determine if any drugs or products being developed for human medicine had any value in animal as poultry health as nutrition.

After retirement in 1970, I became director of the Georgia Regional Poultry Laboratory and served there until 1987. The laboratory provided diagnostic service to twenty-three S.W. Georgia counties.

The most satisfying part of my profession was the diagnostic work that provided me direct contact with local veterinarians, owners and care takers. It gave me the opportunity to coordinate the symptoms and lesions observed on necropsy.

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Additional biographical materials may be available from the AAAP Historical Archives located at Iowa State University. Contact information is as follows:

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