



## **Albert William Christian Theodore Herre (1868-1962)**

Biographical Sketch by Hany Abdoun, Archives Intern

Albert William Christian Theodore Herre was born on September 16, 1868, in Toledo Ohio. He received his B.S. in Botany in 1903, his M.S. in Ichthyology in 1905 and his Ph.D. in Ichthyology in 1908, all from Stanford University.

Dr. Herre was employed as the Acting Head of the Biology Department at the University of Nevada (1909-1910), Vice-Principal of an Oakland high school (1910-1912), teacher at a local school in Washington State (1912-1915), Head of the Science Department at Western Washington College of Education (1915-1919), Chief of Fisheries with the Bureau of Science in Manila, Philippines (1919-1928), and Curator of Zoology at the Natural History Museum at Stanford University (1928-1946). After his retirement in 1946, Dr. Herre dedicated his time to research and fieldwork. He once again traveled to the Philippines as a member of the Fishery Program with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Bureau (1947), and worked at the School of Fisheries, University of Washington (1948-1957). From 1957 until his death, Dr. Herre researched and collected lichens.

Dr. Herre was a member of many scientific organizations, including the California Academy of Sciences (beginning in 1926), Fellow (1933), and an Honorary Member (1942). He was also awarded the National Science Foundation fellowship (1959).

World-renowned ichthyologist, lichenologist and ecologist, Dr. Albert William Christian Theodore Herre died on January 16, 1962 in Santa Cruz, California.

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