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## BIOLOGICAL SURVEY MOURNS DEATH OF LISLE MORRISON

Lisle Morrison, who died suddenly at his home in Takoma Park, Md., on May 22, had for years been a familiar figure at agricultural fairs, sportsmen's shows, and expositions as a representative of the U. S. Biological Survey.

"Mr. Morrison's death is a great shock and means a great loss to the Biological Survey, both personally and officially," said Walter C. Henderson, Acting Chief. "It leaves a vacancy that can not in any way be filled. Mr. Morrison was retired more than two years ago, but his interest in the work was such that he continued as a collaborator without a salary. As a helper and adviser in preparing and conducting educational exhibits on wildlife conservation he had been active almost to the date of his death, his last visit to the Bureau's offices having been on May 20."

Mr. Henderson recalled a statement by Dr. Ira N. Gabrielson, Bureau Chief, made when Mr. Morrison was retired on February 29, 1936, after 40 years of Federal Service, the last 17 in the Biological Survey.

"Mr. Morrison's service to the Biological Survey has been of outstanding merit," said Doctor Gabrielson. "He developed the Bureau's exhibit work far beyond anything that had ever before been attained, and he has set an example that will be of lasting benefit to his successors. He has been a congenial and jolly fellow worker to all of us."

During the last 14 years of his Government service, Mr. Morrison developed an extensive series of wildlife conservation exhibits of permanent value.

In 1930 he was one of the Department of Agriculture representatives at the International Fur Trade Exhibition in Leipzig, Germany, and conducted a conservation exhibit there. Since his retirement he had conducted exhibits for the Bureau in Baltimore, Hagerstown, Philadelphia, and Richmond. At the recent North American Sports, Garden, and Outdoor Life Show in Baltimore he also supervised an exhibit conducted by the American Wildlife Institute in cooperation with the Survey.

A native of Ireland, Mr. Morrison was born February 26, 1866. He came to America at the age of 19 and entered the employ of the War Department on September 16, 1895. He served in the general office of the Quartermaster's Department until his transfer to the Department of Agriculture on January 2, 1904, where he served continuously, with the exception of three years in private business with a seed-growing concern on the Pacific Coast.

At one time Mr. Morrison had charge of the office of congressional seed distribution, and later was in charge of dry-land-seed distribution. He came to the Biological Survey from the Office of Farm Management where he had been assistant to the chief.

During his early years in the Biological Survey Mr. Morrison was assistant to the chief of the Division of Economic Investigations, the unit then in charge of predator and rodent control. Later he was in charge, not only of exhibits, but also of the Bureau's photographic work and the distribution of its publications.