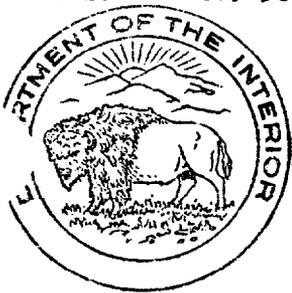


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FORMER FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE OFFICIAL DIES

Walter C. Henderson, former Assistant Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior, died suddenly January 1, 1947 at his home in St. Petersburg, Florida, at the age of 70. Funeral services will be held Saturday in St. Petersburg.

His wife, Mrs. Margaret Henderson, and son, Fletcher, were with him at the time of his death.

Mr. Henderson retired on November 30, 1942, because of ill health, closing a career of government service which began in 1897.

Mr. Henderson was born in Chelsea, Massachusetts, on July 6, 1876, and was educated in the Chelsea and Somerville public schools and in Boston University Law School from which he was graduated in 1903. He had already entered the Federal Service and was employed in the Customs Service of the Treasury Department from 1897 until 1907, when he was appointed law clerk in the Forest Service, Department of Agriculture. Later he became assistant to the Solicitor of that Department and on December 1, 1916, Mr. Henderson transferred to the Bureau of Biological Survey as Assistant Chief. In 1927 he was made Associate Chief and upon the consolidation in 1940 of the Biological Survey with the Bureau of Fisheries to form the present Fish and Wildlife Service, he was made Assistant Director.

Mr. Henderson was a member of several scientific societies, among them the American Ornithologists' Union, American Forestry Association, National Conservation Association, Cooper Ornithological Club, American Society of Mammalogists, Baird Ornithological Club, the National Geographic Society, the Biological Society of Washington, D. C. He also belonged to the bar of the U. S. Supreme Court.