

History, 1900–1917. The honorary degree of D.Sc. was given him in 1923 by Hillsdale College, and in 1926 he retired from the University of Illinois as Professor Emeritus. In the rather long period of retirement (16 years) vouchsafed him, he lived chiefly at Hillsdale, Michigan, in summer and at St. Petersburg, Florida, in winter.

With a mathematical bent at first, his life-work was in zoology. While diverse, it was sufficiently concentrated upon the earthworms and their allies that he may be fairly said to have created the classification of these animals for North America. He also published on the earthworms of other lands and was a leading authority on fresh-water sponges. His printed contributions to ornithology (13 in number) relate principally to migration. He endeavored to stimulate and guide migration study in Illinois and to summarize the results.

This interest continued after his retirement when he carried on bird study at both his Michigan and Florida homes. He was a faithful attendant of the meetings of the St. Petersburg Audubon Society and of the Florida West Coast Bird Club. Those who have commented on Professor Smith's personality have emphasized his sincerity and thoroughness, modesty and helpfulness. 'Who's Who in America,' and 'American Men of Science' may be consulted for biographical details and 'Science' 95: 398–400, April 17, 1942) for a memorial by Paul S. Welch. For facts about Professor Smith, the present writer is indebted to Dr. Welch and also to William G. Fargo, Alice S. Johnson, H. R. Mills, Daisie M. Morrison, Francis M. Weston, and Harley J. Van Cleave.—W. L. McATEE.

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