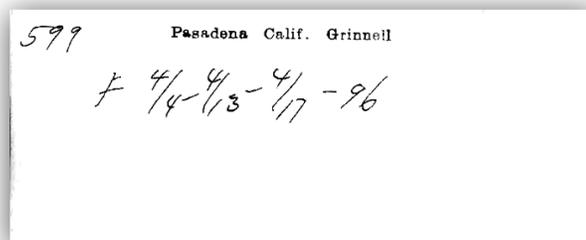


Joseph Grinnell

Joseph Grinnell was born on February 27, 1877, at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, to Dr. Fordyce Grinnell and Sarah Elizabeth Grinnell. His mother was an author of many papers and books on various topics including ornithology. The family moved to Pasadena, California where Joseph attended high school and later received a bachelor's degree from Throop Polytechnic Institute (now California Institute of Technology) in 1897. He went on to receive a Master's in 1901 and Ph.D. in 1913 from Leland Stanford Junior University (now common referred to simply as Stanford). While pursuing his degrees Grinnell became an instructor at Stanford in 1901 and was promoted to Professor of Biology in 1905. During that time he also met and married Hilda Wood on June 22, 1906. Together they had four children.

Joseph Grinnell developed a reputation as an "all around naturalist" due to his extensive research and publications. He published over 550 books and papers relating to ornithology, mammalogy, geographic distribution, speciation, and conservation of natural resources. His early successes in the biological field led to his appointment as Director of the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, established by Miss Annie M. Alexander, at the University of California in 1908. He held this position for over 30 years. In addition to the numerous research activities which he pursued, Grinnell conducted courses in vertebrate zoology in the Department of Zoology at the University of California. He became an Assistant Professor in 1913, and was made Professor of Zoology in 1920, a post which he occupied until his death in 1939.



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