

HISTORICAL NOTE

Prof. Joseph R. Watson was the first editor of *The Florida Entomologist* (nee *Florida Buggist*) and continued in that office for the first 28 volumes of publication. It was only through his devotion and even personal financial expenditure that the journal survived its early difficulties.

Prof. Watson was a charter member of the Florida Entomological Society and was its first president in 1916. He served again as president in 1921.

While Florida had several earlier Experiment Station entomologists, beginning with a brief term by Dr. W. H. Ashmead in 1888, Prof. Watson became the first chairman of an entomology department in Florida. His appointment was in the Experiment Station, where he served from 1911 until his death in 1946.

He came to Florida from a professorship at the University of New Mexico and earlier positions at Rochester College in Indiana, Berea College in Kentucky, and Adelbert College of Western Reserve. He was awarded the B.S. degree by Baldwin College and the A.M. by Western Reserve.

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