

## ERNEST DANGLADE

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Ernest Dangler, son of Dr. T. M. and Sarah Pleasants Dangler, was born in Vevay, Indiana, on December 17, 1865.

While a young boy he suffered a fall from a horse, which permanently injured his back, but despite this physical handicap he carried on with a smile and made a decided success in life and many friends during his travels in every state in the Union.

When a small boy he seemed to show an interest in nature and science, and his quest for facts in this realm was never relinquished from this early date. He gathered vast stores of information which later were to prove useful to himself and to society. A bright mind and a wonderful memory were his valuable assets.

He was graduated from Vevay High School in 1885, and in 1889 graduated from Buchtel College, Akron, Ohio, with a major in chemistry. After teaching chemistry in the college for several years, he returned to Vevay to become Superintendent of Schools. About the year of 1908 he was appointed Scientific Assistant in the U. S. Bureau of Fisheries at Washington, and while there did valuable work for the Government as an expert on the fresh water mussel and other shell fishes. A few of his publications were: *The Mussel Fauna of Central and Northern Minnesota*; with C. B. Wilson. *Mussel Resources of the Illinois River; Conditions and Extent of the Natural Oyster Beds and Barren Bottoms of Lavaca Bay, Texas*; with H. F. Moore. *The Flat Worm as an Enemy of Florida Oysters*.

He made various travels for the Bureau of Fisheries and was for a while stationed at the Biological Station at Fairport, Iowa; he also made several trips in charge of the expedition aboard the U. S. S. Fish Hawk. He was a personal friend of the late Dr. Barton W. Evermann.

Ernest Dangler was an accomplished civil engineer, a mathematician, and spoke French and German fluently. He made several river trips with William Boepple, the German shell fish expert. He had a host of friends along all rivers he worked, including mussel fishermen and shanty boat men, all of whom were dear to him.

In 1916 he returned to Vevay to become County Superintendent of Schools, which position he held until his death on December 18, 1932. He was a member of the Indiana Academy of Science, the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Fisheries Society. He was a 32nd degree Mason.

He was never married. His survivors are a sister, Annette, and a brother, Emplen P. Dangler. Also two nephews, J. K. Dangler, Editor of the Vevay Reveille-Enterprise, and J. A. Dangler, at present Principal of the Vevay High School.