

# William H. Gillespie



William H. Gillespie is a native of Webster County, West Virginia. Following his elementary and secondary education, he was admitted to the West Virginia University (WVU) College of Agriculture and Forestry. He completed the bachelor of science in forest management in 1952 and master of science in 1954, with emphasis in forest pathology, botany and geology. He also completed three additional years of graduate education at WVU with studies in forestry and geology.

Mr. Gillespie is a registered professional forester; nationally certified forester of the Society of American Foresters; Candidate Member of the Association of Consulting Foresters and an elected Fellow in the Society of American Foresters. He is currently the owner of Gillespie Forestry Services, a forestry consulting firm with offices in Charleston and Webster Springs, West Virginia, and William H. Gillespie and Associates, a plant biostratigraphicalgeological consulting firm, in

Charleston, West Virginia.

Prior to establishing these firms, Mr. Gillespie was director of the West Virginia Division of Forestry and Administrative State Forester. Previously he had served as deputy commissioner of agriculture and, prior to 1969, served as assistant director and director of Plant Pest Control Division, state supervisor of Forest Insect and Disease Work and as a forest biologist. Concurrently, he has served since 1978 as Paleobotanist in the Department of Geology and Geography, WVU College of Arts and Sciences.

Mr. Gillespie has received numerous State and national awards, recognitions and citations, including having scientists name two genera of plants to his honor. He has been cited for Distinguished Achievement in the Field of Earth Sciences by the Eastern Federation Scholarship Foundation; Outstanding National Service by both the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture and National Association of State Foresters; Outstanding Service to West Virginia Forestry by the West Virginia Forestry Association and Outstanding Service to the WVU Department of Geology and Geography, among others.

He is an Honorary State Farmer, Future Farmers of America and Honorary Life Member of West Virginia Soil and Water Conservation Supervisors. Mr. Gillespie has been recognized as an excellent teacher throughout all aspects of his career. In the classroom, he has been very effective and productive, serving on the WVU graduate faculty since 1978 in the Department of Geology and Geography, College of Arts and Sciences. In this academic role he has supervised the research of masters and doctoral candidates.