

# John A. Myers



John A. Myers was born on a farm near West Liberty, West Virginia, in 1853. He received a B.S. degree in Chemistry from Bethany College in 1875. After a year of graduate study, he became Professor of Chemistry and Physics at Butler University. After one year, he moved to Germany, where he studied for three and one-half years. Upon returning to the United States, he became Professor of Chemistry and Natural History at Kentucky University. He later became State chemist for Mississippi.

In 1888, Mr. Myers accepted the job of organizing the West Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station and of being Dean of West Virginia University College of Agriculture, positions he occupied for ten years.

Mr. Myers was one of the founders and served a term as President of the American Association of Agricultural Chemists; was a founder of the Association of Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations; and served on the executive committee as vice-president; and he was a member of various State boards.

Mr. Myers was a well-known scientist with numerous publications in agriculture chemistry to his credit, but he is most remembered for his genius in organizing and developing agricultural laboratories, colleges, and the West Virginia Agriculture Experiment Station.

Mr. Myers died of typhoid fever in 1901 at the young age of 47.