

George R. Trimble, Jr.



George R. Trimble, Jr., was a dedicated leader in the forestry profession. He was born October 7, 1912 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and in 1937, received a bachelor of science degree in forestry from the University of Maine. He received additional training at the University of Delaware, Davis and Elkins College, Duke University, USDA Graduate School and West Virginia University.

After graduating from Maine, Mr. Trimble gained experience in cruising and supervision in New England and became involved in timber management research and flood control service in the Northeast. In 1950, he was promoted to project leader in watershed management research at Parsons, West Virginia, and later did similar work in Laconia, New Hampshire, in 1957.

In 1957, he became center leader of the Timber and Watershed Laboratory at Parsons, West Virginia and was also project leader in timber management research where he remained for the rest of his career. During his research career, he authored or coauthored 115 research publications and was considered an authority in the silviculture of Appalachian hardwoods.

Mr. Trimble served on numerous committees and panels for the Society of American Foresters and watershed groups. He participated in numerous state, U.S. Forest Service and industrial meetings to provide silvicultural expertise. Over the years, he provided invaluable and active service to the West Virginia Chapter and Allegheny Section of the Society of American Foresters as officer, panel member, program chairman, committee chairman and inputs into chapter policy statements.

His professional status was clearly recognized when in 1975, he was asked to represent the West Virginia Chapter Society of American Foresters to testify before the U.S. Senate Agricultural Committee concerning the silvicultural practice of clear cutting. His general research areas were hardwood silviculture and watershed management.

In 1973, Mr. Trimble was honored as West Virginia Forester of the Year by the West Virginia Wildlife Federation. In 1974, he received the Society of American Foresters Allegheny Section award for outstanding service to forestry. In 1978, he received the Gamma Sigma Delta Award for distinguished service to agriculture from the West Virginia University Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta or Honor Society of Agriculture. Mr. Trimble was very active in the Isaac Walton League, throughout his career and was a member of other civic groups as well.

In view of the excellent contributions and dedication to the U.S. Forest Service, Society of American Foresters and professional forestry, as well as his desire for perfection in forestry, he received recognition as a Fellow in the Society of American Foresters in 1981.