

# Robert M. Snyder



Robert Martin Snyder graduated from Petersburg High School. He attended St. John's Junior College from 1932-1933; received a teaching certificate from Shepherd College in 1933 and received a B.S. in Agriculture from West Virginia University in 1937.

He was a school teacher in Grant County from 1933-34. He was a County Agent in Lewis and Nicholas Counties from 1937-41. He was a recognized leader and doer.

He was an ASCS administrative officer in 1941. He worked for the United States Department of Agriculture in Washington from 1942-52. He served in the United States Navy from 1944-46.

He was a member of the U.S. State Department Foreign Service from 1952-72. During this time, he worked in 16 countries in the field of food and agriculture and became a recognized world leader in agriculture. He retired from government service in 1972, after 35 years in agricultural work.

He has been a full-time operator of his 260-acre farm in Grant County since 1972. He became a pioneer in forage and livestock production and soil conservation.

His log home was restored in detail to the way of life going back to 1799. The home is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

For the past 19 years, he has been an outstanding leader in West Virginia's rural activities.