

FRED JAY SEAVER, 1877-1970

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One of the most respected and beloved members of the staff of the New York Botanical Garden was the mycologist Dr. Fred J. Seaver. I wrote his necrology, with the help of his elder brother Arthur, for *Torreya* 98:172-174. 1971. There I depicted the two brothers, bent with age, standing side by side in 1968.

Arthur, who was born October 26, 1880 and who had his driver's license renewed November 1972, recently wrote me that "The other day when going through some boxes of old stuff I came across a picture of Fred and me and our two older brothers - - - it shows Fred at the age of 17 or 18. He is the one on the left standing - looking like a solemn preacher or school teacher. - - - Fred and I used to work for 5¢ per hour when we could find anyone who had work to do and had a few nickels to spare. I worked for one old man who raised sweet corn to sell for 10¢ per dozen. He was paying me 5¢ per hour and I would be working as hard as I could with a stream of sweat running off my nose and he would come out and say 'Can't you work a little faster?'"

I herewith show the photograph of these two men, the type who worked hard, lived long, and made America the great Nation in Science and Industry that it is today.





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