

Bernard Smith

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Timeline

Date	Details
1881	Born
1906	Geologist
1920	District Geologist
1931	Assistant to Director
1935	Director

1927 Bigsby Medal
1935 Fellow of the Royal Society
1935 Bolitho Medal

Biographies and obituaries

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GSM/DR/Sm	Bernard Smith	Bernard Smith was born in Grantham on 13 February 1881. In 1900 he went to Sidney Sussex College...
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GSM/GL/Wr/43	Letters From B Smith to W B Wright	
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Bernard Smith

Bernard Smith was born in Grantham on 13 February 1881. In 1900 he went to Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge and gained a first in both parts of the Natural Sciences Tripos. In 1904 he was appointed University Demonstrator in Geology. Smith joined the Survey in 1906. He was promoted to District Geologist in 1920, became Assistant Director in 1931 and Director in 1935 on the retirement of Sir John Flett. Smith completed less than one year as Director and died at Hove on 19 August 1936 at the age of 55.

Bernard Smith as Director of the Survey

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Flett retired after the opening of the new Museum and the centenary celebrations and was succeeded by Bernard Smith (1881-1936) who had been on the staff since 1906. Poor Smith lasted only ten months before dying suddenly in August in 1936. He was remembered with affection by those who knew him as a pleasant, unaffected man, a good geologist who ruled the post-war ex-servicemen in the Whitehaven office with a rod of iron. He joined the Survey 'with no thought of promotion' and when he was Director he told C. J. Stubblefield, then on the Council of the Geological Society, that he did not wish to be President of the Society while he was Director. His sudden demise was a great loss to the Survey.

After a period when McClintock acted as locum, Smith was succeeded as Director by E. B. Bailey, who had been in the Scottish office for thirty years but had left for the Chair of Geology at Glasgow University in 1930.

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