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At the age of sixteen, he entered the shops of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Dennison, Ohio, as an apprentice for mechanical training. From 1889 to 1892 he was a student of mechanical engineering at the Ohio State University. He made rail-roading a career and served several railroads. In 1905, he went to Norfolk, Virginia, as Superintendent of Motive Power for the Norfolk and Southern Railroad. Later he moved to Florida. In 1922, he retired and returned to Norfolk, Virginia, to make his permanent home.

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He was elected an Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union in 1889, and was a charter member of the Virginia Society of Ornithology. Since 1905, he had been a member of St. Bride's Episcopal Church, where he served as a member of the building committee and for some time as a vestryman. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Jessie Wilcox Gould, and several nephews and nieces.—A. O. ENGLISH.

RUTH EDDY KEYES (Mrs. Charles Frederick Keyes) an Associate of the American Ornithologists' Union, died in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on May 25, 1933. She was born at Ithaca, New York, September 20, 1871, a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Henry T. Eddy, of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Dr. Eddy, for several years prior to his retirement in 1912, had been the first Dean of the Graduate School of the University of Minnesota. Mrs. Keyes attended the University of Cincinnati and was graduated from Vassar College in 1893. Later she pursued graduate studies at the University of Minnesota. In 1900 she married Charles F. Keyes of Minneapolis. They had three children, (Mrs.) Charlotte K. Clark, of Carmel, California, (Mrs.) Marjory K. Remington, of Glen Ellyn, Ill., and Henry Eddy Keyes, of Atherton, California.

## IN MEMORIAM: JOSEPH EDWARD GOULD

by ... J. English

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He was a graduate of a private academy in Utica, New York, and subsequently graduated in mechanical engineering from the Ohio State University. He was engaged in railroad work the greater part of his life, having served on the Pennsylvania Railroad, Cincinnati-Southern, CH&D, Rock Island and CH&N. Later he became Superintendent of Motive Power for the Norfolk-Southern Railroad at Norfolk, where he retired in 1922.

It was during his student days at Ohio State University that he became keenly interested in collecting bird eggs and making trips that were extensive in those times. He had many rich experiences in the field during his years of collecting and was always ready to impart to the younger student any knowledge which would be helpful. With his close friends, he had a quiet manner of relating in detail the habits of breeding birds, often with a bit of humor.

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Mr. Gould was keenly interested in the changing picture of conservation and closely followed the activities of the various ornithological societies.

His close associates will remember him as a kind and courteous gentleman, who followed his hobby in a quiet manner. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Jessie Wilcox Gould, and several nephews and nieces.

## JOSEPH E. GOULD 1866-1945

I first met Joseph E. Gould in 1906, after my return to Virginia from a residence in California. He had seen a newspaper article of mine calling attention to the destruction of bird life and shell fish in Hampton Roads, due to crude oil being discharged by vessels, and, on writing to me, we soon struck up a friendship that lasted until he passed away. Between 1906 and his removal to Arcadia, Florida, in 1915, he visited me at my James River farm in Warwick County, and I would often spend a Saturday night with him and we would collect on Sunday in Norfolk and Princess Anne Counties. One year I induced him to come up to Mountain Lake, Virginia, in the higher mountains, where my father and I then were, and where we had collected many early springs and summers. Gould, accompanied by his wife on this trip, added some six or seven sets new to his collection of eggs. In 1920, on my way west for a collecting trip, I visited him in Arcadia and a set of Florida Jay, that he had taken previous to my arrival, still resides in the Bailey collection.

After his return to Virginia from Florida, in 1922, I did not see so much of him, for I then had moved to Florida, but we generally got together for a short trip afield whenever I was in Virginia each year. On one of my trips to Virginia to see my parents, I wired him to meet me at Old Point Comfort, and from there we journeyed to a small and exclusive colony of Seaside Sparrows which I had known of for twenty or more years. A set of eggs of this bird proved new to his collection; but Song Sparrows nesting in adjacent area would not interest him, for he cared not for subspecies. Our last trip together was after Henslow Sparrows. We found a newly constructed Ford assembly plant had covered most of the old collecting acreage, so we returned to his home to spend the rest of the visit with his net birds in and about his own yard, several of which were then breeding.

His duties as a railroad man did not give him as much time to study birds as he would have liked, and on moving to Virginia he brought with him a small collection of eggs personally taken in Ohio. He knew most of the Virginia birds, especially the breeding species, but I could never convince him that for study purposes the nest, with the smaller eggs especially, contributed much of the character of the bird that made it. He joined the American Ornithologists Union in 1889 and was an associate member at the time of his death, as well as a member of the Virginia Ornithological Society.

Mr. Gould was the youngest child of Horace B. and Deborah Gould, and was born on St. Simons Island, Georgia, January 8, 1866, on the well known Black Banks Plantation—his grandparents settling there from Massachusetts some one hundred and fifty odd years previously. He was a graduate of the Utica (New York) Academy, and of the Ohio State University in engineering. For the greater part of his life he was engaged in railroad work. In 1891 he married Jessie Wilcox, of Jersey, Ohio, who survives him. He passed away at his home in Norfolk, Virginia, on November 3, 1945, and was buried in the Gould family plot in Christ Churchyard, Frederica, St. Simons Island, Georgia a few days later.

I have had the pleasure of knowing many fine men interested in Natural History subjects, but never one with a finer character than that of Joseph E. Gould. Those who came in contact with him, both in business and otherwise, will greatly miss him.

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