



## **Stephen Reid Capps, Jr.**

**1881–1949**

Stephen Reid Capps, Jr., spent much of his 40-year career with the U.S. Geological Survey in Alaska. Beginning in 1908, Capps travelled widely throughout Alaska and published numerous investigations ranging from geological and structural mapping to mineral resource assessments. His contributions include some of the first publications describing multiple episodes of Pleistocene glaciation in Alaska. Capps subsequently became one of the Survey's leading experts on the geology of heavy mineral placer deposits. His mineral investigations also made him one of Alaska's and the nation's first experts on what are now called "Strategic and Critical Minerals." At the time of his death, Capps was working on a monumental summary of Alaska's diverse physiographic regions, a subject eventually published nearly 20 years later.

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