

Micromounters Hall of Fame

Hatfield “Hat” Goudey

1906-1985

“Old Timer” Inducted in 2003

Hatfield "Hat" Goudey was born in Red Bank, NJ, in 1906, but moved to Oregon with his family while very young. Here, his love of the outdoors and mountaineering encouraged an early interest in minerals. That interest led him to the Colorado School of Mines in preparation for a career in mining and geology. His professional employment thereafter took him to sites at which he could collect those minerals he offered later for sale.



In 1944, while living in Yerington, NV, he published his first mineral list, offering 127 species, both as loose and mounted specimens. His lists of specimens, always including "micro-mounts," appeared through 1949.

In 1952, he sold his micromount collection, comprising some 600 mounts, to Dr. George Tunell at UC Riverside, where it became a teaching aid for college students. This collection is now in the Los Angeles County Museum of Natural History.

In 1957, he issued an eight-page list, #5758, whose first two pages were a summary of the philosophy and techniques of micromounting. Subsequent lists and offerings expanded on this theme, and began to offer sets of micromounts illustrating particular aspects of specimen mineralogy. These catalogs issued until 1985, became a standard against which prices and quality of micromount material could be gauged.

Hatfield also wrote articles that appeared in several periodicals, including *The Mineralogist* and the *American Mineralogist*. In 1978, the species goudeyite was named in his honor in recognition of his work on the mineralogy of the type locality, the Majuba Hill mine.

Hatfield Goudey, through his efforts in collecting microminerals and educating amateurs and professionals alike, has performed a significant service to the hobby. He is worthy of joining those others whose contributions have gained them a place in the Micromounters Hall of Fame.