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UP TO THE MOUNTAIN:
WADE HAMPTON FROST,
PIONEER EPIDEMIOLOGIST,
1880-1938

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Thomas M. Daniel, M.D., wrote Wade Hampton Frost, Pioneer Epidemiologist, 1880-1938: Up to the Mountain (University of Rochester Press, 2004), which was published in October. Wade Hampton Frost was the first Professor of Epidemiology at Johns Hopkins University in the first Department of Epidemiology in the United States. A Virginian and a 1903 graduate of the University of Virginia School of Medicine, Frost began his remarkable career with two decades of service in the United States Public Health Service. He investigated epidemics of yellow fever, typhoid, polio, streptococcal sore throat, meningitis, and influenza. He was recruited by Johns Hopkins in 1919, where he trained many of the future leaders of American public health programs. He made substantial contributions to epidemiologic methodology, including the conceptual development of a tuberculosis index case during investigations in Tennessee, the use of life-table methods for estimating secondary attack rates, the use of age cohorts for longitudinal studies, and, in collaboration with Lowell Reed, the first mathematical expression of the epidemic curve.

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