



Jack Heppinstall – MATS Hall of Fame Inductee Class of 1990

Primary place of employment: Michigan State University

Education:

- **Heppinstall gained his expertise through an apprenticeship in England.**

Jack Heppinstall helped pave the way within the Athletic Training profession, both clinically and his voluntary service. He immigrated from England to the United States to become the first Head Athletic Trainer at Michigan Agricultural College (Michigan State University), serving for 45 years from 1914-1958. Among the traditional tasks of a Head Athletic Trainer, he was also assisted in athletics as a groundskeeper and equipment manager. Jack's volunteer history started with becoming the second NATA President in 1939. He also volunteered at the 1948 Olympic Games in London as an Athletic Trainer; where he covered USA Boxing, Soccer, and Wrestling. For Jack's immense service in the Athletic Training profession, he was selected into the introductory class of the NATA's Hall of Fame in 1962. Jack passed away in September of 1974. His legacy continues to aid Michigan State University Athletic Training with the creation of the "Jack and Mary Heppinstall Memorial Athletic Training Student Scholarship" that started in 2013. People that knew Jack have described him as "expedient, a pioneer in the Athletic Training profession, caring, respected everyone who walked in his door, determined, and dedicated to the Athletic Training profession."