

Joseph Dalton Hooker

Joseph Hooker was born-and-bred in 1817 a son of William Hooker.

Since he was seven, Joseph was following his father's footsteps. He began his career as a surgeon for the Navy. Joseph joined the navy; he needed money for his travels. Although he was a surgeon, he still had an interest in plants. In 1839-1843 he went on an expedition with Darwin and raced to see who could find a new plant first.

Then he became the leading close-up botanist at Kew. Later on, a jaw-breaking thing happen in India, Joseph Hooker was imprisoned. However, when he got released, he discovered an abundance (7,000) of plants and 25 new Rhododendrons.

In 1855, he was quickly appointed assistant Director of Kew. In 1859, he wrote a book. Finally, In 1865-Joseph Dalton Hooker was official Director of Kew Gardens.