

## NECROLOGY REPORT FOR 1953-1954

The period from April 1953 to April 1954 constitutes the time between the Annual meetings of the Academy and for this interval the deaths in the membership are recorded.

## PHILIP W. BERG

Philip W. Berg, Assistant Professor of Zoology, Purdue University and former member of the Ohio Academy of Science in the Zoology Section, died of accidental causes at Lafayette, Indiana in January 1954.

## JOHN FERGUSON CUNNINGHAM

Dean John Ferguson Cunningham, Dean of the College of Agriculture at Ohio State University from 1932 to 1947. Member (1898) and Fellow (1944) of the Zoology Section.

Dean Cunningham was born at Aften, Iowa on February 4, 1877 but spent most of his life in Ohio. He secured the Bachelor of Science degree at Ohio State University in 1897 and the Master of Science degree in 1899. He was the owner and editor of the Wisconsin Agriculturist, owner of the Florida Grower, and Editor of the Ohio Farmer. He was even in his student days active in agricultural journalism and edited the Agricultural Student Magazine which was the first of its kind and is still regularly issued. While Dean Cunningham was still publishing the agricultural journals he was elected in 1914 to the Board of Trustees of Ohio State University and served 8 years. He was a war Food Commissioner in World War I and was on the Board of Control of the Ohio Experiment Station for several years. From 1937 to 1947 he was a director of the Ohio State Research Foundation and Chairman of the Ohio Farm Chemurgic Commission and also of the Ohio Soil Conservation Committee. He was until his retirement in 1947 chairman of the Land Resources Council of the Mississippi Valley Association, comprising 23 states.

Dean Cunningham was a member of the Agricultural Editors Association, The American Forestry Association and co-founder of Alpha Zeta Agriculture Fraternity. He was also a member of Phi Gamma Delta, Sigma Xi, Gamma Sigma Delta and the Rotary Club and Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

On October 30, 1907 Dean Cunningham married Edna Mumfer and to this union were born sons, John F. and Richard M. Cunningham. After retirement Dean Cunningham devoted much of his time to his extensive farm in Clark County. He died on April 28, 1953 of cardiac decompensation and was buried in Oakdale Cemetery, Urbana, Ohio.

## EDGAR H. SARLES

Mr. Edgar H. Sarles, of Norwood, Ohio was a geologist and chemist by profession and a member of the Geology Section of the Academy.

Mr. Sarles was born on August 1st 1878 in Brooklyn, New York and received the Bachelor of Science degree from Rutgers University in 1899 where he was also a member of Delta Upsilon fraternity.

For 26 years Mr. Sarles was Superintendent of the Jarecki Chemical Company and for 8 years of the Shephard Chemical Co. He was a member of the Dry Dredgers Geology Association of Cincinnati University and also President of the Mineral Society of Cincinnati.

On November 26, 1902 Mr. Sarles married Miss Minnie Hinman of Ontario, Canada. They had three children, viz. Wesley Sarles, Mrs. Ruth Sarles Benedict and Mrs. Nellie Sarles Schatz. On January 13, 1954 Mr. Sarles died of myasthenia gravis and was interred in Rest Haven Cemetery, Sharonville, Ohio.

## STEPHEN R. WILLIAMS

Dr. Stephen R. Williams emeritus Professor of Zoology at Miami University, Member and Fellow of the Zoology Section.

Dr. Williams was born on August 22, 1870 in Kalgan, North China, the only son of his parents, Rev. and Mrs. Mack Williams, the first missionaries to that part of China. When 9 years of age he returned to the United States and lived with an Uncle and Aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Francis at Paddy's Run, near Shandon, Butler County, Ohio. He was graduated from Oberlin College with the Bachelor's degree in 1892 and received the Master's degree in 1893. He taught two years in the Lima High School and then went to Harvard University in 1900 and received his doctor's degree in Zoology. He then came to Miami University to teach botany, zoology and geology until his retirement in 1940.

During the summer Dr. Williams taught at Cold Spring Harbor Biological Laboratory from 1913 to 1933 and also at the summer laboratories of Ohio State University at Cedar Point, Ohio and Put-in-Bay. On leave of absence he studied at Munich, Germany and in Italy and in 1911 spent a year at Scripps Institute at La Jolla, California and also at the Biological Laboratory of Bermuda. He was President of the Academy in 1940.

On September 14, 1904 Dr. Williams married Miss Mary Covington of Cincinnati; she and three of their four children survive him, viz. Dr. John C. Williams, Dr. Isabella Williams, and Mrs. Harley P. Brown. A third daughter, Mary Williams, died in 1940. Four sisters, several of them missionaries, also survive him as well as 4 grandchildren.

Dr. Williams published many articles on Zoology and after his retirement a history of the Welsh settlement his ancestors founded near Shandon, Ohio entitled "The Saga of Paddy's Run." He died of cardiovascular renal complications in February 24, 1954 in the hospital at Hamilton. Services were held at Memorial Presbyterian Church in Oxford, Ohio where he sang in its choir for 27 years. After cremation his remains were interred in the cemetery at Shandon, Ohio.

## JAMES RENWICH WITHROW

Dr. James Renwich Withrow. Professor and Chairman of the Department of Chemical Engineering at Ohio State University. Member and Fellow of the Chemistry Section of the Academy.

Dr. Withrow was born in Philadelphia, Pa. on August 29, 1878 and educated at the University of Pennsylvania where he received the Bachelor of Science degree in 1899 and the Ph.D. degree in 1905. He was employed as research chemist for the Barratt Manufacturing Co. of Philadelphia and later came to Columbus as Professor of Chemistry in Ohio State University, finally assuming the chair of Chemical Engineering. On September 10, 1906 he married Miss Alice Steelman to whom were born three children, Mrs. Alice Withrow Field, James R. Withrow, Jr. and David D. Withrow. Dr. Withrow died on March 20, 1953 of an embolism and was buried at Tuckahoe, New Jersey.

Respectfully submitted,

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