

NOTABLE DEATHS: Most dipterists who have passed on, have died of old age or normal illnesses associated with aging. Some have died in car accidents or plane crashes. However, there have been a few who have had rather notable deaths. A selection of these are enumerated below.

- Baeza Cuéllar, Mariano** (1903–1936). Spanish. Entered the Spanish civil war but refused to fight. Instead, he worked as doctor attending to the injuries of the anti-fascist forces. He was killed in 1936 when Franco's troops assaulted the hospital in Toledo in which he was working. While others fled to save their lives, he refused their pleas to leave, instead staying with his patients until the end.
- Bezzi, Mario** (1868–1927). Italian. Committed suicide by shooting himself; he was supposedly distressed over a woman.
- Chernovsky, Aleksei Alekseevich** [Черноровский, Алексей Алексеевич] (1904–1942). Russian. Worked on Chironomidae. Died of starvation during the blockade of Leningrad during WWII.
- Chillcott, James Gordon Thomas** (1929–1967). Canadian. Worked on Anthomyiidae, Empididae, Ephydriidae, Fanniidae, Muscidae, Rhagionidae. After traveling half-way around the world from Ottawa to Nepal on a much longed-for trip to help survey the Himalayan region, suffered a heart attack soon after he arrived in Kathmandu.
- Cuthbertson, Alexander** (1901–1942). British. Worked on Rhagionidae, Vermileonidae. Died of a nervous collapse in his laboratory in Salisbury, Southern Rhodesia while on duty during WWII. It was said the military training he received the previous day was too intensive.
- Dodge, Harold Rodney** (1913–1973). American. Worked on Culicidae, Muscidae, Sarcophagidae. Died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.
- Dorogostaisky, Vitalii Cheslavovich** [Дорогостайский, Виталий Чеславович] (1879–1938). Russian. Worked on Simuliidae. Arrested by Soviet government officials in 1938 on trumped up charges and executed after a perfunctory trial.
- Fuller, Mary Ellen** (1906–1938) [= Mrs. E.H. Kipps]. Australian. Worked on Anisopodidae, Pelecorhynchidae, Phoridae, Stratiomyidae. Committed suicide by hanging herself; supposedly distressed over a failed relationship with another man.
- Gibbins, Ernest Gerald** (1900–1942). British. Worked on Culicidae, Simuliidae. Killed by being speared to death by African tribesmen who thought he was doing witchcraft with the blood samples he was taking for research.
- Hacker, Henry [Pollard]** (1876–1973). British. Worked on Culicidae. Committed suicide after 30 years of suffering from malaria.
- Hogue, Charles Leonard** (1935–1992). American. Worked on Blephariceridae, Ceratopogonidae, Culicidae, Ephydriidae, Psychodidae. Committed suicide by shooting himself after he was diagnosed with prostate cancer.
- Kovalev, Vladimir Grigor'yevich** [Ковалев, Владимир Григорьевич] (1942–1987). Russian. Worked on numerous fossil fly families. Committed suicide by hanging himself. Supposedly distressed over the unrequited love of a fellow staffer.
- LeBaron, William** (1814–1876). American. Worked on Tachinidae. Died of sunstroke while preparing a report on the Diptera of Illinois.

- Mamonov, Vasilii Aleksandrovich** [Мамонов, Василий Александрович] (1896–1939). Russian. Worked on Anthomyiidae. Arrested in 1938 on trumped up charges by Soviet government officials and executed after a perfunctory trial.
- Montagu, George** (1753–1815). British. Worked on Hippoboscidae. Died from lockjaw after stepping on a rusty nail.
- Ngũ' Đăng Văn** (1910–1967). Vietnamese. Worked on Culicidae. Died after a carpet bombing raid by Americans during the Vietnam war.
- Piton, Louis Émile** (1909–1945). French. Worked on numerous fossil flies. Died of typhus in Dachau concentration camp where he was sent by the Germans after being convicted of assisting the escape of allied soldiers from France during WWII.
- Riley, Charles Valentine** (1843–1895). American. Fell off his bicycle and died after fracturing his skull on the pavement at Dupont Circle, Washington, DC.
- Semenov[-Tian Shansky], Andrei Petrovich** [Семенов-Тянь Шанский, Андрей Петрович] (1866–1942). Russian. Worked on Mydidae, Oestridae. Died of pneumonia during the blockade of Leningrad during WWII.
- Shannon, Raymond Corbett** (1894–1945). American. Worked on numerous families of Diptera. Died from an overdose of drugs after years of suffering from dengue, a tumor, and insomnia.
- Simpson, James Jenkins** (1881–1936). British. Worked on Glossinidae. Presumed drowned. Missing after falling overboard on a trip to Greece.
- Soesilo, Raden** (1895–1942). Indonesian. Worked on Culicidae. Died in concentration camp in Java after being captured by Japanese troops.
- Speiser, Paul** (1877–1945). German. Worked on numerous Diptera families. Died of a self-inflicted gunshot to avoid being captured by the Russians near the end of WWII.
- Tonnoir, André Léon** (1885–1940). Belgian-Australian. Worked on numerous families of Diptera. Died while collecting on Black Mountain behind the CSIRO buildings in Canberra. His body was not found until days later after crows had been eating it.
- Venhuis, Willem George** (1901–1946). Dutch Indonesian. Worked on Culicidae. Died of a heart attack a few months after being released from a Japanese concentration camp in Indonesia.
- White, Adam** (1817–1878). Scottish. Worked on Calliphoridae and Tipulidae. Died after spending the last 25 years of his life in a Scottish mental asylum. He suffered a nervous breakdown in 1863 after the death of his wife and from then on was confined to the asylum.
- Yamada, Shinichiro** [山田真一郎] (1883–1937). Japanese. Worked on Culicidae, Muscidae. Died in Shandong, China, during a survey to find the fly that transmits kala-azar disease in hopes that its discovery by Japanese would make the Chinese people more friendly to their Japanese occupiers.