

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT

EMMETT REID DUNN

1894-1956

The death of Emmet R. Dunn, a herpetologist of international repute and a longtime member of the Ecological Society of America, occurred in February, 1956. Dr. Dunn was David Scull Professor of Biology at Haverford College, Pennsylvania.

Dr. Dunn was born in Alexandria, Virginia, on November 21, 1894. He received his A. B. and A. M. degrees from Haverford College in 1915 and 1916 respectively, and was granted the Ph.D. by Harvard University in 1921. His first teaching assignment was at Smith College during the years 1916-1928. In 1929 Dr. Dunn returned to Haverford College as associate professor of biology, and he was named professor in 1935. He was married in 1930 to Miss Alta Merle Taylor. Mrs. Dunn was subsequently closely associated with him in his work, being co-author of certain publications and accompanying him on his numerous expeditions to Mexico, Central, and South America.

Dr. Dunn's first contribution, "Some amphibians and reptiles of Delaware County, Pennsylvania," was prepared while he was still an undergraduate. Subsequently he published over 200 books, monographs, and scientific papers including his well-known work, "The salamanders of the family Plethodontidae".

In addition to his academic affiliations, Dr Dunn was associated with various museums of vertebrate zoology. He served as field naturalist with the American Museum of Natural History in 1916 and 1926, and as research associate from 1946 to the time of his death. He was with the U. S. National Museum in 1919, and with the Museum of Comparative Zoology of Harvard University from 1919-1921 and from 1923-1925. He also held the position of curator of reptiles and amphibians at the Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences since 1937.

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Dr. Dunn was a member of numerous scientific societies including the Society of Mammalogists, Society of Systematic Zoology, Society for the Study of Evolution, and the Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists. He served successively as secretary, treasurer, and president (1930-32) of the last named; and was editor of the journal COPEIA from 1924-29. He is survived by his wife and one brother.

New Orleans, La.

June 4, 1956.

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