William D. Countryman passed away at his home in Northfield, Vermont, on 11 June 2005, aged 84. Born in De Kalb, Illinois, on 30 August 1920, Bill attended the University of Michigan before attaining a B.S. degree from Olivet College in 1941. He subsequently attended Harvard University, where he studied herpetology under Thomas Barbour; during this period he traveled extensively in Central America. In 1945, Bill married B. Anne Williamson, and after teaching at a private school in Rye Beach, New Hampshire, began an assistant professorship at Norwich University in 1947. He obtained an M.Sc. degree from the University of New Hampshire (UNH) in 1950, with