

## Section 1: A Tribute to Dr. Charles H. Turner



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One of the greatest names in the study of insect behavior is Charles Henry Turner. Turner does not easily fit into any one discipline; he has been called a zoologist, entomologist, and comparative psychologist. His contributions are many and varied. During his career, Turner published at least 71 papers. These papers include observational studies; anatomical studies; investigations into the learning ability of cockroaches, ants, and honey bees; development of apparatus; classical conditioning of moths; and even civil rights.

*Life and death:* Charles Henry Turner was born on February 3, 1867, in Cincinnati, Ohio (Cadwallader 1984). Following a 33-year career, Turner died in Chicago, Illinois, on February 14, 1923, of acute myocarditis. The epitaph on Turner’s tombstone aptly summarizes his life and simply reads, “Scientist.”

*Factors contributing to decision to study insects and early influences:* The biographical record regarding the factors contributing to Charles Henry Turner’s