The "Zombie" List

Looking for death dates and places for the following

Anyone with updates for the "zombies" listed below is asked to contact Keyton at keyton@fresnarus.com.

During the editing of the 7th edition of Baker's Biographical Dictionary of Musicians, I had an opportunity to discuss with Nicolas Slonimsky, the editor, deleting entries to free space for new entries or increasing the size of an existing article. The publisher had issued concerns about the size of the book and wanted us not to increase the size substantially. Nicolas said that his policy and philosophy was that once a person had attained Baker status, they would remain there perpetually. After the 7th edition was completed, I was able to obtain a copy of the 4th edition. This was the edition that Nicolas started making contributions and was the last edition not under his supervision. Nicolas was in charge of the update of this edition and make significant changes with the 5th edition.

While perusing the 4th edition, I noticed that several entries had disappeared, which meant Nicolas had not stated his policy correctly. Consequently, I made a list of every entry that had been in the 4th edition and a notation as to which edition it had been deleted. There were 480 such entries. About 1986 I confronted Nicolas with the list. His response was that they were not significant and deleting them was not a major event. I thought about 30 of them were in fact reasonably significant and argued for their re-inclusion. Many of the others I had never heard about and accepted his evaluation. The bulk of the deleted entries were performers, especially organists in the New York area. Nicolas explained that in the preparation of the 1st and 2nd editions, Baker had musicians in New York provide personal information and included them.

From the 6th edition because of space limitations several others have been deleted. I have not included them in the Zombie List. Of these there are two who still perplex me – the English composer Frederick Laurence (b. 1884) and the English writer on music Jeffrey Pulver (b. 1884).

However, I thought I would at least find the death date of every entry listed as being living in the 4th edition. Many I was able to find with just elementary research. Other I was able to verify through correspondence with librarians. There were about 80 that were not easily solvable. These Nicolas and I deemed as being "Baker zombies", people for whom a death date and death place were missing. In an article in the New York Times about Nicolas that included comments from me about my relationship with him, I supplied my "Zombie List" with a request for information from any reader. In further research I have reduced the list to the following.

If you are looking at this short paper and have any information, I would greatly appreciate any assistance. Please send me an email at keyton@fresnarus.com

Calzin, Alfred Lucien (b.1885) U.S. pianist, taught Louisville Conservatory; [taught Alberta Nichols]

Caslova, Marie (b. 29 March 1895, Hillsboro, MO) U.S. violinist. (b. Mary McCausland) sister Katherine, known in the movies as Kay McCausland (November 15, 1937).

Dudley, Cecil Raymond (b.1895) English conductor.

Dumesnil, Suzanne (b.1884) French soprano.

Eckhold, Hermann Richard (b.1855) violinist.

Fillmore, Clyde van Nuys (b.1876) New York organist (a founder of AGO).

Grodzki, Boleslaw (b.1865) Russian composer.

Hazlehurst, Cecil (b.1880) English composer. [d. 1932, MusicSack]

Hel[l]berger, Bruno ([b. 1884, Frankfurt am Main; d. 1951, Vienna]) German piano (inventor): Heliophone, hellertion

Hille, Gustav (b. 1851) German violinist. [d. c1925, imslp.org]

Hopkins, Harry Patterson (b.1873) choral conductor (Baltimore).

Hubert, Marcel (b.1906) cello, was alive in NYC 1990; [sister Yvonne Hubert (1895-1988) was a pianist]

Koons, Walter (b.1892) U.S. critic (published a book, The Mystery of Music, 1977)

Levis, John Hazeldel (b.1904) scholar of China.

Maas, Gerald (b.1888) cellist.

Meyer, Gustav (b.1859) choir director.

Michalovicz, Mieczyslav (b.1872) [Michalowicz; Mikhalovich] major Polish violin pedagogue, taught many famous violinists. [teacher of Roman Totenberg, Bronislaw Huberman, Szymon Goldberg, Ida Haendel; possibly killed in the holocaust] [after 1935, Wikipedia Poland]

Sch[n]eider Stone, May (b.?) U.S. soprano [teacher of Anita Loew]

Senger-Bettaque, Katharine (b.1862) German soprano. [Katherine; 2 August 1862; d. 1909?; Katharina, d. 1927; Kathi Bettaque, married Senger 1895]

Slavit, Lewis Lester (b.1913) U.S. composer (popular in the 1930's). [d. January 6, 1989, Jersey City, NJ; geni.com]

Sokolsky-Fried, Sara (b.?) pianist.

Szantho, Enid (b.?) contralto [b. 15 March 1907, Bucharest (wikipedia.de); d. after 1948; sang with New York philharmonic on January 2, 1948 in Honegger's Jeanne d'Arc au Bucher (New York Phil. program] [buried April 21, 1997, London, UK]

Thalberg, Marcian (b. 1877) piano pedagogue [b. 26 November 1877, Odessa, Ukraine (academictree.com)] [teacher of Ethel Glen Hier]

Villalba Munoz, Alberto (b.1879) Argentine-Spanish composer (disappeared into the monastic world).

Warnery, Edmond (b.1876 (1873)) tenor (sang premieres of several Massenet operas) [d. after 1931; sang Chicago Lyric Opera]

Found and saved: though some information is needed

Fleisher, Editha (b. [April 5], 1898) German soprano. [Edytha Fleischer, d. Zurich 1957?]

Kennedy-Fraser [Hood], [Helen] Patuffa [Hood](b.1889) English pianist. [d. 1967, Edinburgh Library] [married John Charles Fulton Hood]

Lerner, Tina (b. [June 5], 1890) Russian-U.S. pianist. [after 1947, buried in Antella, Italy] (Wikipedia)

Triggs, Harold (b.1900) U.S. composer [d. July 1984, Thomasville, GA] Columbia Univ. library (Wikipedia)

Saved since 2005

Adaskin, Harry (b.1901) Canadian composer [d. April 7, 1994, Vancouver]

Andersen, Stell (b.1897) U.S. pianist

[b. Feb. 26, 1896, d. May 18, 1989, North Bennington, VT]

Beaufils, Marcel (b.1899) French musicologist. [d. January 11, 1985, Saint Germain-en-Laye]

Bidez, L. Aloys (b.1847) Belgian composer, taught in the United States.

[b. August 19, 1844, d. June 1, 1909, Columbia, TN]

Binder, Fritz (b.1873) U.S.-German composer. [d. August 27, 1945, Nuremberg]

Cherniavsky, Leo (b.1890) violinist. [d. Sept. 18, 1974, Cape Town, SA]

Cherniavsky, Jan (b.1892) pianist, brother of Leo, part of a trio. [d. Jan. 8, 1989, Vancouver]

Dawe, Charles (b.1887) Welsh choral conductor, active in Cleveland.

[b. March 16, 1876, d. August 24, 1958, St. Petersburg, FL]

Imbert, Maurice (b.1893;) French composer

[b. 8 Sept. 1893, Sens, France; d. 5 April 1981, Saint-Mandé, France] (https://muse.sacem.fr)

Koennecke, Fritz (b.1876) German-U.S. composer.

[b. 19 June 1876, New York City; d. 30 August 1960, Schwaz, Tyrol, Germany] (Wikipedia.de)

Livens, Leo (b.1896) English pianist (taught at RAM).

[Died Shenley Hospital, Hertfordshire, 22nd February 1990 aged 93],

https://voxturturis.wordpress.com/2014/03/14/leo-livens-composer/

McAlpin, Colin (b.1870) English composer

[died Dorking, Surrey, on 13 May 1942] [Wikipedia]

Mildner, Poldi (b.1915) pianist. [d. July 7, 2007, Buenos Aires, Argentina] Wikipedia

Molitore, Edward (b.1898) tenor

[d. May 26, 2002, Dubuque, IA] [Dubuque newspaper obituary]

Norton, Eunice (b.1908) pianist [d. Vienna, Austria Dec. 9, 2005].

Rathbone, George (b.1874) English organist and composer (No. 1 on my search list). [d. 1951?]

Soulage, Marcelle (b.1894) French composer (wrote standard text on solfege).

[d. Dec. 17, 1970, Paris] Wikipedia

Spelman, Leslie (b.1903) U.S. organist

[d. 5/28/2000 at 97, in La Jolla, CA. The Diapason, Ninety-first year: No. 8, whole No. 1089, August 2000]

Teschner-Tas, Helen (b.1889) violinist [d. Westport, Conn., Feb. 15, 1975] Wikipedia

Virovai, Robert (b.1921) Yugoslavian violinist [died near Schaffhausen, Switzerland, 3 December 2015; from son Zoltan Virovai]

Volavy, Marguerite (b.1886) pianist [b. 28 December 1886, Brno, Moravia] [d. 1951, (American Piano Company)] [d. 30 July 1951, Elmsford, NY; (The Amica Bulletin, September/October 2004, pps. 299-302)]

Weber, Henry (b.1900) U.S. conductor (perhaps founder of Chicago Lyric Opera, was in Ft. Lauderdale, Fl in 1983). [d. Monday before January 18, 1991 (=January 14) at Broward General Medical Center, South Florida, Fort Lauderdale] (South Florida Sun-Sentinel, 18 Jan. 1991)

Woltmann, Frederick (b.1908; d. 20 Oct. 1965, Los Angeles) U.S. composer

Corona, Leonora (b.1900; b.1890) U.S. soprano, born in Dallas, sang at the Metropolitan Opera.

d. May 1, 1988, North Miami Beach, FL [Florida death records, married name Leonora Stanford, she had married Elliott Stanford] [b. 14 October 1890, Franklin, Robertson County, Texas]

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