

Micromounters Hall of Fame

Curt G. Segeler

1901-1983

Inducted in 1986



Curt Segeler was an accomplished mineral hobbyist. He collected widely in North America and at many classic European localities (Långban, Sweden; Lengenbach quarry, Switzerland; Clara mine, Germany). An excellent speaker, he frequently lectured on the minerals and localities of the United States and Europe.

He gave talks at the Baltimore and other micromount symposia, at mineral clubs and at mineral shows. His articles on minerals and localities appeared in the *American Mineralogist*, *Rocks and Minerals*, and other publications. A major contribution was his co-authoring with James A. Ferraiolo of the Revised and Expanded

Dana Classification for Phosphates, Arsenates and Vanadates.

Curt said that his mineral collection grew after he found crystals of triphylite at the Chandler Mill mine, Newport, New Hampshire. Such crystals are all but unknown from other collecting localities. His favored means of obtaining interesting microminerals was by trading for them using his extensive supply of rare phosphates and arsenates in trade.

He was recognized in mineral circles for his teaching abilities and willingness to share his knowledge with those in the hobby. He was awarded the honorary title of Dean of Mineralogy by the prestigious New York Mineral Club for his unselfish service to the hobby. The phosphate micromineral, seglerite, was named in his honor.

Curt was perhaps best known for his efforts in the identification of minerals for mineral collectors who had exhausted their means for identification. He used his well-equipped laboratory at his home, where his mastery of the spindle stage reaches full exploitation.