

GENEALOGY DATABASE ENTRY

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1897 - 1973

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leading expert in the synthesis of a number of compounds in pharmacology, including the local anesthetics surfacaine and metycaine; studied chemistry of piperidine derivatives and acetoacetic ester condensation reactions; investigated naturally occurring organic compounds, including nepetalactone (feline attractant in catnip); discovered the ketene acetals.

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