

10-16-32 Washington Co NY – Paul De Cuennois – LEO Canoe Patrol Accident

Paul J. De Cuennois

<http://www.odmp.org/officer/3928-game-protector-benning-de-la-mater?printview=1>

Game Protector Paul J. De Cuennois New York State Environmental Conservation Police New York

End of Watch: Sunday, October 16, 1932

Biographical Info

Age: Not available

Tour of Duty: 1 year

Incident Details

Cause of Death: Drowned

Date of Incident: Sunday, October 16, 1932

Game Protector De Cuennois fell from his canoe and drowned while patrolling Jabes Pond in Washington County.

Game Protector De Cuennois had been with the agency for one year.



Paul J. DuCuennois: End of Watch - October 16, 1932

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/regulations/2744.html>

Drowned while patrolling by canoe on Jabes Pond in Warren County. DuCuennois was known to be a strong swimmer and it is unclear why he fell out of the canoe. Two men who had a history with DuCuennois supposedly witnessed the incident but were never formally accused of foul play. Suspicion over the incident continues to this day.

Game Protector Paul J. DuCuennois

<http://www.pbanys.org/pba/officer-memorial-detail/encon-police-protector-p.-ducuennois/>



State Game protector - Assigned to Washington County, Appointed May, 1932

Died in the line of duty October 16, 1932

Born December 8, 1910, Game Protector Paul J. DuCuennois was 21 years old at the time of his appointment. He was a very enthusiastic

Game Protector who worked in a remote area. After only a few months of duty Protector DuCuennois had been receiving threats from violators. On October 16, 1932 Protector DuCuennois was patrolling Jabes Pond by canoe, a remote body of water four miles from Hague, that could only be reached at the time by traversing a rough wilderness trail. For some unknown reason, Protector DuCuennois fell from the canoe. Although he was known to be a strong swimmer, he drowned. During this short career, Protector DuCuennois gained wide respect and admiration for his devotion to duty.

The 1932 Conservation Department Annual Report to the Legislature states; "Mr. DuCuennois had proved himself an alert and valuable Protector." One May 19, 1963 in the lobby of the newly created District Headquarters of the Conservation Department in Warrensburg, a bronze plaque was dedicated to this fine young Game Protector.