Ross Tate PhD genealogy

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  1  1. Sorin Lerner 2006
  2   2. Craig David Chambers 1992
  3    3. David Michael Ungar 1986
  4     4. David Andrew Patterson 1976
  5      5. David Frederic Martin 1966
  6       6. Gerald Estrin 1951
  7        7. Vincent C. Rideout
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Look on the web for Vincent Rideout. You'll find that he died of cancer at the age of 89 in July 2003. He had an MS degree in electrical engineering from Cal Tech in 1940 but never received a PhD —that's why Ross Tate's PhD genealogy stops with Rideout.

But Rideout was an excellent researcher and accomplished a lot. In those days, around 1940, many faculty members did *not* have PhDs. Starting in 1946, Prof. Rideout taught in the Dept. of Electrical and Computer Engineering at the University of Wisconsin Madison, teaching, writing textbooks, and doing research. He spent one year in Banglore, India, where he helped build India's first analog computer. At the age of 50, he moved into biomedical engineering and ended up writing a pioneering book in 1991, "Mathematical and Computer Modeling of Physiological Systems". And he was advisor to 30 PhD students!

We say all this to let you know that degrees like the PhD don't always mean much, that one can contribute in research and other endeavors without one. And in a way, this whole PhD genealogy thing is definitely interesting but not really important.