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Charles Gorodetzky was hired at the Addiction Research Center (ARC) in 1963, became deputy director in 1977 and scientific director of the ARC preclinical program that remained at Lexington in 1981, left public service for the pharmaceutical industry in 1984, and retired in 2005. Harris Isbell retired from the Public Health Service in 1963 to chair the Department of Medicine at the University of Kentucky and died in 1994. He was survived by his daughters. Donald Jasinski was hired at the ARC in 1965, became director in 1977 and scientific director of the ARC Baltimore in 1981, and was still working at Johns Hopkins University at the time of this writing. His pharmacist assistant, Rolley E. (Ed) Johnson, PharmD, spent several years on the Hopkins faculty before moving to Reckitt Benkholser, the company that brought buprenorphine to the U.S. market. Herb Kleber, who was at the Lexington Hospital as a “two-year wonder” in 1963, was still directing the Division of Substance Abuse at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University at the time of this writing. Conan Kornetsky was hired at the ARC as a University of Kentucky graduate student in 1948, departed in the early 1950s, and was still working at Boston University at the time of this writing. Isbell’s successor, William R. Martin, was hired at the ARC in 1957 and appointed ARC director in 1963, retired in 1977 to become chair of pharmacology at the University of Kentucky School of Medicine, and died in 1992. He was survived by his wife, sons, and daughter. Charles R. (Bob) Schuster, former director of NIDA, was still working at Wayne State University at the time of this writing. Abraham Wikler retired in 1963, went to the University of Kentucky, and died in 1983. He was survived by his wife, Ada Wikler, and his children, Marjorie Senechal, now a professor at Smith College; Jeanne Wikler; Norma Wikler (now deceased); and Daniel Wikler, now a bioethicist at Harvard University.