

## IN MEMORIAM

**Arthur James Williams  
(1877-1954)**

An outstanding teaching career was brought to a close by the recent death of Arthur James Williams. He passed away on February 18, 1954, at the Norman Municipal Hospital at the age of 77 years, after an illness of only two weeks.

"A. J.," as he was affectionately known to his associates, was born on a farm near Albany, Wisconsin, on January 2, 1877. After graduation from high school, he worked at construction work for several years. Later, he attended the University of Chicago, where he received the B. S. degree in 1912. He then entered the University of Iowa, from which he received the M. S. degree in 1914 and the Ph.D. in 1923. He joined the geology faculty of the University of Oklahoma in 1916 where he remained until his death 38 years later. In 1951 he was retired with the title of Professor Emeritus but up to the time of his last sickness he continued to take an active interest in the work of the University and spent most of his days in the geology building, counseling students and helping in the laboratories. He was a clear and entertaining teacher and attracted many students to the field of geology. During his active years he was also an enthusiastic field geologist and conducted many of the summer field courses in the Arbuckle Mountains.

In 1906 he was united in marriage with Caroline Hill of Sairbury, Illinois. Mrs. Williams died only a few weeks before his passing and he never entirely recovered from this loss. Two sons survive them, Norman (Bill), State Geologist of Arkansas, and Sidney, geologist of Oklahoma City.

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