

Leo Willard Hough (1913-2000)



Leo W. Hough, who served as Director and State Geologist of the Louisiana Geological Survey from October 1947 to February 1977 died Sunday, October 22, 2000, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He was 87, a resident of Baton Rouge and a native of Noble, Louisiana. He was preceded in death by his wife Grace Meadows Norwood Hough. He is survived by a son David Hough, New Orleans, a stepdaughter Anne Norwood Landry, and her husband Glen Landry, Sr., grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Hough earned his Bachelor of Science degree in geology in 1935 and a Master of Science degree in geology from Louisiana State University in 1937. He worked as a geologist with the U.S. Soil Conservation Service and the State Highway Department before coming to the Survey. A total of 17 geological bulletins, 20 water resources bulletins, 27 water resources pamphlets and many other publications were issued by the Survey during his tenure as State Geologist.

Leo Hough was an honorary member of the Association of American State Geologists, and a member of the First United Methodist Church, St. James Lodge, Order of the Eastern Star, and the Camellia Society.