Herman White Ferguson, Tennessee State Geologist from 1951 to 1952, passed away at the age of 106 on Friday, January 13, 2023. He was born on December 28, 1916. He obtained a B.S. in 1939 and an M.S. in 1940 from Vanderbilt University. With the Navy, he served on the U.S. Rapidan in the Aleutians during WWII. He joined the Division of Geology of the Tennessee Department of Conservation. In 1951, he was appointed the State Geologist. In 1952 he became a geologist with U.S. Steel Corporation. He then carried out investigations of coal and non-metallic deposits in the US, Australia, and South Africa until his retirement in 1981. In retirement, he published extensively in the field of genealogy.