

Glenn W. Stewart (1914-1996)



Glenn W. Stewart was the fourth state geologist of New Hampshire, serving from 1967 until 1979. The position, during his tenure, was a one-man commitment and funded only part-time combined with teaching in the Department of Geology, University of New Hampshire at Durham.

Glenn was born in East Rochester on January 8, 1914, and resided in Milton, NH, in the seacoast region at the time of his death following a long period of ailing health. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Charlotte (Trickey); they raised two daughters, Marcia Heath of Allenstown, NH, and Jo-Ann Richards of Houston, TX.

Glenn received his B.S. in geology from the University of New Hampshire in 1935, followed by his M.S. in geology from Syracuse University in 1937. He studied at Harvard University from 1938-1939, and was an instructor in geology at Purdue University from 1939-1941, then joined the Department of Geology, University of New Hampshire where he taught until his retirement in 1979.

During sabbatical breaks, he resumed studies at Harvard University from 1948-1949 and was awarded an M.S. in geology. From 1943 to 1944 and 1954 to 1955 he worked for the U.S. Geological Survey. He was also a

consultant to industry; the Department of Public Works and Highways of the State of New Hampshire; the Soil Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture; and municipal water departments. Glenn specialized in economic, structural, and engineering geology. In the later part of his career he did pioneering research in hydrogeology and geothermal energy. He authored more than 23 published reports and teaching tracts, as well as several proprietary or classified reports. He contributed significantly to the understanding of groundwater resources in igneous-metamorphic terrains, especially important to the economy of New England. He introduced the state to the technology of hydrofracture to enhance well yields.

Glenn was a Fellow of the Geological Society of America and a Fellow and Council Member of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He was also a member of several other professional and academic societies including the American Institute of Professional Geologists, the Mineralogical Society of America, and the Geochemical Society. He was an honorary member of AASG. During his "retirement" years, he maintained his research commitments and contributed his considerable experience to public service. He served Milton, NH, as a selectman and was also elected to the New Hampshire State Legislature.

As State Geologist, Glenn was a strong advocate for publications of geologic maps and topical reports as bases for both the future of resource management and environmental protection and the identity and continuity of the (politically fragile) New Hampshire Geological Survey.

Glenn is remembered with appreciation, respect, and affection by his colleagues and friends. We recall his sense of humanity and absolute honesty. He was, and remains, an example of personal and professional integrity for all who knew him and a geologist for all seasons.

~ Eugene Boudette