EDWARD WILLIAM SCOTT
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Edward W. Scott was born to Edward S. Scott and Mamie DeWitt Scott in Tulia, Texas. He entered the University of California–Los Angeles as an architectural student in 1927 but was so impressed with Geology 1A that he changed his major to geology. He received his B.S. degree in 1933 and worked for room and board until he was hired by Harold Hoots with the Union Oil Company of California to do surface mapping in southern California. In 1937 Ed sailed from Seattle with supplies and a string of pack horses to work on the Alaskan Peninsula near Ugashik. Later, he worked in the Gulf Coast and Williston basin as division geologist, then was transferred to Los Angeles as geological coordinator. In 1959, he went to Calgary as division manager and vice president of exploration. He returned to the United States in 1967 as manager of exploration research at Brea, California, where he worked until retirement in 1974. In 1975, he joined the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) in Menlo Park to work with an appraisal group estimating reserves in undiscovered basins. This work included the Pacific Coastal basins, the Gulf Coast, Australia, and New Zealand.

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