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It is with regret that we record the recent death of Dr. Wilfred Jackson at the age of 98.

Dr. Jackson began his career in banking, but was so interested in extra-mural lectures given by Prof. Boyd-Dawkins in Manchester that he took up the study of geology and later joined the staff of Manchester University Museum. His interest in caves and caving was foremost in his work. He was a founder member of the British Speleological Association in 1937, and on the merger of the B.S.A. with the C.R.G. he became President of the newly formed British Cave Research Association.

For decades Dr. Jackson was the only scientist in Britain to identify Pleistocene cave mammals and his work has been of inestimable value to cave archaeologists all over Britain. Dr. Jackson published five reports in our *Proceedings* on cave faunas submitted to him by the late Prof. Tratman; they include reports on Read's Cavern and Sun Hole (1924 and 1955), but the most important was his report on the Kilgreany Cave fauna from Co. Waterford (1929) in which he identified a vole—the only Irish record. Dr. Jackson contributed Chapter 8, 'Archaeology and Palaeontology' to Cullingford's book *British Caving*; this is a major survey, reviewing in almost 100 pages British mammal faunas, county by county. Dr. Jackson's publication list is long and many spelaeologists and archaeologists over the past half century are grateful to him.

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