Your comments about John Ferry are appropriate. As a contemporary, I
knew him quite well and shall miss him. I think it is more
appropriate to say he was a competitor of Tobolsky rather than a
collaborator. I was working for Tobo at the time, and both arrived
at superposition and temperature shift factors at about the same time.
Ferry's approach was through frequency-temperature superposition while
Tobo's was through stress relaxation-temperature superposition. With
linear viscoelasticity, these, of course, are equivalent. It was an
exciting period in polymer science and I feel fortunate to have
experienced it and to have known John as well as several of the other
principal "actors". It is kind of passing of an era!.

Professor John D. Ferry was the F in the famous WLF Equation. He was
a coauthor in the classic book on polymer viscoelasticity. I think
Professor Ferry was a collaborator of the late Prof. Tobolsky
(Princeton University). Professor Garth Wilkes may correct me in this
last comment. At any rate, most of us learn polymer viscoelastic
theories through reading Professor John Ferry's book. He is a true
giant among the early pioneers of polymer science, including Huggins,
Flory, and Tobolsky.

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