

In Memoriam William A. Withington

It is with a deep personal regret that I must report the passing, on Jan, 5, 2006, of my esteemed colleague and fellow ANS member William A. Withington. Bill, a native of Honolulu (February 17, 1924), a graduate of Harvard and Northwestern Universities, and a longtime (1955-1989) member of the Geography faculty of the University of Kentucky, was a Lexington-based fellow member of the Kentucky Geographic Names Committee (our state's affiliate with the U.S. Board on Geographic Names). In addition to his numerous articles and papers on Kentucky lakes and waterways and the placenames of Lexington and Fayette County, he produced articles on a variety of geographic subjects for a number of Kentucky publications including the Transactions of the Kentucky Academy of Sciences and the Kentucky Encyclopedia (1992). In 1980, he compiled *Kentucky in Maps*, still used by college classes throughout the state. One of his main research interests for a number of years was the geographic names of Indonesia, including the street names of major towns in Sumatra, and he was the associate editor for Indonesian names for the *Columbia-Lippincott Encyclopedia*.

We of the Kentucky Geographic Names Committee will sorely miss Bill's timely and faithful advice, support, and encouragement for our many professional endeavors.

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