

WILLIAM HAILEY WILLIS

WILLIAM H. WILLIS, Editor Emeritus of *GRBS*, died on 13 July 2000 at the age of 84. In 1960, at the end of its second year, *GRBS* was foundering and in danger of ceasing publication altogether. Convinced of the value and place of a journal of Greek studies in America, Sterling Dow, with the support of the other members of the Advisory Board, recruited William Willis, then Chair of Classics at the University of Mississippi, to take up the editorship. At this he labored selflessly for twenty years. He not only edited each article from submission to printing, but also supervised every aspect of publication from font selection to printers' bills to subscriber invoicing; he did the same for the eight volumes of Monographs published across those years. He set the journal on its feet and gave it the clarity and rigor that characterized all his work. After the turmoil at Mississippi, during which he strove to build support for the integration of the university, he took up Duke's invitation to its professorship of Greek in 1963, and brought the journal to Durham.

His scrupulous attention to detail, his broad intellectual interests, and his generosity in fostering scholars set the model that his successors on the Editorial and Advisory Boards have attempted to follow. His counsel, learning, and good humor will be missed.

A volume in his honor appeared on the occasion of his retirement from Duke University, *Classical Studies Presented to William Hailey Willis* (= *BASP* 22 [1985]). To the bibliography can be added:

- "The Encounter of Alexander with the Brahmins: New Fragments of the Cynic Diatribe P.Genev.inv. 271," *ZPE* 74 (1988) 59–83 (with Klaus Maresch)
- "Oxyrhynchite Documents among the Robinson Papyri," *BASP* 25 (1988) 99–127
- "A New Fragment of the Bodmer *Aspis*," *Recherches et rencontres* 2 (1990) 167–171
- "The Letter of Peter (1 Peter): Coptic text, translation, notes and variant readings," in J. E. Goehring *et al.*, *The Crosby-Schøyen Codex* (= *CSCO* 521, *Subsidia* 85 [Louvain 1990]) 135–215
- "The Robinson-Cologne Papyrus of Achilles Tatius," *GRBS* 31 (1990) 73–102
- "Comoedia Dukiana," *GRBS* 32 (1991) 331–353
- The Archive of Ammon Scholasticus of Panopolis: The Legacy of Harpocration* (= *Pap.Colon.* 26.1 [Opladen 1997]; with Klaus Maresch)
- The Duke Data Bank of Documentary Papyri, most recently Packard Humanities Institute CD 7 (1997)
- Successive electronic versions of the *Checklist of Editions of Greek Papyri and Ostraca* (with John F. Oates *et al.*), most recently <http://odyssey.lib.duke.edu/papyrus/texts/clist.html>