



David Anderson Goodman was born on Christmas Eve in 1928, into a railroading family in the railroad/river/agricultural town of Paducah, Kentucky. General William Clark, of William and Clark fame, founded Paducah on 3,500 acres of land which he owned at the confluence of the Ohio and Tennessee Rivers. It seems destined that Dave should spend three summers working on those rivers on towboats while he was attending Paducah Junior College and Union University in Jackson, Tennessee. While at Union University he met and married Mary Benson after their graduation in 1950.

Dave Goodman is accredited in California as a Licensed Professional Surveyor and as a Registered Civil Engineer.

Chronology:

- Summer of 1949 - Began surveying on cross country El Paso natural gas line.
- 1950 - Graduated from Union University, Jackson, TN.
- 1951 - Began work on AEC plant at Paducah, Ky. as instrument man surveying roads, railroads, drainage channels, underground utilities, plumbing steel, etc.
- 1953 - Moved to California to work in private sector on projects such as Sepulveda Veterans Hospital and Annheuser Busch Brewery in San Fernando Valley.
- 1956 - Began working with Calif. Div. of Highways in L.A. District as Jr. Civil Engineer in Surveys Department.
- 1958 - Became a party chief as Assistant Highways Engineer.
- 1962 - Became field supervisor of surveys crews working on Santa Monica Freeway, Antelope Valley Freeway and survey parties in northern area of Los Angeles County.
- 1964 - Transferred to Department of Water Resources as supervisor of field parties in the Southern District of DWR.
- 1964 - Transferred back to Division of Highways in San Bernardino District 08 as supervisor of up to 21 survey parties; began writing a Surveys Manual for the District.
- 1972 - Transferred to Sacramento Headquarters Surveys & Photogrammetry Branch to help write a Surveys Manual for all Division of Highways surveyors.

1978 - Began work in Egypt on six (6) archaeological sites along the Nile River Valley from north of Khartoum, Sudan up to the Giza Pyramids at Cairo and also, one project in Jordan. This work was done while on vacation or leaves of absence from Caltrans.

1991- Retired on December 30th.

Dave has been affiliated with the Theban Mapping Project since its inception in 1978. As project surveyor he has been responsible for planning and developing the TMP Grid, the coordinate system upon which all surveying and mapping have been based. A continuing responsibility has been that of training graduate students in the art of surveying. In addition, David and George Katibah, his supervisor at the California Department of Transportation, were responsible for the planning and development of ground control for stereoscopic aerial photography of the whole Theban Necropolis. Over the years, David has become a familiar and much-loved figure to the people of the West Bank of Luxor, especially the village children.

Dave's interest in ancient Egypt began in elementary school. This interest was generated and periodically piqued by the Weekly Reader. Stories of the riches of Tutankhamen's tomb and pictures of the Sphinx and the Giza Pyramids often were featured in this weekly newsletter which served in the pre-TV/internet eras as a window into a mysterious, different world. As a result of his many years of involvement with the Theban Mapping Project, David's skills have become widely recognized and he has also donated his services to projects at the Giza Plateau, Saqqara, Abydos, Hierakonpolis, Gebel Barkal in the Sudan, and Ayla in Aqaba, Jordan.

Besides his renowned exploits abroad, Dave is well known for his never ending support for the surveying profession. He has been a backbone for the Sacramento Chapter of CLSA, one of those members that can always be counted on to help, there behind the scenes, doing whatever needs to be done for the good of the chapter and profession. Dave leads by example and always gives generously of his time and money to what he believes in: education and the chapter scholarship fund. Dave is the single largest contributor to the scholarship fund! He adds that little extra to dinner checks; he pays his dues, although as a life member, he doesn't owe dues; and he sponsors Sac City College students so that future surveyors may attend seminars. He also generously donates his time to give presentations of his adventures, not only at CLSA chapter meetings, but also to elementary schools, MENSA gatherings, or any other group interested in the surveying profession.

For all these reasons, the Sacramento Chapter is pleased to offer **“The Dave Goodman Scholarship”** in honor of a truly professional surveyor.