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CONFERENCE AT AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY & WORCESTER POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE

19-20 APRIL 1991
SECOND CALL

The annual spring meeting of NEHA will be held at the American Antiquarian Society, 185 Salisbury Street, and Worcester Polytechnic Institute, 100 Institute Road, in Worcester, Massachusetts on Friday, 19 April and Saturday, 20 April. The revised program is listed on page two of this newsletter; pre-registration forms have been mailed to the membership. Campus and area maps and a list of Worcester area motels were included in the previous mailing.

Vice-President Alan J. Reinerman arranged the program and John Hench of the AAS and Bland Addison of WPI made local arrangements. We are very grateful to Alan Reinerman, John Hench and Bland Addison for their splendid efforts on our behalf. This is one of NEHA's biennial two day meetings. Registration begins on Friday at 4:00 p.m. at WPI and four sessions begin at 4:30. There is a reception at 6:30 p.m. in the elegant Rotunda of Antiquarian Hall at the American Antiquarian Society. It is followed by dinner at 7:30 in the WPI Higgins House and the plenary session at 8:30. Registration and all Saturday activities will be held across the street at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. Luncheon and the business meeting will be held in the Higgins House at WPI. All buildings are in close proximity and are handicapped accessible. Members will notice that the program has expanded to seventeen sessions. This is an innovation, which may be continued depending upon response. The plenary session will be a discussion of the history of international politics by Paul Schroeder of the University of Illinois.

ADDRESS CHANGE

During Executive Secretary Neal R. Shipley's 1991 sabbatical, please send NEHA mail to Peter Holloran, NEHA Acting Executive Secretary, Pine Manor College, 340 Heath Street, Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts 02167; (617) 731-7000.

ADVANCE NOTICE

FALL MEETING
October 19, 1991
Boston, MA

The annual Fall meeting will be held at the John Fitzgerald Kennedy Library and the University of Massachusetts' Harbor Campus in Boston on Saturday, 19 October 1991. Members coming from any considerable distance might consider overnight accommodations in the Boston area.

NEHA Vice President Richard Buel is in charge of the program. For information about the program, or for proposals, he may be contacted at Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT 06457; (203) 347-9411.

1991 NEHA BOOK AWARD

The New England Historical Association Book Award is given annually for works in history published by authors living and/or teaching in New England, or who have done either within two years of nomination. All fields of history are eligible.

Nominations must be made by the presses. Competition for the 1991 award will run from 1 January to 15 May 1991; books published between 1 January 1990 and 31 December 1990 are eligible. Nominations, and four copies of the book, should be sent by 15 May 1991 to the chair of the Book Award Committee, Daniel Horowitz, Wright Hall 129, Smith College, Northampton, MA 01063.

At the Fall 1990 meeting, Richard Buel, Chair of the Book Award Committee, reported on two winners selected from thirteen books nominated. He presented Book Awards to Jerry Dennerline of Amherst College for *Oian Mu and the World of Seven Mansions* (Yale University Press), and to Drew R. McCoy of Clark University for *The Last of the Fathers. James Madison and the Republican Legacy* (Cambridge University Press).

THE NEW ENGLAND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

19-20 April 1991

Spring Meeting

American Antiquarian Society and
Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Worcester, MA

NEHA SPRING MEETING PROGRAM

FRIDAY APRIL 19

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| 3:00 | EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING | GODDARD-DANIELS HOUSE |
| 4:00 | REGISTRATION | SALISBURY LOUNGE, WPI |
| 4:30 | SESSION 1 PROBLEMS IN AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC HISTORY | SALISBURY 121 |
| | Chair: Joseph Harrington, Framingham State College | |
| | "Americans, Bolsheviks, and Economic Diplomacy, 1918-1920" David W. McFadden, Fairfield University | |
| | "The Kellogg-Briand Pact: A Positive Appraisal" Joseph P. Baratta, Boston University | |
| | "Tobias Lear and the Tripolitan Hostage Crisis, 1801-1805" P. Bradley Nutting, Framingham State College | |
| | Comment: The Audience | |
| | SESSION 2 ENLIGHTENING THE CITIZEN: EDUCATION AND REFORM IN 18th CENTURY EUROPE | SALISBURY 123 |
| | Chair: J. Holden Camp, University of Hartford | |
| | "From Church to State: Higher Education in 18th Century Austria" Miriam Levy, University of Hartford | |
| | "Popular and Elite Educational Reform in Tuscany, 1770-1850" Marion Miller, University of Illinois at Chicago | |
| | "Education and Public Happiness in the Writings of Muratori" Susan V. Nicassio, University of Alabama at Birmingham | |
| | Comment: Hanns Gross, Loyola University of Chicago | |
| | SESSION 3 SOCIAL POLICY IN THE 1960'S | SALISBURY 104 |
| | Chair: Morton Keller, Brandeis University | |
| | "William Cohen and the Social Policy of the Sixties" Edward Berkowitz, George Washington University | |
| | "Birth Control and Social Policy during the Sixties" Simone M. Caron, College of William and Mary | |
| | Comment: James Patterson, Brown University | |
| | SESSION 4 PERESTROIKAS OF THE PAST: THE FATE OF REFORM IN IMPERIAL RUSSIA | SALISBURY 105 |
| | Roundtable Chair: James T. Flynn, College of the Holy Cross | |
| | William T. Fuller, Naval War College, Center for Naval Warfare Studies | |
| | Patricia A. Herlihy, Brown University | |
| | John P. LeDonne, Harvard University Russian Research Center | |
| | William G. Wagner, Williams College | |
| 6:30 | RECEPTION | AAS ROTUNDA |
| 7:30 | DINNER | HIGGINS HOUSE, WPI |
| 8:30 | SESSION 5 PLENARY SESSION | HIGGINS HOUSE, WPI |
| | Speaker: Paul Schroeder, University of Illinois | |
| | "Is the History of International Politics Going Anywhere?" | |
| SATURDAY APRIL 20 | | |
| 8:00 | REGISTRATION & COFFEE | SALISBURY LOUNGE, WPI |
| 9:00 | SESSION 6 INVENTING TRADITIONS IN 19th CENT. AMERICA | SALISBURY 104 |
| | Chair: Richard D. Brown, University of Connecticut | |
| | "The Invention of the Great Awakening, 1795-1842" Joseph Conforti, University of Southern Maine | |
| | "The Invention of Christmas" Stephen Nissenbaum, University of Massachusetts, Amherst | |
| | Comment: Richard D. Brown | |

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| 9:00 | SESSION 7 APPROACHES TO THE MEDIEVAL FAMILY | SALISBURY 121 |
| | Chair: Fred Cazel, University of Connecticut | |
| | "Honor Thy Father and Thy Mother: Perceptions of Family Relationships in Medieval English Confessors Manuals" Jacqueline Murray, University of Windsor | |
| | "Ties of Dependence and Ties of Obligation in the Medieval and Early Modern Village" Sherri Olson, University of Connecticut | |
| | Comment: Hildegard Symoens, University of Ghent | |
| | SESSION 8 NAPOLEONIC ITALY | SALISBURY 123 |
| | Chair: Marion Miller, University of Illinois at Chicago | |
| | "The Italian Army Under Napoleon" Alexander Grab, University of Maine | |
| | "The Calabrian Uprising of 1806 and the Origins of Modern Partisan Warfare" Milton Finley, Louisiana State University, Shreveport | |
| | "Captain Graham Eden Hamond and the Problem of Naval Escort" William Flayhart, Delaware State College | |
| | Comment: The Audience | |
| | SESSION 9 INDIVIDUALISM IN WESTERN CULTURE | SALISBURY 105 |
| | Chair: Lillian Shiman, Nichols College | |
| | "Individualism Defined: Underlying Principles and Assumption" Richard Curry, University of Connecticut | |
| | "Individualism Compared: United States, France, Germany, and England" Lawrence B. Goodheart, University of Connecticut | |
| | Comment: James T. Schleifer, College of New Rochelle | |
| 10:30 | COFFEE AND BOOK EXHIBIT | SALISBURY LOUNGE |
| 10:45 | SESSION 10 VICTORIAN ENGLAND | SALISBURY 104 |
| | Chair: Gail Malmgreen, New York University | |
| | "Unmarried Mothers and the New Poor Law" Ann Higginbotham, Eastern Connecticut State University | |
| | "Foreign Missions and the English Working Classes" Susan Thorne, Worcester Polytechnic Institute | |
| | Comment: William Green, College of the Holy Cross | |
| | SESSION 11 THE CONFINES OF UPHEAVAL: LABOR AND THE STATE IN MASSACHUSETTS, 1930-1955 | SALISBURY 105 |
| | Chair: Sarah Deutsch, Clark University | |
| | "Recasting the Politics of Paternalism: The Workers of Whittin Machine, 1930-1955" Doug Reynolds, Blackstone River Valley Commission | |
| | "The State and Labor in Worcester, Massachusetts, 1935-1955" Bruce Cohen, Worcester State College | |
| | Comment: James P. Hanlan, Worcester Polytechnic Institute | |
| | SESSION 12 ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE HISTORICAL LANDSCAPE | SALISBURY 121 |
| | Chair: Douglas Charles, Wesleyan University | |
| | "Studying and Preserving Historical Landscapes: The Development of the Medieval Christian Landscape of Burgundy" Bailey K. Young, Assumption College | |
| | "Studying and Preserving the Historical Landscape of Rural New England" John Worrell, Old Sturbridge Village | |
| | "Studying and Preserving the Landscape of the Industrial City: Resurrecting a Nightmare" Marcy C. Beaudry, Boston University | |
| | Comment: The Audience | |
| | SESSION 13 REWRITING THE HISTORY OF EASTERN AND CENTRAL EUROPE | SALISBURY 123 |
| | Roundtable Chair: Radu Florescu, Boston College | |
| | Paul Quinlin, Providence College | |
| | Joseph Harrington, Framingham State College | |
| | Chester Nowak, Bridgewater State College | |
| 12:15 | RECEPTION AND LUNCHEON | HIGGINS HOUSE, WPI |
| | PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS | |
| | "The Idea of an Informed Citizenry in the Early American Republic" Richard D. Brown, University of Connecticut | |

2:30 **SESSION 14 FASCISM, ART, AND PROPAGANDA**

Chair: Alice A. Kelikian, Brandeis University
 "Mario Sironi, Fascism and Expressionism"
 "Fascist Responses to the Degenerate Art Campaign"
 "Art and Propaganda in the 'Exhibition of the Fascist Revolution' of 1942-43"
 Comment: Philip V. Cannistraro, Drexel University

SALISBURY 104

Emily Braun, New York University
 Marla S. Stone, Princeton University
 Borden Painter, Trinity College

SESSION 15 MONKS AND NUNS IN THE MIDDLE AGES

Chair: Robin Fleming, Boston College
 "Growing up in a Dominican Convent"
 "Sarabitic Monasticism in Late Roman Gaul"
 "Runaway Religious: Problems of Religious Apostasy in Medieval England"
 Comment: The Audience

SALISBURY 121

Rosemary Hale, Harvard University
 Martin Claussen, University of Virginia
 Donald Logan, Emmanuel College

SESSION 16 TURNING POINTS IN AMERICAN ECONOMIC HISTORY SALISBURY 123

Chair: Saul Engelbourg, Boston University
 "A Turning Point in American Railroad History: The Northern Securities Case" Maury Klein, University of Rhode Island
 "Of Those Who Want to Own the Earth: Was the International Harvester Merger of 1902 a Mistake?"
 Frank Carstensen, University of Connecticut
 Peter Temin, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
 "The New Deal and Its Economic Policy in Historical Perspective"
 Comment: Saul Engelbourg

SESSION 17 THE JUXTAPOSITION OF ART & SCIENCE IN THE 19th CENTURY

Chair: Miriam Levy, University of Hartford
 "Imagery of Evolution: The Creation of a Popular Scientific Culture"
 "Chladni Figures: Science of Art"
 Comment: Kathleen Duggan, Hampshire College

SALISBURY 105

Ruth G. Rinard, Hampshire College
 Kathryn L. Reichard

4:00 **ADJOURNMENT**

PRESIDENTS OF THE NEW ENGLAND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

- 1966-1967 Frank Friedel, Harvard University
- 1967-1968 Reinhold Dorwart, University of Connecticut
- 1968-1969 Louis Morton, Dartmouth College
- 1969-1970 Daniel Thomas, University of Rhode Island
- 1970-1971 J.H. Hexter, Yale University
- 1971-1972 Helen Mulvey, Connecticut College
- 1972-1973 Sidney A. Burrell, Boston University
- 1973-1974 Kenneth F. Lewalski, Rhode Island College
- 1974-1975 John G. Gagliardo, Boston University
- 1975-1976 Jane Pease, University of Maine
- 1976-1977 Robert Lougee, University of Connecticut
- 1977-1978 Giles Constable, Harvard University
- 1978-1979 Gordon Jensen, University of Hartford
- 1979-1980 Neil Stout, University of Vermont
- 1980-1981 Fred A. Cazel, Jr., University of Connecticut
- 1981-1982 Darrett Rutman, University of New Hampshire
- 1982-1983 John Voll, University of New Hampshire
- 1983-1984 Emiliana P. Noether, University of Connecticut
- 1984-1985 Ronald P. Formisano, Clark University
- 1985-1986 Ridgway F. Shinn, Jr., Rhode Island College
- 1986-1987 Catherine M. Prelinger, Yale University
- 1987-1988 Paul A. Fidler, Lesley College
- 1988-1989 Roger Howell, Jr., Bowdoin College
- 1989-1990 Barbara Solow, Harvard University
- 1990-1991 Richard D. Brown, University of Connecticut
- 1991-1992 Alan J. Reinerman, Boston College

WELCOME TO NEHA'S NEWEST MEMBERS

- Barbara Airey, Massachusetts Bay Community College
- Harriet Alonso, Fitchburg State College
- Joseph P. Barratta, Boston University
- Dennis Cashman, Quinnipiac College
- Leslie Choquette, Assumption College
- F.G. Couvares, Amherst College
- Sarah Deutsch, Clark University
- Stanley Elkins, Smith College
- Dario Euraque, Trinity College
- Alicia Faxon, Simmons College
- Alwyn Fraser, Atlantic Union College
- Philip Grant, Pace University
- Laura Ilapke, Pace University
- James J. Harrington, Bridgewater High School
- Daniel Horowitz, Smith College
- Regina Kunzel, Williams College
- David Leinster, Keene State College
- Joan Lukach, Wellesley, MA
- Joan Maloney, Salem State College
- Catherine Menand, Boston, MA
- Thomas C. Mendenhall, Smith College
- Kenneth Moynihan, Assumption College
- Laurie Nussdorfer, Wesleyan University
- Mary Oates, Regis College
- Vincent P. O'Brien, Noble Greenough School
- Richard Ochling, Assumption College
- Thomas Prins, The Scholar's Choice, Rochester
- Alan Rogers, Boston College
- John Rommel, Central Connecticut State University
- Marylynn Salmon, Smith College
- Janet Schulte, Brandeis University
- Silvia Shannon, Saint Anselm College
- Jack Tager, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
- Jennifer Tebbe, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy
- Susan Thome, Worcester Polytechnic Institute
- Rosario J. Tosiello, Pine Manor College
- Gilles Vandal, Universite de Sherbrooke
- Howard M. Wach, Clarkson University
- Bailey Young, Assumption College
- Melanie Zybal, Suffolk University

AT THE SESSIONS

Commentaries on and abstracts of the twenty-one papers and panels presented at the October 1990 meeting at St. Joseph's College in West Hartford, which are a customary feature of the NEHA News, are not included in this issue. This is because few panelists, chairs and commentators submitted the abstracts requested. This may indicate that members believe that the "At the Sessions" report is unnecessary or that another format desirable. If you have suggestions on how or why the NEHA News should recapitulate previous conferences, please write. It might be useful to consider how other scholarly associations report on the most recent sessions.

NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The December meeting of the NEHA Executive Committee was held at the University of Connecticut on Saturday, 1 December 1990, with President Richard D. Brown presiding. Among the agenda items was a report on the Fall membership campaign which produced sixty-one new members, increasing our membership by 12 percent. The financial report by Executive Secretary Neal Shipley indicated a healthy balance and news of some banking changes.

It was decided that travel and lodging expenses of principal speakers will be paid by the Association and fees for graduates students presenting papers at NEHA meetings will be waived. Also members of host institutions will not be asked to pay registration fees at conferences. Some NEHA meetings may be held with other regional organizations—for example, the British Studies Association. The Executive Committee also discussed future meeting sites, book and media awards, and expansion of the number of panels at meetings.

The next Executive Committee meeting will convene on 19 April 1991 at 3:00 in the American Antiquarian Society's Goddard-Daniels House, 190 Salisbury Street, Worcester, Massachusetts.

ERIC HOBSBAWM HONORED

The plenary session of the Association's Fall meeting was a symposium dedicated to discussing the work of Eric Hobsbawm. Seven panelists were asked to address different aspects of Hobsbawm's work, to be followed by a response from Eric Hobsbawm himself. Unfortunately, the session was threatened by absences. One of the panelists (Bryan Palmer of Queen's University, Ontario) cancelled for personal reasons a few days before the meeting, and on the day itself the

gathering was greeted with the alarming news that Hobsbawm himself had fallen ill. The session was saved from disaster, however, by the high quality of the papers.

Richard Price of the University of Maryland was moderator and introductory speaker. His paper identified the four central characteristics of Hobsbawm's work. First, its breadth of interests which extends from political commentary through history to jazz. Second, the range of issues it addresses which confidently crosses geographical boundaries and chronological limits. Third, how its unifying theme revolves around the rise and transformation of the political economy of liberal capitalism. And, finally, how the infusion of his Marxist theory has been confining and liberating.

Next, Peter Weiler (Boston College) addressed Hobsbawm's impact on British labor history—his first and still most important field of research. Then, Paul Breines (Boston College) in an eloquent and witty address focussed on Hobsbawm's contribution as an intellectual historian and as an historian of ideas. Roland Sarti (University of Massachusetts, Amherst) provided reflections on social banditry, with particular reference to Italy. Hobsbawm has written two books that focus on social banditry and much of his material has been drawn from such groups as the Mafia and areas where banditry has been historically endemic such as Sicily.

John Higginson (University of Massachusetts, Amherst) focused on how Hobsbawm had inspired historians of Africa and other non-European countries to write the histories of those peoples on their own terms. Finally, Deborah Valenze (Barnard College) discussed the way Hobsbawm has brought the importance of rural peoples and society into the historical agenda. In this respect, he has been concerned to flesh out an area of Marxism that has sometimes tended to be bypassed in the focus on industrial and urban societies.

This symposium generated great interest in Eric Hobsbawm. Among his most influential books are: *Labour's Turning Point* (1948), *Primitive Rebels* (1959), *The Jazz Scene* (1959), *The Age of Revolution* (1962), *Industry and Empire* (1968), *The Age of Capital* (1975), and *The Age of Empire* (1987).

NEHA PANEL HELD AT THE AHA CONVENTION

The plenary session of last Spring's NEHA meeting, "The European State System at the End of the Twentieth Century: A Panel Discussion," was presented as a joint AHA/NEHA session at the American Historical Association meeting in New York City. The panel chair was Charles Maier of the Center for European Studies and Department of History at Harvard University. Panelists included Barbara Jelavich [Yugoslavia], Indiana University; Samuel D. Kassow [Poland], Trinity College, Connecticut; Benedict Maciika [USSR], University of Connecticut; and Peter Pastor [Hungary], Montclair State College.

NEWS OF THE PROFESSION

Executive Secretary Neal R. Shipley is on sabbatical leave from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst in 1991. His temporary replacement is Peter Holloran at Pine Manor College.

Syllabi from the Federation of Genealogical Societies and Utah Genealogical Association's *Windows to the Past* Conference are now available. The 537-page, soft-cover book costs \$22.50 postpaid. It includes lecture material, notes, and bibliographies from more than one hundred lectures given. Order from Utah Genealogical Association, P.O. Box 1144, Salt Lake City, UT 84110.

History and Society in Central Europe, a new semi-annual journal, begins publishing this year. It pays special attention to contemporary research in Austria, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Central Europe, especially topics in urban history, demography, anthropology and related disciplines. Contact: HSCE, East Central European Res. Group; P.O. Box 489, H-1828 Budapest, Hungary.

The International Bibliography of Historical Demography is published annually by the International Committee of Historical Sciences, Societe de Demographie Historique and the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population. It is compiled by more than 25 correspondents around the world. The staff is willing to do specialized computer database searches for researchers. Specialized bibliographies may be requested by sending keywords and other information to Prof. Etienne Helin, Dept. of History, University of Liege, 3 place Cockerill, B-400 Liege, Belgium.

Search, an international journal for researchers of Jewish genealogy, offers a free preview issue to those interested in researching Jewish family histories. The journal provides information on world-wide Jewish history research sources. Contact: Janette Woods, Circulation Manager, 4823 North Lawndale, Chicago, IL 60625.

The Polish Genealogical Society of Massachusetts, founded in 1989, welcomes inquiries about membership. Contact: PGSM, 50 Hastings Heights, Northampton, MA 01060.

The journal *Letras peninsulares* will publish in the spring of 1993 a special issue entitled Spain and the Americas: Literary and Cultural Cross-Currents. The editor invites submissions in Spanish or English on topics concerning the cultural interaction of Spain and the Americas from 1700. Contact: Mary S. Vasquez, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824-1027 by 1 July 1991.

The Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC) has moved to 100 Brickstone Square, Andover, MA 01810-1428; (508) 470-1010. The NEDCC is a non-profit, regional conservation center specializing in paper-based materials, bookbinding, and preservation microfilming. Inquiries from corporations, institutions and individuals are welcomed.

Donald F. Harris, 15 Grangerfields Road, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY3 9DD, England, is investigating emigration from Shropshire to the United States and Canada before 1914, as a member of a professionally directed local history study group which will publish its findings. He is interested in any information on emigrants from this area to North America.

The New England American Studies Association (NEASA) seeks nominations for its governing Council. All American Studies Association members living in New England are automatically enrolled in the NEASA and may nominate themselves or another member for the 1991 election to the Council or as an NEASA officer. For nominations or membership information, contact: Sarah Way Sherman, Department of English, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH 03824; (207) 439-5444.

The Urban History Association offers a Syllabus Exchange for undergraduate courses on the history of the city as well as an interesting newsletter. For information about these or membership, contact: Michael Ebner, Urban History Association, Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, IL 60045-2399.

The Oral History Association, which held its national conference in Cambridge on 9-11 November 1991, publishes a lively journal, *The Oral History Review* and a quarterly *Oral History Association Newsletter*. For information, contact: Richard Candida Smith, Executive Secretary, Oral History Association, 1093 Broxton Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

Italian Americana seeks articles in all areas of Italian-American history, as well as book reviews and poetry. For information, contact: Carol Bonomo Ahearn, University of Rhode Island, College of Continuing Education, 199 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908.

Radical History Review solicits articles on the conquest of the Americas, the slave trade and the formation of multi-cultural societies in the Americas. Send proposals to *Radical History Review*, Quincentenary Issue, Tamiment Library, 70 Washington Square South, New York, NY 10012.

The Dublin Seminar for New England Folklife will present a series of eighteen lectures in Deerfield, Massachusetts on 13-14 July 1991 on "Algonkians of New England: Past and Present". Contact: Peter Benes, Director, Dublin Seminar, 249 Harrington Avenue, Concord, MA 01742; (508) 369-7382.

The New Hampshire Historical Society will hold its annual meeting on 6 April 1991 at 30 Park Avenue, Concord, NH from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Social Science History Journal announced the resignation of its editor, Eric Monkkonen, and the Publication Committee is seeking a new editor. This quarterly is published by the Social Science History Association, with most articles on history, economics and political science. The SSHA is an affiliated society of the AHA and now publishes a newsletter. For information, contact: Philip VanderMeer, History Department, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ 85287.

The United States Holocaust Memorial Museum is seeking three qualified researchers and writers to undertake assignments for the Museum in Washington. Applicants should have a grounding in the history of the Holocaust and relevant fields. The Museum will open in 1993. Contact: Dr. Joan Ringelheim, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, 2000 L Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20035.

Simon & Schuster has announced the planned publication of a two-volume work, to be entitled the "Columbus Encyclopedia". The editor-in-chief is Silvio Bedini, emeritus of the Smithsonian Institution. It will contain 350 original articles on Christopher Columbus. Those interested in contributing articles may contact: Charles E. Smith, President, Academic Reference Division, Simon & Schuster, 15 Columbus Circle, New York, NY 10023.

The Alliance for Independent Scholars is a congenial association for New England historians and other scholars not affiliated with an academic institution. Those in the Boston or Cambridge area may be most interested. For further information, contact Eugenia Kaledin (617) 862-0614.

For several years, the Biblioteca Nacional de Lisboa has been producing machine-readable bibliography called "PORBASE". This data base is accessible through the TELEPAC network as well as through terminals in participating libraries. Information on this data base and an article by Maria Luisa Cabral, Deputy Director of the Biblioteca de Lisboa, may be found in the Newsletter of the Western European Specialists Section of the Association of College and Research Libraries, volume 13, no. 2 (Spring 1990), pp. 6-9.

A year long program, entitled "Jews and the Encounter with the New World", will be held at the University of Michigan during 1992. The program will include exhibits, meetings, and discussions intended for both scholars and the general public. Contact: Judith Elkin, Frankel Center for Judaic Studies, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48109.

The Architectural Conservation Trust (ACT) for Massachusetts has announced plans to publish a casebook of **Endangered Historic Properties**. Information on more than 100 properties has already been submitted by individuals and organizations. The casebook will utilize 25 key properties to illustrate a variety of threats, such as demolition, neglect, vandalism, damage and incompatible rehabilitation or development.

In 1989, the Northeast Regional Office of the National Trust for Historical Preservation initiated Project PREPARE, a fellowship program which studies rural historic preservation and growth management in New England and New York. As part of the second phase, five Boston University Preservation Studies students, under the direction of Professor Patricia L. Weslowski, prepared a comprehensive report on Groton's past and present planning and historic preservation efforts. For more information on the Groton study, and on Project PREPARE, contact the Northeast Regional Office of the NTHP.

In 1991 the National Women's Studies Association will present the Illinois-NWSA Manuscript Award for the best book-length manuscript in women's studies. The winning

author or authors (manuscripts may be co-authored) will receive a prize of \$1,000, and the University of Illinois Press will publish the book. Anthologies, essay collections, fiction, poetry, and unrevised doctoral dissertations will not be considered. Contact: NWSA, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20842-1325; (301) 454-3757.

In sharp reversal of policy, the USSR has opened its World War II archives to researchers in East European and Holocaust studies, and is now sharing with the Red Cross material recovered by the Soviet Army during the liberation of concentration camps. Recently microfilmed material is housed at Arolson, Germany, at the International Tracing Committee of the Red Cross. The Central Maryland Chapter of the American Red Cross announced the opening in September 1990 of the Holocaust and War Victims Tracing and Information Service, whereby individuals can contact their local chapter of the Red Cross for inquiry forms. All requests will be sent to the Baltimore center for translation into German and forwarding to the ITS. There is no charge for a search request.

Vose Archive, Inc. is a non-profit organization compiling the New England section of the *Dictionary of American Painters Born Before 1900*. The information and database is now available at no cost to scholarly researchers and museums. The data include biographies of 48,000 American artists. Send inquiries to Vose Archive, Inc., P.O. Box 465, Brookline, MA 02147-0465; (617) 277-0381.

THE OLD WEST END OF BOSTON

The Bostonian Society is planning a major exhibit on the history of Boston's Old West End in 1992. The exhibition catalogue and essays will be published. The focus of this photographic, audio and video exhibition is on the history of this multi-cultural Boston neighborhood in the 19th and 20th centuries before a massive and still controversial urban renewal project eradicated this colorful district. Anyone interested in contributing photographs, memorabilia or oral history interviews may contact Sean M. Fisher, Bostonian Society, 15 State Street, Boston, MA 02109; (617) 720-3294.

SOCIAL SCIENCE HISTORY ASSOCIATION BOOK AWARD

The Social Science History Association has announced a new book award. The Allan Sharlin Memorial Award is presented annually for the most outstanding book in social science history published in the previous year. Contact: Mary J. Oates, Regis College, Weston, MA 02193 by June 15.

TOWN RECORD PROJECTS

Between 1902 and 1945, the New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) published the vital records for

MEETINGS OF NEHA

1966	University of Connecticut	1981	Mt. Ida College
1967	Harvard University		Albertus Magnus College
1968	University of Massachusetts, Amherst	1982	College of the Holy Cross
1969	Boston University		University of New Hampshire
1970	University of Rhode Island	1983	Fitchburg State College
1971	University of Massachusetts, Amherst		Roger Williams College
	Yale University	1984	American Antiquarian Society
1972	University of New Hampshire		Framingham State College
	University of Hartford	1985	Bowdoin College
1973	Bentley College		University of Connecticut
	Connecticut College	1986	American Antiquarian Society
1974	Rhode Island College		Boston College
	Clark University	1987	Historic Deerfield
1975	Pine Manor College		Albertus Magnus College
	University of Maine, Portland	1988	Salem State College
1976	St. Joseph's College		University of Hartford
	Exeter Academy	1989	University of Lowell
1977	Harvard University		Smith College
	University of Connecticut	1990	Pine Manor College
1978	University of Massachusetts, Amherst		St. Joseph's College
	University of Lowell	1991	American Antiquarian Society and
1979	Boston College		Worcester Polytechnic Institute
	Colby-Sawyer College		John F. Kennedy Library and
1980	Old Sturbridge Village		University of Massachusetts, Boston
	Rhode Island College		

75 Massachusetts towns, however there still remain a large number of towns whose vital records are unavailable or incompletely published. NEHGS encourages publication in book form of the remaining pre-1850 records. As a first step, NEHGS is inquiring about other projects currently in progress by individuals or societies. If you or any group are now filming, copying, transcribing, or editing such records, the NEHGS will be happy to bring parties together, make suggestions about format, suggest publishers or consider publication itself. Contact: Gary Boyd Roberts, NEHGS, 101 Newbury Street, Boston, MA 02116; (617) 536-5740.

SCHLESINGER LIBRARY HONORED

The Distinguished Service Award, the highest honor the Society of American Archivists can present to an archival institution, was given to Harvard University's Schlesinger Library on 30 August 1990 at the SAA's annual meeting in Seattle. This award, which was established in 1964, is not given annually, but only when an institution is judged deserving of it. Eva Moseley, Curator of Manuscripts, and Ruth Edmonds Hill, Audio-Visual Coordinator and coordinator of the Library's oral history projects, accepted the award on behalf of the Library.

NEH GRANTS

Recent regional recipients of the National Endowment for the Humanities grants are: Robert W. Allison, Bates College, a grant for cataloguing manuscripts in the 19 monas-

teries on Mount Athos; Thomas R. Adams, Brown University, for editing and proofreading two final volumes of *European Americana*, a six-volume chronological guide to writings on the Americas published in Europe between 1492 and 1750; Paul J. Dalpe, Providence College, for a two year masterwork study project for 16 English and History teachers from five Rhode Island and southern Massachusetts high schools on Western classical tradition and the Socratic method.

CONFERENCES TO MEET

Pine Manor College will host the **New England American Studies Association (NEASA)** annual meeting on 26-28 April 1991. This year the NEASA conference theme is "Nature and Culture" and Bill McKibben, a noted environmentalist, journalist and author, is the keynote speaker. His lecture is open to the public. For information on this meeting or membership in the NEASA, contact: Rosario J. Tosiello, American Studies Program, Pine Manor College, Chestnut Hill, MA 02167; (617) 731-7000.

The **Gypsy Lore Society's** annual meeting and conference will be held at Leicester Polytechnic on 19-21 July 1991. Contact: David Smith, 81 Narborough Road, Cosby, Leicester, LE9 5TB United Kingdom.

The **Conference of the French Colonial Historical Society** meets on 8-12 May 1991 in Chicago. For information, contact: David Buisseret, Newberry Library, 60 West Walton Street, Chicago, IL 60610.

The University of Vermont will sponsor the Hillberg Symposium on "Perpetrators, Victims, and Bystanders" on 14-16 April 1991. For information, contact: Candace Smith, Department of Political Science, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT 05405.

A symposium on "Baseball and the American Culture" will be held on 10-12 June 1991 in Cooperstown. For information, contact: Alvin Hall, Dean, Continuing Education, SUNY-Oneonta, Oneonta, NY 13820.

MIT will offer a seminar on "The Myth and Reality of America's Political and Economic Decline" on 24-28 June 1991, which focuses on the performance of the political economy and policy responses to problems with that performance. For information, contact: MIT, Summer Session, (617) 253-2101.

The 1991 annual conference of the Association for **Gravestone Studies** meets on 27-30 June at Northfield Mount Hermon School. For further information and applications, contact: Cornelia Jenness, HCR 10, Box 643, Spofford, NH 03462-0643; (603) 363-8018.

The **Sixth Annual Massachusetts Preservation Conference** meets at Boston University on 3-4 May 1991. For information, contact: Historic Massachusetts, (617) 723-3383.

The Newberry Library Center for Renaissance Studies announces two conferences and lectures series. "Women and Gender in the Middle Ages and the Renaissance: A Workshop on Pedagogy and Research" meets 3-4 May 1991; and "Music and Narrative in Medieval Romance: The Poets of Lyric Insertions" meets 4-5 October 1991. Application requests and inquiries should be directed to the Center for Renaissance Studies, 60 West Walton Street, Chicago, IL 60610-3380; (312) 943-9090.

The New York Transit Museum will host a **Subway History Conference** on 10-11 May 1991. For information, contact: New York Transit Museum, 81 Willoughby Street, Room 602, Brooklyn, NY 11201.

The American Conference for Irish Studies meets at the University of Wisconsin in Madison on 10-13 April 1991. This year the ACIS conference theme is "Class, Gender, and Ethnicity in Irish Studies". For information on this conference or on the New England ACIS chapter, contact: Conor Johnston, Massasoit Community College, Brockton, MA 02402; (508) 588-9100.

Supported by the National Endowment for the Humanities and sponsored by the **Center for Shakespeare Studies**, the Folger Institute will hold a two-day workshop on 4-5 October 1991 on recent interpretations of Elizabeth I, her court, the late 16th century Reformation, and Elizabethan patronage and factions. NEH at-large grants in aid of attendance will be available to registrants. Contact: The Folger Institute, 201 East Capitol Street, S.E., Washington, D.C., 20003; (202) 544-4600.

In June, 1991 the **American Antiquarian Society** will hold its conference on the history of the book in American culture. For information, contact: John Hench, American Antiquarian Society, 185 Salisbury Street, Worcester, MA 01609; (508) 752-5813.

The Wellesley College Black Studies Department, the

American Studies Program, and the **C.L.R. Jones Society** will hold a conference on 19-21 April 1991. For information, contact: C.L.R. Jones Conference, Wellesley College, Wellesley, MA 02181; (617) 235-0320.

CALLS FOR PAPERS

The Centre de recherches sur l'histoire des Etats-Unis is sponsoring a conference, "Private and Public Memory in Pre-industrial North America: A Comparative Approach," in Paris next February. Send proposals to Elise Marienstras, Institut Charles V-Paris VII, 10 rue Charles V, 75004, Paris.

For a conference on "Perspectives on Witchcraft: Rethinking the Seventeenth Century New England Experience," on 19-21 June 1992, send a one-page abstract of a proposal and c.v. to Anne Farnham, Essex Institute, 132 Essex Street, Salem, MA 01970; (508) 744-3390, by September 1, 1991.

The Institute for Massachusetts Studies is planning its next symposium for 11 April 1992, with a focus on the **History of Women in Massachusetts**. Papers on any aspect of this topic in any period may be submitted by 1 December 1991 to the Institute for Massachusetts Studies, Westfield State College, Westfield, MA 01086. Subscriptions to the *Historical Journal of Massachusetts* (\$5.00 per year) may be obtained at the same address.

The **Social Science History Association** invites papers or panels on Race and Ethnicity, Historical Geography and Comparative/Global Perspectives or other topics for its 16th annual conference in New Orleans on 31 October-3 November 1991. Contact: Mary Jo Maynes, History Department, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 55455; (612) 624-1886.

The **American Journalism Historians' Association** will sponsor a research paper competition on the history of freedom of expression in the USA to commemorate the bicentennial of the Bill of Rights. Contact: Thomas A. Schwartz, School of Journalism, Ohio State University, Columbus, OH 43210.

In 1992 **Vassar College** will host a national conference on methodologies and pedagogies for undergraduate American Studies Programs. Suggestions for topics and activities are welcome. Contact: Daniel H. Peck, Vassar College, Box 540, Poughkeepsie, NY 12601.

The **Society for the History of Technology** meets jointly with the History of Science Society on 9 November 1991 in Madison, Wisconsin. Session and paper proposals in all areas of the history of technology, broadly defined, may be submitted to the program chair: Deborah Fitzgerald, 1255 Orchard Drive, Ames, Iowa 50010; (515) 232-5809.

The **International Conference of the Columbus Quincentenary** invites papers concerning Columbus and his world, Renaissance discovery, North American Indians and related topics. The deadline is 1 October 1991. For information, contact: Tim Morgan, Chair, Columbus Quincentenary Conference, Christopher Newport College, Newport News, VA 23606; (804) 594-7158.

The **History of Christianity Conference** meets 26-28 March 1992 to explore such themes as religion and intellectual life, religion and higher education, women and higher education, religion and science and the history of evangelization in North or South America. Contact: History Conference, Cushwa Center, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Indiana 46556 (219); 239-5441.

OLD STURBRIDGE VILLAGE ARCHITECTURAL FIELD SCHOOL

Old Sturbridge Village will conduct its second annual field school in architectural history from 3 June to 3 July, 1991. Participants will have intensive instruction in documenting and recording historical buildings and landscapes. The research and fieldwork will focus on late eighteenth and early nineteenth century farms in the area around Sturbridge, Massachusetts.

This program is open to undergraduate and graduate students, and professionals in architecture, history, preservation and related fields. Academic credit is available through the Clark University Geography Department. For further information, contact: Myron O. Stachiw, Old Sturbridge Village, Sturbridge, MA 01566; (508) 347-3363.

Old Sturbridge Village will also host the fourth annual **New England Museum Association and Archives Institute** in 1991. These sessions are intended for the beginner and include records management, appraisal, arrangement, description, reference and access, legal issues, preservation, automation, fundraising and outreach. For information, contact: Theresa Rini Percy, Director of the Research Library (508) 347-3362.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Letters of Intent to apply for Survey and Planning Grant funds are now available. This grant program, administered by the Massachusetts Historical Commission, is funded from Massachusetts' share of the Historic Preservation Fund—money Congress appropriates for preservation efforts. Eligible projects include architectural and archaeological surveys, preparation of National Register nominations, Certified Government Programs, and public information and educational programs regarding preservation activities. Top priorities this year include intensive level architectural/historical surveys and the formulation of preservation plans. An estimated \$130,000 is planned for these grants with all projects completed by 30 June 1992. Contact: Elsa Fitzgerald, Acting Director, Massachusetts Historical Commission, 80 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116; (617) 727-8470.

The **Massachusetts Historical Society** has decided to convert the W.B.H. Dowse Fund to new purposes. This Fund was established in 1919 to subsidize the publication of the colonial records of the Massachusetts House of Representatives. That project reached completion recently with the publication of the Journals of the House of Representatives of

Massachusetts. In March 1991, the MHS will award short-term **W.B.H. Dowse Fellowships** for projects pertaining to the history of colonial New England and draw on this Fund to underwrite publications on the early history of New England.

The Massachusetts Historical Society also will offer **Research Fellowships** in 1991. Each grant provides a stipend of \$1,500 for four weeks of research in the Society's archives in 1991-1992. Awards are open to independent scholars, advanced graduates students, and holders of the Ph.D. or the equivalent. Candidates who live fifty miles or more from Boston receive preference. Current MHS Fellows include NEHA member Howard M. Wach of Clarkson University who is researching the Anglo-American Unitarian connection. For information, write to Conrad E. Wright, MHS, 1154 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02115; (617) 536-1608.

Applications for the **Fulbright Scholar Program** are available beginning 1 March 1991. For information, contact: Council for the International Exchange of Scholars, 3307 Tilden Street, N.W., Suite 5M, Washington, D.C. 20008; (202) 686-7877.

The **National Science Foundation's Law and Social Science** program has a special competition for research on global perspectives of socio-legal studies. The program supports research on law and the legal processes in light of global interdependence in areas such as immigration, population shifts, social and ethnic conflict and legal pluralism. Proposals may locate research within one nation or across legal systems illuminating or informed by global perspectives. Contact: Felice J. Levine, National Science Foundation, 1800 G Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20550; (202) 357-9567.

The **North American Conference on British Studies** offers an annual Dissertation Year Fellowship of \$5,000 to enable an exceptional graduate student to spend a research year in the United Kingdom. For information on this fellowship or membership in the New England branch of the NACBS, contact: Edward F. Wall, Jr., Holy Cross College, Worcester, MA 01619; (508) 793-2465.

Old Sturbridge Village announced **Research Fellowships in the history and material culture of African Americans and Native Americans** in rural New England between 1790 and 1860. The fellowship project need not be limited to this region or this period, but must relate primarily to both. Fellows will be in residence for six to twelve weeks, preferably in the fall or spring semester. A stipend of up to \$2500 will be awarded. For information, contact: John Worrell, Old Sturbridge Village, Sturbridge, MA 01566; (508) 347-3362 by 1 July 1991.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES TO REMAIN AT WALTHAM

After a couple of tense months, it has been decided that the National Archives-New England will remain at its present site on Trapelo Road in Waltham, Massachusetts. Last June, the late Congressman Silvio O. Conte (R-MA) proposed relocating the archives to Pittsfield. This provoked immediate opposition

Organization of American Historians

Next Annual Meetings

1991 * Louisville
11-14 April

1992 * Chicago
2-5 April

1993 * Anaheim
14-17 April

1994 * Atlanta
14-17 April

1995 * Washington, D.C.
30 March-2 April

American Historical Association

Next Annual Meetings

1991 * Chicago
27-30 December

1992 * Washington, D.C.
December

1993 * No Meeting

1994 * TBA
January

American Conference on Irish Studies

Next Annual Meeting

1991 * Madison, WI
10-13 April

New England American Studies Association

Next Annual Meeting

1991 * Pine Manor College
26-28 April

PLAN AHEAD

American Culture/ Popular Culture Associations

Next Annual Meeting

1991 * San Antonio
27-30 March

American Jewish Historical Society

Next Annual Meeting

1991 * Hartford
30 May-3 June

Canadian Historical Association

Next Annual Meeting

1991 * Queen's University,
Kingston, Canada
2-5 June

Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations

Next Annual Meeting

1991 * George Washington
University
19-21 June

American Studies Association

Next Annual Meeting

1991 * Baltimore
31 October-3 November

Social Science History Association

Next Annual Meeting

1991 * New Orleans
31 October-3 November

National Preservation Conference

Next Annual Meeting

1991 * San Francisco
16-20 October

Society for Historians of the Early American Republic

Next Annual Meeting

1991 * Madison, WI
26-28 July

New England Conference on British Studies

Next Annual Meeting

1991 * Assumption College,
Worcester
13 October

American Political Science Association

Next Annual Meeting

1991 * Washington, D.C.
29 August-1 September

American Sociological Association

Next Annual Meetings

1991 * Cincinnati
23-27 August

1992 * Pittsburgh
20-24 August

by archivists, historical researchers and genealogists who constitute the majority of the archives' 9,000 visitors each year. Senator Warren Rudman (R-NH) and Senate Majority Leader George Mitchell (D-ME) strongly opposed the move as did the presidents of fourteen New England genealogical societies.

An alternative plan will locate a national long-term record storage facility in Pittsfield and also create a satellite branch of the National Archives somewhere in New England. The storage facility is for non-permanent federal records and for records with court-mandated preservation times; these are expected to be of minimal interest to researchers. The satellite of the National Archives, on the other hand, is expected to be of much interest to historical researchers.

CRISIS IN HISTORIC PRESERVATION

The September/October 1990 issue of *Historic Preservation*, the publication of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, contains a special report entitled "Rehab Takes a Fall". This report, based on research funded by the NEA and the NTHP, reviews the disastrous 70% decline in federally-funded historic preservation projects in the United States in 1986-1989. NEHA members may be interested in reading this report.

New England is one of the areas affected most seriously. New Hampshire showed a 100% decline, with a decrease from 16 projects to none. Connecticut showed an 88% decline, from 72 to 9 projects, followed by Vermont (-85%, from 27 to 4), Maine (-82%, 39 to 7), Massachusetts (-80%, 158 to 32), and then Rhode Island (-63%, 35 to 13). It is estimated that at the 1989 rate of tax-assisted rehabilitation, it will take 241 years to rehabilitate all eligible National Register buildings in the USA.

A remedy has been proposed by Rep. Barbara Kenneally (D-CT) and Sen. John Danforth (R-MO) in the form of H.R. 796, the Community Revitalization Bill, which seeks to amend the federal law by easing the restrictions placed on individual taxpayer's use of credits. The bill is strongly recommended by the NTHP and by members of the national preservation community. NEHA members who wish to familiarize themselves with the import of H.R. 796 may contact: The Center for Preservation Studies, 1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036; (202) 673-4000.

CLIVE FELLOWSHIP

As a memorial to the late Professor John Clive, William R. Kenan, Jr. Professor of History and Literature at Harvard University, his friends and colleagues will establish the John Clive Travelling Fellowship in British and Commonwealth History.

Clive taught at Harvard from 1948 to 1960, and from 1965 until his recent death. He was named Kenan Professor in 1979. He was the author of *Scotch Reviewers: The Edinburgh Review 1802-1815* (1957); and *Macauley: The Shaping of the Historian* (1973); he edited Carlyle's *History of Frederick the Great* (1969) and co-edited Macauley's *Selected Writings* (1972). He received the AHA's Robert Livingston Schuyler Prize in

1976 and was Ford Lecturer at Oxford University in 1978. Professor Clive was a remarkable teacher, as his many former students in the profession can attest.

Contributions, payable to Harvard University, may be sent to the Chairman, History Department, Robinson Hall, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA 02138.

HELEN HOMANS GILBERT FUND

More than \$125,000 has been raised to endow a fund at the Arthur and Elizabeth Schlesinger Library in memory of Helen Homans Gilbert, who died in September 1989. Income from this fund will be used to continue the work in oral history, which Mrs. Gilbert supported strongly during her years as a volunteer at the Schlesinger Library. She was for many years a member of the Library's Advisory Committee and its chair from 1981 to 1986. She also served as chair of the Trustees of Radcliffe College and was the first woman elected president of the Harvard Board of Overseers.

RIDGWAY F. SHINN, JR., STUDY ABROAD FUND

The Ridgway Shinn Study Abroad Fund at Rhode Island College has grown so successfully, with more than 350 contributors, that two awards were made in 1990. The awardees, both undergraduates at Rhode Island College, will attend the University of Santiago, Chile, and the American College of Switzerland. Professor Shinn served as NEHA president in 1985-86.

RENAME THE NEHA NEWSLETTER?

The question of a new name for the NEHA Newsletter has been discussed for many years. It is a perennial question at NEHA meetings. The present title seems unsatisfactory to some and just fine to others. If you have an opinion or a suggestion for a new name, please write to the Acting Executive Secretary. All suggestions will be considered carefully.

AHA MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The new American Historical Association Membership Committee would like to hear from members who have any suggestions for stimulating the growth of the AHA and providing services to members. One suggestion is for closer cooperation between the AHA and regional affiliates. Some have suggested that AHA membership might automatically enroll new members with a New England address in NEHA. If you have an opinion or an idea, contact the chair of the AHA membership Committee: Robert L. Harris, Jr., History Department, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853.

NEHA MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

On September 10 President Richard D. Brown chaired a meeting of nine membership captains at the American Anti-

quarian Society in Worcester. This industrious committee mailed over 500 letters and membership applications to former and potential members throughout New England. The New England American Studies Association generously provided NEHA with its large mailing list. Thanks to these efforts and the energy of the volunteer recruiters—Neil R. Stout (Vermont), Marc L. Schwarz (New Hampshire), Joseph Conforti (Maine), Ridgway Shinn (Rhode Island), Borden W. Painter (Connecticut), Marjorie Wechsler and Peter Holloran (Metropolitan Boston) and William A. Green and Bland Addison (Suburban Boston and Western Massachusetts)—we have more than 60 new members, a 12 percent increase.

To introduce NEHA to a wider audience, Bland Addison, Peter Holloran, Howard Wach and Priscilla Offenbauer staffed a NEHA table at the American Historical Association meeting in New York. This resulted in many inquiries, calls and letters from historians throughout the country. Yet NEHA remains the best kept secret in this region with an active but "graying" membership.

NEHA is not as large or as well-known as it could be. Few graduate students attend our meetings. The absence of historians from adjacent areas of New York and Canada is surprising too. Experience suggests that most new members are recruited by colleagues and friends who attend, participate in and enjoy NEHA meetings. If each member would bring his or her colleagues, students and friends to the next meeting, NEHA's growth in size and in quality will continue.

NEHA MEDIA AWARD

In December, the Executive Committee reviewed this award created in 1983. It maintained the policy adopted in 1986 to grant "certificates of honor to outstanding historical works, including films, documentaries, television shows. Particular, but not exclusive, attention in the selection process will be given to works produced in New England. Each citation should include a statement of the merits of the work and why the Association chooses to honor it." The Executive Committee further concluded that the Media Award should normally be made at the spring meeting of the Association.

Susan Pennybacker will chair the 1991 Media Award Committee to consider all nominations. Written nominations identifying the production and the historian or persons involved in it may be made by members of the Association or others, with supporting documentation. Please send your inquiries or nominations to Susan D. Pennybacker, History Department, Trinity College, Hartford, CT 06106.

SITES FOR FUTURE NEHA CONFERENCES

NEHA would like to plan its Fall and Spring meetings well in advance. If your college or university has never hosted a NEHA meeting, please feel free to invite us. In the past twenty-five years, NEHA has met forty-five times at thirty-three locations. Three institutions have been hosts three times, and eight institutions have hosted NEHA meetings twice. More variety in the location of meetings might make future meetings

more attractive to members. Fall and Spring dates in 1993 and 1994 are available now.

EMILIANA PASCA NOETHER CHAIR IN MODERN ITALIAN HISTORY

Emiliana Pasca Noether is one of the most influential and highly esteemed scholars in the field of modern Italian history. Since 1968, when she came to the University of Connecticut, she has promoted the study of Italian history in this country and abroad. Honored by many organizations before and since her retirement in 1986, she has been widely recognized for her work—forty articles and several books—and her selfless dedication to our profession.

The University of Connecticut will establish the country's first permanent chair devoted to the study of modern Italian history in her honor. NEHA members know Professor Noether well as our president in 1983-1984. Contributions to this fund may be sent to the Emiliana Pasca Noether Endowment, University of Connecticut, Development Office, Storrs, CT 06268; (203) 486-5100.

IN MEMORIAM: MARCUS CUNLIFFE

With the death of Marcus Cunliffe on September 2, 1990, the historical profession lost a prolific and original scholar. Professor Cunliffe studied at Oriel College, Oxford and Yale University, and began his teaching career at the University of Manchester as a lecturer in 1949. The success of his early work, particularly *The Literature of the United States* (1954), *George Washington: Man and Monument* (1958), and *The Nation Takes Shape, 1789-1837* (1959), led to his appointment as Professor of American Studies at the University of Sussex in 1965-1980. After teaching at several American universities and publishing ten books, Cunliffe became University Professor at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. in 1980. Last August he was elected president of the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic at the twelfth annual SHEAR conference in Toronto. His passing is mourned by his family, his many students and colleagues, and by all lovers of well-crafted history.

IN MEMORIAM: DAVID HERLIHY

David Herlihy, eminent professor of medieval European History at Brown University, and 1990 American Historical Association president, died of cancer at his Providence home on February 21. A native of San Francisco, Professor Herlihy received degrees from the University of San Francisco and the Catholic University. He taught at Bryn Mawr College, the University of Wisconsin and Harvard University. In 1985 he joined the Brown University faculty.

Herlihy was best known as the co-author of *Tuscans and Their Families* (1985), a path-breaking book based on computerized *catasto* records of the Florentine Republic. Among his other books are *Pisa in the Early Renaissance* (1958), *Medieval and Renaissance Pistoia: The Social History of an*

Italian Town, 1200-1430 (1967) and *Women and Work in Medieval Europe* (1990). He was a charming, witty and erudite man who leaves his wife, children, family, and countless students, colleagues and friends saddened by his loss.

HISTORIANS FOR THE FIRST AMENDMENT

Three hundred and fifty-nine historians from 190 colleges and universities signed a petition to Congress in support of legislative oversight of surveillance activities by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. In 1990, 579 law professors from 140 law schools signed a similar petition. These petitions are part of a national campaign to halt federal police spying on citizen's organizations in violation of the First Amendment. Representative Don Edwards (D-CA), a former FBI agent, introduced a bill in this effort.

Last summer, C. Vann Woodward, Louis Harlan, Leon Litwack and Stanley Katz, all former presidents of the Organization of American Historians, circulated a letter protesting FBI surveillance. The petition campaign grew from their letter which warned that FBI political surveillance in the 1960s and 1970s has surfaced again in Central American peace activities.

Historians who would like to receive a copy of this petition may write to Historians in Support of the First Amendment, 236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002.

BOOK NEWS

Blanche Linden-Ward of Emerson College received the Merit Award in Communication from the American Society of Landscape Architects for her new book *Silent City on a Hill: Landscapes of Memory and Boston's Mount Auburn Cemetery*.

J. Stanley Lemons of Rhode Island College published *The Elect: Rhode Island's Women Legislators, 1922-1990*, co-authored by Emily Stier Adler, a sociologist at Rhode Island College. This is the first complete history of women legislators in any state.

For a book on the history of the Club 47 coffeehouse (1958-1968) in Cambridge and its role in the folk music revival, Millie Rahn of the Museum of Our National History in Lexington would like to interview performers, organizers or audience members. Contact: Millie L. Rahn, 11 Evans Street, Watertown, MA 02172.

Two recent publications from the American Historical Association may be useful. *Liberal Learning and the History Major* is a report by an AHA task force studying the arts and sciences major. Also available is *Guidelines on Hiring Women Historians in Academia*, prepared by the AHA Committee on Women Historians. Copies are available from the AHA, 400 A Street S.E., Washington, D.C. 20003.

Laurel Thatcher Ulrich of the University of New Hampshire received two AHA book awards in 1990. She won the John H. Dunning Prize and the Joan Kelly Memorial Prize for her book *A Midwife's Tale: The Life of Martha Ballard, Based on Her Diary, 1785-1812*. Those interested in hearing about Professor Ulrich's work are invited to attend her lecture at the Pine Manor College American Studies Program on 27 February at 7:30.

Will Johnston's book *Celebrations: The Cult of Anniversaries in Europe and the United States Today* (Transaction Books, 1990) discusses why the 200th anniversary of the state of Vermont or the 500th anniversary of Columbus's voyage inspire us to "celebrate for a few weeks or months what we no longer wish to emulate for a lifetime."

Landmark Yellow Pages, a 320-page paperback "for everyone who loves old buildings" and seeks basic preservation data, is available free to all new members of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, 1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036; (202) 673-4296.

For a scholarly biography of Massachusetts Governor James Michael Curley, anyone with Curley memorabilia, recordings, films, photographs or personal letters may call or write Peter Holloran, 41 Linnaean Street, Cambridge, MA 02138; (617) 876-6635.

Mary H. Blewett of the University of Lowell, winner of the 1989 NEHA Book Award, also received the University of Illinois' Herbert G. Gutman Award and the AHA's Joan Kelly Prize for her book, *Men, Women, and Work: Class, Gender and Protest in the New England Shoe Industry, 1780-1910*.

Andre Millard, formerly of Bentley College, has published *Edison and the Business of Innovation* (Johns Hopkins University Press). Much of this work derives from research at the Edison National Park in New Jersey under grants from the National Park Service.

The Urban History Association is conducting its second annual prize competitions for dissertations, books, and articles. The deadline for all submissions is 15 June 1991. For information, contact: Carl Abbott, UHA Prize Chair, Department of Urban Studies, Portland State University, Portland, OR 97207.

Gravestone Chronicles: Some Eighteenth-Century New England Carvers and Their Work is now available from the New England Historic and Genealogical Society, 101 Newbury Street, Boston, MA 02116 (\$15.00 paper, \$25.00 hard cover). This anthology introduces historians to gravestone studies, a field which covers history, art, religion, military history and genealogy.

Emiliana P. Noether's *As Others Saw Us: Italian Views on the United States During the Nineteenth Century* was published last September in the Connecticut Academy of Arts and Sciences Transactions.

Jim Bradley, Director of the Preservation Planning Division of the Massachusetts Historical Commission, has resigned after eleven years to become Director of the Robert S. Peabody Museum at Phillips Academy. He recently published a book titled, *The Evolution of the Onondaga Iroquois*.

NEHA NEWS

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The New England Historical Association is a comprehensive organization for historians of all disciplines and fields. Membership is open to all persons or organizations interested in study, teaching, or writing history. It is not restricted to New England or American Studies. The Association is affiliated with the American Historical Association.

Annual dues (calendar year) for regular members is \$10.00 or \$5.00 for students and retirees. Life membership for individuals or institutions is \$150. An Association Fund exists to assist in supporting the work of the Association. All dues and contributions to NEHA are tax deductible.

NEHA SPRING MEETING, APRIL 19-20, 1991

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