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.

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).

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.
SESSION 1  PROBLEMS IN AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC HISTORY  SALISBURY 121
Chair: Joseph Huntington, Framingham State College
“Americans, Bolsheviks, and Economic Diplomacy, 1918-1929”
David W. McPadden, Fairfield University
“The Kellogg-Briand Pact: A Positive Appraisal”
Joseph P. Benatta, Boston University
“Tunisian Law and the Tripolitanian 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: John 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 Murat”
Susan V. Nusenz, University of Alabama at Birmingham
Comment: Hanna 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 Paxton, Brown University

SESSION 4  PERESTROIKA OF THE PAST: THE FATE OF REFORM IN IMPERIAL RUSSIA  SALISBURY 105
Roundtable Chair: James T. Flynt, College of the Holy Cross
William T. Fuller, Naval War College, Center for Naval Warfare Studies
Patricia A. Herlihy, Brown University
John P. LeDolce, Harvard University Russian Research Center
Nicholas G. Wagoner, Williams College

SESSION 5  DINNER  AAS ROTUNDA

SESSION 6  PLENARY SESSION  HIGGINS HOUSE, WPI
Speaker: Paul Schneider, University of Illinois
“Is the History of International Politics Going Anywhere?”

SESSION 7  APPROACHES TO THE MEDIEVAL FAMILY  SALISBURY 121
Chair: Fred Crew, University of Connecticut
“How The Father and The Mother: Perceptions of Family Relationships in Medieval English Confraternities”
Jacqueline Murray, University of Windsor
“Tire of Dependence and Ties of Obligation in the Medieval and Early Modern Village”
Shari Cline, University of Connecticut

SESSION 8  NAPOLEONIC ITALY  SALISBURY 123
Chair: Marion Miller, University of Illinois at Chicago
“The Italian Army Under Napoleon”
Alexander Grab, University of Maine
Milton Flax, Louisiana State University, Shreveport
“Captain Graham Eden Hammond and the Problem of Naval Escort”
William Fluhart, Delaware State College

SESSION 9  INDIVIDUALISM IN WESTERN CULTURE  SALISBURY 105
Chair: Julian Simon, Webster College
“Individualism Defined: Underlying Principles and Assumptions”
Richard Curry, University of Connecticut
“Individualism Compared: United States, France, Germany, and England”
Lawrence B. Goodheart, University of Connecticut

SESSION 10  VICTORIAN ENGLAND  SALISBURY 104
Chair: Gail Maline, 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, Worester Polytechnic Institute

SESSION 11  THE CONFINES OF UPHEaval: LABOR AND THE STATE IN MASSACHUSETTS, 1930-1955  SALISBURY 105
Chair: Sarah Deutch, Clark University
Doug Reynolds, Blackstone River Valley Commission
Bruce Cohen, Worcester State College
Comment: James F. Hartman, Worester 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 R. Young, Assumption College
“Studying and Preserving the Historical Landscapes of Rural New England”
John Worrell, Old Sturbridge Village
“Studying and Preserving the Landscape of the Industrial City: Renovating a Nightmare”
Marcy C. Beaudry, Boston University

SESSION 13  REWRITING THE HISTORY OF EASTERN AND CENTRAL EUROPE  SALISBURY 123
Roundtable Chair: Rada Florescu, Boston College
Paul Quilin, Providence College
Johann Harrington, Framingham State College
Chester Nowak, Bridgewater State College

SESSION 14  RECEPTION AND LUNCHEON  HIGGINS HOUSE, WPI

SESSION 15  PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS  HIGGINS HOUSE, WPI
“The Idea of a Informal Citizenry in the Early American Republic”
Richard D. Brown, University of Connecticut
SESSION 14
FASCISM, ART, AND PROPAGANDA
Chair: Alice A. Kefalian, Brandeis University
"Marino Sironi, Fascism and Expressionism"
"Fascism and the Degenerate Art Campaign"
"Art and Propaganda in the 'Exhibition of the Fascist Revolution' of 1942-43"
Comment: Philip V. Cannistrati, Drexel University

SESSION 15
MONKS AND NUNS IN THE MIDDLE AGES
Chair: Robin Passios, Boston College
"Growing up in a Dominican Convent"
"Sarabici Monasticism in Late Roman Gaul"
"Monastic Religious: Problems of Religious Apostasy in Medieval England"
Comment: The Audience

SESSION 16
TURNING POINTS IN AMERICAN ECONOMIC HISTORY
SALISBURY 121
Chair:Neal Engelberg, Boston University
"A Turning Point in American Railroad History: The Northern Securities Case"
"Of Those Who Want to Own the Earth: Was the International Harvester Merger of 1902 a Mistake?"
Frank Cantumens, University of Connecticut
Peter Timlin, Massachusetts Institute of Technology
"The New Deal and its Economic Policy in Historical Perspective"
Comment: Neal Engelberg

SESSION 17
THE JUXTAPOSITION OF ART AND SCIENCE
IN THE 19TH CENTURY
Chair: Miriam Levy, University of Hartford
"Imagery of Evolution: The Creation of a Popular Scientific Culture"
"Chladni Figure: Science of Art"
Comment: Kathleen Duggan, Hampshire College

ADJOURNMENT
4:00
WELCOME TO NEHA'S NEWEST MEMBERS
Barbara Arzy, Massachusetts Bay
Catherine Bowser, University of Connecticut
Harriet Almass, Fitchburg State College
Joseph P. Bemata, Boston University
Donna Cackleman, Quinnipiac College
Louise O'connor, Amherst College
F.G. Cady, Amherst College
Sarah Durlak, Clark University
Samanth Hills, Smith College
Darwin Eames, Trinity College
Alina Fens, Simmons College
Anya Fens, Eastern Union College
Philip Green, Pace University
Laura Hupel, Pace University
James J. Harting, Bridgeport High School
School
Daniel Northcutt, Smith College
Regina Koon, Williams College
David Koon, Williams College
Ian Lach, Wellesley, MA
Lara Koon, Williams College
Gilles Vanh, Universite de Sherbrooke
Howard M. Watch, Clark University
Thomas C. Moschnew, Smith College
Kornetha Morgan, Assumption College
Laurie Naassifor, Westfield State University
Vincent P. O'Brien, Noble Community High School
Richard Olding, Assumption College
Thomas P. Torn, The Scholar's Choice
Rebecca Allen Rogers, Boston College
John Roman, Connecticut State University
Mary Lynn, Smith College
Janet Schulte, Brandeis University
Silvia Shannon, St. Anns College
Mary Tagg, University of Massachusetts, Amherst
Jennifer Tebbe, Massachusetts College of Pharmacy
Susan Steen, Worcester Polytechnic Institute
Beverly Koons, Smith College
Ronald J. Tomillo, Mont Co. Career Center
Gilles Vanh, Universite de Sherbrooke
Howard M. Watch, Clark University
Talley Young, Assumption College
Melanie Zitnica, Suffolk University

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 Full 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 graduands 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 PM 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 panels were asked to address different aspects of Hobsbawm's work, to be followed by a response from Eric Hobsbawm. Unfortunately, the session was threatened by absences. One of the panels (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 stems from political commentary through history to jazz. Second, the range of issues it addresses—widely crossing 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 infatuation of his Marxist theory has been confusing and liberating.

Next, Peter Welles (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 focused 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) discussed the ways in which Hobsbawm has inspired historians of Africa and other non-European countries to write the histories of peoples on their own terms. Finally, Deborah Valentine (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 (1949), Primitive Rebels (1959), The Jaws Society (1967), The Age of Revolution (1982), Industrial Society (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. Panels included Barbara Javelich (Yugoslovakia), Ianina Irwanda, Indiana University, Samuel O. Kanno (Poland), Trinity College, Connecticut; Benedict Macika (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 Holloway at Pine Manor College.

Syllabi from the Federation of Genealogical Societies and Utah State University’s Windows in the Past CD-ROM Conference are now available. The $37-page, soft-cover booklet costs $22.50 postage. 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 research in Austria, Hungary, Czechoslovakia and Central Europe, especially topics in urban history, demography, anthropology and related disciplines. Contact: HSEC, East Central European Res. Group, P.O. Box 489, H-1282 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 special urban computer database searches for researchers. Specialized bibliographies may be requested by sending keywords and other information to Prof. Irenée Helen, Dept. of History, University of Liège, 3 place Cockerill, B-400 Liège, 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 worldwide Jewish research resources. Contact: Janece Woods, Circulation Manager, 4823 North Lawndale, Chicago, IL 60625.


The journal Lelius peninsulare will publish in the spring of 1993 a special issue on the United States 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. Vaquez, 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. 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 produce a finding aid for the area 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 inquiries, contact Urban History Association, Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, IL 60045-3399.


Italian American society articles in all areas of Italian-American history, as well as book reviews and poetry. For information, contact: Carol Bonomo Ahearne, University of Rhode Island, College of Continuing Education, 19 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 Dorchester, Massa- chusetts on 15-17 July 1991 on "Algonquin of New England: Past and Present." Contact: Peter Benes, Director, Dublin Seminar, 249 Harrington Avenue, Concord, MA 01742; (508) 360-7398.

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 Monkson, 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 politics in the northern states. It is an affiliated society of the AHA and now publishes a newsletter. For information, contact: Philip VanderMeer, History Depart- ment, 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 Ph.D. in a relevant area of Holocaust and related studies. The Museum will open in 1993. Contact: Dr. Joan Ringelheim, United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, 2000 L Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20037.

Simon & Schuster has announced the planned publi- cation of a two-volume work, to be entitled the "Columbus Encyclopedia." The editor-in-chief is Silvio Bedini, emeritus of the New York Historical Society. The work will contain 350 original articles on Christopher Columbus. Those interested in con- tributing articles may contact: Charles E. Smith, President, Academic Reference Division, Simon & Schuster, 15 Columbus Circle, New York, NY 10022.

The Alliance for Independent Scholars is a congeal- tion 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) 862-0014.

For several years, the Biblioteca Nacional de Lisboa has been producing a 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, volumes 13, no. 2 (Spring 1990), pp. 6-9.

A year long program, entitled "Jews and the Encounter with the New World," will 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, Uni- versity of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI 48109.

The Massachusetts 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 develop- ment.

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 provides residencies 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. Westover, 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 1989, the Native Women’s Studies Association plans to publish 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 re- ceive a prize of $51,000, and the University of Illinois Press will publish the book. Anthologies, essay collections, fiction, poetry, and revisited doctoral dissertations will not be considered.

Contact: NWSA, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20842-3252; (301) 454-3577.

In sharp revolt, D.C. 1935.

For several years, 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 Arendsee, Germany, at the International Tracing Committee of the Red Cross. The Central Maryland Chapter of the American Red Cross announced the opening in September of 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.

Voice Archive, Inc. is a non-profit organization compiling the New England section of the Dictionary of American Printers Born Before 1900. The information and data base are now available at no cost to scholarly researchers and museums. The data include biographies of 48,000 American artists. Send inquiries to Voice Archive, Inc., P.O. Box 465, Brookline, MA 02146-0465; (617) 227-0381.

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 neighborhood. Anyone interested in contributing photographic, memorabilia or oral history interviews may contact Sean M. Fisher, Bostonian Society, 15 State Street, Boston, MA 02109; (617) 720-2594.

SOCIAL SCIENCE HISTORY ASSOCIATION BOOK AWARD

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

TOWN RECORD PROJECTS

Between 1902 and 1945, the New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS) published the vital records for
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1981 Meeting at Ida College
1982 Meeting at Holy Cross College
1983 Meeting at Bates Magna College
1983 Meeting at Flushing State College
1984 Meeting at Williams College
1985 Meeting at Antiquarian Society
1986 Meeting at Bowdoin College
1987 Meeting at University of Connecticut
1987 Meeting at Bates College
1988 Meeting at Albion Magna College
1988 Meeting at Salem State College
1989 Meeting at University of Lowell
1990 Meeting at Bates Manor College
1991 Meeting at St. Joseph’s College
1994 Meeting at American Antiquarian Society
1996 Meeting at Worcester Polytechnic Institute
1996 Meeting at University of Massachusetts, Boston

75 Massachusetts towns, however there still remain a large number of towns whose vital records are unavailable or incompletely published. NEHA encourages publication in book form of the remaining pre-1850 records. At this first step, NEHA is inquiring about other projects currently in progress by individuals or societies. If you or your group are now filming, copying, transcribing, editing such records, the NEHA 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) 536-2740.

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 26–28 April 1991. 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 cataloging manuscripts in the 19th-century collection on Mount Holyoke; Thomas R. Adams, Brown University, for editing and proofreading two final volumes of European American, a six-volume chronological guide to writings on the Americas published in Europe between 1492 and 1750; Paul J. Delpe, 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 for membership in the NEASA, contact: Rosario J. Toscoll, 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, Colby, Leicester, L9 5TB United Kingdom.

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) 752-3813.

The Wellfleet 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 États-Unis is sponsoring a conference on "Private and Public Memory in Pre-industrial North America: A Comparative Approach," in Paris next February. Send proposals to Elise Mariestrass, 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 21–22 June 1991, send a one-page abstract of a proposal to Anne Flannagan, Essex Institute, 122 Essex Street, Salem, MA 01970; (508) 434-3392, 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 on panels about 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 Mayn, 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 ownership and control of newspapers in the U.S. 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 Puck, 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, 1225 Orchard Drive, Amherst, Iowa 50010; (515) 252-5809.

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 15 October 1991. For information on this conference: Anthony Sever, Columbus Quincentenary Conference, Christopher Newport College, Newport News, VA 23606; (804) 594-7158.
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. Scanlon, Old Sturbridge Village, Sturbridge, MA 01566; (508) 347-3362.

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 R. 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 resource surveys and /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 continue the W.B.H. Dowse Fellowship 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 up to eight weeks of research in the Society's archives in 1991-92. Awards are open to independent scholars, advanced graduate 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: NEH 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) 556-1008.


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) 357-9357.

The North American Congress on British Studies offers an annual Dissertation Year Fellowship of $5,000 to support 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 Colledge, 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 1700 and 1880. 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 $2,500 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 WAL ThAM

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 Conte (R-MA) proposed relocating the archives to Pittsfield. This provoked immediate opposition
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 president 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 national 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 greater 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, featured an essay entitled “How 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. NEA members may be interested in reading this report. New England is one of the areas affected most severely. New Hampshire showed a 100% decline, with a decrease from 16 projects in 1984 to 0 in 1989. Rhode Island showed an 88% decline, from 72 to 2 projects, followed by Vermont (-85%, from 27 to 4), Maine (-82%, 39 to 7), Massachusetts (-80%, 158 to 32), and then Rhode Island (-85%, 35 to 1). It is estimated that at the end of 1989 New England had 24,217 buildings that were eligible National Register buildings in the USA.

A remedy has been proposed by Rep. Barbara Kennelly (D-CT) and Sen. John Danforth (R-MO) in the form of HR 796, the Community Revitalization Bill, which seeks to amend the federal law by easing the restrictions placed on a property owner’s use of credits. The bill is strongly recommended by the NTHP and by members of the national preservation community. NEA members who wish to familiarize themselves with the import of HR 796 may contact: The Center for Preservation Studies, 1785 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036 (202) 675-4000.

CLIVE FELLOWSHIP

As a memorial to the late Professor John Clive, William Kenan 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 1974. He was the author of The Edinburgh Review 1802-1813 (1957); and Macruka: The Shaping of the Historian (1973); he edited Carlyle’s History of Frederick the Great (1969) and co-edited Macruka, Selected Writings (1972). He received the AHA’s Robert Livington 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 awards, both undergraduate at Rhode Island College, will attend the University of Santiago, Chile, and the American College of Switzerland. Professor Shinn served as NEA president in 1985-86.

RENAMING 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. The 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 any 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 Antiquarian 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 the energy of the volunter recruiters—Neil R. Stout (Vermont), Marc L. Schwartz (New Hampshire), Joseph Conforti (Maine), Ridgeley Shinn (Rhode Island), Robert W. Painter (Connecticut), Marcjoe Weidler and Peter Holoman (Metropolitan Boston) and William A. Green and Bland Addison (Suburban Boston and Western Massachusetts)—we have more than 60 new members in New England.

To introduce NEHA to a wider audience, Bland Addison, Peter Holoman, Howard Wacht and Priscilla Offenhauer 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 "gray 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 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, pictures, 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 merit 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 Penneybacker 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 materials. Please send your inquiries or nominations to Susan D. Penneybacker, 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 host 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 literature and culture. In 1986, she moved from the University of Connecticut, where she has been 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 1983-84. 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 Oxford 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), Geography and the English Mind (1955), and The Nation Takes Shape, 1789-1837 (1959), led to his appointment as Professor of American Studies at the University of Salford, 1960-1980. After taking up academic posts at American universities, 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 SHAER conference in Toronto. His passing is mourned by his family, his many students and colleagues, and by all lovers of well-crafted scholarship.

IN MEMORIAM: DAVID HERLHY

David Herlhy, eminent professor of medieval European History at Brown University and 1990 American Historical Association vice president, died of cancer on his 60th birthday on February 21. A native of San Francisco, Professor Herlhy 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. Herlhy was also the author of the co-author of Tuscans and Their Friends (1983), a path-breaking book based on computer minded records of the Florentine Republic. Among his other books are Pisa in the Early Renaissance (1958), Medieval and Renaissance Perugia: The Social History of an
BOOK NEWS

Blanche Linden-Ward of Emerson College received the Merit Award in Communication from the American Society of Landscape Architects for her book Silent Cities on a Hill: Landscapes of Memory and Boston's Mount Auburn Cemetery. J. Stanley Lemmons of Rhode Island College published The Elect: Rhode Island's Women Legislators, 1922-1996, co-authored by Emily Siler Adler, a sociologist at Rhode Island College. This is the first complete history of women legislators in any state.


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 1996. 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.

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The Association is affiliated with the American Historical Association.

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