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FALL CONFERENCE AT UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS & JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY LIBRARY

**19 OCTOBER 1991
SECOND CALL**

The annual Fall meeting of the Association will be held at the University of Massachusetts/Boston Harbor Campus and the John Fitzgerald Kennedy Library in Boston on Saturday, 19 October. The program is listed on page 2 of this newsletter. Pre-registration forms were mailed to the membership. Campus and area maps and a list of Boston area hotels were included in the previous mailing.

Vice-President Richard Buel arranged the program and Paul Wright, Julie Winch and Lois Rudnick at UMass-Boston made local arrangements. We are very grateful to them, to Chancellor Sherry Penney, and to the JFK Library staff for their splendid efforts on our behalf.

This is expected to be one of the Association's most popular meetings because of the magnificent location and the intriguing program. This is a joint meeting with the New England Conference on British Studies. Registration begins on Saturday at 8:00 p.m. in the Wheatley Hall Lounge at UMass/Boston. Five sessions begin at 9:00 and five others begin at 10:45.

There is a coffee break and book exhibit and sale of rare scholarly books at 10:45. Members are encouraged to bring copies of their own recent publications for display. There will be a reception before lunch at 12:30 p.m. at the JFK Library. After lunch and the annual election, the plenary session begins at 2:30 in the UMass Wheatley Auditorium.

At any time on Saturday, members are invited to tour the Massachusetts States Archives and State Museum or the JFK Library at no charge.

Registration and all sessions and the plenary meeting will be held at UMass, but the reception and luncheon take place at the JFK Library in the Hall of the Smith Center. All buildings

are within walking distance and are handicapped accessible. The plenary session meets from 2:30 to 4:30 in the Wheatley Auditorium at UMass/Boston.

OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS

Deluxe hotel rooms at a discounted rate have been reserved for members who prefer an overnight stay in historic scenic Boston. The four star Lafayette Hotel, in downtown Boston one block from the Common, welcomes NEHA members. Rooms are \$109.00 for one or two persons. Parking is free. This reduced rate is available for the entire weekend. Call (617) 451-2600 for reservations. Be sure to ask for the group rate. It is a short drive or subway ride from the hotel to UMass/Boston.

Motels nearest to UMass/Boston are the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge, (617) 288-3030 or the Susse Chalet, (617) 287-9100.

BOSTON VISITOR INFORMATION

The major information center for visitors to Boston can be reached by writing or calling the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston 02202; (617-727-3201). Or call this toll-free number for a free Spirit of Massachusetts visitors' kit and calendar of events: 800-447-6277. Also write or call the Greater Boston Convention & Visitors Bureau, Prudential Plaza, PO Box 490, Boston 02199; 617-536-4100 ext. 215.

The National Park Visitor Center at 15 State Street, Boston 02109, also offers free tourist information; call (617) 242-5642. For information on the Black Heritage Trail, write to: Boston African American National Historic Site, 46 Joy Street, Boston 02114; (617) 742-5415.

ADVANCE NOTICE

The annual Spring meeting will be held at Assumption College in Worcester, Massachusetts on Saturday, 25 April 1992. Members coming from any considerable distance might consider overnight accommodations in the Worcester area.

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

THE NEW ENGLAND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION and THE NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE ON BRITISH STUDIES

SATURDAY
19 OCTOBER 1991
SECOND CALL

UNIVERSITY OF
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LIBRARY

JOINT FALL MEETING PROGRAM

- 8:00 **REGISTRATION** UMASS/BOSTON WHEATLEY HALL LOUNGE
- 9:00 **SESSION 1** HAGIOGRAPHY AND HEALING IN THE MEDIEVAL WEST WHEATLEY 1-058
Chair: Frederic Cheyette (Amherst College)
Comment: Katherine Park (Wellesley College)
Frederick Paxton (Connecticut College): "Saint Sigismund of Burgundy: Patron Saint of Fevers"
Julia Smith (Trinity College): "Saints and Sickness in Carolingian Europe"
- 9:00 **SESSION 2** THE EMERGENCE OF THE IDEA OF NATIONAL INTEREST IN EARLY MODERN ENGLAND WHEATLEY 1-063
Chair: Susan Staves (Brandeis University)
Comment: Paul Monod (Middlebury College)
Steven Pincus (Harvard University): "To Prevent a Universal Monarch: Images of European Power Politics and Restorian Political Ideology"
Catherine Penovich (Johns Hopkins University): "Daniel Defoe, Trade, and the French Threat in Post-Revolutionary England"
- 9:00 **SESSION 3** THE POPULAR CULTURE OF VALUE IN AMERICA AT THE TURN OF THE 20TH CENTURY WHEATLEY 1-060
Chair: Thomas Bender (New York University)
Comment: Daniel Czitrom (Mount Holyoke College)
Michael O'Malley (Vassar College): "Counterfeiting & the Location of Value"
Ann Fabian (Yale University): "The Circulation of Popular Truths: Reading True Story Magazine"
- 9:00 **SESSION 4** THE SONDERWEG IN EARLY TWENTIETH-CENTURY GERMAN DEVELOPMENT WHEATLEY 1-061
Chair: Volker Berghahn (Brown University)
Comment: Michael Ermarth (Dartmouth College)
Noel Cary (College of the Holy Cross): "The Sonderweg of German Catholicism in the Twentieth Century"
Peter Bergman (University of Connecticut): "The Problem of Defeat and the Sonderweg in German History"
- 9:00 **SESSION 5** THE BRITISH STATE AND NATION IN THE GREAT WAR WHEATLEY 1-064
Chair: James Cronin (Boston College)
Comment: Susan Pederson (Harvard University)
Frans Coetzee (Yale University): "Class, Nation and Conservatism in World War I"
Robin Kilson (MIT): "The Politics of Captivity: the British State and Prisoners of War in World War I"

10:30 **COFFEE AND BOOK EXHIBIT**

WHEATLEY HALL LOUNGE

- 10:45 **SESSION 6** SYMBOLS OF AUTHORITY IN EARLY MODERN ENGLAND WHEATLEY 1-063
Chair and Comment: Howard Nenner (Smith College)
Dale Hoak (College of William and Mary): "The Symbolism of Imperial Kingship, Henry VII to Charles I"
Robert Tittler (Concordia University): "Seals of Honor, Seats of Power: the Symbolism of Public Seating in Early Modern England"
- 10:45 **SESSION 7** LAND SPECULATION IN EARLY AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT WHEATLEY 1-061
Chair: Charles Royster (Louisiana State University)
Comment: Peter Coclanis (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)
Alan Taylor (Boston University): "Improving the Wastes of Creation: Land Speculators and Settlers in the New York Backcountry"
Peter Mancall (University of Kansas): "The Landlord's Store: Land Speculation and Settlement in the Pennsylvania Backcountry"
- 10:45 **SESSION 8** COMPARATIVE HISTORY: THE BRITISH AND AMERICAN CITY IN THE NINETEENTH CENTURY WHEATLEY 1-064
Chair: Barbara Solow (Harvard University)
Comment: Richard T. Vann (Wesleyan University)
Howard M. Wach (Clarkson University): "Manchester and Boston in the Early Industrial Era: Urban Elites and Social Morality in Anglo-American Perspective"
James M. Gallman (Loyola College, Baltimore): "A Tale of Two Ships: Irish Immigrants in Liverpool and Philadelphia"
- 10:45 **SESSION 9** STATE BUILDING IN THE ERA OF THE NEW DEAL WHEATLEY 1-058
Chair and Comment: Brian Balogh (University of Virginia)
Claire Potter (Wesleyan University): "A Neal Deal for Crime: The FBI in the 1920s"
Daniel Kryder (New School of Social Research): "War, State Formation, and Social Change: The Enforcement of Fair Employment Policies in the World War II Workplace"
- 10:45 **SESSION 10** THE AMERICAN OCCUPATION OF JAPAN WHEATLEY 1-060
Roundtable Discussion of The Effect of US Occupation of Japan
Panel Members:
Peter K. Frost (Williams College)
Ray Moore (Amherst College)
Charles Kades (United States Army, Former Deputy Chief, Supreme Commander of Allied Forces, Japan)
- 12:30 **RECEPTION AND LUNCHEON** JOHN F. KENNEDY LIBRARY
- 2:30 **PLENARY SESSION** WHEATLEY AUDITORIUM
THE HISTORICAL APPLICABILITY OF WORLD SYSTEMS THEORY
Chair and Moderator: Theodore Von Laue (Clark University)
Kenneth Hall (North Adams State College): "Worlds System Theory and Pre-1500 Southeast Asian History"
Lynda Shaffer (Tufts University): "The Indian World System: 300-1500"
John Voll (University of New Hampshire): "The Islamic World System"
Comment: Immanuel Wallerstein (SUNY, Binghamton and Maison des Sciences de l'homme, Paris)
- 4:00 **ADJOURNMENT**

NEW ENGLAND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION BOOK AWARD

The NEHA 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 1992 award will run from January to May 1992; books published between 1 January 1992 and 31 December 1992 are eligible. Nominations, and four copies of the book, should be sent to the Executive Secretary by 30 May 1992.

At the Fall 1991 meeting, Daniel Horowitz, chair of the Book Award Committee, will announce the winner selected by the committee: Daniel Horowitz (Smith College); Jeffrey Diefendorf (University of New Hampshire); Sarah Deutsch (Clark University); Bland Addison (WPI); and Richard D. Brown (University of Connecticut).

WELCOME TO NEHA'S NEWEST MEMBERS

Michael S. Anciello, Westfield State College
Arthur H. Auten, University of Hartford
Barbara S. Bartle, Berkshire Community College
Donna Bartsch, University of Connecticut
Henry F. Bedford
Louise Bell, North Shore Community College
Peter Bergmann, University of Connecticut
Charmarie Blaisdell, Northeastern University
Raymond Boswell, Worcester State College
Sam Caligiuri, University of Connecticut
Martin Claussen, University of Virginia
Paul Clement, Unity College
Randy Cobb, Delaware State College
Peter A. Coclanis, University of North Carolina
Francis D. Coglian, Boston University
Margaret J. Connack, Smith College
Joseph T. Criscenti
Susan Cunningham, Colby-Sawyer College
Ronald Cunsolo
John T. Dahlquist, Arkansas College
John Davenport, University of Connecticut
Timothy Driscoll, Harvard University
Luci Fortunato De Lisle, Miss Porter's School
Rosemarie Dinant, Clark University
Carol N. Dixon, Greenwich Academy
Edward W. Ellsworth, Wheelock College
Jamie Eves, University of Connecticut
Harvey M. Feinberg, Southern Connecticut State University
Estelle Feinstein, University of Connecticut/Stamford
Norman Fiering, John Carter Brown Library
Luis A. Figueroa, University of Connecticut/Storrs
Stephen T. Flanagan, Western Conn. State Univ.

William Flayhart, Delaware State College
Robin Fleming, Boston College
Janice Foy, Pomona College
Signe Friedrichs, University of Connecticut
James M. Gallman, Loyola College, Baltimore
John Gibney, University of Massachusetts/Amherst
Lucretia Giese, Rhode Island School of Design
Janet Golden, Temple University
Rosemary Hale, Harvard University
Marilyn Halter, Boston University
Jean Hankins, University of Connecticut/Storrs
Gary Harris, Pine Manor College
Elizabeth Holthaus, G.K. Hall Company
Margaret Horsnell, American International College
Donald M. Jacobs, Northeastern University
Sara Junkin, Pine Manor College
Charles L. Kades
Karen Kauffman, University of Connecticut
Alexander Kedar, Harvard University
George Kelley, Worcester State College
John P. LeDonne, Harvard University
Blanche Linden-Ward, Emerson College
F. Donald Logan, Emmanuel College
Drew R. McCoy, Clark University
Rosemarie McDonald, Boston College
Kathryn L. Mapstone, Boston College
Bruce Mazlish, MIT
Andre J. Millard, University of Alabama
Ray A. Moore, Amherst College
Barbara Neal

AT THE SESSIONS

The Spring meeting at Worcester Polytechnic Institute was a great success. Ninety-five members registered for this expanded two day meeting. Thirty-six papers were presented at seventeen sessions on April 19-20. Topics included American diplomatic history; education and reform in 18th century Europe; US social policy in the 1960s; the invention of traditions in 19th century America; the medieval family; Napoleonic Italy; and individualism in Western culture. Other papers discussed Victorian English reform; 20th century Massachusetts labor issues; historical landscape preservation; Fascist art and propaganda; medieval monasteries; 19th century art and science; and turning points in American economic history. Two roundtables focused on recent changes in Eastern and Central Europe, and on imperial Russian reform.

AT THE MEETING

A reception on Friday in the American Antiquarian Society's elegant Antiquarian Hall preceded dinner at WPI's Higgins House. After dinner, Paul Schroeder of the University of Illinois at Chicago discussed the history of international politics. His pungent and thoughtful analysis aroused much interest in the audience of forty Association members and their guests.

President Richard D. Brown's address after luncheon on Saturday also took place in the Higgins House on the WPI campus. His topic, "The Idea of an Informed Citizenry in the Early American Republic," was especially timely in light of recent federal and state proposals for educational reform. An abstract of this paper is printed on page 7 of this issue.

The Executive Secretary made a short report on the membership campaign. Then Richard Brown concluded his term by thanking Alan J. Reinerman (Boston College) for organizing the expanded Spring conference and welcoming him as the new Association president.

NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Spring meeting of the NEHA Executive Committee was held at the American Antiquarian Society on Saturday, 19 April 1991, with President Richard D. Brown presiding. Among the agenda items was a report on the 1991 membership campaign which produced seventy-five new members, increasing our membership by 26 percent. The financial report by the Executive Secretary indicated a healthy balance and minor banking changes.

Locations for the next three conferences were selected. We meet at the University of Massachusetts/Boston and the John Fitzgerald Kennedy Library (19 October 1991); at Assumption College in Worcester (25 April 1992); and at Rhode Island College (October 1992).

Some NEHA meetings may be held with other regional organizations, such as the New England Conference on British Studies, the American Conference for Irish Studies or the New England History Teachers' Association.

The Executive Committee accepted resignations from Catherine M. Prelinger and Susan Pennybacker. Neal Shipley resigned his position as Executive Secretary in March, explaining that further material support for the Association is no longer available from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Also discussed were future meeting sites, book and media awards, joint sessions with the AHA and the number of panels at meetings. The next Executive Committee meeting will convene on 7 December 1991 at 10:30 at Boston College.

NEWS OF THE PROFESSION

James McCann, Director of the Boston University African Studies Center, has been awarded a National Humanities Center Fellowship at Research Triangle Park in North Carolina. He will spend the year working on his current project, "People of the Plow: A Modern History of Agriculture in Ethiopia, 1840-1980."

Many members will be pleased to learn that former NEHA president Sidney A. Burrell (1972-73) has recovered from an illness and is once again teaching his courses on Tudor England and Modern Ireland at Boston University this Fall.

Carlo Ginzburg delivered the eleventh annual William F. Church Memorial Lecture at Brown University on March 7. His topic was "Representation in Late Medieval and Early Modern Europe: Ideas and the Thing."

Kenneth Moynihan (Assumption College) delivered a paper "An Overview of Worcester's History" at the Thoreau Society's Jubilee conference at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in July.

James T. Patterson (Brown University) was awarded a Fellowship by the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. He is writing a biography of Robert S. McNamara.

The Elie Wiesel Foundation for Humanity announced the First Prize of \$5,000 for the 1991 Elie Wiesel Ethics Essay Contest was awarded to Peggy Brophy (Colby-Sawyer College).

Marianne Doezema (Boston University) won the American Studies Association 1991 award for the best doctoral dissertation, "George Bellows and Urban America, 1905-13".

John F. McClymer (Assumption College) published "Gender and the 'American Way of Life': Women in the Americanization Movement" in the *Journal of American Ethnic History*.

In the same issue of the *JAETH*, Barry A. Lazarus (University of Connecticut) published "The Practice of Medicine and Prejudice in a New England Town: The Founding of Mount Sinai Hospital, Hartford, Connecticut".

Rosario J. Tosiello (Pine Manor College) has written an essay on immigrants and ethnic communities in Boston's Old West End as part of the Bostonian Society's 1992 West End Exhibit. Those who wish to contribute oral history interviews, artifacts or memorabilia, may contact him at (617) 731-7000.

Lois Rudnick (UMass/Boston) was recently elected president of the New England American Studies Association. She is seeking nominations for the NEASA 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 1992 election to the Council or as an NEASA officer. For nominations or membership information, contact: Lois Rudnick, American Studies Program, University of Massachusetts/Boston, Boston, MA 02125.

Michael Ebner (Lake Forest College) reports the Urban History Association offers a *Syllabus Exchange* for 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.

Social Science History Journal is a new quarterly 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, AZ85287.

Neal E. Salisbury (Smith College) was awarded a National Humanities Center fellowship to research the First Americans: Indians in North American History to 1800.

Pamela Crossley (Dartmouth College) was awarded a Fellowship by the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars. She will research history and identity in the transformation of Qing imperial ideology.

Toni Junkin (Pine Manor College) notes the 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.

Joseph Baratta (Boston University) was elected Executive Secretary of the Society for the Study of Internationalism; and his essay "The Kellogg-Briand Pact and the Outlawry of War," which he presented at the April meeting, was published in *An Encyclopedia of Arms Control and Disarmament* edited by Richard Dean Burns (Scribner's).

Paul Fidler (Lesley College) was elected president of the New England Conference on British Studies.

Mary Jo Buhle (Brown University) was named a MacArthur Fellow by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation.

MASSACHUSETTS COMMEMORATES THE QUINCENTENNIAL VOYAGES

Celebrate Discovery, Inc. is a non-profit Massachusetts program to commemorate the quincentennial voyages of Christopher Columbus. It will coordinate a wide variety of events, activities, festivals, parades and performances in 1991 and 1992. If your institution or organization has a special activity you would like to publicize, write to Celebrate Discovery, Inc., 229 Berkeley Street, Boston, MA 02116.

A committee of the Massachusetts Quincentennial Commission and Celebrate Discovery, Inc. will decide if your activity meets its guidelines (non-profit, educational, public, etc.). Activities endorsed by this committee will be publicized widely and enable you to use the official Quincentennial designation.

ALTERNATIVE VIEWS OF COLUMBUS

Radical Teacher, a socialist and feminist journal on the theory and practice of teaching, has called for articles on alternative conceptions of the quincentennial of the Columbus "discovery" of the Americas. The editors are looking for articles placing Columbus in the context of the political, social, cultural and economic realities and consequences of the discovery. They ask the question what is happening in history and other disciplines to include new, radical scholarship on the teaching of the Americas? Those with new viewpoints to offer may send a prospectus of no more than one page to Arthur B. Powell, Academic Foundations Department, Rutgers University, Newark, NJ 07102.

NATIONAL SURVEY OF HISTORY IN THE SCHOOLS

The National Center for History in the Schools, a cooperative UCLA/NEH research program, investigated the question: how widely are courses in U.S. History, World History and Western Civilization being offered to junior high and high school students?

Recent data indicate 90 percent of all high schools offer one or more general enrollment survey courses in U.S. History. An additional 5 percent of all high schools, though not offering the general enrollment survey, offered one or more special enrollment courses in U.S. History. Thus 95 percent of public high schools offered one or more U.S. History survey courses. This is a significant increase over 1981-82 when only 69 percent of the nation's public high schools reported doing so. Courses in state history, special eras or special topics, on the other hand, were offered more often in 1981-82 than they are today.

70 percent of the 500 high schools surveyed offered general enrollment courses in World History. Another 5 percent, though not offering this course, did offer one or more special enrollment World History courses. Thus 75 percent of all high schools offered at least one course in World History with 82 percent of these courses providing a full year of instruction and 66 percent of these courses required for graduation.

Courses in Western Civilization, offered a decade ago by 14 percent of all public high schools, have now virtually disappeared from the curriculum. The single exception is the Advanced Placement European history course which largely accounts for 6 percent of the urban schools reporting a Western Civilization course option.

Clearly, the status of history in American schools, while much improved over the past decade, continues to merit concern. More than 10 percent of public high schools in 1989-90 offered students no comprehensive courses in U.S. History. Only 81 percent of the basic courses available to students provided a full year of instruction. More than 29 percent of high schools offered no World History courses, and 96 percent offered no Western Civilization courses. Concerned historians may obtain further information about this issue from the Na-

tional Center for History in the Schools, UCLA, Moore Hall 231, 405 Hilgard Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

GORE PLACE EXHIBITION

Gore Place, a 22-room mansion built in 1799 by Christopher Gore, the 7th governor of Massachusetts, announced its 1991 season with a major new exhibition, "Mansions, Mills & Farms: Waltham in the Early Republic, 1775-1825."

This beautiful house and farm was designed in Paris and is New England's finest example of Federal period residential architecture. Noted for its oval rooms and gracious spiral staircase, the house is filled with fine early American, European and Oriental furnishings. Among the many objects owned by the Gore family is an elaborately carved bedstead in a recently restored chamber. The mansion is situated on a 40 acre estate of cultivated fields, woodlands and gardens in Waltham, Massachusetts.

This exhibit displays objects illustrating the history of Waltham during the lifetime of Governor and Mrs. Gore. A highlight of the exhibition will be two important paintings of the Boston Manufacturing Company at Waltham, America's first all-process textile mill, done by local artist Elijah Smith Jr. (1788-1828). Other objects relating the Gores' life in early Waltham, including views of Theodore Lyman's estate, "The Vale," a collection of needlework samplers by young Waltham women, and a portrait of Unitarian minister Samuel Ripley, will be displayed throughout the mansion.

Gore Place is open for guided tours from April through November 15, Tuesday to Saturday from 10:00 to 4:00 and on Sunday from 2:00 to 4:00. There is an admission fee and group rates are available on request. The mansion is located at 52 Gore Street, just off Route 20/Main Street at the Waltham-Watertown line. For further information, call Harriet Gordon, (617) 894-2798.

ARE YOUR ANNUAL DUES OVERDUE?

Annual dues (calendar year) are \$10 for members and \$5 for students or retirees. Life membership for individuals or institutions is \$150. The Association Fund assists in supporting the work of this organization. Contributions for membership dues and to the Association Fund are tax-deductible.

Although most members pay annual dues in October when registering for the Fall conference, payments are accepted at any time. We do not issue bills. The names of lapsed members are deleted from our mailing list. Overpayments are credited to the following year.

If you do not register for the Fall Meeting, use the conference registration form to mail your dues payment to the Executive Secretary. Make checks payable to NEHA.

HEROES AND ORDINARY MEN EXHIBIT

"Heroes and Ordinary Men: Baseball in New Hampshire" is a new exhibit on the national pastime in the Granite State. It is sponsored by the New Hampshire Historical Society and runs from February to December in Concord. Visitors are welcome from 9AM to 4:30 PM on weekdays and from noon to 4:30 on weekends at the New Hampshire Historical Society, 30 Park Street, Concord, NH. For more information, call the NHHS at (603) 225-3381.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS: THE IDEA OF AN INFORMED CITIZENRY IN THE EARLY REPUBLIC

Association President Richard D. Brown, Professor of History at the University of Connecticut at Storrs, addressed the NEHA audience after luncheon at the April meeting in Worcester. His intriguing and timely address highlighted a very successful and well-attended meeting. The following is an abstract of that address:

During the Revolution and the early national era, Americans formed a new conception of citizenship. Because they vested sovereignty in the people, American leaders believed that the survival of the republic demanded that common men become informed citizens, rather than passive subjects whose deference was assured by ignorance. "If a nation expects to be ignorant and free in a state of civilization," warned Thomas Jefferson, "it expects what never was and never will be."

That set of beliefs, with origins in Enlightenment philosophy and in the political doctrines of the radical Whigs of eighteenth-century Britain, is familiar. But the precise contours of those ideas and the ways that they became embedded in the national ideology have not been examined closely.

The Revolutionaries realized that to build a broad political base, they must indoctrinate all free men, regardless of status, in the right facts and interpretations so that they would support resistance measures. The Revolutionaries also realized that only an informed citizenry would recognize and resist a tyrant.

There was, however, no consensus as to who bore responsibility for educating the public. Jefferson and John Adams advocated a major role for the state, but their ideas failed to take hold in their lifetimes. Responsibility for informing American's citizenry was generally left to the cultural marketplace.

There, decentralized, private, voluntary movements sprang up and multiplied. Books, newspapers, reading and education became fashionable; private academies, lyceums, and social libraries flourished. Government played primarily an enabling role, passing the necessary laws to promote private enterprises and giving preferential postal rates to newspapers.

By the 1820's the acute anxiety over tyranny and the survival of the United States had eased. American leaders had witnessed several decades of dramatic improvements in the

dissemination of information. Experience and a new romanticism encouraged the belief that in time virtually everyone would become sufficiently informed so that enlightened knowledge would vanquish superstition and an informed citizenry would rule the nation. The more credulous post-Revolutionary leaders embraced the liberal credo that public goals would be secured by the private pursuit of individual aspirations in a free, competitive society.

CONFERENCES TO MEET

The American Studies Association will meet in Baltimore on 30 October-3 November 1991. Special convention airfare may be arranged by calling 1-800-888-6422. For other information, contact: American Studies Association, PO Box 7780-1429, Philadelphia, PA 19182-0113.

The New England American Conference for Irish Studies annual meeting takes place at Stonehill College on 25-26 October 1991. For information, contact: Richard Finnegan, Irish Studies, Stonehill College, North Easton, MA 02357; (508) 230-1135.

The New York State Association of European Historians will hold its annual meeting on 28 January 1991 at SUNY Albany. For information or applications, contact: Daniel White, History Department SS 345, SUNY Albany, Albany, NY 12222.

On the occasion of the 150th anniversary of the founding of the University of Notre Dame, the American Society of Church History and the American Catholic Historical Association will sponsor a conference on the History of Christianity on 26-28 March 1992, at the University of Notre Dame. For information, contact: History Conference, Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism, 614 Hesburgh Library, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN 46556; (219) 239-5441.

The North East Popular Culture Association 1991 annual conference will meet at St. Michael's College in Colchester, Vermont on 11-13 October. For information, contact: Robert Niemi, Department of English, St. Michael's College, Colchester, VT 05439; (802) 655-2000.

"America and the Rest of the World at the Time of the Encounter" is the theme of the International Congress of Geography of the Americas to be held in January in Lima, Peru. For information, contact: Sociedad Geografica de Lima, PO Box 100-1176, Lima, Peru.

"African Americans and Europe" is the subject of a conference planned for 5-9 February 1992 in Paris. The sponsors are the Harvard University W.E.B. DuBois Institute, the Columbia University Center for American Culture Studies, the University of Mississippi Center for the Study of Southern Culture, and the Universite de la Sorbonne Nouvelle. Topics include the experiences and impact of black American writers, artists, musicians, entertainers, professionals, soldiers, and political leaders in European countries. For information, contact Genevieve Fabre, 12 Sq. Montsouris, 75014, Paris, France.

The Massachusetts Council for the Social Studies conference meets 31 October-2 November 1991 at Old

Sturbridge Village. Membership and conference information is available by writing to Barbara Capron, MCSS, 20 Fiske Street, Waltham, MA 02154.

The Aphra Behn Society annual meeting will be held in February in New Orleans. The conference theme is "Restoration and 18th-Century Women's Voices." For information, contact: Ellen Gardiner, English Department, University of Mississippi, University, Miss. 38677.

"Prelude to Pearl Harbor--the Interwar Years" is the theme of an international symposium to be held in December in Midland, Texas. For information, contact: Barbara Breier, Box 657, HSU Station, Abilene, Texas 79698.

The annual meeting of the Midwest American Conference for Irish Studies will take place on 18-19 October 1991 at the University of Notre Dame. The meeting will be held in conjunction with a conference devoted to Jonathan Swift and Irish Studies. For information, contact: Christopher Fox, English Department, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN 46556.

The Oral History Association will hold its annual meeting on 15-18 October, 1992 in Cleveland. For information, contact: Donna M. DeBlasio, Youngstown Historical Center of Industry and Labor, PO Box 533, Youngstown, Ohio 44501; (216) 743-5934.

The Social Science History Association's 16th annual conference meets in New Orleans on 31 October-3 November 1991. For information, contact: Mary Jo Maynes, History Department, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 55455; (612) 624-1886.

The Society for the History of Technology meets jointly with the History of Science Society on 9 November 1991 in Madison, Wisconsin. For information, contact the program chair: Deborah Fitzgerald, 1255 Orchard Drive, Ames, Iowa 50010; (515) 232-5809.

The Sixth Annual Conference on Medievalism, sponsored by the Center for the Humanities of the University of New Hampshire, meets in Durham on 1-3 November 1991. For information, contact: William R. Jones, History Department, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH 03824; (603) 862-3025.

The U.S. Byzantine Studies Conference will meet in Brookline, Massachusetts on 10 November. For information, contact: N. Michael Vapouris, 50 Goddard Avenue, Brookline, MA 02146.

"Italian Americans and their Public and Private Lives" is the focus of the 24th annual meeting of the American Italian Historical Association at New Haven, CT on 14-16 November. For information, contact: Salvatore J. LaGumina, History Department, Nassau Community College, Garden City, NY 11530; (516) 222-7427.

On 4-5 October 1991 Cornell University will host a conference called "More than Glorified Housekeeping: Rethinking Women and Home Economics in the 20th Century." For information, contact: Joan Jacobs Brumberg, Human Development and Family Studies, G95 Martha Van Rensselaer Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853.

The sixteenth annual meeting of the Society for Utopian Studies will be held on 7-10 November 1991 in Las Vegas. The SUS is an international, interdisciplinary scholarly organization devoted to the study of literary and experimental utopias. For information, contact: Felicia Campbell, English Department, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, NV 89154; (702) 739-3457. The May 1992 conference will be held in Italy and papers on the topic "Utopia and Nature" are solicited. Also the SUS journal, *Utopian Studies*, welcomes manuscripts.

The History of Education Society will hold its annual meeting on 24-27 October 1991 in Kansas City, Missouri. Topics include women, minorities, reform movements and education in the Midwest. For information, contact: James Anderson, College of Education, University of Illinois, Champaign, IL 61820.

The 45th National Preservation Conference and Trade Show will be held on 16-20 October in San Francisco. It is sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the National Park Service, and the Advisory Council for Historic Preservation. For information, contact: Preservation Conferences, National Trust, (800) YES-NTHP.

The fourth National Conference on American Planning History will meet in Richmond, Virginia on 7-10 November 1991. It is co-sponsored by the Urban History Association. For information, contact: Michael H. Ebner, UHA Executive Secretary, Lake Forest College, Lake Forest, IL 60045.

The Ash Lawn-Highland Museum in Charlottesville, Virginia is planning a two-day conference on 8-9 November 1991. The theme is "James Monroe and His Times" and information is available from Carolyn Holmes, Ash Lawn-Highland Museum, Route 6, Box 37, Charlottesville, VA 22901.

The annual joint meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Popular Culture/American Culture Associations will be held 30 October-2 November 1991 at Buffalo. For information, contact: Ed Ingebretsen, English Department, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C. 20057; (202) 687-2681.

SECOND ANNUAL AMERICAN STUDIES GRADUATE CONFERENCE

Brandeis University will sponsor the second annual American Studies conference for graduate students on 19 October 1991. The first conference last year at Harvard University was very successful and popular. This is an opportunity for younger scholars to present their research in a friendly, low key setting and to learn about interdisciplinary work other graduate students are doing. Papers are drawn from two or more disciplines and will be considered for publication in the graduate journal, *Retrospection*.

Topics include religion, class, gender, race, ethnicity, community, politics and the new historicism. Scholars of all levels are invited to attend. For further information, contact: Cliff Putney, History Department, Brandeis University, PO Box 9110, Waltham, MA 02254-9110.

NEW ENGLAND GARDEN HISTORY SOCIETY

The Massachusetts Horticultural Society, founded in 1829, announces the formation of the New England Garden History Society to promote the study of the history of gardening, horticulture and landscape design in New England states. Preservation of gardens and landscapes, collection of relevant archives, and sponsorship of lectures, courses, trips and publications are also planned. Members receive the newsletter, scholarly journal, invitations to visit extraordinary private gardens, libraries, research institutions and antiquarian haunts, reduced fees for lectures, courses and trips, as well as discounts on MHS bookstore items. If you agree that "Our cultural history is written on the landscape just as surely as on the printed page," write to Walter Punch, Massachusetts Horticultural Society, 300 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, MA 02115; (617) 536-9280.

ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS FOR HISTORIANS

Two important advocacy organizations may be of interest to NEHA members. For eight years the National Coordinating Committee for the Promotion of History has served as a national advocacy office for the historical profession. As a consortium of 50 organizations, the N.C.C. represents historians and archivists on issues involving federal funding and policy issues which have an impact on research and instruction, the employment of historians, public policy issues relating to history, and the dissemination of historical information. The N.C.C. operates under aegis of the AHA. For further information, write to: Page Putnam Miller, N.C.C. Director, c/o AHA, 400 A Street, SE, Washington, D.C. 20003.

The National Council for History Education, Inc., was established in 1990 to promote history instruction in American schools. No other organization existed to respond directly to the needs of school districts and history teachers. Kenneth T. Jackson is the chair and the trustees include William E. Leuchtenberg, William H. McNeill, Gary B. Nash, Mary Beth Norton, Diane Ravitch and Theodore K. Rabb. For information, contact: Elaine Wisely, N.C.H.E., Inc., 26915 Westwood Rd., Westlake, OH 44145.

THE SOCIETY FOR HISTORIANS OF THE EARLY AMERICAN REPUBLIC

SHEAR, the Society for Historians of the Early American Republic, is a non-profit organization of professional and avocational historians interested in the history of the United States for the 1789-1848 period. Membership in SHEAR includes a subscription to the *Journal of the Early Republic*, published four times a year at Indiana University-Purdue University in Indianapolis. Since 1979, SHEAR has held annual conventions during the summer. The 14th annual convention will be held in July 1992 at Gettysburg College.

For membership information or to propose a paper or panel, contact James H. Broussard, History Department, Lebanon Valley College, Annville, PA 17003; (717) 867-6355. Sites for the 1994 conferences are needed. If you would like to host a SHEAR conference, contact Daniel Feller, History Department, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 87131.

THE SOCIETY FOR ITALIAN HISTORICAL STUDIES

Membership in the **Society for Italian Historical Studies** is open to professors, students, teachers, and laymen interested in the history of Italy. The SIHS constitutes a unique professional association of students of Italian history. Among its purposes are:

- to encourage the study and teaching of Italian history
- to promote research and publication of studies dealing with all aspects of the history of Italy
- to award prizes to scholars and students for substantial and original contributions in this field
- to sponsor scholarly conferences and lectures in Italian history
- to provide information on grants, fellowships, and awards available in this field, on research currently underway, and on books and other publications in Italian history
- to promote the exchange of ideas between scholars as a contribution to the advancement of historical study beyond parochial and national lines.

As an affiliate of the American Historical Association, the Society holds an annual meeting in conjunction with the AHA, marked by at least one academic session and by a business meeting followed by a social hour. Members of the Society may either subscribe to an Italian historical journal, or pay annual dues of \$3.00. For further information, please contact Alan J. Reinerman, SIHS Executive Secretary/Treasurer, History Department, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA 02167.

CALLS FOR PAPERS

The **New England American Studies Association** (NEASA) will meet at the University of Massachusetts/Boston on 24-25 April 1992. Send proposals on "Multi-Culturalism in America" (and a brief c.v.) to Lois Rudnick, American Studies Program, UMass/Boston, Boston, MA 02125.

The **Institute for Massachusetts Studies'** next symposium on 11 April 1992 will 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 **State Historical Society of Wisconsin** and the **University of Wisconsin-Madison Department of History** invite papers on all aspects of Labor History for a conference to

be held in Madison on 9-11 April 1992. The conference is called "Reworking American Labor History: Race, Gender, and Class." For information, contact: R. David Myers, Library Director, State Historical Society of Wisconsin, 816 State Street, Madison, WI 53706; (608) 262-9586.

The European Section of the **Southern Historical Association** invites proposals for its 11-14 November 1992 conference in Atlanta. Papers may be sent to: Karl Roider, History Department, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803; (504) 388-4470.

The **Southern Conference on British Studies** also calls for papers for its 4-7 November 1992 conference in Atlanta. For information, contact: Denis Paz, SCBS, History Department, Clemson University, Clemson, SC 29634.

Siena College invites submissions for its 4-5 June 1992 conference "World War II—A 50-Year Perspective" For information, contact: Thomas O. Kelly, History Department, Siena College, Loudonville, NY 12211.

The anniversary meeting of the **Peace Science International Society** will be held on 15-17 November in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Proposals may be sent to Stuart Bremer, Political Science Department, SUNY, Binghamton, NY 13902.

The annual meeting of the **Association of Ancient Historians** will be held on 21-24 May 1992 at Loyola University of Chicago. Papers on the theme "Pacesetters to Columbus: Ancient Cartographers and Voyagers" may be proposed to: G.J. Szemler, History Department, Loyola University, 6525 N. Sheridan Rd., Chicago, IL 60626.

Papers are requested for "Steinbeck and the Environment," an interdisciplinary conference to take place 14-17 May 1992 on Nantucket Island. For information, write to: Wesley N. Tiffney, 180 Polpis Road, University of Massachusetts Field Station, Nantucket, MA 02554.

Vassar College will host a national conference in 1992 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 **Economic and Business Historical Society** (EBHS) will hold its seventeenth annual meeting in Seattle 1992. Two-page abstracts of papers may be submitted by 20 January 1992. The EBHS encourages interdisciplinary scholarship by members of this international organization of scholars in economics, business, history, social science, geography and related disciplines. For further information, contact: David O. Whitten, Program Chair, Economics Department, Auburn University, Auburn, AL 36849; (205) 826-4000.

The **Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture** announced its first annual conference on "Public Religious Discourse in America's Pluralistic Society" meets on 2-4 April 1992 in Indianapolis. Funds are available for some scholars presenting papers. Contact Terry Grimm, Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture, Indiana University-Purdue University, 425 University Blvd., Indianapolis, IN 46202; (317) 274-8409.

The **Thirteenth Annual North American Labor History Conference**, sponsored by the Walter P. Reuther Library

Organization of American Historians Next Annual Meetings

1992 * Chicago
2-5 April

1993 * Anaheim
15-18 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.
27-30 December

1993 * No Meeting

1994 * San Francisco
6-9 January

New England American Studies Association Next Annual Meeting

1992 * University of Mass./Boston
24-25 April

American Conference on Irish Studies Next Annual Meeting

1992 * University College, Galway
4-11 July

PLAN AHEAD

Social Science History Association Next Annual Meetings

1991 * New Orleans
31 October-3 November

1992 * Chicago
5-8 November

Oral History Association Next Annual Meeting

1992 * Cleveland
15-18 October

North East Popular Culture Association Next Annual Meeting

1991 * St. Michael's College
11-13 October 1991

Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations Next Annual Meeting

1992 * Vassar College
June

American Studies Association Next Annual Meeting

1991 * Baltimore
31 October-3 November

American Sociological Association Next Annual Meeting

1992 * Pittsburgh
20-24 August

Berkshire Conference on the History of Women Next Meeting

1993 * Vassar College
11-13 June

at Wayne State University, will be held on 17-19 October 1991 in Detroit. The conference theme is "Men, Women, and Labor: Perspectives on Gender and Labor History." For information contact Elizabeth Faue, History Department, Wayne State University, Detroit, MI 48202.

"Millay at 100: A Critical Reappraisal" will be the theme of a conference held on 21-23 February 1992 at Skidmore College. The conference occurs on Edna St. Vincent Millay's birthdate (2/22/92). For information contact Diane P. Freedman, English Department, Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866.

Youngstown State University will host a conference on "The Thirties: History, Literature, and Culture" on 1-2 May 1992. For information contact Barbara Brothers, English Department, Youngstown State University, Youngstown, OH 44555.

The American Studies Association of Texas will hold its 1991 convention on 21-23 November 1991 at Texas Tech University. The theme will be "The Many Americas," focussing on any aspect of regionalism in the USA. For information contact Kenneth W. Davis, English Department, Box 4530, Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX 79409.

The 18th national conference of the Sonneck Society for American Music will take place on 12-16 February 1992 at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. Proposals on all aspects of American music are welcome. Send them by 15 September 1991 to Fredrick Crane, School of Music, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52242.

The eighth annual meeting of the Mid-American Studies Association will be held on 28-29 March 1992 at the University of Iowa. The MAASA welcomes individual papers, presentations, or whole sessions that would be of interest to students and critics of American history and culture. Send proposals, including a one-page summary and a brief vitae, by 10 December 1991 to Richard P. Horwitz, American Studies Department, University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA 52242.

The 18th annual meeting of the Northeast Victorian Studies Association takes place at Rutgers University on 24-26 April 1992. The conference theme is "Victorian Places and Spaces," and abstracts of proposed papers should be sent by 15 October to Carolyn Williams, CCACC, 8 Bishop Place, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ 08903; (908) 932-8426.

Proposals on the theme "Voices: Institutional and Individual Responses to the Holocaust" are invited for the annual conference on Christianity and the Holocaust. It meets in April 1992 at Rider College. For information, contact: Holocaust/Genocide Resource Center, Rider College, Lawrenceville, NJ 08648; (609) 896-5155.

The XIII International James Joyce Symposium will be held in Dublin on 14-20 June 1992. Abstracts of papers, panels and workshops may be sent to Morris Beja, Ohio State University, English Department, Columbus, Ohio 43210.

The First International Conference of the World History Association will meet in Philadelphia on 25-27 June 1992. Send proposals and suggestions for papers and panels on "The Global Impact of 1492" to Kevin Reilly, 125 Riverside Drive, New York, NY 10024.

The American Culture Association national meeting takes place 18-21 March 1992 in Louisville. Proposals for this interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary conference may be sent to Ray B. Browne, ACA, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio 43403.

The 9th Berkshire Conference on the History of Women, "Transformation: Women, Gender, Power," will be held on 11-13 June 1993, at Vassar College. Please submit proposals in triplicate by 1 February 1992 to Elaine Abelson, New School for Social Research, Eugene Lang College, 65 West 11th Street, New York, NY 10011.

SOCIETY FOR THE STUDY OF INTERNATIONALISM

The Society for the Study of Internationalism was organized in 1980 to promote research in the field of internationalism. Membership is open to scholars from all disciplines, governmental and nongovernmental officials and other interested persons. SSI provides a network for the exchange of information and views and to encourage governments to minimize restrictions on archives. For membership information and newsletter subscriptions, contact: Joseph Baratta, Executive Secretary, PO Box 244, Cambridge, MA 02141.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

The first national teleconference on "Dispelling Fears about Grant Writing, Applying for Fellowships, and Planning Fund-Raising Campaigns" will be on 17 October 1991. To subscribe, call Kaye Walker, Fund-Raising Teleconference, (405) 744-5647, or write to the Arts and Sciences Extension Service, 205 Life Science East, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK 74078.

The Folger Shakespeare Library offers short-term postdoctoral fellowships with stipends of up to \$1,600 per month for a term of one to three months in 1992-93. Applications are due by 1 March 1992.

Long-term Folger Fellowships and National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowships are also available to senior scholars. These fellowships are for six to nine months in 1992-93 and carry stipends from \$18,000 to \$30,000. Research must be relevant to Folger collections in Renaissance, English, European and American history, literature, drama, exploration, etc. For application information, contact Sharon Carroll, Committee on Research Fellowships, Folger Shakespeare Library, 201 E. Capitol Street, S.E., Washington, DC 20003.

The Massachusetts Historical Society has converted 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. The MHS will award W.B.H. Dowse Fellowships for projects on New England colonial history and draw on this Fund to underwrite publications on the early history of New England.

The MHS also offers Research Fellowships in 1992. Each grant provides a stipend of \$1,500 for four weeks of research in the Society's archives in 1992-93. 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. For information, write to Conrad E. Wright, MHS, 1154 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02115; (617) 536-1608.

The Abigail Quigley McCarthy Center at the College of St. Catherine offers annual grants to support research on women's studies and history. Grants of \$3,000 provide travel or research funds for projects related to Catholic women and their contributions to public policy, the arts or the sciences. Candidates may be graduate students or post-doctoral students. For information, call or write: Catherine Lupori, Abigail Quigley McCarthy Center, 2004 Randolph Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105; (612) 690-6783.

Old Sturbridge Village offers research fellowships in New England history and culture. Recipients will be in residence for six to twelve weeks in the Fall or Spring semester. Stipends up to \$2500 are awarded. For information, contact: John Worrell, Old Sturbridge Village, Sturbridge, MA 01566; (508) 347-3362 ext. 302.

The Cushwa Center for the Study of American Catholicism at the University of Notre Dame offers three \$11,000 dissertation fellowships in the history of U.S. Hispanic Catholics for the 1992-93 academic year. Applications may be requested by December 1 and submitted by January 1, 1992. For information, contact: Jaime R. Vidal, Cushwa Center, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, IN 46556; (212) 239-5441.

The American Italian Historical Association offers a scholarship of \$500 to any graduate student researching Italian-American history. For information, contact: L.J. Iorizzo, AIHA Scholarship Committee, History Department, SUNY, Oswego, NY 13126.

The Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture announces its Scholars-in-Residence Program for the 1992-93 academic year. The program is open to scholars and professionals studying or working in all fields of black history and culture. The stipend is \$13,750 for six months and up to \$27,500 for twelve months. The application deadline is January 15, 1992. For information, contact: Schomburg Center, Scholars-in-Residence Program, 515 Malcolm X Blvd., New York, NY 10037; (212) 491-2203.

The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations offers the Myrna L. Bernath Research Fellowship, a grant of \$2500 every two years for women to do historical research. The fellowship is granted to an American woman researching abroad or to a female citizen of a foreign country doing historical research in the U.S. Topics may be American foreign relations, transnational history, international history, peace studies, cultural interchange, and defense or strategic studies. Preference is given to graduate students. Send three copies of the proposal (15 pages or less) and three references to

Joan Hoff, History Department, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 47405 by 1 November 1991.

THE JOHN CARTER BROWN LIBRARY

The John Carter Brown Library, an independently administered and funded center for advanced research in the humanities at Brown University, will award fifteen short- and long-term fellowships in 1992-93. Stipends vary from \$900 to \$2400 per month for periods from two to six months.

The library's holdings are concentrated on the history of the Western Hemisphere from 1492 to 1825. This is one of the world's outstanding collections of early and rare Americana, with more than 45,000 volumes dating before 1820. Fellowship applicants' research proposals must be suited to these holdings. The application deadline is 15 January 1992. For information, write to: John Carter Brown Library, Director, Box 1894, Providence, RI 02912.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Smithsonian Institution Fellowships are awarded each year to graduate students and to pre-, post-, and senior postdoctoral researchers in American history, material culture, anthropology, art history, and history of science and technology. Awards are based upon merit, without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, or condition of handicap of applicants. Fellows must be in residence at the Smithsonian and its research facilities.

Stipends and tenures may vary. The deadline is 15 January. For information, contact: Smithsonian Institution, Office of Fellowships and Grants, 955 L'Enfant Plaza, Suite 7300, Desk Q, Washington, DC 20560, (202) 287-3271.

NANCY LYMAN ROELKER AWARD

The American Historical Association will grant the Nancy Lyman Roelker Mentorship Award for the first time in 1992. This award originated as a gift by the friends and colleagues of Boston University Professor emerita Nancy Lyman Roelker, an active and highly regarded NEHA member.

The award will honor outstanding mentors who demonstrate belief in the value of the study of history and love of teaching. Nominees should demonstrate a personal commitment to the student as a person, honesty, integrity, and frankness by the mentoring teacher, and the development of mutual trust between the student and mentor.

This award will follow a three-cycle rotation between undergraduate, graduate and secondary educational levels. Details about the award committee and how nominations may be made will be published in the Fall 1991 issue of the *AHA Perspectives*.

IRISHANIA AT BOSTON COLLEGE

A Master's degree in Irish Literature and Culture is now offered by the Boston College English Department this Fall. The two-year program will grant graduate credit for courses in Irish History, Literature, Music, Fine Arts and Old Irish. Reading proficiency in Modern Irish will be expected.

Boston College also created the **John J. Burns Chair of Irish Studies**, and the first visiting scholar holding the Burns Chair in 1991-92 is Alf Mac Lochlainn, cultural historian, novelist, bibliographer, film critic, and former director of the National Library, Dublin and of the library at University College, Galway.

Last Spring the Irish Studies Program featured a lecture series by former Taoiseach Dr. Garret FitzGerald, and a course on modern Irish culture and politics by Professor Richard Kearney of University College, Dublin. In addition, the program sponsored poetry readings by Eilean Ni Chuilleanain and Eavan Boland.

Boston College also announced acquisition of a unique collection of Irish books, manuscripts and articles by Samuel Beckett. The collection belonged to Beckett's friends, Calvin and Joann Israel, and it covers the writer's entire career. Among Beckett's hand-signed and annotated items are photographs, notes, playbills and an uncashed check. This material, together with BC's William Butler Yeats archives, creates a world-class collection of Irish literature and history.

Finally, Boston College announced the assembly of new Irish and Irish American music archives. Materials available for scholarly study include sheet music, cylinders, records, cassette tapes, compact disks, videotapes and films. Irish Music Archivist Daniel Flatley described this collection as "one of the premier treasures of its kind in the United States." The collection was the inspiration of Dr. Michael O'Suilleabhain of University College Cork, a visiting professor at BC.

For further information, contact: Kevin O'Neill, Irish Studies Program Director, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA 02167.

NEHA MEDIA AWARD

Last 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 decided that the Media Award should normally be made at the spring meeting of the Association.

Susan Pennybacker (Trinity College, Hartford) is chair of the 1991 Media Award Committee. The other members are Alan Taylor (Boston University), David Glassburgh (UMass/Amherst) and Amii Omara-Otunnu (UConn). 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 contact the Executive Secretary by 31 December 1991 with your nomination for the Media Award.

ALHFAM REQUESTS PROPOSALS

The Association for Living Historical Farms and Agricultural Museums (ALHFAM) is seeking a sponsoring institution to edit and publish the *Living Historical Farms Bulletin*. This is the association's lively and popular bimonthly magazine.

ALHFAM is an international service organization interested in living historical farms, agricultural museums and outdoor museums, with programmatic interests in history, folklife, agriculture, rural life, and the methods of interpreting these to the public. The sponsor should be prepared to provide institutional support and an editor for the Bulletin.

Copies of the request-for-proposal materials may be obtained from: David A. Donath, Director, Billings Farm & Museum, PO Box 489, Woodstock, VT 05091; (802) 457-2355.

SITES FOR FUTURE NEHA CONFERENCES

NEHA is now planning 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-six years, NEHA has met forty-six times at thirty-four locations. Three institutions have been hosts three times, and eight institutions have hosted NEHA meetings twice. More variety in the location of meetings will make future meetings more attractive to members. Fall and Spring sites in 1994 and 1995 are still needed. Please write to the Executive Secretary if you would like to host a NEHA meeting.

SCHLESINGER LIBRARY ARCHIVES

Harvard University's Schlesinger Library announced the acquisition of the **National Women's Political Caucus Archives**. These papers will expand significantly the library's History of Women in America collection and provide a behind-the-scenes view of the last two decades from the progressive woman's perspective.

Included in the archives are campaign and publicity materials from a multitude of female political candidates, ERA papers and materials on various contemporary issues (child care, parental leave, spousal abuse laws and Congressional testimony). The library has become a major center for research on the history of women and their contributions to American society.

For further information, contact: Patricia King, Director, Schlesinger Library, 10 Garden Street, Cambridge, MA 02138; (617) 495-8608.

AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY FELLOWS

The American Antiquarian Society announced the names of 17 scholars who have received fellowships to study early American history and culture at the AAS library. Among the new fellows are Ronald P. Formisano (University of Florida); Stephen Nissenbaum (University of Massachusetts/Amherst); Carol Sheriff (Yale University); and Catherine A. Brekus (Yale University).

PUBLIC HISTORY AS A CAREER

The National Council on Public History has produced an excellent new video titled **Public History Today**. The 33 minute video tape examines the variety and excitement of working as an historian in and for the public, apart from teaching or research in an academic setting. The tape includes scenes of a National Park Service historian working at the Lowell Industrial Park. It is a useful way to demonstrate to students the many ways they could make a living as historians and how many ways people use the services of professional public historians. This tape is available on VHS cassette (\$49.95 purchase; \$35 rental) from National Council on Public History, 301 Cavanaugh Hall, IUPUI, 425 University Blvd, Indianapolis, IN 46202-5140; (317) 274-2716.

Also available is **American History? It's Beneath Your Feet!**, a new video for classroom instruction on urban archaeology and the importance of preserving our prehistory. For more information, call Media, Inc. at 1-800-523-0118.

The **Connecticut Valley Historical Museum**, in conjunction with the **Institute for Massachusetts Studies**, has co-published a history of urban planning in Springfield, Massachusetts entitled, *Shaping an Urban Image*. The book is available for \$10.00 by calling (413) 732-3080.

NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR THE HUMANITIES GRANTS

The NEH provides funds for scholars and staff members at museums, historical societies and research libraries to travel to libraries, museums, archives and research collections. Awards (up to \$750) defray the cost of transportation, lodging, subsistence and photocopying, etc. Applications for travel after June 1992 are due by January 15, 1991.

NEH Summer Stipends support two months of study and research projects. Applications for these \$4,000 stipends are due 1 October 1991 for 1992 awards. Projects may be completed during the summer or as part of long-range work.

NEH Fellowships provide support for six to twelve months of full-time study and research that will make significant contributions to the humanities. Fellowships (up to \$30,000) may be used to work on books, monographs, series of articles, series of scholarly or public lectures and presentations and interpretative catalogues to accompany exhibits. For details and applications for all of these awards, contact: NEH, Division of Fellowships and Seminars, Room 316, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20506; (202) 786-0466.

MASSACHUSETTS CULTURAL COUNCIL

The Massachusetts Cultural Council announced that new guidelines explaining grant application procedures for funding organizations and programs in the humanities, cultural arts and sciences are now available. The MCC also seeks historians, humanities scholars, educators, administrators and others to serve as panelists in the peer review process. For more information, contact: Eleanor Wachs, 80 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116; (617) 727-0044.

MYSTIC SEAPORT FELLOWSHIP

Mystic Seaport's Munson Institute of American Maritime Studies invites applications for the **Paul Cuffe Memorial Fellowship**. Grants (up to \$2,400) are offered to encourage research on Native Americans and African Americans in the New England maritime industries. For information, contact: Munson Institute, Director, Mystic Seaport, PO Box 6000, Mystic, CT 06355; (203) 572-0711.



SEAPORT MAGAZINE CALL FOR ARTICLES

Seaport, a magazine published by the South Street Seaport Museum in New York City, is seeking articles on New York City topics, especially on the city's maritime history. The museum's focus is on the nineteenth century, but topics on all periods will be considered and a fee will be paid. Send your inquiries and manuscripts to Madeline Rogers, *Seaport* Editor, South Street Seaport Museum, 207 Front Street, New York, NY 10038.

PHILADELPHIA MARITIME MUSEUM

The **Philadelphia Maritime Museum** announced acquisition of an important collection of papers on the history of Delaware Valley riverboat industries. The collection includes records of the Massachusetts Steam Navigation Company (1816-1818) and two merchants, Joel and Isaac Newhall (1809-1852), who built steam vessels in Salem, Massachusetts and Philadelphia. A published guide to this collection, with historical sketches, notes and bibliographies, is available from the museum, located at 321 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106.

IRISH AMERICAN CULTURAL INSTITUTE

The Irish American Cultural Institute provides the **Irish Research Funds Program** to support research on Irish-American history, literature and culture. Grants are offered from \$1,000 to \$5,000. For information, contact: Irish American Cultural Institute, 2115 Summit Avenue, University of St. Thomas, St. Paul, MN 55105; (612) 647-5678.

ROCKEFELLER ARCHIVE CENTER GRANTS

The Rockefeller Archive Center offers grants-in-aid to support scholars whose projects require substantial research in its archival collections. Focused on the twentieth century, its major collections include African-American History, the arts, education, labor, medicine, philanthropy, population, religion, science, social welfare, economic development and women's history.

The competitive program makes awards (up to \$1,500) to scholars in any discipline engaged in research with these collections. Thirty-four grants were made last year. The next deadline for grant applications is 31 December 1991. For information, contact: Rockefeller Archive Center, Grants-in-Aid Program, 15 Dayton Avenue, North Tarrytown, NY 10591; (914) 631-4505.

AAS PEIRCE COLLECTION

The American Antiquarian Society recently announced the acquisition of a new collection of early American books, maps, newspapers, broadsides and manuscripts. Harold Peirce, a noted Philadelphia insurance underwriter, gathered rare materials for his personal library in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. He was the grandson of Charles Peirce, publisher of the Portsmouth, New Hampshire *Oracle of the Day* in 1793-1801.

William Armstrong Hunter III of Vermont, Charles Peirce's grandson, donated the collection to the AAS last Spring. Among the many items is a large collection of 18th-century geological reports; a volume of early 18th-century, hand-colored engravings; and Charles Peirce's journal of a trip to Vermont in 1809.

DAVID HERLIHY MEMORIAL FUND

Brown University has established a fund to create an endowed chair named in honor of the late Professor David Herlihy. Contributions may be sent to: The Professor David Herlihy Memorial Fund, c/o Steven Oliveira, Director, Leadership Gifts, Brown University, Box 1893, Providence, RI 02912.

IN MEMORIAM: CATHERINE M. PRELINGER

Catherine M. Prelinger, having struggled for several years with the effects of cancer, while carrying on an active scholarly and professional life that included the Presidency of our association, died on August 31. She leaves a husband, Ernst, and several children and grandchildren.

Since 1970, she had been an Associate Editor of the Benjamin Franklin Papers at Yale. Before that she taught in the Department of History at Quinnipiac College in Hamden, CT. A Yale Ph.D. of 1954, she became a familiar and much appreciated, supportive figure at 1970s meetings of New England historians who explored the then new field of women's history.

Kitty, as she was called, with her very distinctive voice, and that direct gaze and manner, her face framed by the gray hair that fell down her back in a long braid, clasped with beautiful silver closure, encouraged many young and not-so-young historians in those years. She also contributed significantly to the vigor of the NEHA and the Berkshire conference on the History of Women, by bringing others into these organizations and, most notably, by becoming president of both of them.

Her own scholarly work, focusing especially on the religious life of German women in the 19th century, appeared in several articles and the book *Charity, Challenge and Change: Religious Dimensions of the Mid-19th Century Women's Movement in Germany* (1987). She also worked in English religious history. More recently, and also in the period when she was already quite ill, she served as the inspiring director, general editor, and contributor to a collective study in the American Episcopal church. Sponsored by Lilly Endowment, *Episcopal Women: Gender, Spirituality and Commitment in a Mainline Denomination*, will be published by Oxford University Press.

Donations to honor her memory may be made to the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, Box E, 1275 York Avenue, New York, NY 10021. A memorial service will be held at the Battelle Chapel Yale, Thursday, October 10, at 4:00 p.m.

— Irene Q. Brown, University of Connecticut

IN MEMORIAM: JOHN K. FAIRBANK

John King Fairbank was the most prominent historian of America's relations with China, and his death on September 14 at age 84 marked the end of an era. Teaching Chinese history at Harvard University from the 1930s until his retirement in 1977, Professor Fairbank influenced generations of China scholars, including Theodore White, John S. Service, James C. Thomson, Jr., Benjamin I. Schwartz, Jonathan Spence, Andrew Nathan, H. L. Kahn, Ross Terrill and Merle Goldman.

As the *Boston Globe* said on September 22, "More than just the dean of Chinese scholarship in the Western world, Fairbank was the father of the study of modern China in this country. No other figure has contributed more to America's understanding of China. Indeed, his work shaped not just

scholarship, but foreign policy as well. Yet Fairbank's greatest legacy is the hundreds of scholars he helped."

COUNCIL FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES

The Council for European Studies is a grant-making association of more than seventy American universities and colleges as well as some eight hundred social scientists throughout North America and Europe. Membership is open to all those who share the Council's interests.

The overarching aim of its programs is to promote and sustain the study of contemporary Western European society and politics in disciplines such as anthropology, economics, modern history, political science and sociology.

The Council also encourages proposals which seek to transcend the intra-European division of the post-World War II era and which promise a new conceptualization of Europe as an arena of scholarship.

These projects promote scholarly collaboration across institutional, disciplinary and national boundaries. In particular, the Council seeks to develop scholarly contacts between American and European social scientists whose work focuses on the comparative study of issues common to the industrial societies on both sides of the Atlantic.

Current programs include international research planning group awards; workshop grants for research conferences at member institutions; pre-dissertation fellowships in the social sciences; intra-American travel subsidies for European scholars; publications and a newsletter; and biennial international conferences of Europeanists. The next conference will be held in Chicago on 27-29 March 1992. Papers or panels may be proposed by October 1. For further information, contact: Council for European Studies, Box 44 Schermerhorn Hall, Columbia University, New York, NY 10027; (212) 854-4172.

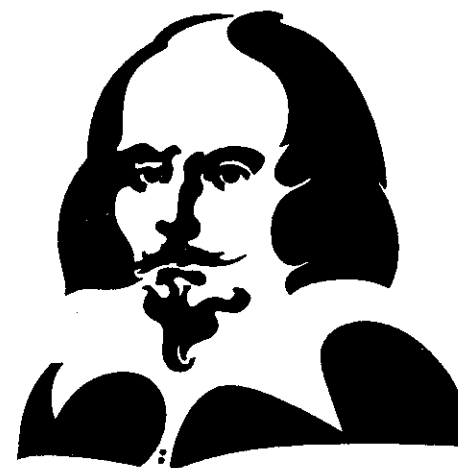
NEW ENGLAND ARCHIVISTS

New England Archivists, established in 1973, promotes cooperation among institutions in New England holding original records and individuals interested in such records. Professional and volunteer staff members of governmental archives, state and local historical societies, college, university, church and medical archives, museums and libraries are invited to join. Also librarians, archivists, records managers, town clerks, genealogists, historians and historic preservationists are members.

The association's public service includes publicizing the availability of original documentary material, and distributing information and conducting educational programs about sound archival practices. NEA's meetings are open to members and non-members twice a year. In addition to workshops and tours of nearby archives, the programs include sessions on documenting ethnic history, employment of volunteers, manuscript collecting policies, moving image preservation, legal issues and using archival materials in secondary schools.

Awards are presented each year to recognize distinguished service by individuals and institutions. For membership or other information, contact Susan J. von Salis, Schlesinger Library, Radcliffe College, 10 Garden Street, Cambridge, MA 02138.

CALL FOR AUTHORS



Twayne Publishers announces a new series, **Literature and Society**, edited by Leo Marx. The series will focus on the interplay between selected bodies of writing and their societal contexts. Each short (200-250 pages) volume will be an interpretative study of a specific event and the writing it provoked.

Tentative topics include: Major historical events (the Civil War, Great Depression, WW II, the Holocaust, Cold War, the Aids epidemic). Social Movements (Women, Civil Rights, Environmentalism) Law and Government Policy (Prohibition, Apartheid, Watergate) Science and Technology (Industrial Revolution, Atomic Age) Current Issues of Race, Class or Gender. Interested authors may propose other topics by contacting Leo Marx, MIT, Program in Science, Technology, and Society, Cambridge, MA 02139; (617) 253-4056; or Liz Fowler, Editor, Twayne Publishers, 70 Lincoln, St., Boston, MA 02111; (617) 423-3990.

BOOK NEWS

Cornell University Press has reissued in paperback Robert V. Bruce's (Boston University) Pulitzer Prize-winning book, *The Launching of Modern American Science*.

Iowa State University Press recently announced publication of *The Wings of Ethiopia: Studies in African American Life and Letters* by Wilson J. Moses, director of the Afro-American Studies Center at Boston University.

Laurel Ulrich (University of New Hampshire), who received the AHA's 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*, also won the Bancroft Prize and the 1991 Pulitzer Prize for History for this remarkable book. She was recently elected to the OAH Nominating Board.

Pantheon Books issued in paperback *Therefore I Am* edited by **Henry Louis Gates, Jr.**, the new director of the Harvard University African American Studies Department. This is a definitive collection from the rich literature of African-American autobiography.

They Who Would Be Free: Blacks' Search for Freedom, 1830-1861 by **Jane H. Pease** and **William H. Pease** is now available in paperback from the University of Illinois Press.

Clinton M. Jean (UMass/Boston) has published *Behind the Eurocentric Veils: The Search for African Realities* (UMass Press).

The Organization of American Historians honored two local authors at its April meeting. **John L. Brooke's** (Tufts University) *The Heart of the Commonwealth: Society and Political Culture in Worcester County, Massachusetts, 1713-1861* (Cambridge University Press); and **David D. Hall's** (Harvard Divinity School) *Worlds of Wonder, Days of Judgment: Popular Religious Belief in Early New England* (Alfred A. Knopf) were judged the best books in the field of intellectual history.

Allen Steinberg (Bowdoin College) won two awards for his book *The Transformation of Criminal Justice, Philadelphia, 1800-1889* (University of North Carolina Press). From the Social Science History Association he received the Allan Sharlin Memorial Prize for Best Book in Social Science History and from the American Historical Association he received the Littleton-Griswold Prize.

University Press of New England has reissued in paperback **Lawrence H. Fuch's** (Brandeis University) *The American Kaleidoscope: Race, Ethnicity, and the Civic Culture*.

Drawing on eleven years as dean of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences at Harvard University, **Henry Rosovsky's** *The University: An Owner's Manual* (Norton paperback) offers a wise and witty view of American college and university government.

Charles P. Kindleberger (MIT) has written *The Life of an Economist* (Blackwell Books), an entertaining account of the career of a renown economist and his amusing battles with academic and government bureaucracy.

Dead Certainties (Unwarranted Speculations) by **Simon Schama** (Harvard University) is an unusual experiment in narration—two tales of violent death and Boston Brahmin dynasties—using fact and fiction to ponder how history is written.

House and Home, the thirteenth annual conference proceedings of the Dublin Seminar for New England Folklife, is now available. Forthcoming publications also include New

England/New France and *Medicine and Healing* (Boston University Publications, 985 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA 02115).

William Cronon (Yale University) has published *Nature's Metropolis: Chicago and the Great West* (W.W. Norton).

Donald E. Gjerdtson (University of Massachusetts/Amherst) published *Miraculous Retribution: A Study and Translation of T'ang Lin's Ming-pao-chi* (Berkeley: Center for South and Southeast Asian Studies, University of California).

Dennis P. Ryan's *Beyond the Ballot Box: A Social History of the Boston Irish, 1845-1917* has been reissued in a paperback edition by the University of Massachusetts Press.

Garland Publishing Company announced plans to publish *Irish American History and Culture: An Encyclopedia*, a volume comprising hundreds of entries on all aspects of this neglected subject. Those interested in contributing articles should contact **William D. Griffin**, History Department, St. John's University, Jamaica, NY 11439.

Padraig O'Malley's (University of Massachusetts/Boston) heralded book *The Uncivil War: Ireland Today* has been reissued in paperback by Beacon Press.

Molly Matson (UMass/Boston) has edited *An Independent Woman: The Autobiography of Edith Guerrier* (UMass Press).

James M. O'Toole (UMass/Boston) has written *Basic Standards for Diocesan Archives: A Guide for Bishops, Chancellors and Archivists*. This is a succinct manual with sample policies and forms especially designed for novice church archivists. Orders may be sent to the Archdiocese of Chicago Archives, 5150 Northwest Highway, Chicago, IL 60630.

Christopher F. Clark's book, *The Roots of Rural Capitalism: Western Massachusetts, 1780-1860* (Cornell University Press) has won the OAH 1991 Frederick Jackson Turner Award.

Mary H. Blewett's (University of Lowell) *The Last Generation: Work and Life in the Textile Mills of Lowell, Massachusetts, 1910-1960* (UMass Press) was awarded the New England Association of Oral History's Harvey A. Kantor Award for Outstanding Achievement.

Stuart M. Blumin (Cornell University) has won the Urban History Association award for the Best Book in North American Urban History. It is entitled *The Emergence of the Middle Class, Social Experience in the American City, 1760-1900* (Cambridge University Press).

Virginia M. Adams (Old Dartmouth Historical Society) has edited *On the Altar of Freedom: A Black Soldier's Civil War Letters from the Front* (UMass Press).

Allen P. Britton, **Irving Lowens**, and **Richard Crawford** recently published *American Sacred Music Imprints, 1698-1810: A Bibliography* (American Antiquarian Society).

Dennis Fischman (Boston University) has published *Political Discourse in Exile: Karl Marx and the Jewish Question* (UMass Press).

Bruce M. Stave and **Michele Palmer** (University of Connecticut) recently published *Mills and Meadows: A Pictorial History of Northeast Connecticut* (Donning Company), a photographic social history of 28 towns based on 300 photos from private archival collections. Professor Stave is writing a book dealing with immigration and oral history and will be Visiting Professor at Yale University in 1992.

Caroline F. Sloat (Old Sturbridge Village) has edited *Meet Your Neighbors: New England Portraits, Painters, and Society, 1790-1850* (Umass Press).

The University of Massachusetts Press has published "the most comprehensive and visually striking portrait of Massachusetts ever produced," *Historical Atlas of Massachusetts* edited by **Richard W. Wilkie** and **Jack Tager**.

Alan Taylor (Boston University) tells the story of Downeast agrarian conflict in *Liberty Men and Great Proprietors: The Revolutionary Settlement on the Maine Frontier, 1760-1820* (University of North Carolina Press).

The University of Massachusetts Press has issued a revised paperback edition of *The Black Presence in the Era of the American Revolution* by **Sidney Kaplan** and **Emma Nogrady Kaplan**.

Laura Hapke (Pace University) has published in paperback *Girls Who Went Wrong: Prostitutes in American Fiction, 1885-1917* (Bowling Green State University Press).

The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations announces the Myrna L. Bernath Book Prize competition. An award of \$2500 is offered every two years for the best book by a woman in the areas of U.S. foreign relations, international history, peace studies, or defense and strategic studies. Books must be published in 1989-91. For information, contact: **Joan Hoff**, History Department, Indiana University, Bloomington, IN 47405.

Barbara Rosen (UConn) has edited *Witchcraft in England, 1558-1618* (UMass Press).

Greenwood Press has begun a new scholarly monograph series, *Studies in Historiography*. It will focus on all fields and periods of historiography, including individual historians, schools of thought, and historical criticism. Biographies, collected essays, and integrated symposium papers are welcome for consideration. Contact **John David Smith**, History Department, North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC 27695; (919) 737-2483.

Gerald W. McFarland (UMass/Amherst) has published *A Scattered People: An American Family Moves West* (UMass Press).

C. David Thomas (Emmanuel College) has edited *As Seen by Both Sides: American and Vietnamese Artists Look at the War* (UMass Press).

RESEARCH IN PROCESS

For a scholarly biography of Massachusetts Governor **James Michael Curley** (1874-1958), anyone with Curley letters, photographs, recordings or memorabilia is urged to call or write **Peter Holloran**, 41 Linnaean St., Cambridge, MA 02138; (617-876-6635).

David Gerner (SUNY Buffalo) is researching **Father Thomas J. Carroll** (1909-1971), a Boston priest who was a

pioneer in the rehabilitation of the blind and a founder of the Blinded Veterans Association in 1945. Anyone with information on this topic may write to him at the SUNY Buffalo History Department.

Marion R. Casey (New York University) is researching the **Catholic Club of the City of New York** which was organized in 1871 as the Xavier Club. Anyone with information about this organization and its archives may write to **Marion R. Casey**, 1662 Old Mill Rd., Wantagh, NY 11793.

SEVENTH REGIMENT ARMORY

New York City's Seventh Regiment Armory, site of the 1991 meeting of the Urban History Association, needs historians' support. Although the building is a National Historic Landmark, its interior has not been designated as an Interior Landmark by the NYC Landmarks Commission. If you would like to support this worthy cause, please write to: **Laurie Beckelman**, Chair, NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission, 225 Broadway, NYC, NY 10007.

For further information about the Armory, or to request an excellent brochure on its history and architecture, write to: **Friends of the Seventh Regiment Armory, Inc.**, 643 Park Avenue, NYC, NY 10021; (212) 744-2968.

THE PUBLIC WORKS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The **Public Works Historical Society**, founded in 1975, has more than 1,800 members, most are professionals in public works organizations but approximately 300 members are academic or public historians. The society bridges the gap between historians and professionals working in urban centers. It strives to bring scholarly research to the attention of public works professionals who may benefit from new insights and apply them to contemporary issues. At the same time the PWHS draws academic historians into research projects which have immediate relevance to the public works profession.

The PWHS issues a highly informative bi-monthly newsletter and a series of essays in public works histories. In addition, the PWHS sponsors an annual competition for the best book in public works history. Recent winners of the \$1,000 prize include: **Christine M. Rosen**, *The Limits of Power: Great Fires and the Process of Growth* (1987) and **Joel A. Tarr** and **Gabriel Dupy** (eds.), *Technology and the Rise of the Networked City in Europe and America* (1989).

For information, contact: **PWHS, Membership Secretary**, 1313 E. 60th Street, Chicago, IL 60637.

AMERICAN NATIONAL BIOGRAPHY

The American Council of Learned Societies and Oxford University Press will publish the *American National Biography*, a new biographical dictionary, which will contain sketches of approximately 20,000 persons. It will cover the entire sweep of American history from the first explorations to

the present, and include persons prominent in every field of activity.

The editors are eager to locate significant people whose careers are not described in the Dictionary of American Biography, Notable American Women or other reference works. If you have come across such persons in your work, you may nominate them by writing to: John A. Garraty, General Editor, American National Biography, Center for Social Sciences, Columbia University, New York, NY 10027.

The editors are also eager to locate scholars who would like to write biographies for this new work. Such persons may write to Mark C. Carnes, Managing Editor, at the same address. Please indicate your fields of specialization. In particular the editors hope to locate scholars willing to prepare sketches of persons in fields where there are few academic experts.

NATIONAL COALITION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOLARS

NEHA members who are part-time academics or unaffiliated researchers may be interested in joining the National Coalition of Independent Scholars. This non-profit organization is eager to extend support to serious scholars who work outside academe and wish to exchange ideas with others in their fields.

In the past two years the NCIS has established connections with more than 550 members through nine affiliate organizations. NCIS has taken over publication of *The Independent Scholar*, and publishes the useful *Handbook of Fellowships and Grants* for Independent Scholars. Its Directory of Independent Scholars now lists over 100 entries, and it will include a "bed and breakfast" list of scholars willing to put up researchers in need of accommodations near libraries far from home.

NCIS offers several small presentation grants to individual members to help defray costs for travel to conferences where papers were delivered in 1990. Letters of introduction are also provided to help members gain access to libraries. NCIS remains affiliated with established professional groups to help all scholars realize that its members continue to make important intellectual contributions while playing an independent role.

For further information on forming an affiliated group or on joining the NCIS as an individual, write: Gillian Gill, 31 Oakland Street, Lexington, MA 02173; (617) 862-0614.

ORPHAN TRAIN HERITAGE SOCIETY

The Orphan Train Heritage Society is a nonprofit organization for the thousands of homeless children who were placed in foster families by New England and New York child welfare agencies prior to 1930. Members include the former orphans, their descendants, genealogists and historians who study this subject. The OTHSA annual meeting will take place

at Fayetteville, Arkansas on 25-26 October 1991. For membership and conference details, contact: The Orphan Train Heritage Society of America, 4912 Trout Farm Road, Springdale, AK 72764.

DONATING BOOKS TO CHINA

Contributions of books, journals, tapes and videos are requested for Qinghai Education College in China. This college specializes in training teachers who have graduated from three-year county-level normal schools. It has a very active English language and literature program, but a very limited budget for library purchases. To send books or to receive further information please contact Kevin Stuart, English Department, Qinghai Education College, Xining, Qinghai 810008, PR China.

CIVIL WAR UNIT HISTORIES

University Publications of America has launched a major five-year project to micropublish thousands of Civil War regimental histories and personal narratives in their full text on microfiche. These rare and under-utilized sources contain important data for historians and genealogists. For further information on this project, contact University Publications of America, Customer Service, 4520 East-West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814; (800) 692-6300.

IRISH ANCESTRAL RESEARCH ASSOCIATION

Tiara, the Irish Ancestral Research Association, is a nonprofit organization to develop and promote the study of and exchange of ideas among people interested in Irish genealogical and historical research. It is a non-political and non-denominational organization.

Tiara meets monthly (except July and August) at Boston College. In November an annual meeting and banquet is held and field trips to local research facilities are also conducted. The programs include the methods of genealogical research as well as resources available in Boston, Dublin, Belfast, Canada and other areas. Its meetings are free and open to the public. For membership or other information, write to Tiara, PO Box 619, Sudbury, MA 01776.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES

The Office of the National Archives announced recently the publication of a quarterly "Researcher Bulletin" of special interest to historians. It will provide information about the relocation of public records to the new Archives II facility located in College Park, Maryland. The first issue is available now. For free copies, contact: National Archives, Textual Reference Division (NNR), Washington, D.C. 20408.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

The Smithsonian Institution has released the latest in its projected twenty-volume series on Native Americans. The *Handbook of North American Indians, Volume VII, Northwest Coast* examines Native peoples of southeast Alaska, British Columbia, Washington and Oregon. The book covers a wide range of topics including prehistory, history, population, technology, external relations, social and political organization and ceremonies of various Indian populations. For information, contact: Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., Paula Cardwell; (202) 357-1861.

HISTORIC DEERFIELD EXHIBIT

Historic Deerfield has purchased an 1848 Gothic cottage in the village of Deerfield. After restoration, it will be open to visitors as part of the expanded schedule of tours, educational programs and public lectures this year. For more information, contact: Donald R. Friary, Historic Deerfield, Inc., Box 321, Deerfield, MA 01342; (413) 774-5581.

MUSEUM OF OUR NATIONAL HERITAGE

The Museum of Our National Heritage in Lexington, Massachusetts now offers a variety of programs at no charge to educational groups. This is an effort to assist schools and colleges adversely affected during this time of fiscal restraint and budgetary reductions. Reservations for student group tours of self-guided exhibits or classes with museum staff may be made by writing to the Museum, Education Department, PO Box 519, Lexington, MA 02173; (617) 861-6559.

Schuetzenfest: A German-American Tradition is currently exhibited through November 17. The evolution of this European shooting festival folk tradition, its popularity in German-American communities in the second half of the nineteenth century, and its integration into mainstream American culture are explored. Also examined is the influence Schuetzen competition had on the American firearms industry.

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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.

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