SPRING CONFERENCE
AT
ASSUMPTION COLLEGE
WORCESTER

SATURDAY 25 APRIL 1992
SECOND CALL

The annual Spring meeting of the Association will be held on Saturday, April 25 at Assumption College, 500 Salisbury Street, Worcester, Massachusetts (508-752-5615). The program is listed on page 2 of this issue. Pre-registration forms were sent to the membership in an earlier mailing. Campus and area maps and a list of Worcester area hotels and motels were included in the previous mailing too.

Vice-President Richard Buel arranged the fine program. Kenneth Moynihan, Paul Zeigler and Jennifer Bete at Assumption College made splendid local arrangements. We are very grateful to them for their diligent efforts on our behalf. In an effort to encourage participation by secondary school faculty in the Association, the New England History Teachers Association (NEHTA) will sponsor one of this meeting's sessions.

Registration begins on Saturday at 8:00 a.m. in La Maison Francaise at Assumption College. Five sessions begin at 9:00 and five others begin at 11:00.

There is a coffee break and book exhibit and sale of rare scholarly books at 10:30 in the Salon. Members are encouraged to bring copies of their own recent publications for display. At 12:30 there will be a reception followed by lunch at 1:00 p.m. at the Campus Center Hall. After lunch, President Alan J. Reinerman will introduce the newly elected officers. The plenary session on environmental history begins at 2:30 in La Maison Francaise Auditorium.

OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS

Motel rooms at a discounted rate have been reserved for members who prefer an overnight stay in Worcester. The Holiday Inn, 500 Lincoln St., Worcester (508-852-4000) welcomes NEHA members. Rooms are $65.00 for one or two persons. This reduced rate is available for those who call for reservations before March 30. Ask for the NEHA group rate. It is a short drive from this motel to Assumption College.

Other motels near the campus are the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge (508-791-5501) or the Days Lodge (508-852-2800).

AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY SEMINAR

NEHA members may wish to arrive in Worcester Friday afternoon April 24 in order to attend a seminar by Laurel Thatcher Ulrich (University of New Hampshire). Her paper is entitled "Textiles and the Social History of New England." This event is a session of the New England Seminar in American History, which is co-sponsored by the American Antiquarian Society and the history departments of Clark University and the University of Connecticut.

The seminar meets at 4:30 p.m. at Clark University, 950 Main Street, Worcester. Participants may join Professor Ulrich for dinner afterwards at a nearby restaurant. If you plan to attend the seminar, or would like further information, please contact Drew McCoy, History Department, Clark University (508) 793-7789.

ADVANCE NOTICE

The annual Fall meeting will be held at Rhode Island College in Providence on Saturday, 17 October 1992. Members coming from any considerable distance might consider overnight accommodations in the historic and scenic city of Providence.

Vice President Neal R. Shipley in charge of the Fall and Spring programs. The deadline for Fall meeting proposals is 30 June. For information about the program, or for proposals, he may be contacted at the University of Massachusetts, Department of History, Herter Hall, Amherst, MA 01003; (413) 545-1330.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The annual Association election was held at the October meeting at the John Fitzgerald Kennedy Library. Richard Buel (Wesleyan University) succeeded to the presidency for 1992-1993 according to by-law. Neal R. Shipley (UMass/Amherst) was elected Vice President and James Hanlan (Worcester Polytechnic Institute) Secretary of the Association.
THE NEW ENGLAND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

SATURDAY
APRIL 25, 1992
ASSUMPTION COLLEGE
WORCESTER, MA
LA MAISON FRANCAISE

SPRING CONFERENCE PROGRAM

8:00   REGISTRATION

9:00   SESSION 1  PARALLEL LIVES: FEMALE MONASTICISM AND THE CHURCH IN THE MIDDLE AGES

MAISON 202

Chair: Mary McLaughlin (Mills College, N.Y.)
Comment: Penelope Jochum (New York University)
Lisa Blial (University of Kansas): “In Cells Separum: Early Irish Nuns and the Claustrophobia Question”
Bruce L. Vansicle (Harvard University): “Going to Heaven, Going to Hell: New Approaches to Religious Change in the Twelfth Century”
Katherine Gill (Princeton University): “Negotiating Difference: Survival Strategies of Women’s Religious Communities in the Late Middle Ages”

9:00   SESSION 2  THE USABLE PAST: NATIONALISM IN EASTERN EUROPE

MAISON 200

Chair: James Flynn (College of the Holy Cross)
Comment: Samuel Kaasow (Trinity College)
Alice Freeland (University of New Hampshire): “Imagining Tradition: Hungarian Nationalism, 1848-1899”
Mary Ellen Fletcher (Skidmore College): “Dissenters and Democracy: Nationalism in Communist and Post-Communist Romania”
Elmer DePouvoir (Suffolk University): “Democracy or Fascism? The Serbo-Croatian War of 1991”

9:00   SESSION 3  TRANSFORMING BOSTON: SOCIAL AND POLITICAL CHANGE

MAISON 201

Chair: Peter C. Holloran (Pace University)
Comment: Bruce M. Stuart (University of Connecticut)
Thomas H. O’Connor (Boston College): “Origins of the NewBoston, 1850-1890”
Andrew Buri (Boston College): “Changing Racial Patterns in Boston, 1840-1980”

9:00   SESSION 4  INTELLECTUALS IN POLITICS IN TWENTIETH-CENTURY EUROPE

MAISON 308

Chair: Fred Levanthal (Boston University)
Comment: James Hellen (Harvard University)
Sandra Gerans (Massachusetts Institute of Technology): “German Intellectuals during National Socialism”
Dorothy Kauffman (Clark University): “The Compromised Witness: Diaries of Resistance and Collaboration by Edith Thomas”

9:00   SESSION 5  ROUNDTABLE: WHAT IS HAPPENING IN HIGH SCHOOL HISTORY CLASSES?

MAISON 300

Chair: James Welkes (Bentley College)
Comment: The Assistance
Thomas Hart (Dean College): “The NSHJA Survey: What is Happening in New England Classrooms?”
Kevin O’Reilly (Belmont-Wenham High School): “The Problem of Interpretation in the Teaching of High School History”
Andrew Lowes (Suffield Academy): “History in the Private Secondary School Classroom”

10:30  COFFEE AND BOOK EXHIBIT

SALON and FOYER

11:00   SESSION 6  THE CITY IN EARLY MODERN EUROPE

MAISON 300

Chair: Staven Rappaport (New York University)
Comment: Barbara Dienes (Brown University)
Julie Heardwick (Gustavus College): “City Identity in Sixteenth-Century Nantes”
D. Gary Shaw (Washington University): “City Identity in Wells to 1220”
Robert Davis (Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton): “Neighbourhood Loyalities & Popular Violence in Renaissance Venice”

11:00   SESSION 7  MODES OF SOCIAL COHESION IN EARLY AMERICA: COMMERCE, COVENANT, AND ASSOCIATION

MAISON 201

Chair: Gordon S. Wood (Brown University)
Comment: John Brooks (Dartmouth University)
Martin Quinn (University of Massachusetts/Boston): “The Culture of Commerce in Virginia”
Ann S. Brown (Boston University): “Being under great awakenings and convictions: The Rhythms of Piety among Eighteenth-century Men and Women of Essex County, Massachusetts”

11:00   SESSION 8  THE CRITIQUE OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC INDIVIDUALISM IN POST-REVOLUTIONARY FRANCE

MAISON 200

Chair: William Kaylor (Boston University)
Comment: Blain Addison (Wayne Polytechnic Institute)
W. Jay Roedl (Bryant College): “The Counter-Revolutionary Critique of Political and Economic Individualism: The Case of Louis de Bonald”
Jean Pedersen (University of Rochester): “The Human Type: Men, Women and Society in the Work of Auguste Comte”

11:00   SESSION 9  THE NEW MILITARY HISTORY: THE EUROPEAN THEATER IN WORLD WAR II

MAISON 202

Chair: Travis B. Jacobs (Middletown College)
Comment: Harold Solotzky (University of Alabama)
Kevin Smith (Ball State University): “Limited Horizons and Logistics Diplomacy: American Officers’ Anglocentric Responses to the 1943 British Imperial Crisis”
Tim Davis Biddle (National Air and Space Museum): “Anglo-American Strategic Bombing in World War II”

11:00   SESSION 10  THE USE AND ABUSE OF NONTEXTUAL MATERIALS IN HISTORICAL RESEARCH

AUDITORIUM

Chair: Peter Allson (University of Connecticut)
Comment: Martin Blatt (Lowell National Historical Park)
Erin Cottrell (Robert F. Wagner Legal Archives): “More Than Decoration: Photographs as Documents for Historical Research”
Andre Bostock (Rutgers-Cambridge Institute): “The Mirror and Absence of Oral History Testimony”
Wendy Slay (National Museum of American History): “Preserving Culture: The Use of Ethnographic Film and Video as Historical Document”

12:30  RECEPTION

CAMPUS CENTER HALL

1:00   LUNCHEON AND BUSINESS MEETING

CAMPUS CENTER HALL

2:30   PLENARY SESSION: ENVIRONMENTAL HISTORY

AUDITORIUM

Chair: William Cronon (Yale University)
John R. McNeill (Georgetown University): “Market Systems, Population Growth, and Environmental Change in the Sierra Nevada (Spain) and the Rif (Morocco), 1500-1990”
Conrad Trenor (Yale University): “Dwaddles, People and Problems: The Demographic Development of Japan, 1600-1850”
Lella Brown (Michigan State University): “Pawnee of Environmental Change in Colonial Brazil”
Comment: Warren Dean (New York University)

4:30   DINNER

Vermont Historical Society

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AT THE SESSIONS

The Fall meeting at the University of Massachusetts/Boston and the John Fitzgerald Kennedy Library was one of the Association’s best attended meetings in recent years. This was a joint meeting with the New England Conference on British Studies, and much credit for this splendid meeting is due to NECBS President Paul Fiddler (Lesley College) and the NECBS Program Chair Susan Frankelacker (Trinity College). NEBCA Vice President Richard Buel (Wesleyan University) deserves thanks for a well-balanced program of superior quality.

There were 18 papers presented at nine sessions on Saturday. Topics included healing in the medieval West; the idea of national interest in early modern England; turn of the century American popular culture; the British state in WWI; symbols of authority in early modern England; early American land speculation; the New Deal era; and the comparative history of nineteenth-century English and American cities. A roundtable discussion of the American occupation of Japan was also presented.

NEWS FROM THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Winter meeting of the NEH-Executive Committee was held at Pine Manor College on 7 December 1991, with President Alan J. Reinstein presiding. Among the agenda items was a report on the 1991 membership campaign which produced 13 new members, increasing our membership by 25 percent. The financial report by the Executive Secretary indicated a healthy balance and minor banking changes.

ARE YOUR ANNUAL DUES OUEUED?

Annual dues (calendar year) are $10 or $5 for students or retirees. Life membership for individuals or institutions is $125. 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 Spring Meeting, use the conference registration form to mail your dues payment to the Executive Secretary. Make checks payable to NEHA.
NEWS OF THE PROFESSION

Fred M. Leventhal (Boston University) was appointed to a three-year term as chair of the North American Conference on British Studies program committee.

David R. Leibster (Keene State College) was named the 1991 New Hampshire Professor of the Humanities by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education, a national organization that recognizes and promotes undergraduate teaching excellence.

Vicki R. Swenson (Vermont Humanities Council) received the 1991 Community College of Vermont Award for distinguished service to education.

John M. McCullough (Middlebury College) was named Acting President of Middlebury College in October.

Georgia Thomas (University of Connecticut) was awarded a Guggenheim Foundation fellowship to research a book on the United States and Castro's Cuba.

Peter C. Holborn (Pine Manor College) was elected Treasurer of the New England American Studies Association. He also serves on the NEASA Nominating Committee and seeks candidates for its Council. For nominations or membership information, contact: Peter C. Holborn, Pine Manor College, Chestnut Hill, MA 02167; (617) 731-7006.

To historical societies, museums, schools, public agencies, and genealogists. For information, contact Eleanor Wachs, PO Box 282, Quincy, MA 02269; (617) 328-6135.

Eleanor Wachs, formerly on the Massachusetts Council staff, established a new folklore consulting service. Commonwealth Folklife Associates offers expertise in historical societies, museums, schools, public agencies and genealogists. For information, contact Eleanor Wachs, PO Box 282, Quincy, MA 02269; (617) 328-6135.

Blanche Linden-Ward (Emerson College) was re-elected as Secretary of the New England American Studies Association. She also continues as editor of the quarterly NEASA newsletter, and will be glad to receive newsworthy items from readers. Write to Blanche Linden-Ward, 73 Union Street, Watertown, MA 02172.

Lynda J. Morgan (Mount Holyoke College) received a fellowship from the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and Public Policy to research the history of Virginia slavery and the decline of the Atlantic system in 1800-1860.

Kenneth Burns won the 1991 Charles Frakel Prize, presented by the National Endowment for the Humanities, for his work on The Civil War PBS series. He recently broadcast Empire of the Air on the golden age of radio and he is now producing another PBS documentary on the history of baseball.

Katharine Park (Wellesley College) was selected as a 1991 Mary Ingraham Bunting Institute Fellow.

Judith E. Pryor (University of Toronto) was awarded a Postdoctoral Fellowship for Senior Scholars by the American Council of Learned Societies.

James R. Keating (Williams College) is now assistant professor of history at North Central College in Illinois and is editor of the Urban History Newsletter.

Harvey C. Mansfield, Jr. (Harvard University) was named chairman of the advisory council of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Robert Nirmal (St. Michael's College) was elected president of the North Eastern Popular Culture Association at its NEPCA's 6th Annual Conference in Vermont last October. He notes that the NEPCA will meet at Pine Manor College on 6-8 November.

Evelyn M. Hammond's (Harvard University) received a dissertation fellowship from the National Research Council's Ford Foundation Fellowship for Minorities Program. She will research the history of science.

Linda Kerber (University of Iowa) was named as the 1991 Visiting Scholar by the Boston University Department of History.

Harvey Green (Northeastern University) was elected to the New England American Studies Association Council in September.

Carmen A. Giron-Gonzalez (Yale University) received a postdoctoral fellowship in history from the National Research Council.

Richard Landes (Boston University) was named a Junior Fellow of the Boston University Humanities Foundation and will research Ademur of Chabannes, an early eleventh-century historian, liturgist, hagiographer, and master forger from Aquitaine.

Kent Ryden (Brown University) was awarded the 1991 Ralph Henry Gabriel Dissertation Prize for "Mapping the Invisible Landscape: Geography, Narrative, and the Sense of Place."

SUSAN PEDERSEN (Harvard University) won the North American Conference on British Studies' Walter D. Lowe Memorial Prize for her AHR article, "Gender, Welfare, and Citizenship in Britain during the Great War."

JOURNAL OF URBAN HISTORY

The Journal of Urban History is seeking articles for a special issue on the slumscape. Scholars interested in submitting contributions on this topic, in the 20th century or in an earlier period, should contact: Joseph W. Konitz, History Department, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824.

Urban historians attending the Organization of American Historians meeting in Chicago on 2-5 April 1992 may be interested in attending the Urban History Association annual luncheon. The featured speaker will be William Julius Wilson, lucy Flower Professor of Sociology and Public Policy at the University of Chicago. His topic is "The Urban Underclass and the American Belief System on Poverty and Welfare."

NEH SUMMER INSTITUTE IN MARITIME HISTORY

The National Endowment for the Humanities summer institute for college and university faculty and curators of historic maritime collections will meet at the John Carter Brown Library in August 1992. This program recognizes a national need for support of maritime history and the maritime humanities in general. Next summer's program will focus on European exploration in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries. The 20 participants will receive funds for round-trip travel and a stipend of $1,000 in addition to room and board for the four weeks. For applications and further information, write to Maritime Institute, John Carter Brown Library, Box 1894, Providence, RI 02912.

RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

Rosario J. Touille (Pine Manor College) is researching the treatment of Haitian refugees in the United States during WWII. He is interested in hearing from scholars investigating this topic; call: (617) 731-7077.

Jay Corrin (Boston University) is writing a book on Anglo-American Catholicism and the rise of Fascism. Debra Campbell (Colby College) is researching the cenotaphal history of the College of Notre Dame, the oldest Catholic women's college in the United States.

Howard Wall (Clarksburg College) is researching nineteenth-century Anglo-American Unitarianism, and is interested in hearing from historians with similar research projects.

Robert Schulmann (Boston University), Editor of the Papers of Albert Einstein, is a fellow of the Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin in 1992-93 and will write a biography of Einstein.

Sara C. Junkin (Pine Manor College) was awarded a Lindsey Fellowship to research 19th century American artists.

Marilyn Halter (Boston University) is researching Cape Verden immigration and this little-studied group's unique racial and ethnic position in American society.

A. William Hoglund (UCO) is updating his union list of Finnish-American newspaper holdings and researching George F. Warren, a pioneer agricultural economist.

Silas Silber (Boston University) was named a Junior Fellow of the BWH Humanities Foundation and is researching "The Romance of Reunion: Northerners and the South, 1865-1900."
BOOK NEWS


William J. Cronon (Yale University) won the Chicago Tribune’s Heartland Prize for Nature’s Metropolis: Chicago and the Great West (W. W. Norton).

David Glasstone (UMass/Amherst) has published American Historical Publications in the Early Twentieth Century (University of North Carolina Press).

C. Stewart Doty (University of Maine) published Acadia’s Time: The Farm Security Administration in Maine’s St. John Valley, 1940–1943 (University of Maine Press).


Dorothy O. Helly and Suman M. Revery (Weidley College) edited Growing Public and Private in Women’s History (Cornell University Press).

James M. O’Toole (UMass/Boston) published Understanding Archives and Manuscripts (Society of American Archivists).

William Cronon (Yale University), George Miles, and Jay Gillin edited Under an Open Sky: Rethinking America’s Western Past (Norton).

Mary Bellow (University of Lowell) published in paperback We Will Rise in Our Might: Working Women’s Voices from Nineteenth-Century New England (Cornell University Press).

Christopher P. Wilson (Boston College) published White Collar Fictions: Class and Social Representation in American Literature, 1885–1923 (University of Georgia Press).

Teresa Anne Murphy (University of Rhode Island) published Ten Hours’ Labor: Religion, Reform, and Gender in New England (Cornell University Press).


Yvonne Yazbeck Haddad (UMass/Amherst) edited The Muslims of America (Oxford University Press).

Barbara Diehfondl (Boston University) published Beneath the Cross: Catholics and Huguenots in Sixteenth-Century Paris (Oxford University Press).


Joyce Antler’s (Brandeis University) biography, Lucy Sprague Mitchell: The Making of a Modern Woman (Yale University Press) has been reissued in paper.


The Bryce Wood Book Award is offered by the Latin American Studies Association each year to outstanding scholarly work on Latin America. Books in the social sciences and humanities published in English are judged on the quality of the research, analysis, writing and significance of their contribution to Latin American studies. Nominations may be made by library staff, curators of LSA members. For details, write to James Mallory, Political Science Department, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA 15260.

Susanne Klingenstein (Harvard University) has published Jews in the American Academy, 1900–1940 (Yale University Press).


Charles E. Rosenberg and Janet Golden (Temple University) edited Framing Disease: Studies in Cultural History (Rutgers University Press).

Diana Elizabeth Long and Janet Golden (Temple University) published American General Hospital: Communities and Social Conflicts (Cornell University Press).

Felix Albert’s rare first-hand account of the early years of Franco-American migration to Lowell, immigrant Odyssey: A French-Canadian Habitat in New England (University of Maine Press), has been published with an introduction by Frances H. Early (Mount St. Vincent University) and translation by Arthur L. Eto.


Sports in Massachusetts: Selected Essays edited by Ronald Story (UMass/Amherst) and Martin Kaufman (Westfield State College) is available from the Institute for Massachusetts Studies. These essays were presented originally at the Symposium on the History of Sports in Massachusetts, held at the State House, Boston, in June 1990.

Yvonne L. Weeden (Western University) has published Weeden, 1831–1910: Collegiate Enterprise in New England (Yale University Press).

Ronald Dufour (Rhode Island College) will publish a textbook, American Colonial History. The Russian Cultural Institute seeks books and dissertations in Austrian studies, completed between 30 April 1990 and 31 October 1991, for its manuscript competition. For information, contact Center for Austrian Studies, University of Minnesota, 267 19th Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55455.

Laurel Thatcher Ulrich (University of New Hampshire) has won two more awards for A Midwife’s Tale (Knopf, 1990). The Berkshire Conference of Women Historians announced it was the winner of the "books" annual book award and the Society for Historians for the Early American Republic awarded this book the SHEAR prize. It is gratifying that other scholarly associations are following the NEHA and awarding book and paper prizes.


Jean Fagan Yellin (Pace University) published Women and Sisters: Antislavery Feminism in America (Yale University Press).

Richard W. Judd (University of Maine) published Aroostook: A Century of Logging in Northern Maine (University of Maine Press).

Joseph D. Thomas has edited Cranberry Harvest: A History of Cranberries in Massachusetts (Merrymaker Publications, 1990), which is a richly illustrated commemorative study celebrating the 150th anniversary of this Cape Cod industry association.

Henry Louis Gates, Jr. (Harvard University) published Loose Canons: Notes of the Culture Wars (Oxford University Press)

Nancy F. Cott (Yale University) edited A Woman Making History: Mary Riter Beard Through Her Letters (Yale University Press).

Lisa M. Bitel (Harvard University) published Isle of the Saints: Monastic Settlement and Christian Community in Early Ireland (Cornell University Press).

Peter Brown (Rhode Island College) edited Studies and Essays on the Soviet and East European Economies (Oriental Research Partners) with volume two to follow. In 1990 he published The Archdiocese of Boston: A Pictorial History (Quinlan Press, 1990), with more than 200 photographs compiled from the Boston Catholic archives from the seventeenth century to the present.

David R. Boyle (Brandeis University) has published Labor History: A History, classic, 1877: Year of Violence (Ivan Dee, Inc.), has been reissued in paperback.

Robert B. Lewis (Yale University) won the National Cowboy Hall of Fame’s 1991 Western Heritage Award for his book Cowboys of the Americas (Yale University Press).

Lawrence H. Cubs (Brandeis University) won the 1991 John Hope Franklin Prize for The American Koldelo- scope: Race, Ethnicity, and the Civic Culture (Westview University Press).

Forrest G. Wood’s The Arrogance of Faith: Christianity and Race in America from the Colonial Era to the Twentieth Century (Northeastern University Press) won the 1990 Antioch-Wolf Award.

Paul M. Kennedy (Yale University) edited Grand Strategies in War and Peace (Yale University Press).

Philip Bergh’s (Brandeis University) Early Photographs, 1850–1918 (Dover Publications, 1990), with 174 rare photographs from the archives of the Boston Society.

Charles Royster (Louisiana State University) published The Destruction of the Negro (University Press of Florida).


Dietrich Orlow (Boston University) published Weimar Prussia, 1925–1933: The Illusion of Strength (University of Pittsburgh Press).

Kenneth L. Kurst won the OAH’s 1990 James Rawley Prize and the American Association of Community College Award for Belonging to America: Equal Citizenship and the Constitution (Yale University Press).

Unapposed Sources: America’s Newspaper Archives and Histories is available at no charge from the Gannett Foundation Media Center, Columbia University, 2590 Broadway, New York, NY 10027. It is a useful report on American newspaper research and research sources prepared by a task force of the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

H. Daniel Feck (Vassar College) published Thomas’s Morning Work (Yale University Press).

Thomas G. Paterson (University of Connecticut) and Michael Hogan (Ohio State University) have edited a collection of essays, Explaining the History of American Foreign Relations (Cambridge University Press). All royalties from sales will be donated to the Armin Rappaport Journal Fund of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, which is coordinating the project.

Ronald Story (University of Massachusetts) and Paul F. Boller, Jr. have published a new paperback edition of A More Perfect Union: Documents in U.S. History (Houghton Mifflin).
Richard J. Melvoin (Deerfield Academy) has published New England Dauphin: War and Society in Colonial Deerfield in paperback (W. W. Norton).

Stephen H. Norwood won the 1991 Herbert G. Gutman Award for Labor’s Flaming Youth: Telephone Operators and Worker Militancy, 1878-1923 (University of Illinois Press).

Lois Rudnick (University of Massachusetts/Bos- ton) and Adele Heller published 1915, The Cultural Moment (Rutgers University Press).


John H. Bracey, Jr. (UMass/Amherst) is general editor of the Black Studies Research Sources, a multi-volume series published by University Publications of America.

James Cronin (Boston College) published The Politics of State Expansion: War, State and Society in Twentieth-Century Britain (1991) and is co-chair of the British History Group at the Harvard University Center for European Studies.

Michael J. Kleyer’s (Boston University) book, The Twentieth-Century World: An International History (Oxford University Press) has been reissued in a new paperback edition.

John Harley Warner (Yale University) received the William H. Welch Prize for The Therapeutic Perspective: Medical Practice, Knowledge, and Identity in America, 1820-1885.

Laura Frader (Northeastern University) published Peasants and Protest: Agricultural Workers, Politics, and Unions in the Auver (University of California Press), and is History Editor of French Politics and Society, a quarterly journal with articles on contemporary France published by the Harvard European Studies Center.


Claudia Goldin’s (Harvard University) Understanding the Gender Gap: An Economic History of American Women (Oxford University Press) was reissued in paperback.

AMERICAN CONFERENCE FOR IRISH STUDIES

The American Conference for Irish Studies, established in 1962, is the largest interdisciplinary organization of its kind, with more than 1500 members in the United States, Canada, Ireland, the United Kingdom, and other countries around the world. Each Spring ACIS holds a national conference attracting 300 or more scholars from academic and literary communities.

Each Fall regional conferences meet in New England, the Middle Atlantic States, in the Mid-West, and in the Western States. In the Spring there is a regional conference in the South. ACIS also sponsors joint sessions at the AHA and MLA annual conferences. Elections are held every two years for regional and national offices. ACIS members receive the following benefits:

* The ACIS Newsletter three times each year
* The Irish Literary Supplement twice a year
* A Guide to Irish Studies, a catalogue of Irish studies in the USA

Society of Historians of American Foreign Relations

Next Annual Meeting

1992 * Vassar College
18-21 June

Social Science History Association

Next Annual Meeting

1992 * Chicago
5-8 November

American Studies Association

Next Annual Meetings

1992 * Costa Mesa, CA
5-8 November
1993 * Boston Park Plaza
4-7 November
1994 * Nashville
27-30 October
1995 * Pittsburgh
9-12 November

American Conference on Irish Studies

Next Annual Meeting

1992 * University College, Galway
4-10 July
1993 * Anaheim
15-18 April
1994 * Atlanta
14-17 April
1995 * Washington, D.C.
30 March - 2 April

New York State Association of European Historians

Next Annual Meeting

1992 * Syracuse
25-26 September

New England Conference on Irish Studies

Next Annual Meeting

1992 * Fairfield University
October

Berkeley Conference on the History of Women

Next Meeting

1993 * Vassar College
11-13 June
AMERICAN INDIAN CULTURE SUMMER PROGRAM

Undergraduate and adult students interested in anthropology and archaeology should consider a new Pine Manor College summer course, American Indian Cultures of the Southwest.

The most spectacular archaeological sites and the best-preserved Native American cultures the United States are to be found in that area but magnificently scenic region known as the Southwest. Beginning with a two week lecture course, students will survey the area's archaeological features, and Pueblo and Alcubraan cultures, with primary focus on the Rio Grande Pueblo cultures of New Mexico.

Following the on-campus portion of this course, the class will travel with an anthropologist to New Mexico to visit museums of Indian culture in Albuquerque and Santa Fe, and then the archaeological sites at Bandelier National Monument and Chaco Canyon National Historical Park where the group will camp for four nights.

The trip tours include the ancient villages of Acoma, Zia, San Ildefonso and Taos, and attendance at tribal events at the Pueblos of Santo Domingo, Picuris and Santa Clara.

Classes begin 20-30 July 1992, followed by on-site classes in New Mexico on 2-13 August. Tuition, housing, meals and travel fees cost approximately $2,838. For information, contact Dr. David Thomas, 2120 West Newton, Manchester College, 400 Heath Street, Chestnut Hill, MA 02167; (617) 731-7000.

CALLS FOR PAPERS

The New York State Association of European Historians meets on 25-26 September 1992 at LeMoyne College in Syracuse. Single papers or panels may be proposed by writing to Larry Eugene Jones, President, NYSAEH, Canisius College, Buffalo, NY 14222.

Swarthmore College seeks papers for its March 1993 conference on "Nineteenth Century Feminist Strategies for Non-Violence." Send proposals (3 copies) to Dr. Wendy E. Chemleowski, Curator, Swarthmore College Peace Collection, Swarthmore, PA 19081-1399.

Winterthur Museum invites proposals for papers to be presented at a conference devoted to "The American Home: Material Culture and Everyday Life." Topical topics will include: living styles and domestic objects from the 17th to the 20th century, as well as material culture, values, and interpretations of domestic life in social and historical contexts. Speakers receive an honorarium plus expenses and the papers will be published. For information, contact Charles Hummel, Winterthur Museum, Winterthur, DE 19735.

The Eastern Imperial Cultural-American Culture Association meets at Pine Manor College on 6-8 November 1992. Send proposals for papers or sessions on any interdisciplinary topic by 5 June to the program chair. Contact: Alan Cleston, Wentworth Institute, Humanities and Social Sciences, 550 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA 02115; (617) 442-9010 ext. 370. The Symposium on the History of Women in Manufacturing, including the sugar industry, which will be published in a book. Please contact (by 30 June 1992) Martin Kaufman, Institute for Massachusetts Studies, Westfield State College, Westfield, MA 01086.


The Society for Utopian Studies annual meeting is in Baltimore on 19-22 November 1992. Send proposals by 15 June to Lois Lebacher, Department of French, University of Arizona, Tucson, AZ 85721.

The Fourth Annual Cooperstown Symposium on Baseball and American Culture meets on 15-17 June 1992. Papers from the humanities and social sciences which reflect scholarly interpretation of the place of baseball in the past, present and future of the US are invited. Selection is by jury, cash prizes are awarded. Contact Dean Alvis L. Hall, Continuing Education Department, SUNY Oneonta, Oneonta, NY 13820-4015.

The Society for the Study of Russian and Eastern European Studies meets at the University of Kansas on 30 April-3 May 1992. Contact William D. Keel, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS 66045.

The 24th Northeast Regional Conference on the Social Studies will meet in Boston on 3-6 March 1993. To receive proposal forms, contact the conference chair, James Harrington, 30 Peterson Park, Marshfield, MA 02050; (617) 834-6342.

CONFERENCES TO MEET

The American Historical Association meets in Washington, D.C. on 27-30 December 1992. After the initial 1 November 1991 deadline, only complete session proposals will be considered. All program participants must be current AHA members. For details see the AHA Perspectives November 1991 issue.

The American Studies Association will meet in Costa Mesa, California on 5-8 November 1992. For information, contact: American Studies Association, Program Committee, 210 South Campus Surge Building, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742; (301) 405-3587.

The Southern Nineteenth-Century Studies Association will meet in Tampa, Florida in April 1992. The conference theme this year is "Color and Colorfulness in 19th-Century Art." For information contact Linda L. Yarbrough, M.D., Costa Nunez, Mahlenberg College, Allentown, PA 18104.

The eighteenth annual conference of the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations (SHAFR) will meet on 18-21 June 1993 at Winthrop College. For information contact the program chair David L. Anderson, History Department, University of Indianapolis, Indianapolis, IN 46229.

The Society for Historians of the Early American Republic (SHERA) will meet 16-19 July 1992 in Gainesville.
VERMONT HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

The Vermont Historical Society and the Vermont Council on the Humanities will present a major exhibit, " Winning the War at Home: Vermont Battling World War I. This exhibit, offered at the Vermont Historical Society Museum in Montpelier from June to January, surveys methods used by federal, state and local government to convince Vermonters of the importance of wartime service, as well as the state’s industrial and agricultural production during the war, and volunteer efforts, military training, fund raising and wartime social services.

Castaicion State College and the Vermont History Alliance produced history curriculum packets in association with this exhibit. For further information, contact the Vermont Historical Society, Pavilion Building, Montpelier, VT 05602, (802) 828-2291.

HARVARD CENTER FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES

The Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies, an interdisciplinary group organized at Harvard University in 1969, offers study groups of interest to historians in the Boston area. Over the past twenty-three years, the Center has encouraged research and teaching about the history, politics, culture and society of Europe.

The Center’s approach is broadly comparative and interdisciplinary; scholars focus on single countries as well as overarching political, social, economic and cultural processes. The Center brings together scholars from universities and colleges in the Boston area, supports Harvard and MIT graduate student dissertation research, hosts European academics and public figures, organizes conferences and workshops on historical and current topics, and conducts fifteen new and continuing study groups.

At any one time, it is home to fifty resident faculty, guests scholars, graduate students, and staff. The interaction between senior faculty and younger scholars, and between Europeans and Americans, is one of its primary objectives to promote the training of a new generation of teachers of European history and politics.

Current study groups open to the public include those on: Britain; Central and Eastern Europe; France; Germany, Greece, Italy and Turkey. Ten other thematic and research study groups are also in place. In most cases, these study groups and seminars are open to all interested students of Europe. Lunch is available at the Center on Fridays throughout the academic year. This is a good opportunity for visiting Europeans, students and faculty from local universities, as well as non-scholars, to meet informally. All are welcome. For information, contact the Center for European Studies, Harvard University, 27 Kirkland Street, Cambridge, MA 02138; (617) 495-4303.

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WASHINGTON, D.C.

Two recent books offer new perspectives on Massachusetts in the Civil War, and a useful counterpoint to the PBS television series on the war. Wearing Water, Waking Adams edited On the Altar of Freedom: A Black Soldier’s Civil War Letters From the Front (University of Massachusetts Press), the letters of Corporal James Gooding, a black soldier in the 54th Massachusetts. Written for publication in the New Bedford Mercury, these are the only surviving contemporary account of army life by a Civil War black soldier.

Katharine Greene Scott edited Fallen Leaves: The Civil War Letters of Major Henry Livermore Abbott (Kent State University Press). Like Corporal Gooding, Major Abbott was a Massachusetts soldier who died in the war but the authors had little else in common. Abbott was a conservative and prejudiced Harvard graduate from Lowell who served in the 20th Massachusetts Regiment alongside Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. His candor and vivid letters home detail the horrors of the war as well as the widespread opposition to emancipation, immigrants and President Lincoln. Both books are richly illustrated and important contributions to recent romantic film and television accounts of the Civil War.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

Applications for resident fellowships from non-tenured faculty members in the humanities may be obtained from David Bromwich, Whitney Humanities Center, Yale University, Box 2968, Yale Station, New Haven, CT 06520.

The Essex Institute is accepting applications for fellowships to encourage the use of its library and museum collections for research and publication on New England history and culture. Fellowships are open to advanced scholars, graduate students, independent scholars and library or museum professionals. Stipends will be awarded for up to two months, at a rate of $550-$750 a month, and, in part, to the generosity of the Salem Marine Society. There is also a possibility of free housing. For further information, contact Essex Institute, Fellowship Office, 132 Essex Street, Salem, Massachusetts.

WELCOME TO NEHA’S NEWEST MEMBERS

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ADDITIONS TO THE UMASS/BOSTON ARCHIVES

The Healey Library at the University of Massachusetts/Boston Harbor Campus announced acquisition of 120 boxes of case records, photographs, correspondence, scrapbooks from an asylum for boys on Thompson Island in Boston harbor. These rare records provide unusual insights into the lives of thousands of homeless, orphaned and delinquent boys educated on this island.

Thompson Island was the site of the Boston Asylum and Farm School as early as 1814, and this reform school operated there in one form or another until the 1975. Today it continues as an educational organization and Outward Bound program.

The collection was inventoried by UMass graduate students and is now available to scholars, along with other social welfare and local history archives collected by the library since 1979. For information or access, contact Elizabeth E. Moore, Healey Library, University of Massachusetts, Boston, MA 02125; (617) 287-5944.

NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL OF HISTORY

The New England Journal of History (NEJH) reflects the new focus of the New England History Teachers Association (NEHTA), for which Editor Robert Cole notes that, "Both the name and the focus of the new publication reflect our concern that history be located in a central and dominant position in any Social Studies curriculum, no matter the level of instruction." Founded in 1897, the NEHTA is the nation's oldest association of history teachers. Annual meetings deal with topics of special interest to its members and other groups and associations in the region and nationally with the National Council for the Social Studies. In 1988 the New England Social Studies Bulletin was renamed the New England Journal of History. It is published and supported by the Edger Award annually for outstanding contributions to teaching, publishing or service to the profession. The NEJH welcomes manuscripts from all interested educators, for which information contact Robert A. Cole, Whitman-Hanson Regional High School, Whitman, MA 02382.

THE TRUSTEES OF RESERVATIONS

Conserving the Massachusetts Landscape for One Hundred Years

The Trustees of Reservations (TTR) is the world’s oldest land trust. Founded in 1891 by Boston landscape architect Charles Eliot, it is dedicated to preserving for public use and enjoyment properties of exceptional historic, scenic and ecological value throughout the Bay State.

It was a request from a government official to a group of women in a small New England town that brought about the beginning of the Trustees of Reservations (TTR). The group’s determination to conserve their landscape led to the formation of the Trustees of Reservations, one of the oldest land trusts in the nation. Today, the Trustees of Reservations manages 250 properties, totaling more than 20,000 acres, and is dedicated to the care and maintenance of these properties for the benefit of all.

Many properties are ideal sites for history course field trips, home tours or excursions. For further information, contact Elizabeth E. Jones, The Trustees of Reservations, 572 Fifth Street, Canterbury, MA 01915; (508) 921-1944.

LOWELL MILL MUSEUM WILL OPEN

The Lowell National Historical Park has announced a new mill museum will open in June. The Root Cotton Mills Museum is a renovated cotton textile mill recreating the workday life of the Lowell textile workers. The main exhibit includes 10 working antique power looms producing cotton cloth.

This mill was built in 1873 as part of the famous Lowell textile mill system. Other exhibits trace the history of Lowell from its growth to an industrial city, and into its post-World War I decline to its revitalizations in the 1970s. Walking tours and trolley tours of the park are led daily by National Park Service rangers. These tours are available in the summer months.

Admission to the park is free; mill tours have a small fee ($1.00 or $2.00). For information contact the Lowell National Historical Park, (908) 459-1000.

SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Smithsonian Institution Fellowships are awarded each year to graduate students and to 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. Fellowships must be in residence at the Smithsonian and its research facilities.

Fellowships may vary. The deadline is 15 January. For information, contact: Smithsonian Institution, Office of Fellowships and Grants, 955 L’Enfant Plaza, Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20560, (202) 357-3021.

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY FACELIFT

The Boston Public Library, one of New England’s greatest public buildings and a true architectural gem, was soon receive some of the attention it deserves. After decades of neglect and deterioration, the almost-century-old main building on Copley Square will undergo a $50 million ten-year renovation.

In October ceremonies at the library, Mayor Raymond Flynn and Massachusetts Senate President William Bulger, who is president of the library’s five-member board of trustees, announced sweeping physical transformation plans. The original building, designed by Charles Follen McKim and opened in the public in 1895, is a designated National Historic Landmark in 1973.

Library supporters noted the appalling condition of the BPL, and its reduction in services and hours of operation in recent years, is a sad commentary on the neglect suffered by many American public buildings. The BPL is a resource on par with the finest private institutions, and is the second-largest public library in the country.

In November the trustees of the library received a gift of $500,000 from the estate of the late Portland Hollis Allen Rines, the former wife and radio producer of the late Fred Allen. The gift will endow the BPL’s Fred Allen Sound Archives, which include scripts and original sound recordings of the Fred Allen network radio broadcasts.

The BPL is open to every resident of Massachusetts, and forty percent of its three million yearly visitors come from outside the city or the state. More than $22 million in city funds and $1.2 million in state funds will support the decades-long restoration.

In March a new private foundation formed to raise an additional $16 million for the later stages of restoration. Contributions may be sent to Friends of the BPL, Boston Public Library, Copley Square, Boston, MA 02116.
HUFFINQS-QUARLES TRAVEL GRANTS

The GAIU Committee on the Status of Minority Historians and Minority History and The Fund for American Historians have announced a new program to endow travel grants for historical archives and collections for students of color. Named for the late Nathan Huggins of Harvard University and for Benjamin Quarles, now retired from a pioneering career as a historian of African Americans, these awards will assist young historians in their doctoral research.

Those interested in contributing to this fund or seeking information may contact George Sanchez, History Department, University of California, 405 Hilgard Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90024.

ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Organized in 1975, the Economic and Business Historical Society encourages interdisciplinary scholarship in business and economic history. The society holds annual meetings and publishes the Journal of Economic History. It also maintains a listserv for members.

NEWEST NATIONAL PARK

The National Park Service announced the establishment of the new national park in Connecticut and the nation's newest national park. A sixty-two-acre farm in Ridgefield, Connecticut, once the home of J. Alden Weir, one of the founders of American Impressionism, won National Historic Site status in 1990.

NEH MEDIA AWARD

In December 1990, the National Endowment for the Arts announced a new grant program for media arts projects. The program is designed to support the creation of new media arts projects that are innovative, experimental, and of high quality.

FEDERAL FUNDS FOR HISTORY

The National Endowment for the Humanities announced a new program to support projects that promote the understanding and appreciation of American history and culture. The program is designed to support projects that are innovative, experimental, and of high quality.
ISTRATORS will be trained in management, accountability, and model curricula. President George Bush and the nation's governors adopted national education goals calling for all students by the year 2000 to demonstrate competence in History, Geography, English, Mathematics and Science. Harvard University received $494,996 and the University of Maine at Orono received $360,177 to operate Academies for School Leaders. The University of Connecticut at Storrs received $338,315 and the Massachusetts Foundation for Teaching and Learning in Randolph received $467,496 to operate Academies for Five Core Disciplines. Academies for History were funded in California, Ohio, Utah and New York.

GRADUATE STUDENT NEHA MEMBERS

Graduate students are always encouraged to join the Association. Full time and part time graduate students pay reduced membership fees ($5.00 per year) and pay no registration fees at the Spring and Fall meetings. They may present papers and participate fully at our meetings. NEHA meetings are a convenient and comfortable forum for presenting research in progress, especially for younger scholars.

We urge faculty members to inform students about this association and to encourage graduate students to participate at our professional conferences. If you would like a supply of brochures and membership applications to distribute to your graduate students, contact the Executive Secretary.

NEW ENGLAND NUMBER CRUNCHING

In 1990 the six New England states had 26,278 college faculty members and 766,963 college students. Overall, the United States had 369,112 faculty and 13,457,855 college students. This means 7 percent of America's professors and 6.6 percent of college students are found in the New England states. These figures, compiled from the Chronicle of Higher Education's Almanac on August 28, 1991, are certainly numbers worth some thought.

Also of interest is a report by Clare Compton, president of the Association of Independent Colleges and Universities of Massachusetts, which noted private colleges are a $10 billion industry. In 1986, 222,000 jobs in Massachusetts were added in the New England states. These figures, compiled from the Chronicle of Higher Education's Almanac on August 28, 1991, are certainly numbers worth some thought.

FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH SOURCES

For many historians, family history term papers, genealogical research and student inquiries have become commonplace. The plethora of social histories in recent years, the television mini-series "Roots" and the bicentennial awakened Americans' interest in their family's ancestry. Since 1976 membership in the New England Genealogical Society, the oldest and largest genealogical organization in the US, has doubled.

The search for the vital records of a family is a necessary first step. Generally, birth, marriage and death records are in the town or city clerk's office. Estate records are found in the county probate court records. Military records are on file at the National Archives. Census records prior to 1930 are likely on microfiche or microfiche at regional or university libraries. Protestant family cemetery records are often kept in the church's office. And you can obtain valuable information on family relationships. In addition, these resources may be useful for family history researchers:

New England Historic Genealogical Society
99 Newbury Street, Boston 02116
(617) 536-3740

Founded in 1845, the NEHGS is the nation's oldest and largest nonprofit organization devoted to the preservation of genealogical research. Its collection, the largest of its kind in the world, includes ship's manifest and census records, some dating to the 17th century. It also has New England newspapers and city directories; an entire floor of local histories for all states; more records on Canadian families than any archives outside Canada; and more than 15,000 volumes on European families. Its library contains 200,000 family and town histories, making it an ideal place to delve into the history of New England families. NEHGS' publisher, while at the hotel, will be available to answer questions and give seminars and sponsored tours. Membership is $5 per year.

Archdiocese of Boston Archives
212 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA 02134
(617) 240-0100

For New England Catholic families, this is a valuable resource, containing parish, school, institutional, baptism, confirmation, marriage and death records as well as personal papers of bishops and archbishops. Outreach programs for researchers and schools are also offered.

National Genealogical Society
1921 Sudderland Place NW
Washington, DC 20036

This society provides a public library and a loan- by-mail service to its members, as well as correspondence courses and publications.

National Archives Correspondence Branch
Washington, DC 20040

The National Archives issues a free packet describing its resources and information on regional branches (such as the Waltham, Massachusetts archival center).

READERS' CONTRIBUTIONS ARE WELCOMED

All readers should feel free to send to the Executive Secretary any newsworthy items. This may include calls for papers, notices of conferences, historical exhibits, publications, film or television coverage and other current information of interest to historians in the New England states. The NEHA News desires to be a comprehensive and convenient source of information on all things historical for its readers. This can only be accomplished with your help. All suggestions and contributions will be gratefully received (if not always acknowledged) by the editor. Please send your own professional news, or that of other members of your department, with your colleagues by writing to the NEHA News editor. Deadlines for publication are September 1 and March 1.

COMPUTERS IN HISTORY

The AHA offers a new booklet for historians confused about computers and the professional application of computer science. The high-tech handbook, Janice L. Reitman's "Structuring the Past: The Use of Computers in History" speaks to historians directly and uses the historical profession as a basis for examining computers and ways to use them more effectively. It discusses information retrieval systems and computer publishing as well as hyper-text programs and telecommunication.

Designed to persuade computer-phobic historians to consider other ways to use computers beyond simple word processing, this little booklet is clear, concise and highly recommended. It is available now for $6.00 (or $8.00 for non-members) from the American Historical Association, Publications Sales Office, 400 A Street, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20003; (202) 544-2422.

NERCOP MEETS AT MOUNT HOLYoke

The New England Regional Computing Program (NERComP) will hold a conference at Mount Holyoke College on April 24, 1992. Entitled "Computer Integration in the Academic Environment," it is fashioned for the academic community to explore innovative and effective approaches to enhance learning by incorporating computer technology into curricula and pedagogy.

Preliminary topics include computer-based writing; creative problem-solving methods and tools; and faculty incentives for computing throughout the curriculum. This conference presents a wide variety of speakers with insights, perspectives, and provocative comments on computing as it pertains to college faculty. Conference attendees discuss selected topics in small group settings, an interactive model designed to address the more immediate issues and problems of the audience.

NERCOP was established in 1970 as an educational association of colleges and universities to promote the sharing of academic computing resources. For information, contact NERCOP, Inc., 500 Lincoln Street, Hingham, MA 02043; (617) 740-0001.

BROOK FARM'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

Launched as a celebration organized by the West Roxbury Historical Society, with the assistance of the Boston Landmarks Commission and the Metropolitan District Commission, attracted more than 700 visitors to Brook Farm. Throughout the day historical and environmental walking tours, period music, archaeological digs to expose and read the works of famous Brook farm residents highlighted this landmark.

In November the Friends of Brook Farm again sponsored tours and walks and exhibits with the assistance of the West Roxbury Historical Society and the Massachusetts Audubon Society.
Both events celebrated the 150th anniversary of this historic estate, set amidst rolling hills, wetlands, woods, and the lands and the remains of a remarkable utopian community. Founded in 1841 by a Unitarian minister, George Ripley, Brook Farm was a unique Transcendentalist community that cooperated in living communally. The community was home to Margaret Fuller, Ralph Waldo Emerson, William Ellery Channing, Nathaniel Hawthorne and other Concord and Boston notables. After the decline of the community, a devastating fire in 1847, it was an extraordinary chapter in American literary and social history.

Since 1847, Brook Farm has been an almshouse, a Civil War Camp for the Second Massachusetts Infantry and a Lutheran Orphanage. In 1988 the MDC purchased the property and since 1989, Steven Pendery, a City of Boston archaeologist, has explored the site. The Friends of Brook Farm organized in 1990 as a non-profit group to preserve and commemorate Brook Farm. Creative educational programs about its historic and environmental significance are now available for school or college classes.

Brook Farm is located on Baker Street in West Roxbury, 1/2 mile west of the WVF Parkway, with an entrance at the Gethsemane Cemetery. Your ideas and suggestions are welcomed. For further information, write to Friends of Brook Farm, 10 Halford Road, West Roxbury, MA 02132.

IN MEMORIAM: CARL BRIDENBAUGH

Carl Bridenbaugh, a former professor of American History at Brown University, the University of California at Berkeley and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, died on January 6 in Providence, Rhode Island.

Long regarded as an outstanding scholar of American Colonial History, Professor Bridenbaugh was author of Cities in the Wilderness (1938); The Colonial Craftsman (1950); and Cities in Revolt: Urban Life in America, 1743-1776 (1955). Also among the dozen books he wrote are Metre and Metrical Poetry in Britain: A Study of Intellectual and Political, 1589-1775 (1962) and Vexed and Troubled England, 1590-1642 (1967).

After WWII service in the U.S. Navy, Professor Bridenbaugh organized the Institute of Early American History and Culture in Williamsburg and served as its first director (1945-50). His prolific scholarship and presidency of the American Historical Association (1962) signify his remarkable contributions to the profession.

IN MEMORIAM: ANNE FARNAM

Anne Farnam, former president of the Essex Institute in Salem, died of cancer on November 12. Ms. Farnam served as curator (1975-83) and president (1984-91) of the institute, established in 1821 as a museum dedicated to Essex County history, art, gardens and historic houses. A Chicago native, and graduate of New York University and Yale University Law School, Ms. Farnam was author of many articles on 19th century suffragist Isabella Beecher Hooker and Boston furniture maker A.H. Davison. She was also a director of the Massachusetts Foundation for Antiquities, Historic Salem Inc. and several other historic associations. In 1991 she received a lifetime achievement award from the Massachusetts Historic Commission.

OLD STURBRIDGE VILLAGE FELLOWSHIPS

Old Sturbridge Village, an outdoor living history museum in Sturbridge, Massachusetts, announces its second annual Research Fellowship to be awarded to a scholar working in the social history and material culture of rural New England from 1770 to 1830. The project need not be limited to rural New England nor to this time period, but must relate significantly to the Village’s time and place. The fellowship is for a 6-12 week period and includes a stipend of $5,250. For application information, write to John Worrell, Old Sturbridge Village, Sturbridge, MA 01566; (508) 347-3362 by 1 July.

AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY SEMINARS


These seminars are intended for literary scholars and historians (including graduate students), librarians, bibliographers and others working on historical topics involving the interpretation of the cultural role of books and other printed materials.

For details and an application, write to John B. Hench, American Antiquarian Society, 185 Salisbury Street, Worcester, MA 01609; (508) 752-5813.

SURVEY AND PLANNING GRANT FUNDS AVAILABLE

The Massachusetts Historical Commission announced that $140,000 is available for federally funded preservation educational activities as well as architectural and archaeological surveys and National Register nominations by public and private nonprofit organizations. For further information, contact Elias Fitzgerald, Massachusetts Historical Commission, 80 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116.

LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION

Founded in 1966, the Latin American Studies Association (LASA) is a nonprofit educational organization fostering scholarly interests in Latin American studies. It provides a forum for individuals and scholars in its quarterly LASA Forum and journal, the Latin American Research Review, as well as more than a dozen task forces, working groups and committees. International conferences are held every eight to ten months, and meets next on 24-26 September 1992 in Los Angeles and again on 10-12 March 1994 in Atlanta.

Over 3500 individuals and 100 institutions are currently listed on the LASA data base. For information, write to the Latin American Studies Association, 946 William Pitt Union, University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA 15260.

SIDNEY BURRELL FELLOWSHIP

The Boston University Department of History announces a fellowship in honor of Professor Sidney A. Burrell, one of the founders and a former president (1972-73) of this Association. This fellowship is intended for students concentrating in European history. It originated with a $5,000 contribution from Nancy Lyman Roelker. Professor Emerita Roelker for many years was a beloved teacher and mentor of students at the Boston University.

Contributions may be sent to William R. Keylor, Chair, Department of History, Boston University, 226 Bay State Road, Boston, MA 02115.

NCC REPORTS

For the past nine years the National Coordinating Committee for the Promotion of History has served as a national advocacy office for the historical profession. A consortium of fifty organizations, the NCC represents the historical profession by issuing policy statements on issues involving federal funding and policy that have an impact on historical research and teaching, the employment of historians, public policy issues relating to history, and the dissemination of historical information. The NCC operates out of an office in the AHA headquarters on Capitol Hill in Washington.

During the past year the NCC has worked on a wide range of federal issues from information policy to historic preservation and support for professional historians. This includes presenting briefings to NCC member organizations, participating in advocacy strategy sessions, and writing legislative updates.

The six major issues for the NCC in 1991 were: a cooperative project with the National Park Service on women's history landmarks, promotion of legislation to insure the integrity of the National Park Service's Department's historical documentary series, systematic declassification of most federal records over thirty years old, reauthorization of the National Endowment for the Humanities, revision of the copyright law to include "fair use" of copyrighted pamphlet materials, and efforts to strengthen the National Archives.

The Organization of American Historians, the National Park Service and the National Coordinating Committee signed a cooperative agreement in 1989 to prepare a comprehensive study theme of women's history sites and to prepare nomination forms for the designation of specific sites as National Historic Landmarks. The project, coordinated by the NCC, is now in its third year. Considerable progress has been made in preparing a book of essays that will incorporate both the most recent scholarship in women's history and knowledge of historic sites associated with women's experiences and contributions in coordinating the preparation of nomination forms for women's resources that will be considered for National Historic Landmark status.

The New England Historical Association was one of the half dozen organizations responsible for founding the NCC in 1976. For information about how NCC activities, Association members are invited to write to Page Putnam Miller, Director, NCC, 400 A Street SW, Washington, DC 20003.

WOBBLIES UNITE

The Industrial Workers of the World (IWW), known also as the Wobblies, is a syndicalist labor union and radical reform movement founded in Chicago in 1905. Among its many colorful and controversial founders were Eugene V. Debs, William "Big Bill" Haywood and Elizabeth Gurley Flynn. Since 1984 the IWW offers a fascinating selection of books, records, cassette, compact disks, calendars, rebel songbooks and publications suitable for high school or college history courses. For information or a catalogue, write to the IWW Literature Fund, Box 204, Oak Park, IL 60303-0204.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE NEHA

The New England Historical Association (NEHA) was founded in 1966 as an independent organization for historians in all disciplines and fields. Membership is open to all persons or organizations interested in the study, writing, teaching, preservation and love of history. It is not restricted to American or New England Studies. The NEHA is a regional affiliate of the American Historical Association.

Annual dues (calendar year) for members are $10.00, or $5.00 for part-time faculty, students and retirees. Life membership is $250.00. For information or special circumstances write to the NEHA, 185 Salisbury Street, Boston, MA 02116.

The Association Fund assists in supporting the work of this organization. Members may add contributions to this fund to their annual dues payments. All contributions to the Association Fund and membership dues are tax deductible.

Most members pay annual dues in October when registering for the Fall conference. But payments are accepted at anytime. Any overpayments are credited to the following year's dues. If you are NOT a member for annual dues, but eventually delete those names from our computerized mailing list, if you do not register for the Spring meeting, please use the conference registration form to mail your dues payment to the Executive Secretary. Make checks payable to NEHA.

Please invite your friends, students and colleagues to join the New England Historical Association. We are pleased to add new members from any state, region or country. New members may send their names, mailing address, area of
interest and checks (in U.S. funds only) to:
The New England Historical Association
Pine Manor College,
Chestnut Hill, MA 02167

BECKER COLLEGE'S HISTORIC CAMPUS

Becker College, established in Worcester in 1887, has received much attention for its historic preservation work. With 50 buildings, located on ten acres in the Governor Levi Lincoln Estate residential section, some of Worcester's finest examples of 19th and early 20th century houses. In 1980 the small, thriving college decided to stabilize its existing buildings and restore others. In many cases the homes were impressive residences built a century ago by some of Worcester's most prominent families, but they had fallen into disrepair and contributed to the city's decline.

Becker College spends $250,000 a year on renovation, with only limited contributions from foundations. Each year one building is vacated and completely restored, returning to service as a college office or a dormitory for twenty students. Of the college's 30 buildings on the Worcester campus, 20 are listed on the National Register of Historic Places. This means that Becker College owns the largest number of Register buildings in Massachusetts.

The college's efforts have revitalized the neighborhood as well as instilled a sense of pride among residents. It has also inspired others to restore and renovate too. In 1990, the American Institute of Architecture and Preservation Worcester (formerly known as the Worcester Heritage Preservation Society) honored Becker College president Arnold Welker for his historic restoration efforts.

Walking tours and architectural workshops are popular events. This restoration program, begun as a community project, will also become aninjective force for the college but is now considered a model in urban campus expansion.

ARCHAEOLOGY AT BOSTON UNIVERSITY

Last summer Professor Curtis Runnels of the Boston University Department of Archaeology made a startling discovery at an archaeological site in the site 180 northwest of Athens. He and his team found a flat-hand ax which may push back the first known occurrence of Paleolithic human society in Greece by 450,000 years.

On a hot afternoon, Runnels saw a flat-inch protruding from the sun-baked clay wall of a ravine. Using the Swiss Army knife in his pocket, he gingerly removed an Acheulian hand-ax in virtually unaged condition. The discovery of such an object, in a region where hard evidence of early human existence had long been expected but not found, makes this the most significant discovery for the early prehistory of Greece in more than thirty years.

This "endemic" find is only the most recent in a long series of hallmark discoveries for the BU program which is the only university in the United States operating a full-scale archaeological department. Growing steadily in size and stature since 1974, when Professor James Wiseman founded the Journal of Field Archaeology at Boston University, the program includes the Center for Archaeological Studies (1980) and the Office of Public Archaeology (1981). It also houses the Archaeological Institute of America, the nation's premier archaeological organization (1983), and the American Journal of Archaeology.

Today the department includes fifteen faculty members, 1,114 students and 100 graduate and undergraduate students in archaeology B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. programs. Research continues on five continents (Cyprus, Greece, Egypt, Yugoslavia, the Virgin Islands, Massachusetts and New Hampshire), and recently also in Iraq, Turkey, Jordan and China. For further information, contact Professor James Wiseman, Boston University, Chair, Department of Archaeology, 475 Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, MA 02215; (617) 333-2000.

US APPLICANTS DWINDLE, INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS INCREASE

While the number of American high school graduates continues to decline, American colleges and universities fill classrooms and dormitories with international students. The Institute of International Education reported the number of foreign students on U.S. campuses in the Fall 1990 semester rose by 5.3% to a record 407,000. Asian students led the way, accounting for 56 percent of the U.S. international student population, especially due to students from China (39,600), Japan (36,600), Taiwan (33,500), India (28,000) and Korea (23,400).

Locally, Boston University leads the way with 3,633 foreign students, the fourth highest international student population in the nation. Unfortunately, from the historians' viewpoint, business and engineering are reported to be the most popular majors with these students.

AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE TRAIL

Cambridge Mayor Kenneth Reeves, the first black mayor in Massachusetts, announced the establishment of the African American Heritage Trail. The trail, using twenty sites where prominent African Americans once lived and worked, illustrates the city's role in black history. It is the first phase of the African American Heritage Project, jointly sponsored by the Cambridge Historical Commission and Cambridge Discovery, a non-profit tourism organization.

Black residents appeared in the city by 1638, and among the luminaries in Cambridge history are William W. Brown, the nation's first black novelist; Pauline Hopkins, editor of the first African-American magazine; W. E. B. DuBois, Harvard's first black Ph.D. and founder of the NAACP; and Assistant Attorney General Henry Louis Lewis (1911-1913).

The African American Heritage Trail will be completed by year's end. For further information, call the director of the Cambridge Historical Commission, Charles Sullivan, (617) 349-4683.

WITH WEAPONS AND WIT EXHIBITION

This Spring the Museum of Our National Heritage in Lexington, Massachusetts marks the 50th anniversary of U.S. participation in World War II with an unusually fine exhibition on the uses of propaganda in that war. With Weapons and Wit: Propaganda and Psychological Warfare During World War II presents a wide array of posters, artifacts and original letters, as well as General George Patton's farewell address to his troops and other memorabilia of the war years.

Propaganda, whether used to marshal support, develop attitudes, build morale on the homefront, or as a strategic psychological weapon against the enemy, played a central role in WW II. This collection, largely materials gathered in Britain and the United States by Kenneth W. Rendell, offers a rare glimpse into the last "good war."

The exhibit is open from December-May. For details or group tours, contact the Museum of Our National Heritage, 33 Marrett Road, Lexington, MA 02173; (617) 861-6559.

NATIONAL ARCHIVES NEWS

The New England branch of the National Archives in Waltham, Massachusetts recently released 1,200 Census data. Unusually large numbers of visitors arrived at the archives on March 1 to study personal data collected by 900,000 U.S. census enumerators in January 1950.

Most visitors were seeking family history information, or long lost ancestors, but others were professional genealogists and historians. Statistical data were published long ago, but detailed information on individuals was unclassified for 72 years, the average life span of Americans at the time. The result has been an unprecedented public interest in the National Archives. For information, contact National Archives, 360 Main Street, Waltham, MA 02154.

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COMMUNICATIONS

To the Editor:

I appreciate the Association's policy of accepting and encouraging single papers from solitary scholars for presentation at NEHA conferences. Perhaps other historical associations will take this enlightened view rather than accepting only complete panels prepared and prepackaged by groups of colleagues. As an independent scholar working in isolation, I was very pleased to participate in the fine NEHA meeting last Spring.

Joseph P. Baratta

Society for the Study of Internationalism
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To the Editor:

May I offer my congratulations on the expanded and much improved NEHA News? The last few issues have been superb. I do not regret the omission of the printed abstracts of papers presented at the previous meeting, and I find the Plan Ahead page extremely useful. Now if you could only find a new name for the newsletter?

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