

THE EDITOR'S CORNER

The Thomas Newcomen Award in Business History, consisting of \$1000 and a scroll for the best book in business history during 1974–76, has been awarded to Irvine H. Anderson, Jr., Assistant Professor of History, University of Cincinnati, for his *The Standard-Vacuum Oil Company and United States East Asian Policy, 1933–1941*, published in 1975 by Princeton University Press.

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We are pleased to announce that the *Business History Review* is included among 526 English-language periodicals that have been indexed from their first volumes through 1974 in *Combined Retrospective Index Sets*. For particulars, write Mr. William W. Buchanan, Publisher, Carrollton Press, Inc., 1911 Fort Meyer Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22209.

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The Regional Economic History Research Center of the Eleutherian Mills-Hagley Foundation announces an interdisciplinary research program in the economic history of the Mid-Atlantic states, 1750–1850. The project will focus on the transition from the rural, agrarian, settlement era to the early phase of an industrial, urban society, paying particular attention to the social context and consequences of that transition. The Center invites the participation of economic, social, and intellectual historians, as well as historians of science and technology, agriculture, labor, and others. In addition, the Center seeks interested scholars in other disciplines, such as economics, sociology, anthropology, and geography. Researchers will be in residence at the Eleutherian Mills Historical Library.

Research stipends include Senior Postdoctoral Fellowships (maximum per academic year, \$20,000) and Junior Postdoctoral Fellowships (\$15,000 maximum). In addition, for both postdoctoral and predoctoral researchers, the Center offers grants for stays of less than one semester, as well as summer stipends. These grants are available from July 1, 1977 through June 30, 1980. The project is supported by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Applications may be submitted at any time after January 1, 1977, but those wishing to begin research before October 1977 should complete the application process by April 15, 1977. For additional information about the Center and its program, and for fellowship application forms, write: Glenn Porter, Director, Regional Economic History Research Center, Eleutherian Mills-Hagley Foundation, Greenville, Wilmington, Delaware 19807.

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The Eleutherian Mills-Hagley Foundation, Wilmington, Delaware, has published the proceedings of the conference held in December 1975

to lay plans for the Regional Economic History Research Center. The volume, edited by Glenn Porter, Director of the Center, is entitled *Regional Economic History: The Mid-Atlantic Area Since 1700* and contains papers presented by scholars in economic and social history and the history of technology.

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The 1977 Economic History Association meetings in New Orleans, September 15–17 will include a session devoted to reports on dissertation research by six to eight students who will receive their Ph.D. in economic history by the end of the spring term, 1977. The session will be chaired by Professors Louis P. Cain and Charles K. Harley. Persons who wish to be considered for participation should send two copies of a 2,000 word abstract of their dissertation to Professor Louis P. Cain, Department of Economics, Loyola University of Chicago, 820 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60611, by June 1, 1977. The names of those selected will be announced by June 30, 1977. Therefore, all abstracts should include an address where the author can be reached in June, 1977.

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The Johns Hopkins University's Department of History will hold a "Summer Seminar on Quantitative Techniques in Historical Research," June 6 through July 29, 1977. The seminar is designed for faculty members and graduate students, but advanced undergraduates can apply for admission. The program will emphasize the acquisition of basic statistical and computer skills and the fundamentals of project design. Total tuition is \$500.00 and applications, which must be accompanied by a \$25.00 deposit, are due on May 1, 1977. Write to Professor Vernon Lidtke, Chairman, Department of History, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland 21218 for further information.

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An organization for the advancement of business history was founded in Germany on June 10, 1976, under the title of Gesellschaft für Unternehmensgeschichte. Among the founders were historians and business leaders, including a member of the Siemens family. The organization will seek to investigate the role of businessmen in social life and individual enterprises; to deal with the theory and methodology of the historiography of business enterprise; to promote and suggest scholarly work in these fields; to organize dialogues between business, academia, and the public at large; and to sponsor and advise those who deal with questions relating to the field concerned. The first public meeting of the new association took place in Munich on November 18, 1976, in the offices of the Bavarian Academy of Sciences, where a paper, "The Business Leader in the Historical Past and in Our Own Time," was presented. The address of the organization is Koblenzer Strasse 102, 5000 Koln 51, West Germany.

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The history of the Textile Workers Union of America (TWUA) recounted by the people involved will be recorded by the State Historical Society of Wisconsin in an oral history project funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The Society will tape interviews with former and present leaders of the union, which was once the third largest in the CIO.

The written records of the TWUA comprise an important collection in the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, one of the country's foremost resources for the study of American labor history.

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On November 1, 1976, the Division of Archives and Manuscripts of the Minnesota Historical Society, formerly located at 690 Cedar Street and 117 University Avenue, St. Paul, will be consolidated at 1500 Mississippi Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101, along with reference and technical services and division offices.

The Reading Room at 1500 Mississippi Street will be open to the public as of November 1, 1976, from 8:30 to 5:00, Monday through Friday.

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Charles R. Schultz, Archivist of Texas A. & M. University, College Station, Texas 77843, announces that the University has published another in its series, *Bibliography of Maritime and Naval History*, covering articles published during 1974 and 1975. The Bibliography was compiled by Mr. Schultz and Pamela A. McNulty.

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The United States Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, has published a new edition of *Historical Statistics of the United States, Colonial Times to 1970*, 2 vols., available from the Assistant Public Printer (Superintendent of Documents), U. S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402, or any District Office of the Department of Commerce.

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The University of Virginia Press has published, for the New-York Historical Society, *The Beekman Mercantile Papers, 1746-1799*, ed. Philip L. White, 3 vols. 1976, \$37.50, described as "one of the largest published collections of eighteenth-century American commercial correspondence."

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The International Association of Economic History has published a newsletter giving information on symposia, congresses, and other meetings in this field to be held from October 1, 1976 to September 30, 1977. For further information, write Professor Dr. H. Van Der Wee, Centrum voor Economische Studiën, Universiteit Leuven, 2b, Van Evenstraat, B-3000 Leuven (Belgium).

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The next annual meeting of the Economic and Business Historical Society will be held April 21–23, 1977, at the Hilton Hotel in Denver, Colo. Anyone interested in attending should write to Professor Charles Kennedy, CBA Building, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE 68588.

Professor Philip R. Smith, president-elect and program chairman for the meeting scheduled for April 27–29, 1978, at a site to be announced, is now making arrangements for that program. Anyone interested in participating in 1978 should write to Professor Philip R. Smith, Department of Social Service, Bessey Hall, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI 48824.

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The Regional Economic History Research Center, Eleutherian Mills-Hagley Foundation will sponsor a conference on May 6, 1977, at 2:00 p. m., on Social Change in Early Industrial Communities, under the chairmanship of Professor Thomas C. Cochran, Department of History, University of Pennsylvania. The speakers will be Andrew Beveridge, Department of Sociology, Columbia University, "The Social Effects of Credit: Cheshire Co., N.H., 1830–1860"; Anthony F. C. Wallace, Department of Anthropology, University of Pennsylvania, "A Cotton Manufacturing Village: Rockdale, Pa., 1825–1865"; and Stefanie Grauman Wolf, Bicentennial College, University of Pennsylvania, "Artisans and the Occupational Structure of an Industrial Town: 18th Century Germantown, Pa." The commentator will be Professor Merritt Roe Smith, Department of History, Ohio State University. Further information can be obtained from Glenn Porter, Director, Regional Economic History Research Center, Eleutherian Mills-Hagley Foundation, Greenville, Wilmington, Delaware 19807.

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The Academy of Accounting Historians announces that the first issue of a new publication, *The Accounting Historians Journal*, will appear early in 1977. Subscriptions (\$22.50 for three years and \$7.50 for one year, for non-members of the Academy; \$12.50 and \$5, respectively, for members) should be addressed to Gary J. Previts, Co-editor, P. O. Box HJ, University, Alabama 35486, checks payable to *The Accounting Historians Journal*.

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The Editor regretfully reports, with apologies to the author, that the person who undertook to review Mary O. Furner, *Advocacy and Objectivity: A Crisis in the Professionalization of American Social Science 1865–1905*, published in 1974 by the University Press of Kentucky, has abandoned his commitment and has not responded to our letters. Readers who especially wish to see this book reviewed, for the record, should communicate with the Editor.

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