

Editors' Notes

OBITUARY

James Pitts Alexander, Journals Director for Cambridge University Press, died on July 28 after an extended illness. He was 45. Mr. Alexander joined Cambridge in 1986 as Journals Manager and was promoted to Journals Director in 1993. He served on the Copyright Committee of the Association of American University Presses and of the Association of American Publishers and on the Journals Committee of the latter organization. Anyone wishing to make a memorial contribution in Mr. Alexander's name may do so to the Cruso Community Center, Cruso Road, Canton, North Carolina 28716 or to The Damien Center, Inc., 1350 North Pennsylvania Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46202.

FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL E.H.A. MEETING

The 1996 Annual Meeting of the Economic History Association will take place at the Claremont Resort and Spa, Berkeley, California, from 6 to 8 September 1996. The theme of the program will be "Comparative History: What Can We Learn from Comparing Two Historical Episodes, One of Which May Be the Present?" The program committee consists of Avner Greif, Chair, and Charles Calomiris, Timothy Guinnane, and Judith Miller. The committee welcomes proposals for entire sessions as well as for individual papers. The former should include proposals for each paper in the session, and the committee reserves the right to determine which papers will be presented in a session if it is accepted or to incorporate one or more of the proposed papers into other panels if it decides not to accept the session. Send two copies of the abstract for each proposed paper and, if at all possible, of the draft of the paper itself to Avner Greif, Department of Economics, Stanford University, Stanford, CA 94305 (email: avner@Leland.stanford.edu). For full consideration, proposals must be received by 15 January 1996. Notices of acceptance will be sent to the individual paper givers by 12 March 1996.

Persons expecting to receive their Ph.D. during the academic year 1995/96 are invited to apply for inclusion in the dissertation session. Dissertations on U.S. or Canadian history should be sent to Joshua Rosenbloom, Department of Economics, Summerfield Hall, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas 66045. (Queries may be sent by email to jrosenbl@stat1.cc.ukans.edu.) Dissertations chosen for presentation at the session are finalists for the Allen Nevins Prize. Dissertations on non-U.S. and Canadian history should be sent to Jean-Laurent Rosenthal, Department of Economics, 405 Hilgard Avenue, University of California at Los Angeles, Los Angeles, California 90024 (email: rosentha@econ.sscnet.ucla.edu). Those that are chosen for presentation are finalists for the Alexander Gerschenkron Prize. Applicants must send a copy of their dissertation to the appropriate convenor so that it reaches him by 7 June 1996.

AWARDS AT THE 1995 E.H.A. MEETING

The following prizes were awarded at the fifty-fifth annual meeting of the Economic History Association, held in Chicago, Illinois, from 8 to 10 September 1995.

The Arthur H. Cole Prize for the outstanding article published in this JOURNAL in the September 1994 through June 1995 issues, to David R. Weir of the University of Chicago, for his article "Family Income, Mortality, and Fertility on the Eve of the Demographic Transition: A Case Study of Rosny-sous-Bois," which appeared in the March 1995 issue. The Cole Prize recipient is selected each year by this JOURNAL's editorial board.

The Allen Nevins Prize for the outstanding dissertation in U.S. or Canadian economic history during 1994/95, to John Majewski of the University of California at Santa Barbara,

for his "Commerce and Community: Internal Improvements in Virginia and Pennsylvania, 1780–1860," completed at the University of California, Los Angeles, under the direction of Joyce Appleby.

The Alexander Gerschenkron Prize for the outstanding dissertation in non-U.S. or Canadian history during 1994/95, to William R. Summerhill III of the University of California, Los Angeles, for his "Railroads and the Brazilian Economy Before 1914," completed at Stanford University under the direction of Stephen H. Haber.

The Jonathan Huges Prize for 1995 for excellence in teaching economic history, to William Parker of Yale University.

In addition, the following scholars were awarded Arthur H. Cole Grants-In-Aid: Stephen D. Behrendt, University of Northern Iowa, for a study of the "British Slave Trade, 1780–1807"; Caroline M. Fohlin, California Institute of Technology, for a study of "German Banks"; Mary Eschelbach Gregson, Knox College, for a study of "Midwestern Middlemen, 1860–1880"; and Gail D. Triner, Rutgers University, for a study of "Brazilian Interest Rates, 1906–1930."

NOMINATIONS FOR JONATHAN HUGHES TEACHING PRIZE

The Committee on Teaching of the Economic History Association is inviting nominations for the third annual Jonathan Hughes Prize for Excellence in Teaching Economic History. Letters of nomination should state what qualities of excellence the candidate's teaching of economic history has embodied. The strength of the nominating letter will be the primary basis for selecting the pool of finalists for the prize. After arriving at a short list of finalists, the committee will gather further supporting information. Anyone is eligible to write a letter of nomination. Letters of nomination should be received by 20 March 1996, and should be sent to: David Mitch, Department of Economics, University of Maryland, Baltimore County, Baltimore, MD 21228.

TWELFTH WORLD CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC HISTORY ASSOCIATION

The Executive Committee of the IEHA recently selected the following "A" themes for the 1998 World Congress. If you would like more information or wish to offer to participate in a session, please contact the scholar listed under each title. "A" themes are meant to focus attention upon major subjects of research in economic history that have attracted world-wide interest and seem ripe for review, debate, and possibly synthesis. Organizers of "A" themes are obligated to host a pre-conference in 1997, at which substantial papers on the topic will be presented and debated. At the Seville Congress several "reporters" will attempt to review the issues raised, engage in critical debate, and propose lines of future research. "A" sessions are typically well attended and stimulate a great deal of discussion from the floor. Following the Congress, the papers will be revised and published in a separate volume.

The Economic Consequences of Empires (Organizers: Leandro Prados de la Escosura, Spain, and Patrick K. O'Brien, UK)

CONTACT: Prof. Leandro Prados de la Escosura, Departamento de Economía, Universidad Carlos III, 28903 Getafé, Madrid, Spain

The Legacy of Western European Fiscal and Monetary Institutions in the New World: The Seventeenth to the Nineteenth Century (Organizers: Michael Bordo, USA, and Robert Cortés Conde, Argentina)

CONTACT: Prof. Michael Bordo, Department of Economics, Rutgers University, New Jersey Hall, Hamilton Street, PO Box 5055, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903, USA

The Court as an Economic Institution (Organizers: Maurice Aymard, France, and M. Romani, Italy)

CONTACT: Prof. Maurice Aymard, Maison des Sciences de l'Homme, 54 Boulevard Raspail, 75006 Paris, France

Population Dynamics and Economic Growth: Long-Term Perspectives on Changing Interaction (Organizers: Tommy Bengtsson, Sweden, Akira Hayami, Japan, and D. Reher, Spain)

CONTACT: Prof. Tommy Bengtsson, Department of Economic History, Lund University, PO Box 7983, S-220 07 Lund, Sweden

The Biological Standard of Living and Economic Development: Nutrition, Health and Well Being in Historical Perspective (Organizers: John Komlos, Germany, and S. Coll, Spain)

CONTACT: John Komlos, Universität München, Ludwigstrasse 33-IV, 80539 München, Germany

The Executive Committee also selected a number of "B" themes. A list of topics and persons to contact follows. A "B" session is meant to address an active and vigorous subject of research in economic history and to foster exchange between researchers from different countries and those with differing approaches. At the same time, a "B" theme should focus on a question where scholars have already achieved sufficiently impressive results that it would be timely to bring them to the attention of a wider audience. Organizers of "B" themes are asked to put together a panel of speakers and expert discussants who will present their findings over two one-half-day sessions in Seville. Brief (10-page) versions of the papers will be published in advance of the Congress so that all participants may prepare themselves for the discussions. "B" sessions are typically attended by 30 to 60 participants (occasionally by hundreds) in addition to the panelists. Following the Congress, full and revised versions of the papers are often published elsewhere.

Precious Metals and Monetary History in Global Perspective, 1500–1700 (Organizers: Dennis O. Flynn, USA, Michel Morineau, France, and Richard von Glahn, USA)

CONTACT: Prof. Dennis O. Flynn, Economics Department, University of the Pacific, 3601 Pacific Avenue, Stockton, CA 95211, USA

The Insurance Industry in Industrial Societies: Its Economic Role Both as Agent and Market from the Eighteenth Century to Today (Organizers: Alain Plessis, France, P. Borscheid, Germany, and E. Frax, Spain)

CONTACT: Prof. Alain Plessis, 140 Rue du Faubourg Saint-Honoré 75008 Paris, France

Finance and the Making of the Modern Capitalist World, 1750–1931 (Organizers: P. L. Cottrell, UK, and Jaime Reis, Portugal)

CONTACT: Prof. P. L. Cottrell, Department of Economic and Social History, University of Leicester, Leicester LE1 7RH, England

The Microeconomic Analysis of the Household and the Labor Market, 1880–1939 (Organizers: Paul Johnson, UK, and Timothy Guinnane, USA)

CONTACT: Dr. Paul Johnson, Department of Economic History, London School of Economics, Houghton Street, London WC2A 2AE, England

Historical Benchmark Comparisons of Output and Productivity (Organizers: B. van Ark, Netherlands, J. L. van Zanden, Netherlands, and E. Buyst, Belgium)

CONTACT: Dr. B. van Ark, N. W. Posthumus Instituut, Economics Faculty, University of Groningen, PO Box 800, 9700 AV Groningen, Netherlands

Railway Management and its Organizational Structure, Its Impact on and Diffusion into the General Economy (Organizers: John Armstrong, UK, Christopher Bouneau, France, and Javier Vidal, Spain)

CONTACT: Javier Vidal, Departamento de Análisis Económico Aplicado, Facultad de Ciencias Económicas, Universidad de Alicante, Aparto. de Correos 99, E-03080 Alicante, Spain

Markets for Art, 1400–1900 (Organizers: Michaël North, Germany, and Daniel Ormrod, UK)

CONTACT: Michaël North, Universität Kiel, Historisches Seminar, Olshausenstr 40, D-24098 Kiel, Germany

Trends in Income Inequality During Industrialization (Organizers: Leonid Borodkin, Russia, and Peter Lindert, USA)

CONTACT: Prof. Leonid Borodkin, History Faculty, Moscow State University, Vorobyory Gory, Moscow 119 899, Russia, CIS, or Prof. Peter Lindert, Department of Economics, University of California, Davis, CA 95616

Aristocracy, Patrimonial Management Strategies, and Economic Development, 1450–1800 (Organizers: Barolomé Yum, Spain, P. Janssens, Belgium, and Robert Brenner, USA)

CONTACT: Prof. Bartolomé Yum, Departamento de Historia e Instituciones Económicas, Facultad de Ciencias Económicas y Empresariales, Avda. Carretera Valle de Esgueva, Universidad de Valladolid, Valladolid, Spain

Global Markets, the Internationalization of the Sea Transport Industries Since 1850 (Organizers: Gelina Harlaftis, Greece, and David J. Starkey, UK)

CONTACT: Dr. Gelina Harlaftis, University of Piraeus, Department of Maritime Studies, 40 Karaoli-Dimitriou str., 185 32 Piraeus, Greece

Land, Labour, and Tenure: The Institutional Arrangements of Conflict and Cooperation in Comparative Perspective (Organizers: Jonathan Liebowitz, USA, Francesco Galassi, UK, and Kyle Kauffman, USA)

CONTACT: Prof. Jonathan Liebowitz, Department of History, University of Massachusetts, Lowell, Massachusetts 08154

The Phenomenon of Deindustrialization (Organizer: Michel Hau, France)

CONTACT: Michel Hau, 50 Rue d'Altkirch, 67100 Strasbourg, France

The Cooperative Movement in Historical Perspective, its Role, Forms, and its Economic, Social, and Cultural Impact (Organizers: Lidmila Nemcova, Czech Republic, Vaclav Prucha, Czech Republic, and Roman Holec, Czech Republic)

CONTACT: Dr. Lidmila Nemcova, K. Rybnickum 17, 10000 Praha 10, Czech Republic

Integration of Commodity Markets in History (Organizers: Jonas Ljungberg, Sweden, Giovanni Frederico, Italy, and K. G. Persson, Denmark)

CONTACT: Prof. Jonas Ljungberg, Department of Economic History, Box 7083, S-22007 Lund, Sweden

Networks of Enterprises and Networks of Entrepreneurs in Industrialized Countries, Mid-Eighteenth to Mid-Twentieth Centuries (Organizers: M. Lescure, France, Ph. Jobert, France, Michael Moss, Scotland, and A. Slaven, Scotland)

CONTACT: Prof. Michael Moss, The Centre for Business History in Scotland, 4 University Gardens, University of Glasgow, Glasgow G112 8QQ, Scotland

Guilds: Standards, Conflicts and Civil Society (Organizers: Carlo Poni, Italy, and S. R. Epstein, UK)

CONTACT: Prof. Carlo Poni, Università degli Studi di Bologna, Dipartimento di Scienze Economiche, Strada Maggiore 45, 40125 Bologna, Italy

Public Debt, Public Finance, Money and the Balance of Payments in the Debtor Countries, 1890–1933 (Organizers: Broder, France, V. I. Bovykine, Russia, and Andrés Maranhão-Szmrecsanyi, Brazil)

CONTACT: Prof. Albert Broder, Institut Jean-Baptiste Say, Département d'Histoire, Université de Paris XII, Val de Marne, 61 Avenue du Général de Gaulle, 94010 Créteil Cedex, France

The Executive Committee will decide on "C" sessions for the World Congress when it next meets in May 1996. There may be as many as 50 "C" Sessions at the meetings in Seville. These sessions, of three and one-half hours each, are intended to give scholars working on specialized subjects or pioneering new sources, methods, or topics the opportunity to exchange ideas. The way in which they are run is left to the discretion of the organizer. The deadline for submission of Proposals for "C" sessions will be early February 1996. Proposals should be sent to Joseph Goy, General Secretary, International Economic History Association, Centre de Recherches Historiques, 54 Boulevard Raspail, 75270 Paris Cedex 06, France. [Fax: 011.33.1.49.54.23.99] The proposal (1) should give a precise descriptive title for the session that indicates the geographical and chronological scope of the presentations; (2) provide a paragraph or two that elaborates the topic or theme and indicates its interest or importance to Congress participants; and (3) include a partial and tentative list of papers and participants. The address, phone numbers, and (if relevant) E-mail address of the organizer(s) should also be attached. It would be helpful in addition to send a copy of any submission to Richard Sutch, Director, Institute of Business and Economic Research, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720. [FAX: 510.642.5018]

Finally, recent recipients of the Ph.D. (doctoral) degree are invited to present summaries of their doctoral research at "D" Sessions at the Seville Congress. Twenty-five page summaries of accepted dissertations will be published in a volume of the Congress Proceedings (which will be distributed free of additional charge to all Congress registrants). To be eligible for participation, the participant's degree must have been awarded between 1 January 1993 and 31 December 1996 (inclusive). Accepted dissertations will be grouped into four panels of 6 to 8 candidates per session. The sessions will cover Ancient and Medieval topics, Early Modern, Nineteenth Century (to 1914), and Twentieth Century (from 1914). All dissertations accepted for the "D" Sessions will receive an award. One dissertation from each of the four panels will be awarded a prize of at least \$1,000 (possibly substantially more). Scholars interested in submitting their dissertations should write for application instructions to Joseph Goy, General Secretary, International Economic History Association, Centre de Recherches Historiques, 54 Boulevard Raspail, 75270 Paris Cedex 06, France. [Fax: 011.33.1.49.54.23.99] The IEHA will subsidize the travel costs of scholars whose dissertations are accepted for "D" sessions.

ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

The Economic and Business Historical Society will hold its annual meeting in Savannah, Georgia from 25 to 27 April 1996. The keynote speaker will be Professor Eugene Genovese. An interdisciplinary association with an international membership, EBHS welcomes papers in business and economic history, corporate and economic culture, international perspectives on business, and management-labor relations. Please send a two-page abstract of your paper by 7 January 1996 to: Charles Dellheim, President and

Program Chair, EBHS, Director of Interdisciplinary Humanities, Arizona State University, Tempe, AZ 85287-0302.

TRAVEL-TO-COLLECTIONS GRANTS

Three or more grants of up to \$750 are available from the John W. Hartman Center for Sales, Advertising, and Marketing History, Special Collections Library, Duke University, Durham, NC, to (1) graduate students in any academic field who wish to use the resources of the Center for research toward M.A., Ph.D., or other postgraduate degrees, (2) faculty members working on research projects, or (3) independent scholars working on nonprofit projects. Funds may be used to help defray costs of travel to Durham and local accommodations.

In 1996, for the first time, the travel-to-collections program will include three J. Walter Thompson Research Fellowships. In addition to the regular TTC grants (awards of up to \$750 available to faculty, graduate students, and independent researchers), the Hartman Center will fund three J. Walter Thompson Research Fellows. Each fellow will receive a stipend of \$1,000 during his or her stay in Durham. Fellowships are available to researchers planning to spend a minimum of two weeks at Duke doing research in the J. Walter Thompson Company Archives.

The major collections available at the Hartman Center at the current time are the extensive Archives of the J. Walter Thompson Company (JWT)—the oldest advertising agency in the United States and a major international agency since the 1920s—and the advertisements (1932+) and a moderate amount of agency documentation from D'Arcy, Masius, Benton & Bowles (DMB&B). The Center holds several other smaller collections relating to nineteenth- and twentieth-century advertising and marketing.

Awards may be used between 1 December 1995 and 31 December 1996. Graduate student applicants must be currently enrolled in a postgraduate program in any academic department and must enclose a letter of recommendation from the student's advisor or project director. Please address questions and requests for application forms to: Marion Hirsch, John W. Hartman Center for Sales, Advertising and Marketing History, Special Collections Library, Duke University, Box 90185, Durham, NC 27708-0185; Phone: 919-660-5827; Fax: 919-684-2855; E-mail: mph@mail.lib.duke.edu. Applications for 1994/95 awards must be received or postmarked by 15 October 1994. Awards will be announced by mid-November.

THE CATASTO OF 1427 ON LINE

The data set compiled by David Herlihy and Christiane Klapisch-Zuber from Florence's 1427 catasto is now available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.stg.brown.edu/projects/catasto/overview.html>. Further information can be obtained by email from Geoffrey_Bilder@brown.edu or Robert_Litchfield@brown.edu.

IMPROVING THE ACCESSIBILITY OF THE NBER'S HISTORICAL DATA

Daniel Feenberg and Jeffrey A. Miron of the National Bureau of Economic Research have made the following information available to our readers.

During the first several decades of its existence, the National Bureau of Economic Research (NBER) assembled an extensive data set that covers all aspects of the pre-WWI and interwar economies, including production, construction, employment, money, prices, asset market transactions, foreign trade, and government activity. Many series are highly disaggregated, and many exist at the monthly or quarterly frequency. The data set has some

coverage of the United Kingdom, France, and Germany, although it predominantly covers the United States.

When the data were collected, the NBER researchers copied them by hand from the original sources onto data sheets. In 1978, the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research (ICPSR) transferred the data from the NBER's handwritten sheets to magnetic tape. Unfortunately, most macroeconomic researchers now use PCs rather than mainframes, so use of the tape is cumbersome. Moreover, the process of transferring the data from the NBER's handwritten sheets to the ICPSR tape introduced a number of mistakes.

We have used the NBER's original handwritten sheets to verify the data on the ICPSR tape, and we have converted the data set to a PC-accessible format. Our NBER working paper of the same title provides details.

The revised and verified version of the NBER Macro-Economic History Database can be accessed only via the internet. Point your browser at <gopher://nber.harvard.edu> or <http://nber.harvard.edu> and then select "NBER Macro-Economic History Database." This is a WAIS searchable database, and you will be prompted for search terms. A catalogue of all series in the original data set can be purchased from the NBER's publication office. The data are stored in the Micro-TSP .DB format. This format is pure ASCII and includes all documentation. To obtain the entire database, download the Unix tar-format file <ftp://nber.harvard.edu/pub/macrohist/macrohist.tar.Z>.