

## *Editors' Notes*

### IN MEMORIAM RICHARD B. SHERIDAN

Richard Sheridan, long time member of the Economic History Association, passed away on 30 April 2002 at his home in Lawrence, Kansas. He was born 10 February 1918 in Emporia, and married Audrey Porter there on 18 October 1952.

He served for four years as a communications officer on the USS Kretchmer in World War II. He then completed a master's degree from the University of Kansas and a doctoral degree from the London School of Economics.

Dick taught in the economics department at the University of Kansas from 1952 to 1988, was actively involved with the history department there as well, and was a Visiting Professor at the University of the West Indies and the University of the Virgin Islands.

He dedicated his academic career to the study of slavery in the Caribbean and spent his retirement years studying and writing about Kansas history with an emphasis on the Underground Railroad in Douglas County. He has been acknowledged as one of the pre-eminent historians of the British West Indies, best known for his pioneering work *Sugar and Slavery: An Economic History of the British West Indies, 1623–1775*. He also published *Doctors and Slaves: A Medical and Demographic History of Slavery in the British West Indies, 1680–1834* and *Sugar and Slavery: An Economic History of the British West Indies, 1623–1775*, as well as numerous journal articles. He received a Fulbright scholarship in 1962 and was a member of the Royal Historical Society. In 1996 his friends and former students produced the festschrift *West Indies Accounts: Essays on the History of the British Caribbean and the Atlantic Economy in Honour of Richard Sheridan* (edited by Roderick A. McDonald).

TOM WEISS, *University of Kansas*

### 2001 ECONOMIC HISTORY ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

The editors and the Association wish to thank all those who were program committee members, chairs, discussants, dissertation conveners, and local arrangements committee members at the 2001 Economic History Association Meetings, including those who planned to serve and were prevented by the change in schedule. Martha Olney is first among those who scrambled to make the rescheduled meetings possible, and the Association acknowledges a debt of gratitude to her and the rest.

Howard Bodenhorn, *Lafayette College*  
Joyce Burnette, *Wabash College*  
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2002 ECONOMIC HISTORY ASSOCIATION MEETING  
 11–13 OCTOBER 2002

The sixty-second meeting of the Economic History Association will be held at the Hyatt Regency St. Louis Hotel, St. Louis, Missouri, 11–13 October 2002. The preliminary program follows:

*Contracts, Communities, and Violence in Medieval Europe*

Avner Greif, Stanford University, "On the History of the Institutional Foundations of Impersonal Exchange"

Oliver Volckart, Institut für Wirtschaftsgeschichte, "The Economics of Feuding in Late Medieval Germany"

Dean V. Williamson, U.S. Department of Justice, "Transparency and Contract Selection: Evidence from the Financing of Trade in Venetian Crete, 1303–1351"

*Institutions, Property Rights, and the Environment*

Kyle D. Kaufman, Wellesley College, and Sumner J. La Croix, University of Hawaii, "Monopsony Land Tenure and the Expansion of Settlement in Dutch South Africa, 1652–1795"

Ian Key, Queen's University, and Robert C. Allen, Oxford University, "Saving the Whales: Lessons from the First Great Whale Extinction"

Gary D. Libecap, University of Arizona, and Zeynep K. Hansen, University of Arizona, "Externalities, Small Farms, and the Dust Bowl of the 1930s"

*Human Capital and Schooling*

Maristella Botticini, Boston University, and Zvi Eckstein, Tel Aviv University, "A Human Capital Interpretation of the Economic History of the Jews"

Stanley L. Engerman, University of Rochester, Elisa V. Mariscal, Cornerstone Research, and Kenneth L. Sokoloff, University of California, Los Angeles, "The Evolution of Schooling Institutions in the Americas: Processes of Persistence in Inequality, 1800–1945"

Chang-Tai Hsieh, Princeton University, and Miguel Urquiola, Cornell University, "When Schools Compete, How Do They Compete? An Assessment of Chile's Nationwide School Voucher Program"

*Networks, Patent Rights, and Technological Change*

Ross Thomson, University of Vermont, "Mediating the Public and the Private: The Patent System, Technological Learning, and Invention in the Antebellum U.S."

David R. Meyer, Brown University, "Iron Foundries Rule the Heavy Capital Equipment Industry in the East, 1820–1860"

Bhaven N. Sampat, Georgia Institute of Technology, and David C. Mowery, University of California, Berkeley, "American Research Universities, Public Science, and Patents in the Twentieth Century"

*The Future of Economic History (Plenary)*

Douglas North, Washington University, and John V. C. Nye, Washington University, "Cliometrics, the New Institutional Economics, and the Future of Economic History"

*Public versus Private Water*

Scott E. Masten, University of Michigan, "Public Utility Ownership in Nineteenth-Century America: The 'Aberrant' Case of Water"

Werner Troesken, University of Pittsburgh, and Raymond Richard Geddes, Fordham University, "Municipalizing American Waterworks, 1897–1915"

Nicola Tynan, Dickinson College, "Private Water Supply in Nineteenth-Century London: Re-assessing the Externalities"

*Regulating Grain*

Metin Cosgel, University of Connecticut, "Ottoman Taxation in Palestine, Syria, and Transjordan in the Sixteenth Century: The Determinants of Kism Rates"

Carol H. Shiue, University of Texas, "The Public Provision of Disaster Relief in China in the Eighteenth Century"

Jan Luiten van Zanden, University of Utrecht, "On the Efficiency of Markets for Agricultural Products: Rice Prices and Capital Markets in Nineteenth-Century Java"

*The Market and Property Rights in Early American History*

Alan S. Taylor, University of California, Davis, "The Political Economy of Information in a Canadian-American Borderland: Upper Canada and New York, 1783–1812"

B. Zorina Khan, Bowdoin College, "Legal Disputes, Markets, and Economic Growth in Early America"

Richard R. John, University of Illinois at Chicago, "Private Enterprise, Public Good? Communications Deregulation as a National Political Issue, 1839–1851"

*Migration, Unification, and Globalization*

Jason Long, Northwestern University, "Rural-Urban Migration and Socioeconomic Mobility in Victorian England"

Leandro Conte, Università di Siena, Gianni Toniolo, Università di Roma Tor Vergata, and Giovanni Vecchi, Università di Roma Tor Vergata, "Financial Market Unification after Monetary Unification: Italy, 1862–1913"

Jeffrey G. Williamson, Harvard University, "Who Protects? World Experience Since 1870"

*Reversal of Fortune (Plenary)*

Daron Acemoglu, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Simon Johnson, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and James A. Robinson, University of California, Berkeley, "Reversal: How 1492 Changed the World"

*The Private Provision of Government Services*

Noel D. Johnson, Washington University, "Banking on the King: The Evolution of the Royal Revenue Farms in Old Regime France"

François Velde, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, "Government Equity and Money: John Law's System of 1720"

Dan Bogart, University of California, Los Angeles, "Privatizing the King's Highway: Institutional Change and the Development of Road Infrastructure in England, 1690–1840"

*New Technologies and Productivity Growth in the Twentieth Century*

Brent Goldfarb, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, "Adoption of General Purpose Technologies: Understanding Adoption Patterns in the Electrification of U.S. Manufacturing, 1880–1930"

Alexander J. Field, Santa Clara University, "The Most Technologically Progressive Decade of the Century"

Scott Wallsten, The World Bank, "Ring in the Twentieth Century: The Effects of State

Monopolies, Private Ownership, and Operating Licenses on Telecommunications in Europe, 1892–1914”

*Creating and Safeguarding Private Enterprise*

Gregory Besharov, Duke University, and Kevin M. Davis, Harvard University, “The Development of the Corporation in Britain and America: A Comparative Institutional Analysis”

John Wallis, University of Maryland, “The Public Promotion of Private Organization”

Kerry Ellen Pannell, DePauw University, “Origins of the Better Business Bureau: A Private Regulatory Institution in the Progressive Era”

*The Sources of Southern Regional Distinctiveness*

Scott A. Redenius, Bryn Mawr College, and David F. Weiman, Barnard College, Columbia University, “Financing the Crop Cycle: Seasonality, Southern Financial Underdevelopment, and the Founding of the Federal Reserve System”

Wayne Grove, Syracuse University, and Craig W. Heinicke, Baldwin-Wallace College “Fieldhands or Machines: Private Investment and Public Subsidy of Cotton Harvest Mechanization in Texas after World War II”

Gavin Wright, Stanford University, “The Political Bases of the New Economic South”

CALL FOR ACADEMIC PAPERS  
ECONOMIC HISTORY SOCIETY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The 2003 annual conference of the Economic History Society will be hosted by the University of Durham from 4 to 6 April at Trevelyan College, University of Durham, England, United Kingdom.

The Conference Programme Committee invites proposals for entire sessions (of 1.5 hours duration) as well as for individual papers. The former should include proposals for each paper in the session, although the committee reserves the right to determine which papers will be presented in the session if it is accepted. If a session is not accepted, the committee may incorporate one or more of the proposed papers into other panels.

The committee welcomes proposals in all aspects of economic and social history covering a wide range of periods and countries, and particularly welcomes papers of an interdisciplinary nature.

For each proposed paper, please send (preferably by e-mail) an abstract of 400–500 words to: Maureen Galbraith; Economic History Society; Department of Economic and Social History; University of Glasgow; 4 University Gardens; Glasgow G12 8QQ. E-mail: [ehsocsec@arts.gla.ac.uk](mailto:ehsocsec@arts.gla.ac.uk).

For full consideration, proposals must be received by 27 September 2002. Notices of acceptance will be sent to individual paper givers by 16 November 2002.

ERRATUM

On page 257 of the March 2002 issue, in the heading for Kim McQuaid’s review of Adam Rome’s book, *The Bulldozer in the Countryside: Suburban Sprawl and the Rise of American Environmentalism*, the author’s name is erroneously given as “Rose.” The same error appears in the table of contents.