

Editors' Notes

1984 ANNUAL MEETING OF ECONOMIC HISTORY ASSOCIATION

The 1984 Annual Meeting of the Economic History Association will be held in Chicago, 21–23 September. The call for papers has no particular theme; rather it expresses a hope for the broadest possible coverage of time, space, and method. Those having proposals should write (before February 1984) to the chairman of the program committee, Professor Michael Edelstein, Department of Economics, Queens College, CUNY, Flushing, New York 11367. The other members of the committee are Stanley L. Engerman (Economics and History, University of Rochester), James Riley (History, Indiana University), Gavin Wright (Economics, Stanford University), and Lorena Walsh (History, Colonial Williamsburg Foundation). The preliminary program will appear in the June 1984 issue of the *JOURNAL*.

The Dissertation Session of the 1984 meetings will be convened by Joel Mokyr (Economics, Northwestern University) and Harold D. Woodman (History, Purdue University). Those planning to complete dissertations in economic history during the coming academic year and wishing to participate in this session should contact Professor Mokyr, Department of Economics, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois 60201, by May 1984.

AWARDS AT THE 1983 E.H.A. MEETING

At the 1983 Annual Meeting of the Economic History Association, held in Washington, D.C., 23–25 September, the following prizes were awarded:

The Arthur H. Cole Prize for the outstanding article published in the *JOURNAL* in the September 1982 through June 1983 issues, to Bruce M. S. Campbell of The Queen's University of Belfast, Northern Ireland, for his article, "Arable Productivity in Medieval England: Some Evidence from Norfolk," in the June issue. The Cole Prize recipient is selected each year by the *JOURNAL*'s editorial board.

The Allen Nevins Prize for the outstanding dissertation in American (U.S.) economic history completed during 1982–1983, to Warren C. Whatley, University of Michigan, for his "Institutional Change and Mechanization in the Cotton South: The Tractorization of Cotton Farming" (completed at Stanford University in 1983). The Nevins Prize recipient is selected each year by the conveners of the Dissertation Session of the Annual Meeting.

(To honor the memory of another great economic historian, the late Alexander Gerschenkron, the Trustees of E.H.A. in September 1983 authorized the establishment of an *Alexander Gerschenkron Prize*. This prize, paralleling the Nevins Prize, will be awarded in coming years to the outstanding dissertation in non-American (non-U.S.) economic history. A fund-raising effort has been launched under the direction of Donald N. McCloskey. Those who wish to contribute should contact Professor McCloskey at the Department of Economics, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa 52242.)

EDITORSHIP

Donald N. McCloskey of the Departments of Economics and History at the University of Iowa has been appointed by the E.H.A. Trustees to a second three-year term as co-editor of the *JOURNAL*, effective with the September 1984 issue. Richard Sylla is retiring from the editorship after six years in office. A new co-editor will soon be named.

Effective immediately, all manuscripts to be considered for publication in the

JOURNAL should be sent to The Editors, The Journal of Economic History, 215 Schaeffer Hall, University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa 52242. Books for review should continue to be sent to that address.

A MISQUOTATION

In a review of Judith Brown's recent book, *In the Shadow of Florence: Provincial Society in Renaissance Pescia* (see this JOURNAL, 43 [June 1983], 506–8), she was said to have said that "Pescia had been hit by the plague in 1423, and as was often the case, infants and small children had been less vulnerable." Her words were in fact: "Pescia had been hit by the plague in 1423, and as was often the case, infants and small children had been more vulnerable." The difference is of some import, and the editors apologize for the error.

CALLS FOR PAPERS

The 1984 annual meeting of the Economic and Business Historical Society will be held in Salt Lake City, 26–28 April 1984. Paper sessions and discussion panels will deal with a wide variety of subjects in U.S. and international business and economic history. Persons desiring to present papers at or otherwise participate in the conference should write: Mansel Blackford, Department of History, The Ohio State University, 106 Dulles Hall, 230 West 17 Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43210.

"*The Future of American Labor History: Toward A Synthesis*" is the subject of a conference sponsored by the Department of History, Northern Illinois University with support from the National Endowment for Humanities, to be held 11–13 October 1984. The goal is to contribute towards integrating labor history with the fragmented subfields in social history and move towards a synthesis of the new labor history with U.S. history as a whole. Papers are solicited demonstrating new scholarship contributing towards this synthesis in one of three periods: (1) Formation of the American Working Class: Late Eighteenth and Early Nineteenth Centuries; (2) Class Culture and Ideology: The Late Nineteenth Century; and (3) Labor, Capital, and the State: The Twentieth Century. Send vita and one-page resume of the proposed paper by 15 January 1984. Funds are available for paper-givers who are unable to secure full support from their home institutions. Forty discussant participants are solicited, half from the field of labor history, half from the fields of social, economic, political, intellectual, and cultural history, from scholars who believe they can make a contribution towards the proposed synthesis. Very limited funds may become available for discussant-participants who are unable to secure funding from their home institutions or other sources. Applicants should send a short statement of their interest and/or a vita by 1 March 1984. Direct correspondence and further inquiries to Professors Carroll Moody and Alfred Young, Conference Co-Directors, Department of History, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois 60115.

The ninth annual meeting of the Social Science History Association will be held 25–28 October 1984 at the Ontario Institute for the Study of Education in Toronto, Canada. Those wishing to organize a panel, present a paper, chair a panel, serve as a discussant, or offer suggestions for the program are invited to contact:

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The full program committee will be announced at the 1983 meeting.

Paper and panel proposals should include a short description of the paper or papers involved and the names, departments, and institutional affiliations of all proposed participants. Panels may also be in the form of roundtable discussions. All proposals must be received *no later than* 15 February 1984.

FELLOWSHIPS AND PRIZES

The American Antiquarian Society, to make more readily available its resources in early U.S. history and culture, will award to qualified scholars a number of short- and long-term Visiting Research Fellowships for the year 1 June 1984–31 May 1985. The deadline for receipt of applications and letters of recommendation is 31 January 1984. Awards will be announced by 15 March 1984. Persons interested in further information and application materials should contact John B. Hench, Assistant Director for Research and Publication, American Antiquarian Society, 185 Salisbury Street, Worcester, Massachusetts 01609. Telephone: (617) 752-5813 or (617) 755-5221.

The New York State Historical Association is receiving manuscripts for the 1984 New York State Historical Association Manuscript Award. Established in 1973, the award consists of a \$1,000 prize and assistance in publication, presented each year to the best unpublished, book-length monograph dealing with the history of New York State, as judged by a special editorial committee. Manuscripts may deal with any aspect of New York State history. Biographies of individuals whose careers illuminate aspects of the history of the state are eligible, as are manuscripts dealing with such cultural matters as literature and the arts, provided that in such cases the methodology is historical. Works of fiction and works of article length are not eligible. Ribbon copies or clear, readable xerox copies are acceptable. The deadline is 1 February 1984. Manuscripts and requests for information should be addressed to Dr. Wendell Tripp, New York State Historical Association, P.O. Box 800, Cooperstown, New York 13326.

The Southern Association of Women Historians announces the decision of its members to establish two prizes for publication and solicits contributions to an endowment to support these prizes. Each prize will be awarded every two years and will consist of \$500 and a plaque. The Julia Cherry Spruill Publication Prize in Southern Women's History will be awarded for the best published work (book or article) on the history of southern women. The Willie Lee Rose Publication Prize in Southern History will be awarded for the best book on southern history authored by a woman. The Southern Association of Women Historians is a tax-exempt organization and all contributions are tax deductible. Contributions and requests for further information should be sent to: Professor Judith F. Gentry, Department of History, University of Southwestern Louisiana, Lafayette, Louisiana 70504.

HISTORICAL RECORDS

The Eleutherian Mills Historical Library has recently opened the records of the Westmoreland Coal Company (350 cubic feet) and Penn Virginia Corporation (120 cubic feet). These companies and their predecessors owned and operated coal mines and support facilities at Irwin, Pennsylvania (1854–1956), Connellsville, Pennsylvania (1880–1889), Stonega, Virginia (1880–1956), Virden, Illinois (1903–1915), Raleigh, Fayette, and Wyoming Counties, West Virginia (1909–1956), Clarksburg, West Virginia (1920–1932), and Boone County, West Virginia, (1923–1956). The collections also include a smaller body of records from a group of Lehigh Region anthracite companies (1864–1928), landholding companies in Harlan and Knott Counties, Kentucky (1899–1945), and coal sales companies (1919–1956). Documents and photographs cover all

aspects of coal mining and related activities, with the greatest emphasis on the 1930–1956 period. For further information contact: The Research and Reference Department, Eleutherian Mills Historical Library, PO Box 3630, Wilmington, Delaware, 19807, (302) 658-2400, ext. 226.

The Kansas Collection of the University of Kansas Libraries announces that the Jabez Bunting Watkins Collection is now open to research. The collection has been processed during the past year with a grant funded by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission. The Watkins Collection is comprised of correspondence and business records chronicling the diverse entrepreneurial interests of J. B. Watkins. It is a collection of national significance that details many phases in the growth and development of the trans-Mississippi midwestern and south central United States. Address inquiries to: Kansas Collection, University of Kansas Libraries, Lawrence, Kansas 66045.

AT&T FELLOWSHIP IN TELEPHONE HISTORY

The AT&T Company in 1984 will award a fellowship in support of doctoral research into the history of the AT&T Company, its predecessor, and associated enterprises. Advanced students who have completed their coursework in an accredited university graduate program of business history or related field will be eligible candidates for the 1984 award. The award for 1984 is \$10,000.

The AT&T fellowship will furnish one year's financial support for a student to carry out research utilizing the Company's business archives in New York and other locations. The AT&T archives contain an unusually rich collection of material for the years 1876–1930 relating to the Company's organization, financing, operations, commercial growth, and technological development. The collection includes more than 500 volumes of letterpress books of general manager and president's correspondence and over 500 boxes of general correspondence, reports, and business memoranda catalogued by subject. Material of more recent vintage is less complete and is now being assembled and catalogued. Therefore, the research should focus essentially on the pre-1930 period of the Company's history.

Applicants should submit a proposal describing their major focus, objectives, research design, and the timetable for their project. Applications should be accompanied by graduate school records, names and addresses of two faculty members who are familiar with the applicant's work, and such other information as the applicant deems pertinent. The proposal should be submitted to the Historical Archives and Publications Group, American Telephone and Telegraph Company, 195 Broadway, Room 01-536C, New York, New York 10007, by 1 March 1984. The proposals will be reviewed by a committee consisting of business historians and AT&T managers. Applicants will be notified and the 1984 fellowship recipient announced by 15 April 1984. Additional information about the content of the AT&T Archives may be obtained by contacting Richard E. Priest, Corporate Archivist, at the above address.

NEW JOURNAL

El Centro de Estudios Constitucionales (Madrid) announces the publication of the new *Revista de Historia Económica (R.H.E.)*, hoping that it will become the primary means of communication between economic historians of the Iberian and Iberoamerican regions. The *R.H.E.* will be dedicated to the study of themes of economic history, of history of economic thought, and of applied economics. The periodical will be published quarterly. It will contain a series of sections in which will be collected the results of original investigations and works about the study and development of economic history

in various countries, along with a section of debates related to some of the various themes that the discipline encompasses. The *R.H.E.* also intends to offer a thorough bibliography, so that all those persons interested in themes of economic history can keep informed both about works that have been published and about the merit of those works according to the opinions of specialists in the material. The *R.H.E.* will be edited by Professor Gabriel Tortella. For subscription rates and other information, write to Centro de Estudios Constitucionales (Publicaciones), Plaza Marina Española 9, Madrid-13, Spain. Members of the Economic History Association will receive a 20 percent discount on subscriptions.