

THE EDITOR'S CORNER

The Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration and the Newcomen Society in North America announce a Postdoctoral Fellowship in Business History in the amount of \$13,000 to be awarded for twelve-months' residence, study, and research at the Harvard Business School during 1975–1976. The Newcomen Fellowship in Business History will be awarded for half this period. The remainder of the Fellowship and its associated expenses will be covered by a grant from the Harvard Business School.

The purpose of this award is to assist a Ph.D. graduate under the age of thirty-five to improve his professional acquaintance with business and economic history, improve his skills as they relate to this field, and to engage in research that will benefit from the resources of the Harvard Business School and the Boston scholarly community. The Fellows' doctoral degree may be in history, economics, or a related discipline such as sociology. The successful applicant will be asked to participate in the School's business history course and seminar and take at least one other formal course of instruction based on his particular needs or interests. He will also be expected to take part during the academic year in some aspect of the Business History Group's activity, such as assisting in the publication of the *Business History Review*. At least half the total time, however, will be available for research at the Fellow's own choosing in the field of business history.

Inquiries should be addressed to Professor Alfred D. Chandler, Jr., Morgan Hall 207, Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration, Boston, Massachusetts 02163. Applicants will be asked to state their purpose in applying for the Fellowship, the specific area in which they would like to do course work, and the topic, objectives, and design for the research to be undertaken. Final applications should be accompanied by graduate school records, letters from three persons in support of the application, and such other evidence as the applicant wishes to submit.

The selection committee, which will be composed of faculty members of the Harvard Business School, will interview candidates where possible and will make its award to the applicant whose background and plans seem most likely to benefit from the resources offered. The successful applicant may begin his twelve-months' residence on either July 1 or September 1, 1975.

Applications must be completed by April 1, 1975. The Fellowship will be awarded and all applicants notified by April 15, 1975. Material submitted with application will be returned only if accompanied by postage and a self-addressed return envelope.

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The purpose of the History of Economics Society is to promote interest and inquiry into the history of economics and related parts of intellectual

history, to facilitate communication and discourse among scholars working in the field, and to acquaint members of the profession with the scientific, literary, and philosophical tradition of economics.

Information about membership in the Society and about a reduced-price subscription to the quarterly journal *History of Political Economy* can be obtained from: James L. Cochrane, Secretary-Treasurer, History of Economics Society, University of South Carolina, Columbia, South Carolina 29208.

The Society will hold its next annual conference at Baker Library, Harvard University on May 21–24, 1975. Persons interested in participating at the conference should contact: Dr. Joseph L. Spengler, President-Elect, History of Economics Society, Department of Economics, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina 27706.

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The Minnesota Historical Society announces the acquisition of the Great Northern Railway Company archives. The archives consist of the corporate records of Great Northern, its officials, personnel organizations, and records relating to its 250 subsidiary railroad, mining, logging, land, townsite, utility, steamship, and development companies. Thirty-five hundred linear feet of correspondence, subject files, financial records, and printed matter dating from 1856 have been accessioned. When complete the archives will contain 15,000 linear feet. This collection documents the agricultural and industrial history of the Upper Midwest, the Pacific Northwest and the Canadian Southwest. The following units have been processed and are open to research under terms of the Society's agreement with Burlington Northern, Inc.:

Outgoing Letterbooks (1890–1970) of the President, 1007 volumes;
Letterbooks (1907–1916) of James J. Hill, 9 volumes;

Outgoing Letterbooks (1902–1932) of the New York Office, 158 volumes;

Subject Files (1879–1912) of Edward Tattnal Nichols, 10 feet;

Subject Files (1888–1930) of the Geology Department, 9 feet;

Subject Files (1908–1912) of Luthene Clairmont Gillman, 6 feet;

Subject Files and Letterbooks (1887–1903) of the Eastern Railway Company of Minnesota, 90 volumes and 30 feet.

The project director wishes to correspond with anyone having additional information on Great Northern records. Please write to: Director, Great Northern Project, Manuscripts Division, Minnesota Historical Society, 1500 Mississippi Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101.

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Professor George W. F. Hallgarten has asked us to include this announcement in the Editor's Corner:

In the *AHA Newsletter* (vol. 12, no. 4, p. 5), the following suggestion was made: "George W. F. Hallgarten, working in collaboration with the German historian Joachim Radkau, has recently completed a study on German industry and politics from Bismarck to the present day, which is now in press (*Deutsche Industrie und Politik von Bismarck bis heute*, Europaeische Verlangsanstalt). Dr. Hallgarten has suggested that this

type of investigation be enlarged and that the corresponding development in other big nations – especially the United States, Great Britain and the Commonwealth, France, Italy and Japan – be investigated.” Dr. Hallgarten wishes to make known the results of his initiative, for the benefit of those who responded to the item in the *Newsletter*, and for others who may wish to join the project. Professor William A. Hoisington of the University of Illinois, Chicago Circle, is interested in undertaking a study of this type for France. Dr. Gertrud Romaniuk of Chicago is interested in developing this line concerning Italy, and might be able to cooperate with Italian scholars with whom contact has been established. It goes without saying that cooperation with nationals of the nations under investigation is one of the prerequisites for the success of the entire project. For handling Germany and pre-Hitlerian Austria, the above-mentioned study by Hallgarten and Radkau could be used. Many Japanese experts on history and international relations, under the leadership of Professor Masao Nishikawa of the University of Tokyo, are prepared to present the history of the attitude of Japanese industry toward politics, since the Meiji restoration. An offer of work along the lines suggested for the United States was made by Professor Kenneth Paul Fox of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Professor N. C. Soldon of Westchester College is interested in handling the development concerning Great Britain. Although others have indicated encouragement and enthusiasm for the project, there is still lacking the services of a scholar or otherwise qualified person prepared to lead and to organize it. The undersigned, because of his age (73) and because of the burden of completing work he had to postpone in earlier years, is unable to function in this capacity. For this reason, an appeal for help from the scholastic community is published here. Persons prepared to help organize the project and put it on its feet including scholars willing to serve as contributors in all fields in question are requested to contact the undersigned.

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