Editors’ Notes

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY MEETING

The 1990 Annual Meeting of the Economic History Association will take place in Montreal, Canada from Thursday, September 13 to Sunday, September 16, 1990. This fiftieth meeting of the Association will both be earlier than is customary and extend over an extra day in order to fit in a series of special sessions and events alongside the full normal program.

The 1990 Program Committee calls for papers emphasizing the theme “Agriculture and Economic and Institutional Change,” but will consider papers and proposals for entire sessions on other topics. Session proposals should include at least the names of potential authors and paper abstracts. Send abstracts of papers and session proposals, before February 1, 1990, to the EHA Program Chair: Professor Jeremy Atack, Department of Economics, University of Illinois, 1407 W. Gregory, Urbana, IL 61801. Notices of acceptance will be mailed during March.

Persons expecting to receive their Ph. D. in the academic year 1989–1990 are invited to apply to the convenors of the dissertation session: Professor Susan Carter (Department of Economics, Smith College, Northampton, MA 01063) for North American topics and Professor David Weir (Department of Economics, Box 1972 Yale Station, New Haven, CT 06520) for all others. Finalists for the Allen Nevins and Alexander Gerschenkron prizes present summaries at the meeting. Complete dissertations will be due by May 31, 1990; notification will be by July 31, 1990.

The preliminary program will appear in the June issue of the JOURNAL.

AWARDS AT THE 1989 E. H. A. MEETING

At the 1989 Annual Meeting of the Economic History Association, held in Washington, D.C. on September 22–24, 1989, the following prizes were awarded:


The Allen Nevins Prize, for the outstanding dissertation in United States or Canadian economic history completed during 1988/89, was shared by Lee Craig, of Indiana University, for his “Farm Output, Productivity, and Fertility Decline in the Ante-Bellum Northern United States,” completed at Indiana University under the guidance of Elyce Rotella; and Adrienne D. Hood, of the Royal Ontario Museum, for her “Organization and the Extent of Textile Manufacture in Eighteenth Century Rural Pennsylvania: A Case Study of Chester County,” completed at the University of California at San Diego, under the guidance of Robert Ritchie.

The Alexander Gerschenkron Prize, for the outstanding dissertation in non-United States or Canadian economic history completed during 1988/89, to Jean Laurent Rosenthal, of the University of California at Los Angeles, for his “The Fruits of Revolution: Property Rights, Litigation, and French Agriculture, 1700–1860,” completed at the California Institute of Technology under the guidance of Philip T. Hoffman.

The recipients of the Nevins Prize and Gerschenkron Prize are selected each year by the conveners of the dissertation session at the annual meeting.
The Council for European Studies and the University of Kansas are sponsoring an international conference on “Consumer Cooperation in the Western World, 1840–1950: An Alternative to Capitalist Consumerism?” This one-day working conference will be held on April 7, 1990, at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS. Invited speakers include Niels Finn Christiansen, Dana Frank, Gabriella Hauch, Nancy Horn, and Stephen Yeo. Their papers, and others received, will be distributed in advance to all those registering for the conference. Participation in the discussions is open to scholars and students from any historical or social scientific discipline as well as to those interested in the contemporary consumer cooperative movement. For further information about submitting a paper proposal or registering for the conference, contact Carl Strikwerda, Department of History, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS 66045; telephone: (913) 864-3569 or Ellen Furlough, Department of History, Kenyon College, Gambier, OH 43022; telephone: (614) 425-5316.

The International Society for the Comparative Study of Civilizations is holding its 19th annual meeting at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign on May 24–27, 1990. Special themes include Latin America from Civilizational Perspectives; Anthropology in the 1990s and the Comparative Study of Civilizations; and Gender Issues, Past and Present, from Civilizational Perspectives. Other themes include biculturalism; civilization and ecology; trade diasporas and globalization; comparative revolutions; war and peace; African culture identity; the axial age; comparative colonizations. Send inquiries and abstracts to Professor Midori Rynn, Program Chair, 1990 IS CSC Meeting, Department of Sociology, University of Scranton, Scranton, PA 18510.

The Association of Cultural Economics is planning its 6th international conference, to be held in Umeå, Sweden on June 8–10, 1990. For further information or to propose a paper, please contact Dr. Abdul A. Khakee, Center of Regional Research, University of Umeå, S-901 87 Umeå, Sweden.

The History of Economics Society is planning its 17th annual meeting, to be held at Washington and Lee University, Lexington, VA, on June 22–25, 1990. The papers, a selection of which will be published in the series titled Perspectives on the History of Economic Thought, should deal with the history of economic thought and problems of scope and method in economics. Proposals for papers should include the author’s name, telephone number, and institutional affiliation, the title of the paper, and an abstract of under 200 words. Prospective discussants should state their areas of interests. Proposals to organize three-paper sessions are also welcome. Send proposals and suggestions to Professor S. Todd Lowry, Department of Economics, Washington and Lee University, Lexington, VA 24450.

The newly established International Society for Intercommunication of New Ideas, Inc. (ISINI) is accepting new members at a fee of $15, with no membership dues for 1989, and offers the opportunity to present a paper at its first congress, in Paris, France, on August 27–29, 1990. Themes of the congress are: the relationship between history (facts, practice) and theory (concepts, analysis); new roads for a better world: restructuring capitalism versus restructuring socialism; socioeconomics for developed and developing countries; methodology of economics and other sciences; economics and the arts and humanities; and commemoration of Léon Walras and François Quesnay. Send inquiries to Professor Anghel N. Rugina, President ISINI, 145 Moss Hill Road, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130.

The Chicago Historical Society and The Journal of Urban History will jointly sponsor an invitational research conference on October 25–27, 1990, entitled “Modes of Inquiry for American City History.” Although the schedule of papers is in place, approximately 125 spaces remain available for American urban historians who wish to participate in the conference deliberations. Prospective participants should send a 250-word statement of
current research and a request, where essential, for partial travel support by January 15, 1990, to Mr. Russell Lewis, Head, Department of Publications, The Chicago Historical Society, Clark Street at North Avenue, Chicago, IL 60614. Notification will be made to applicants on or before February 15, 1990.

THIRD TEXTILE HISTORY CONFERENCE

The Museum of American Textile History, in cooperation with the National Museum of American History, Clemson University, and the Pasold Research Fund, will sponsor the 3rd Textile History Conference in September 1990. The conference will focus on those events in Great Britain and North America during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries that led to the establishment of the factory system. Examples of proto-industrial and early industrial development in other nations will also be considered. For further information, please write Thomas W. Leavitt, Director, Museum of American Textile History, 800 Massachusetts Avenue, North Andover, MA 01845.

HAGLEY FELLOWSHIPS


Advanced research fellowships, funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, support independent study in Hagley's fields of interest at its Center for the History of Business, Technology, and Society. Scholars working in the humanities or in those aspects of the social sciences that employ historical or philosophical approaches are encouraged to apply. Fellowships are offered for six to twelve months' work, with a maximum stipend of $27,500. These fellowships are restricted to individuals pursuing advanced research; fellowships will not be made to degree candidates or to persons seeking support for work leading to a degree. Completed applications must be received by February 15, 1990; awards will be announced by April 1, 1990.

Dissertation fellowships are available to support doctoral work in the fields of Hagley's research and collecting interests: business, industrial and economic history, and the history of science and technology. No more than two fellowships, with a maximum stipend of $13,500, will be offered to applicants from any university in the United States or abroad. The fellow must demonstrate the pertinence of Hagley's collections to the dissertation topic, spend nine to twelve months in residence at Hagley, and take part in Center programs. Completed applications must be received by February 15, 1990; awards will be announced by April 1, 1990.

Grants-in-aid are also offered for the calendar year 1990. These grants support short-term (two to eight weeks) research in Hagley's imprint, manuscript, pictorial, and artifact collections. They are available to both degree candidates and advanced scholars. Applications will be accepted throughout the year; awards in 1990 will not exceed $1,000 per month of study.

Hagley-Winterthur Fellowships in Arts and Industries are available for those interested in the historical and cultural relationships between economic life and the arts. These fellowships support two to eight weeks' research at both institutions. Applications will be accepted throughout the year; awards in 1990 will not exceed $1,000 per month of study.

For additional information and applications, please write the Executive Administrator; Center for the History of Business, Technology, and Society; Hagley Museum and Library; P.O. Box 3630; Wilmington, DE 19807; telephone (302) 658-2400.
SUPPLEMENT TO THE DICTIONARY OF NATIONAL BIOGRAPHY

The Dictionary of National Biography is planning, for the first time in one hundred years, to bring out a volume of omissions from the DNB from the beginnings to 1985. The editors request that scholars submit to them the names of any people not at present included in the DNB who should appear there. Please send suggestions to C. S. Nicholls, Editor, Dictionary of National Biography, Clarendon Building, Broad Street, Oxford OX1 3BG, Great Britain.

IN MEMORIAM

Harold F. Williamson, a leading economic and business historian, died in Sarasota, Florida, on October 25, 1989. Born in 1901 in Kansas, he traveled to southern California by wagon as a child. He trained at the University of Southern California and Harvard and taught economics at Northwestern from 1941 to 1969. He will be remembered not only for his writings, notably on the American petroleum and (with A. H. Cole) carpet industries, but also as a teacher and a mainstay of professional societies. He served as president of the Business History Conference and as Secretary-Treasurer of the American Economic Association from 1962 to 1970. During his term as president of the Economic History Association, from 1964 to 1966, he worked to bridge the gap between old and new methodologies.