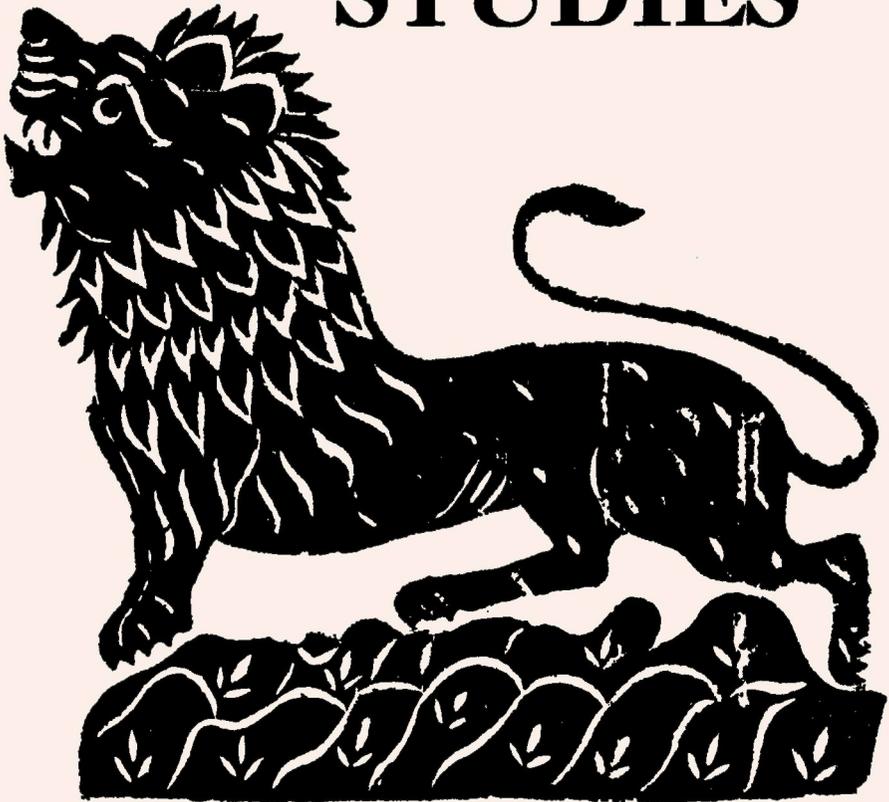


The Journal of  
**BRITISH**  
**STUDIES**



MAY 1974

VOLUME XIII

NUMBER 2

*Published by*  
**THE CONFERENCE ON BRITISH STUDIES**  
*At Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut*

## EDITORIAL STAFF

*Editor*  
BERNARD SEMMEL  
*State University of New York  
Stony Brook*

*Editor-Designate*  
L. P. CURTIS, JR.  
*Brown University*

*Managing Editor*  
GEORGE B. COOPER  
*Trinity College*

### *Associate Editors*

JOHN S. GALBRAITH  
*University of California, Los Angeles*

JACK H. HEXTER  
*Yale University*

C. WARREN HOLLISTER  
*University of California, Santa Barbara*

CHARLES F. MULLETT  
*University of Missouri*

*Assistant Editor*  
MAXINE L. GUSE

*Business Manager*  
PATRICIA A. McDONALD

### BOARD OF ADVISERS

HERMAN AUSUBEL  
*Columbia University*

H. J. HANHAM  
*Massachusetts Institute  
of Technology*

WALLACE T. MacCAFFREY  
*Harvard University*

WILLSON H. COATES  
*University of Rochester*

GERTRUDE HIMMELFARB  
*Brooklyn College*

JOHN M. NORRIS  
*University of British Columbia*

HOLDEN FURBER  
*University of Pennsylvania*

ALBERT H. IMLAH  
*Tufts University*

DAVID UNDERDOWN  
*Brown University*

JAMES L. GODFREY  
*University of North Carolina*

MAURICE D. LEE, JR.  
*Douglass College,  
Rutgers University*

BERTIE WILKINSON  
*University of Toronto*

ALFRED GOLLIN  
*University of California  
Santa Barbara*

### CONFERENCE ON BRITISH STUDIES

*President*

JACK H. HEXTER  
*Yale University*

*Executive Secretary*

CHARLES R. RITCHESON  
*University of Southern California*

*Recording Secretary*

PHYLLIS LACHS  
*Bryn Mawr College*

*Associate Executive Secretary*

JEAN ELLIS  
*Finch College*

*Treasurer*

STUART PRALL  
*City University of New York*

### *Executive Committee*

WALTER ARNSTEIN  
*University of Illinois*

CAROLINE ROBBINS (Former President)  
*Bryn Mawr College*

MARY KEELER  
*Hood College*

### *Regional Conference Representatives*

*Midwestern*

*Southern*

JOHN M. ROBSON  
*University of Toronto*

JOHN F. GLASER  
*Ripon College*

MARGUERITE POTTER  
*Texas Christian University*

MADELINE ROBINTON  
*City University of New York*

*Pacific Coast*

*New England*

WILLIAM L. SACHSE  
*University of Wisconsin*

CHARLES R. RITCHESON  
*University of Southern California  
Los Angeles*

DAVID ROBERTS  
*Dartmouth College*

Annual subscription \$6.00 (two issues, November and May). Checks should be payable to the *Journal of British Studies* and directed to *British Studies*, Box 1315, Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut 06106.

Correspondence concerning manuscripts should be addressed to the Editor-Designate, L. P. Curtis, Jr., Department of History, Brown University, Providence, R. I. 02912.

Membership in the Conference on British Studies may be arranged by sending check for \$5 annual dues to Professor Naomi C. Miller, Department of History, Hunter College, 605 Park Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10021.

The lion on the cover is the work of an anonymous craftsman in the bazaars of Lucknow, India, who carved it as a fabric-printing block. The motif was selected and adapted for the use of the *Journal of British Studies* by Hilda Altschule.

# The Journal of BRITISH STUDIES

Volume XIII

Number 2

May 1974

---

## CONTENTS

<i>Author</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Page</i>
BARBARA HANAWALT WESTMAN	The Peasant Family and Crime in Fourteenth-Century England .....	1
LAWRENCE STONE	Patriarchy and Paternalism in Tudor England: The Earl of Arundel and The Peasants Revolt of 1549 .....	19
CHARLES R. MIDDLETON	John Backhouse and the Origins of the Permanent Undersecretaryship for Foreign Affairs: 1828-1842 .....	24
FRANK M. TURNER	Rainfall, Plagues, and the Prince of Wales: A Chapter in the Conflict of Religion and Science .....	46
THOMAS W. HEYCK	Home Rule, Radicalism, and the Liberal Party, 1886-1895 .....	66
ARNOLD BEICHMAN	The Conservative Research Department: The Care and Feeding of Future British Political Elites .....	92
REVIEW ARTICLES:		
MARC L. SCHWARZ	James I and the Historians: Toward a Reconsideration .....	114
MARTIN J. WIENER	The Changing Image of William Cobbett .....	135

Copyright 1974 by the Conference on British Studies at Trinity College, Hartford, Connecticut. Printed in the U.S.A. at the Bond Press, Inc., Hartford, Connecticut.

## CONTRIBUTORS TO THIS ISSUE

Arnold Beichman is Associate Professor of Politics, University of Massachusetts, Boston, and is the author of *The 'Other' State Department* and *Nine Lies About America*. He will be a visiting-professor at the University of British Columbia in 1974-75.

Thomas William Heyck is Associate Professor of History at Northwestern University. He is the author of several articles on late Victorian Radicalism, and a book on the Radicals and the Irish question, which is forthcoming soon from the University of Illinois Press. He is currently working on twentieth-century English intellectual history.

Charles R. Middleton is Assistant Professor of History and Director of the Residential Academic Program in the University of Colorado, Boulder.

Marc L. Schwarz, Associate Professor of History at the University of New Hampshire, is presently completing a biography of William Fiennes, First Viscount Saye and Sele (1582-1662) about whom he has already published four articles. He has also written on the religious thought of the laity in early seventeenth-century England.

Lawrence Stone is Dodge Professor of History and Director of the Shelby Cullom Davis Center at Princeton. He is the author of *The Crisis of the Aristocracy 1558-1641*, *The Causes of the English Revolution 1529-1642*, and *Family and Fortune*. He is currently working on Family, Marriage and Sex in Early Modern England; and The Universities and Society in England 1550-1850.

Frank M. Turner is Assistant Professor of History at Yale University. He is the author of *Between Science and Religion: The Reaction to Scientific Naturalism in Late Victorian England* which will be published in the spring of 1974.

Barbara H. Westman has been a postdoctoral scholar at the U.C.L.A. Medieval and Renaissance Studies Center for 1973-74, writing a book on crime in fourteenth-century England. She has also completed a calendar of Norfolk gaol delivery rolls for the Norfolk Record Society which will appear in 1974 or 1975.

Martin J. Wiener is Associate Professor of History at Rice University. He is the author of *Between Two Worlds: The Political Thought of Graham Wallas*. At present he is writing a book on twentieth-century British attitudes toward the countryside.