

# Editors' Notes

## ECONOMIC HISTORY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

The forty-third annual meeting of the Economic History Association will be held at the Georgetown Marbury House in Washington, D.C., September 23–25, 1983. (Please note that, in departure from recent custom, this is a Friday-Sunday meeting; the scheduling will allow participants to take advantage of special weekend fares and accommodation rates.) The preliminary program for the meeting, a major theme of which is "Government: Antidote, Stimulant, and Impediment to Economic Growth," is as follows:

### *Economic Policy in U.K. Growth and Decline*

Bernard Elbaum, Boston University, and William Lazonick, Harvard University, "The Decline of the British Economy: An Institutional Perspective"

Carol E. Heim, University of Massachusetts, "Structural Transformation, the Demand for New Labor, and Uneven Development in Advanced Economies: The Case of Interwar Britain"

David Mitch, Georgetown University, "Government Involvement in Elementary Education in Nineteenth-Century England: Its Relation to Social Growth"

### *U.S. Capital Markets, 1803–1914*

Edwin J. Perkins, University of Southern California at Los Angeles, "Langdon Cheves and the Panic of 1819: A Reassessment"

Marie E. Sushka and W. Brian Barrett, Georgia Institute of Technology, "Banking Structure and the National Capital Market: 1869–1914"

J. Van Fenstermaker, John E. Filer, and Robert S. Herren, University of Mississippi, "Monetary Statistics of New England, 1803–1837"

### *Forming a Constitution and an Economy: The United States, 1787–1832*

Robert A. McGuire and Robert Ohsfeldt, Ball State University, "The Economic Interpretation of the Constitution: An Economic Analysis"

Javier Cuenca, University of Waterloo, "The United States Balance of Payments Before Specie Flows with Spain and Spanish America, 1790–1819"

Kenneth L. Sokoloff, University of California at Los Angeles, "Requirements for Fixed and Working Capital During Early Industrialization: Evidence from U.S. Manufacturing Firms"

### *U.S. Public Policy: Steel, Sardines, and Teapot Dome*

Gary D. Libecap, Texas A&M University, "A Reevaluation of Teapot Dome: Political Allocation of Natural Resources in Twentieth-Century U.S. Economic Growth"

Arthur F. McEvoy, Northwestern University, and Harry N. Scheiber, University of California at Berkeley, "Scientists, Entrepreneurs, and the Political Process: Institutional Responses to the California Sardine Failure, 1945–1965"

Paul Tiffany, The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, "The Roots of Decline: Business-Government Relations in the American Steel Industry, 1945–1960"

### *Government Action and Investment Consequences*

Michael A. Bernstein, Princeton University, "A Reassessment of Investment Failure in the Interwar American Economy"

Alexander J. Field, University of Santa Clara, "A New Interpretation of the Onset of the Great Depression".

Steven B. Webb, University of Michigan, "Reichsbank Financing of the Public and Private Sectors in the German Inflation and Stabilization, 1919–1924"

*Government and the Economy: Long Views and Election Views*

Douglass North, University of Washington, "Government and the Cost of Exchange in History"

Robert F. Keller, Colorado State University, "The Presidential Political Business Cycle of 1972"

*Birth and Death in American Economic Growth*

Lee J. Alston and Morton Owen Shapiro, Williams College, "Laws, Inheritance, and Fertility in the Historical United States"

Raymond L. Cohn, Illinois State University, "Mortality on Immigrant Voyages to New York, 1836–1853"

David Eltis, Algonquin College, "Mortality in the Atlantic Slave Trade: The Nineteenth-Century Evidence"

*Rent Theory, Planning, and Riots: India*

Rex Mark Edwards, Texas A&M University, and Ishita Mukherji Edwards, Gokhale Institute of Political Economics, "Riots, Murders, and Mayhem as Cause and Result of Economic Development: A Comparison of the Interplay Between Economic Change and Social Disturbances in Western India, 1871–1881 and 1971–1981"

Michele B. McAlpin, Tufts University, "The Use of the Classical Theory of Rent in the Bombay Survey and Settlement System"

Carl E. Pray, University of Minnesota, "Colonial Governments as a Stimulus to Growth: A Case of the Agricultural Research System of British India"

*Keynes, Jevons, and Public Policy*

Barry J. Eichengreen, Harvard University, "Keynes and Protection"

Wayne Andrew Lewchuck, McMaster University, "The Role of the British Government in the Spread of Scientific Management and Fordism in the Interwar Years"

Philip Mirowski, Tufts University, "Macroeconomic Instability and 'Natural' Processes in Early Neoclassical Economics"

*Planning: Public and Private*

Reed G. Geiger, University of Delaware, "Planning the French Canals: the 'Becquey Plan' of 1820–1822"

William J. Hausman, College of William and Mary, "Cheap Coals or Limitation of the Vend? The London Coal Trade, 1771–1845"

Philip T. Hoffman, California Institute of Technology, "Economic Theory and Sharecropping in Early Modern France"

*Technology and Organization in Economic History*

George Grantham, McGill University, "The Origin of Modern Agricultural Research in Europe"

Elizabeth Hoffman, Purdue University, and Joel Mokyr, Northwestern University, "Peasants, Potatoes, and Poverty"

Gary Saxonhouse, University of Michigan, and Gavin Wright, Stanford University, "Rings and Mules around the World"

Ross Thomson, New School for Social Research, "The Eco-Technic Process and the Development of the Sewing Machine"

*Raconteur:* William N. Parker, Yale University

*Presidential Address*

Alice Hanson Jones, Washington University

*Dissertation Session*

John H. Coatsworth, University of Chicago and John A. James, University of Virginia, Convenors

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Barriger Collection.* One of the world's most extensive private collections of North American railroad history has been donated to the Mercantile Library at St. Louis, Missouri, by the family of John W. Barriger III. The collection includes more than 10,000 volumes, hundreds of railroad track charts, profiles, traffic density reports and timetables, memorabilia, and 250,000 railroad photographs, all mounted and titled.

Mr. Barriger was a lifelong railroader with a career in that industry spanning 60 years. His first railroad job was as a shop hand for the Pennsylvania Railroad in 1917. During his career he had the unique distinction of serving as president of four railroads; the Monon, 1946–1952; Pittsburg and Lake Erie, 1956–1964; Missouri-Kansas-Texas, 1965–1969; and Boston & Maine, 1971–1972. At the time of death in 1976, Mr. Barriger was working for the Rock Island Railroad.

The Mercantile Library, established in 1846, is the repository for one of the most comprehensive collections in the field of Western Americana to be found anywhere in the world. The origins of the Western Americana Collection can be attributed to the great interest of nineteenth-century St. Louisians in the West.

The St. Louis Mercantile Library is located at 510 Locust Street; the mailing address is P.O. Box 633, St. Louis, Missouri 63188.

*The Eleutherian Mills Historical Library* has recently opened the following collections to research: (1) The Papers of Archibald Johnston, First Vice President of Bethlehem Steel Company, 1908–1923 (24 manuscript boxes), and (2) The Papers of Willis Harrington, Vice President of E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company, 1928–1945 (10 cubic feet). As a member of the Du Pont Company's Board of Directors, Willis Harrington was primarily responsible for production and labor relations. For further information contact: The Research and Reference Department, Eleutherian Mills Historical Library, P.O. Box 3630, Wilmington, Delaware 19807, (302) 658-1400, x. 226.

John P. McKay has been named by JAI Press to replace Glenn Porter as the editor of *Industrial Development and the Social Fabric: An International Series of Historical Monographs*. The editor actively seeks original studies in the economic and social history of all geographical regions, with particular emphasis on business history broadly conceived. Prospective authors are encouraged to direct their queries to the editor, Department of History, University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois 61801.

The journal *Labor History* invites authors of recently completed dissertations (1981–1983) in American and European labor history to submit brief summaries (150–200 words) for a new section in the annual fall bibliography issue. Send summaries by July

15, 1983 to the dissertation section's editors, Lizabeth Cohen (American) and Herrick Chapman (European), *Labor History*, Tamiment Institute, 70 Washington Square South, New York, New York 10012.

#### FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

*The Department of Economic History at Exeter University* is prepared to recommend to the University the appointment of an honorary post-doctoral Research Fellow for 1983–1984 or 1984–1985 academic years. Either junior or established economic or social historians may apply. There is no stipend attached to the post, but the University offers office accommodation and full use of library, computer, and data processing facilities. A modern academic environment in one of the most scenic areas of England offers the opportunity for sustained research, study, and writing up of material for publication. Exeter is just over two hours from London by train. There are no formal duties attached to the post, but Fellows will be expected to participate in the intellectual and social life of the Department. Those interested should write in the first instance to: Professor Walter Minchinton, Department of Economic History, Amory Building, University of Exeter, Rennes Drive, Exeter EX4 4RJ, Devon, England.