

# THE EDITOR'S CORNER

It is with deep regret that we inform our readership of the death of Henrietta M. Larson, Professor of Business History, Emerita, at the Harvard Business School. Professor Larson died on August 26 in Northfield, Minnesota, at the age of 88.

Professor Larson was a pioneer in the field of business history. Her major publications included *Jay Cooke, Private Banker* and the *Guide to Business History*. With the late Professor N. S. B. Gras she coauthored the *Casebook in American Business History* and with Kenneth W. Porter she coauthored the *History of Humble Oil and Refining Company*. For many years she has been associated with the *Business History Review* and served as the editor of its predecessor, the *Bulletin of the Business Historical Society*. She was the first woman to be a full professor at the Harvard Business School.

In her long career, Professor Henrietta M. Larson made an extraordinary contribution to knowledge of the development of business enterprise. We are all richer for the work she did.

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The Harvard University Graduate School of Business Administration and The Newcomen Society of the United States announce a postdoctoral fellowship in business history for approximately \$23,000 for twelve-months' residence, study, and research at the Harvard Business School, for the academic year 1984-1985. The Fellow may begin the twelve-months' residence on either July 1 or September 1, 1984.

The purpose of this award is to assist scholars who have, within the past ten years, received their Ph.D. in history, economics, or a related discipline to improve their professional acquaintance with business and economic history, to increase their 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 successful applicant will be asked to participate in the School's Business History course, seminar, and case development activities.

Applicants should state their purpose in applying for the Fellowship, and the topic, objectives, and design for the research to be undertaken. Applications should be accompanied by graduate school records, thesis abstract, names and addresses of three people who will support the application, and such other evidence as the applicant wishes to submit.

Applications for the Postdoctoral Fellowship in Business History must be submitted before March 1, 1984, addressed to Professor Alfred D. Chandler, Jr., Baker 214, Harvard Business School, Soldiers Field, Boston, Massachusetts 02163. The Fellowship will be awarded and all applicants notified by March 15, 1984. Materials submitted with applications will be returned only if accompanied by postage and self-addressed return envelope.

Harvard University is an equal employment opportunity, affirmative action employer.

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In 1984, the AT&T Company 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 course work in an accredited university graduate program of business history or related fields 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 the major focus, objectives, research design and the timetable for their project. Application 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 to be pertinent. The proposal should be submitted to the Historical Archives & Publications Group, American Telephone & Telegraph Company, 195 Broadway, Room 01-536C, New York, NY 10007 by March 1, 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 April 15, 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.

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The Kansas Collection of the University of Kansas Libraries announces that the Jabez Bunting Watkins Collection is now open to research. The Watkins Collection is comprised of correspondence and business records which chronicle the diverse entrepreneurial interests of J. B. Watkins, who built one of the largest farm mortgage businesses in the United States during the last three decades of the nineteenth century. The collection details many phases of the growth and development of the trans-Mississippi midwestern and south central United States.

Please address inquiries to: Kansas Collection, University of Kansas Libraries, Lawrence, Kansas 66045. Thank you.

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The Charles Babbage Institute for the History of Information Processing is accepting applications for a Graduate Fellowship to be awarded for the 1984–85 academic year to a graduate student whose dissertation will address some aspect of the history of computers and information processing. Thesis topics may be chosen from, but are not limited to, the infrastructure of the information processing industry, and specific technological developments in the information sciences, including both hardware and software. Proposals which deal with the

economic and organizational milieu of the developments, or with the economic, legal or social history of computing are especially encouraged.

The Institute is also accepting applications for a Professional Internship to be awarded for a period of three to nine months between June 1, 1984 and May 31, 1985. The Internship is available to professional staff interested in an introduction to the history of information processing. Appropriate applicants might include, but are not limited to, historians and social scientists interested in the history of information processing and its infrastructure, academics interested in preparing new courses in this history, or librarians and archivists interested in related archival problems.

Applications for both the Predoctoral Fellowship and the Professional Internship should be sent to The Charles Babbage Institute, University of Minnesota, 104 Walter Library, 117 Pleasant Street S. E., Minneapolis, MN 55455, U. S. A. by January 15, 1984. Dependent upon funding one or both of these awards may be made.

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The Merrimack Valley Textile Museum has recently published a detailed 378 page guide to its manuscript collections. The Merrimack Valley Textile Museum owns nearly 2,000 shelf feet of records documenting the history of the textile industry in the United States, with a special emphasis on New England.

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The Economic and Business History Society will hold its annual conference for 1984 in Salt Lake City, Utah, from April 26th to the 28th. Those interested in presenting a paper, proposing a session, or serving as a discussant or moderator for the program should write or telephone the 1984 president and program chairman Professor Mansel Blackford, Department of History, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio 43210.

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With this issue of the *Business History Review*, we would like to announce changes which have just taken place in our staff. Dr. James C. Fell, Jr., served as the *Review's* Managing Editor for the issues published from the Autumn of 1981 to the Summer of 1983. For the first three of these issues, Jay performed the duties of Editor as well as those of Managing Editor. Jay's devotion to this publication was a major contribution to the field of business history. We wish to express our most sincere gratitude for his services and wish him the best of luck in his position as Manager of Communications at the United Banks of Colorado.

Our Business Manager, Ms. Rosemary V. Gray, has also departed our staff. Rose worked with us on the issues from the Summer of 1981 through the Summer of 1983. We greatly appreciate her services and wish her the best of luck in her graduate study at the School of Education at Harvard.

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Replacing Jay Fell as Managing Editor with this issue is Mr. Richard R. John, Jr. Richard, a graduate student in the History of American Civilization program

at Harvard University, will be writing his doctoral dissertation under Professor Alfred D. Chandler, Jr., at the Harvard Business School. Replacing Rose Gray as Business Manager is Ms. Patricia A. North. We look forward to working together with them in the months ahead.

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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, Pa. (1854–1956), Conneville, Pa. (1880–89), Stonega, Va. (1880–1956), Virden, Ill. (1903–15), Raleigh, Fayette and Wyoming Counties, W. Va. (1909–56), Clarksburg, W. Va. (1920–32), and Boone County, W. Va. (1923–56). 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, Ky. (1899–1945), and coal sales companies (1919–56). Documents and photographs cover all aspects of coal mining and related activities, with the greatest emphasis on the 1930–56 period. For further information contact: The Research and Reference Department, Eleutherian Mills Historical Library, P.O. Box 3630, Wilmington, DE 19807, (302) 658–2400 x. 226.

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The Archives and Special Collections Department of the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Library announces the opening of that part of the Winthrop Rockefeller Collection covering Winthrop Rockefeller's public career. The remainder of the material, mostly personal and family matters, will remain closed until 1998. During his varied career, Winthrop Rockefeller (1912–1973) assembled a remarkable record of his involvement in agriculture, business, philanthropy, the arts, education, economics development, and public policy. The Rockefeller Collection has at its core more than 1,000,000 separate manuscript items. In addition there are 10,000 photographs, more than 1,600 films and tapes, and about 1,000 items of memorabilia. The Collection was donated to UALR by the trustees of the charitable trust under the will of Winthrop Rockefeller, a duplicate copy on microfilm, available on the same terms, is at the Rockefeller Archives Center at North Tarrytown, New York. Separate, but complementary to the Rockefeller Collection, are the papers of several other individuals or groups whose public policy activities were associated with the Rockefeller years.

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