

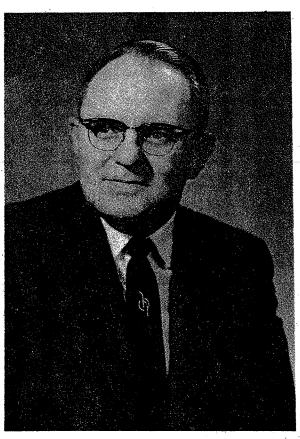
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Carl G. Klopfenstein
President - Ohio Academy of History

MESSAGE TO THE ACADEMY

Because of the labors of my predecessors in this office and many others, the Ohio Academy of History has grown in the more than quarter century of my membership from a small group of colleagues who met in the spring for a session on European history and another on American history into what your president is more than proud to proclaim is one of the premier state historical associations in the United States. Despite this, however, our membership is still only about one-third of the number of historians active in the colleges and universities of Ohio. Membership does bring such benefits as the Newsletter, the Roster of Historians in Ohio, and eligibility for the annual awards made by the Academy. Benefits or not, we need the support of all of you as we move into an uncertain future for our discipline.

As you all well know, this academic year coincides with the commemoration of the bicentennial anniversary of the birth of this nation. As one part of this celebration the Academy is co-sponsoring with the Ohio American Revolutionary Advisory Commission and others "History Day '76" in our schools, colleges, and universities. The Academy ad hoc Committee on the Bicentennial will complete its bibliography of holdings in Ohio academic libraries of source materials on the Revolution which will be an invaluable tool for those of us in this area of history. The program committee will be devoting some of the sessions at the spring meeting in 1976 to the American Revolution.

It gives me great personal pleasure to announce that the Academy through your president has received most welcome overtures from the new leadership of the Ohio Historical Society for a renewal of relationships and cooperation between our organizations. The new editor of Ohio History has set as his goal the reestablishment of the journal as one devoted to scholarly articles, and has appealed for our assistance through submission of articles and book reviews. Let us respond to this plea. Furthermore, the president of the Ohio Academy of History now serves as an ex-officio non-voting member of the Board of Trustees of the Society. I had the pleasure of attending the mid-summer meeting in July of the board at the Hayes Memorial Library and, to say the least, there are some exciting developments underway under the new director and his staff with the support of the board. During this year your president will be serving as a member of the Archives Committee of the Society.

I am looking forward to an interesting and active year as president of the Academy. My success or failure in this job, however, depends to a great extent on your ideas and suggestions for the improvement of the work of this organization. My slogan for the year is "Onward And Higher in '76." Let us all pull together to achieve it.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 25, 1975

The Executive Council met at 4 p.m. on April 25, 1975, in the Fawcett Center, with all members present. The minutes of the fall meeting were accepted without correction.

President Virginia Platt, having called attention to the fact that approximately one-half the spring program participants were not members of the Ohio Academy of History, received a suggestion from Arnold Schrier that the

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Secretary-Treasurer specifically seek out such participants, calling attention to the custom that they be members. It was felt that the meeting offers the privilege to read papers and that reciprocal concern for the support of the Academy is incumbent upon the participants.

Austin Kerr, Ohio State University, representing the new Media Group, discussed possible means by which the proposed link of his group with the Ohio Academy of History could take place. The Executive Council, after deliberation, rejected a dues check off or a specific budget line of perhaps \$50.00 to cover several mailings. Rather, a motion by Prof. Schrier, seconded by Carl Klopfenstein, was carried unanimously to the effect that the Media Group become a section of the Ohio Academy of History and that members of the Group be members also of the Academy. The Executive Council could then set specific rules for the link of the two organizations as need arose.

President Platt stated that no candidates had yet come forth as hosts for the fall 1976 meeting. President-Elect Klopfenstein was charged to investigate the possibilities for the spring 1976 meeting.

Prof. Schrier, seconded by Prof. Klopfenstein, moved to convey the heartfelt and sincere appreciation of the Executive Council for the work of Stuart Givens in editing the Newsletter. The editor was directed to contact chairmen for information for the Newsletter. A question was raised as to the feasibility of accepting paid advertisements in the Newsletter, such as those for books. It was decided that this practice might endanger the Academy's non-profit status and the suggestion was rejected. Larry Gara suggested instead that books might be reviewed in the Newsletter.

President Platt announced that she had sent a letter to the Senate and House Finance Committee Chairmen urging that financing be continued for the Local Records project.

The question of building up the membership roster continued to concern the Council. Prof. Schrier felt that the Academy could well make a strong pitch for members, for the Academy offers a recently expanded opportunity to present papers in a wide variety of fields, and yet the attendance is small enough that participants are not lost in a mob. The Newsletter and Book Award are other inducements for membership, he pointed out.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur R. Steele Secretary-Treasurer

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING **APRIL 26, 1975**

The annual business meeting was opened at 12:45 p.m. April 26, 1975, by President Virginia Platt at the conclusion of the luncheon in the Fawcett Center for Tomorrow, Columbus, Ohio. After she had introduced members of the Executive Council, Carl Klopfenstein, Vice-President and President-Elect, delivered the address, "Wood and Water: Reflections of a 'Generalist," which attracted the intent interest of the 190 members and guests present. Prof. Klopfenstein issued a plea on behalf of the teacher compelled to be a generalist and besought the profession to provide the syntheses so essential to the task

of the generalist in this age of minute research and conflicting opinions.

Richard T. Ortquist, Chairman of the Nominations Committee, next presented a slate of officers for 1975-1976. These included: For Vice-President (and President-Elect), Lawrence S. Kaplan, Kent State University; and for Secretary-Treasurer, Arthur R. Steele, University of Toledo. Two candidates were presented for the single vacant position on the Executive Council (3-year term): Jacob Dorn, Wright State University, and Taylor Stults, Muskingum College. There being no further nominations from the floor, President Platt declared Profs. Kaplan and Steele elected. A ballot was conducted among the members present for the Executive Council position, which was won by Prof. Stults.

The Secretary-Treasurer announced that receipts for the past year had totaled \$10,050.66, including \$5,000.00 from the George Gund Foundation for the Committee on the Bicentennial of the American Revolution. Expenditures totaled \$5,233.33, leaving a balance on hand of \$4,817.33. After deducting the balance remaining in the Bicentennial Committee account of \$2,111.13, there was a total of \$2,706.20 for the use of the Academy. Prof. Steele described this as a very favorable situation and attributed part of the result to the generous grant of \$750.00 by the President of Bowling Green State University, and the aid provided by the University of Toledo to the secretarytreasurer, covering approximately \$100.00 of expenses.

Emily Geer, Findlay College, presented a report of the Committee on the Status of Women in the Historical Profession. Her report focused on the study carried out by Mary K. Howard (John Carroll University) as presented in a panel discussion at the annual meeting of the Organization of American Historians. Source of the data was a questionnaire sent to chairmen of Ohio institutions which produced a 65 per cent response. Prof. Geer pointed out that Affirmative Action policies had apparently made little difference in hiring practices. She noted that of 213 tenured personnel reported in public institutions, only 8 were women. In private institutions there were 86 men on tenure and 19 women. Copies of the report were made available at the meeting and may be obtained from Prof. Geer.

Robert Shimp (Ohio Wesleyan), speaking on behalf of the Membership Committee, announced that a brochure had been prepared during the past year describing the advantages of membership in the Academy and that a liaison person had been appointed on each campus to contact non-members. The committee also reported increased efforts to secure high school and community college teachers as members.

G. Wallace Chessman (Denison), Chairman of the OAH - Society of Ohio Archivists Joint Archives-Library Committee, reported on the work of the local records preservation program which, with funds from the State of Ohio, has been training specialists and carrying on inventories of county courthouse records. Prof. Chessman reported, however, that a budget slash in Ohio Historical Society funds may bring an end to the program. He thus presented a resolution to the Academy that the Ohio Academy of History recognize the value of the project and urge the legislature to earmark \$250,000 for its continuance. The resolution passed unanimously by voice vote.

John J. Carrigg (Steubenville), Chairman of the Committee on Standards, reported the status in the legislature of House Bill 87, calling for a balanced presentation, in the schools, of Ohio and United States history, to include contributions of African, Puerto Rican, Mexican, and other ethnic groups. The Academy committee had no opposition to the mandatory teaching of such a program though members had some reservations. The bill is now before the Senate.

Carl Ubbelohde (Case Western Reserve University), Chairman of the Committee on the Bicentennial of the American Revolution, announced that Robert Hartie (Wittenberg) had been added to the committee. The committee hopes to complete its survey of sources in Ohio for study of the American Revolution by the end of the summer and to secure publication for 1976. He announced the establishment of an "Ohio Bicentennial Articles Contest" through the aid of David Twining of the State Bicentennial Committee and with the support of the Ohio Academy of History, the Ohio Historical Society, and the Society of Ohio Archivists. Four winners will receive \$500.00 each for their essays on the general topic of the "Consequences of the Revolution in the Ohio Country." Publication of the essays is planned for the July 1976 issue of Ohio History and members are urged to encourage their graduate students to participate. Mr. Twining at the Ohio Historical Society has the rules. Prof. Ubbelohde continued by calling for the Academy to help celebrate the Bicentennial by having the secretary of the Academy maintain a listing of job openings and to notify those interested in such openings. He also spoke of establishing a Statewide History Day for high school students in 1976, following the pilot programs at Heidelberg, Defiance, and Case Western Reserve.

Stuart Givens (Bowling Green), editor of the Academy Newsletter, called for ideas from the members to be incorporated in future issues.

Erving Beauregard (Dayton), Chairman of the Distinguished Service Award Committee, next asked President Virginia Platt to step down from the chair, to be replaced by Carl Klopfenstein, whose turn as president was to begin at midnight. Whereupon Prof. Beauregard announced the winner of the award to be Grover C. Platt (Bowling Green). Upon resuming the chair, Virginia Platt called upon Lorin Lee Cary (Toledo), Chairman of the Publication Award Committee, who announced the winner of the Book Award as Robert Chazan (Ohio State) for his book Medieval Jewry in Northern France: A Political and Social History.

Austin Kerr (Ohio State), on behalf of the newly organized Media Group, presented a resolution that the Media Group become a section of the Ohio Academy of History, the precise relationship to be determined in conference between the group and the Executive Council of the Academy. The resolution passed by unanimous voice vote.

Robert Daniel (Ohio), reported that the Chairmen's Group (chairmen of departments) had discussed seeking a legislative mandate that an American history course be made compulsory in public institutions of higher learning. He moved that the Ohio Academy of History endorse legislation requiring one year of American history for undergraduates in state-assisted institutions of Ohio, and

that the President of the Academy appoint an ad hoc committee to draft the appropriate resolution.

This motion met with opposition on numerous grounds: That it was the function of the Standards Committee to handle the matter; that college and university faculties should retain control of their own curricula; that the subject was of no business to the legislature; that there was no reason for singling out American history in this manner; and that the proposal failed to get at the true nature of the problem of declining enrollment in history courses. Prof. Daniel stated that he had made the motion on his own, not on behalf of the Chairmen's Group. President Platt pointed out that the measure had not come before the Executive Council. Prof. Daniel defended the proposal on the ground that it would help the entire history department at each institution by providing more funds for the department, and was not a threat to other fields.

James Graham (Bowling Green) introduced a substitute motion, seconded by Paul McStallworth (Wright State), to send the measure to the Standards Committee. A further substitute measure to table having been introduced, a vote was called for. Though the majority of those voting favored tabling, President Platt, recognizing the difficulty of identifying members among those voting, used the prerogative of her position to refer the measure to the Standards Committee.

John Dickinson (Miami) announced the introduction of a new quarterly, **The Old Northwest**, with Dwight Smith as co-editor. The subject matter will cover the five states of the Old Northwest. The journal seeks manuscripts and asks that prospective book reviewers submit their names and fields of specialty.

Jack J. Roth (Case Western Reserve) announced the fall meeting of the Academy at the Frederick C. Crawford Auto-Aviation Museum, Cleveland, on October 10, 1975, celebrating the Sesquicentennial of Case Western Reserve University.

President Platt concluded the meeting by commenting that of 99 persons on the program only 54 were members of the Academy. If the Academy were to undertake such projects as the Job Registry, she pointed out, it would be necessary for the profession to lend more support by increasing the size of the membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur R. Steele Secretary-Treasurer

SPRING MEETING
Ohio Academy
April 23-24
Fawcett Center
For Tomorrow
Columbus

I REASURER 5 REPORT					
FISCAL YEAR 1974-1975					
INCOME					
Balance on Hand, April 5, 1974	\$1392.84				
Receipts, Spring 1974 Meeting					
187 Luncheons (including Registr	ation)				
at \$5.50	1028.50				
6 Luncheons at \$3.50	21.00				
104 Registrations at \$2.00	208.00	•			
7 Advertisements for Program					
at \$100.00	700.00				
Sale of Books at Exhibit	352.94				
208 OAH Memberships at \$4.00	832.00	•			
13 OAH Student Memberships	26.00				
at \$2.00	26.00				
103 OAH-OHS Joint Memberships					
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Ray Johnson Catering	583.87				
AAA Chair Rental & Sales	94.50				
Kentucky Fried Chicken	100.00				
Beaver Press (Program)	685.04				
Gerald Newborg	16.25				
Good Office Supply (Name Tags)	5.00				
Wilhelmina Robinson (Refund)	5.50				
Paul McStallworth (Refund)	5.50				
Zaner-Bloser Company (Plaques)	103.41				
Secretary-Treasurer					
(Carl Klopfenstein)	100.00	-			
Heidelberg College	179.63	<i>2</i>			
Ohio Cold Type Co., Stationery	49.43				
Rapid Instant Printing,					
Fall Newsletter	252.70	•			
Postage	15.00				
Committee on the Bicentennial					
Dept. of History,	400.50				
Case Western Reserve Univ.	193.50				
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Sale of Books	395.42				
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ACADEMY
FALL MEETING
October 10
Case Western Reserve
University and Western
Reserve Historical Society

OHIO ACADEMY OF HISTORY COMMITTEES 1975 - 1976

* Underscored names are the chairpersons

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Ex-Officio

Carl G. Klopfenstein (Heidelberg), President Lawrence S. Kaplan (Kent), Vice President

Arthur R. Steele (Toledo), Secretary-Treasurer

Virginia B. Platt (Bowling Green), Immediate Past President

Elected

Larry Gara (Wilmington), 1973-76 Mary K. Howard (John Carroll), 1974-77 Taylor Stults (Muskingum), 1975-78

PROGRAM

Herbert L. Oerter (Miami)*

Barbara Clements (Akron)

Phillip N. Bebb (Ohio U.)
Jacob H. Dorn (Wright State)

Stephen C. Scholl (Ohio Wesleyan)

Wade F. Wilkinson (Wittenberg)

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

G. Wallace Chessman (Denison)
Carl G. Gustavson (Ohio U.)

William R. Rock (Bowling Green)

COMMITTEE ON STATUS OF WOMEN IN

HISTORICAL PROFESSION

Emily Geer (Findlay)

Janet Ragatz (Ohio Wesleyan)

Donna Van Raaphorst (Cuyahoga C. C.)

Marta Whitlock (OHS)

Ronald L. Taylor (Ursuline)

Marvin Zahniser (Ohio State)

STANDARDS

Gary R. Hess (Bowling Green), 1973-76

Hugh Earnhart (Youngstown), 1973-76

Richard W. Smith (Ohio Wesleyan), 1975-78

Randall Buchman (Defiance), 1975-78

J. Austin Kerr (Ohio State), 1975-78

Jack T. Kirby (Miami), 1975-78

PUBLICATION AWARD

Warren F. Kuehl (Akron)

Andreas Dorpalen (Ohio State)

Dean Hatoor (Heidelberg)

Ronald Pollitt (Cincinnati)

David C. Skaggs (Bowling Green)

JOINT OAH-SOA ARCHIVES-LIBRARY

William D. Aeschbacher (SOA), 1973-76

George W. Knepper (OAH) (Akron), 1974-77

Thomas H. Smith (OAH) (OHS), 1974-77

Richard J. Wright (SOA) (Bowling Green), 1973-76

James H. O'Donnell, III (OAH) (Marietta), 1975-78

David Kyvig (SOA) (Akron), 1975-78

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

Charles Ferroni (Ashland)

Robert Boehm (Defiance)

James B. Gidney (Kent State).

John C. Kesler (Lakeland Community)

John E. Saffell (Mount Union)

Robert Shimp (Ohio Wesleyan)

Donald Breen (Southview High School, Lorain)

NOMINATING

Eugene C. Murdock (Marietta)

Charles DeBenedetti (Toledo)

Gordon Knutson (Heidelberg)

BICENTENNIAL OF AMERICAN REVOLUTION

(Ad Hoc)

Carl Ubbelohde (Case Western Reserve)

John Cary (Cleveland State)

Lee Bennish, S. J. (Xavier)

Don R. Gerlach (Akron)

Robert Hartje (Wittenberg)

Richard Jellison (Miami)

James C. O'Donnell III (Marietta)

George J. Ruppel, S. M. (Dayton)

David C. Skaggs (Bowling Green)

AROUND AND ABOUT THE PROFESSION

LOCAL RECORDS PROGRAM

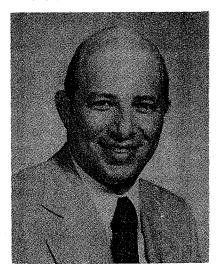
On April 28th Richard Smith on behalf of the Ohio Academy along with Richard Wright, Ohio Network of American History Research Centers, Thomas Smith, Ohio Historical Society, and J.D. Wolf, Ohio Genealogical Society, testified before the Ohio Senate Finance Committee in favor of continued support of the Local Records Program. These groups are convinced that with proper support (\$250,000 over the next biennium) that Ohio will have the finest local records program in the nation, and will be able to provide much improved accessibility to local records for interested scholars.

The Local Records Program was initiated at the beginning of 1975 and by June had already inventoried forty-four counties. Thanks to the efforts of the Academy and the other groups, the General Assembly did appropriate the funds to continue the program through the current biennium.

The continuation of the program will have a two fold impact. First, the funds will guarantee the continuance of the field work of the eight Local Records Specialists who are currently inventorying records of the various political subdivisions. Their initial attack will be the county governments followed by the municipalities and townships. After their inventories have been completed, it will be their responsibility to assist the political subdivisions to schedule the records for permanent preservation or destruction. Those records designated for permanent preservation will be transfered to the eight local state repositories where they will be available for use.

Secondly, the information gathered by the eight Local Records Specialists will be used to publish a local records manual that will be distributed to all local officials. The manual will facilitate the ongoing handling of records so that all records of value will automatically be preserved.

BOOK AWARD WINNER



Robert Chazan of Ohio State University, author of Medieval Jewry in Northern France: A Political and Social History, was presented with the Book Award for the year 1974 at the Spring Meeting. The work traces the Jews of Northern France from the Tenth Century to 1306, when they were expelled by Philip IV. The book emphasizes the struggle of the Jews to adapt within an increasingly hostile environment. Dr. Chazan commented that "...the award is most meaningful to me— it represents significant recognition for a project to which I have devoted great time and effort."

WOMEN IN THE PROFESSION IN OHIO

The Committee on the Status of Women in the Historical Profession submitted a report at the Annual Business Meeting. Below is a summary of the statistics presented in that report as it relates to Ohio.

Comparison of Relative Positions of Women in Departments of History
State and Private Colleges and Universities in Ohio — 1974-1975

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FACULTY				1
11 State Schools	287	262	25	9%
22 Private Schools	<u>165</u> 452	124 386	4 <u>1</u>	25 15%
TENURED				
Professors				
State Schools	99	96	. 3	3%
Private Schools	45	40	<u>5</u>	11
4	144	136	8	6%
Associate Professors				
State Schools	89	84	. 5	6%
Private Schools	44	36	8	18
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Assistant Professors	,			
State Schools	25	25	0	0%
Private Schools	16	10	6	38
	41	35	6	15%

NON-TENURED Professors				
State Schools	2	. 2	0	0%
Private Schools	$\frac{\overline{2}}{4}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{1}{1}$	50 25%
Associate Professors				
State Schools	3	2	1	33%
Private Schools	$\frac{0}{3}$	$\frac{0}{2}$	$\frac{0}{1}$	$\frac{0}{33\%}$
Assistant Professors				
State Schools	54	48	6	11%
Private Schools	25 79	$\frac{18}{66}$	$\frac{7}{13}$	$\frac{28}{17\%}$
Instructors				
State Schools	3	2	1	33%
Private Schools	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{1}{3}$	$\frac{0}{1}$	$\frac{0}{25\%}$
Part-time, Visiting, etc.				
State Schools	14	4	10	71%
Private Schools	$\frac{30}{44}$	$\frac{17}{21}$	$\frac{13}{23}$	43 52%

OHIO HISTORY SEEKS ARTICLES

Thomas H. Hartig, recently appointed Managing Editor of Ohio History, states that his goal as editor is to re-establish Ohio History as a journal dedicated to publishing the best scholarly articles available based upon research in primary sources, articles of enduring historical interest and reflecting the highest academic standards.

In a letter to the editor of the Newsletter Hartig asserted that he would like "... to pass the word among members of the Academy that the journal is once again directing its attentions towards the publication of scholarly articles by professional academics."

FORTY-SIXTH "OHIOANA DAY"

On October 25th The Martha Kinney Cooper Ohioana Library Association will hold its forty-sixth annual "Ohioana Day." The high point of the day will be the luncheon at which time Ohio authors of the year will be named. The individuals so chosen for this year are: Michael D. Campbell and Jay H. Lehr for Water Well Technology, George F. Condon for Stars in the Water, Patricia Penton Leimbach for A Thread of Blue Denim, Toni Morrison for Sula, and Algis Ruksenas for Day of Shame.

In addition to holding the "Ohioana Day" the Association maintains a non-circulating library and is an official repository for books about Ohio or by Ohioans and musical works by Ohio composers. It was founded in 1929 by Mrs. Meyers Y. Cooper when she was First Lady of Ohio. Currently under the leadership of Bernice Williams Foley, the Association is supported by dues, contributions, and state grants-in-aid. It is governed by a board of twenty trustees elected by the membership and four appointed by the Governor of Ohio.

BICENTENNIAL NEWS

Appearing in this section is an assortment of items that stem from activities surrounding the Bicentennial celebration. Hopefully, these will give the reader some feel for the richness and variety of opportunities provided by the celebration.

FURTHER GUND FOUNDATION GRANT

In July the Ohio American Revolution Bicentennial Advisory Commission announced the receipt of \$131,500 from the George Gund Foundation of Cleveland. \$100,000 of the grant will be allocated to Ohio colleges, universities, and educational television stations for bicentennial programs. Along with many universities and colleges, the Ohio Academy has been a beneficiary of the generous support of the Gund Foundation.

Any college interested in further information about the Ohio College Bicentennial Program grant program should write to David C. Twining, College Coordinator, OARBAC, Ohio Historical Center, 1982 Velma Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43211.

BICENTENNIAL ARTICLE CONTEST

The Academy, in conjunction with OARBAC and the Ohio Historical Society, is sponsoring The Ohio Bicentennial Article Contest based on the theme "The Consequences of the Revolution in the Ohio Country." The four articles determined to be the best will appear in the Bicentennial issue of Ohio History. Moreover, each of the four authors will receive a prize of \$500.00. The contest is open to academic and lay historians, but the manuscripts submitted must follow a scholarly format.

Articles submitted may involve any aspect of Ohio or Ohioans during the era of the Revolution, or the Ohio country prior to the Revolution, or on the consequences of the Revolution in Ohio prior to the Civil War.

Anyone interested in the contest may obtain the rules by writing to:

Bicentennial Article Contest College Coordinator OARBAC - Ohio Historical Center 1982 Velma Avenue Columbus, OH 43211

The deadline for submission of manuscripts is December 1, 1975.

COLLEGE PROGRAMS

Several schools will present Bicentennial programs and speakers during the coming year. A few examples at hand

Bowling Green State University

The History Department, through the university's Continuing Education Program, is offering a series of ten popular lectures during the Fall Quarter entitled "Personalities of the American Revolutionary Era." The series, which may be taken for two hours credit, will deal with both American and British figures during the Revolution as well as the role of Blacks and Women in the period. Eight members of the department will make presentations during the course of the series.

Cedarville College

The academic side of Cedarville's Bicentennial program will be launched on January 30 and 31, 1976. Dr. Charles Gregg Singer, Professor of History at Catawba College, will deliver a series of lectures on the theme of "Philosophical Foundations of the American Republic." University of Dayton and Wright State University

The Ohio Committee for Public Programs in the Humanities has funded a series of four programs, related to the Bicentennial of the American Revolution, sponsored by the University of Dayton and Wright State University. At each of the four programs, there will be three speakers. One speaker will cover a theme concerning a selected aspect of American society during the epoch of the American Revolution. The second speaker in each program will take the theme of the previous speaker and relate it to the early settlement of Ohio. Since most of the social history of colonial America concerns the eastern states, the Dayton-Wright State program will use that rich source of materials, but will also make the programs more relevant by relating them to the early history of Ohio. Since the topics chosen in relationship to Colonial America and Early Ohio are still matters of great contemporary concern, each program will have a third speaker who will relate the topic to contemporary America.

John Carroll University

John Carroll's observance of the Bicentennial will begin with a Fall public lecture series co-sponsored by University Heights, with the theme, "American Revolution: Past and Future." The program will conclude with a Spring Festival.

OHIO YEAR BOOK

The Bicentennial Edition of the Ohio Year Book covers Ohio's historic role through the pioneer years to statehood, 1776 to 1803. The editorials for the 38 illustrations are written by Ohio's noted historians and authors. These portray Ohio's dominant role and proud contributions to the birth of our nation.

The Ohio American Revolution Bicentennial Advisory Commission has endorsed the 1976 Ohioana Library Yearbook as an official bicentennial publication, and it will carry the official Ohio Bicentennial Commission logo.

This Year Book - Engagement Calendar is ring-bound and priced at \$2.50 plux tax. It can be obtained by writing to The Martha Kinney Cooper Ohioana Library Association, 1105 Ohio Departments Building, 65 South Front Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

HISTORY DAY — 1976

A series of History Days will be held around the state during the 1975-1976 school year. The programs will be based on the programs run by Case Western Reserve University and Heidelberg College this past year. The state has been divided into eleven regions in each of which contests will occur at the High school and Junior High

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The theme for the days is "Images of America: A Bicentennial Mirror of People, Places, Ideas, or Events."

Involvement from participants can be in the form of papers, displays, performances, and presentations all illustrating the theme.

Judging of both the regional presentations and the state final will be by professional historians at various colleges, professional staff of historical societies, and social studies teachers at the secondary level. Prizes will be awarded at both levels for the best entrants.

The universities and colleges participating in the program are: Bowling Green, Case Western Reserve, Defiance, Heidelberg, Kent State, Muskingum, Ohio Dominican, Ohio University, Wittenberg, Xavier, and Youngstown State. The final History Day will be held in Columbus on May 8, 1976.

Further information on the program can be obtained from David Twining whose address has been cited twice above.

New Courses and Programs

The charge so often heard nowadays that history and those who practice it are unresponsive to the needs of a changing society seems to belie the facts. Various departments and schools continue to offer new and interesting approaches to the field. Among the latest are: Case Western Reserve University

CWRU is now offering a double master's degree program in Library Science and History, designed for formal training of archivists, manuscript and historical collection librarians. (The Department has offered the M.A. in History and Archival Administration for the past six years). Included in the new program, which leads to the M.A. in History and the M.S. in Library Science, is a course in "Administration of Manuscript Collections," which will be coordinated by Kermit J. Pike, Chief Librarian of the Western Reserve Historical Society.

University of Cincinnati

Professor Thomas Slaymaker has made extensive use of films in a course dealing with 20th century Eastern Europe. A basic premise of the course is that the study of modern Eastern Europe lends itself particularly well to the use of films both as a documentary source and as a medium providing an insight into social and intellectual history. In the first part of the course the history of Eastern Europe since 1918 is presented in the traditional manner, through lectures and readings. The second part consists of a series of film showings, each preceded by a lecture and followed by a class discussion.

An attempt is made to present several different kinds of films. Some are regular feature films that deal with fictional stories in a more or less authentic setting. Examples in this category are The Shop on Main Street and Ashes and Diamonds, both of which have been acclaimed as artistic works. Several documentaries are shown, including Warsaw Ghetto and Soviet and American propaganda films dealing with Czechoslovakia in 1968. Finally, Costa-Gavras' The Confession is shown as a good example of the film genre that the director has termed "political cinema," a cross between the documentary and feature film.

Audrey S. Gomes (History) and Helen Osborne (English) of the University College are offering a year long coordinated series of courses entitled "History as

Literature/Literature as History." They hope to demonstrate the interaction of history and literature as a continuum that created the past, has created the present, and will undoubtedly mold the future.

Students may elect to take the course for credit in either field or both depending on the amount and kind of reading they elect to do. Material in the course will be handled by a combination of lectures, interpersonal discussions between teachers and/or students, and media presentations.

The courses offered Fall Quarter will be "History: The Fallacies of Literature" and "The Importance of Literature in History." Winter Quarter the titles will be: "The Influence of History on Literature" and "History as Reflected in Literature." The course will finish up Spring Quarter with: "The Historian as Futurist" and "The Writer as Prophet."

University of Dayton

With interest having been expressed by both the Catholic Telegraph and the Black Catholic Caucus of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, the U of D is exploring future areas of research on the history of Black Catholics in the Archdiocese.

Miami University

Jack T. Kirby is instituting this Fall a new course entitled "History in Popular Culture." Emphasis is upon popular historiography and its relationship to academic history. Feature films are the principal focus, but best selling novels, TV programs, and other popular culture forms are also used, along with traditional scholarly materials.

Muskingum College

Three Muskingum College professors have completed a new course to be given under the auspices of the East Central College Consortium. Professors Ronald A. Mulder and Taylor Stults (History) and Robert L. Farlow (Political Science) developed the new course: "From Cold War to Detente and Beyond." The course will study the events and trends leading to the present state of Soviet-American relations, from both American and Soviet vantage points. From that base an examination of the factors and probabilities affecting the future of Soviet-American relations until the end of the century will be made.

The E.C.C.C. members (Heidelberg, Hiram, Marietta, Mt. Union, and Muskingum in Ohio; Bethany in West Virginia; and, Westminster in Pennsylvania) may offer this course as part of the consortium's non-traditional academic program. The course is designed for individual students under the supervision of appropriate faculty of each college.

Wright State University

Wright State is offering a new Master's degree program in Archival and Historical Administration. The program includes a core of professional subjects - historical and archival administration including an internship - and a second core of American history courses.

LIBRARY AND MEDIA ACQUISITIONS

American Jewish Archives

The American Jewish Archives has recently received a grant of \$90,000 from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The funds are to aid the Archives in making

extensive inventories of a number of its important manuscript collections.

In recent months the Archives has acquired valuable documentary material about Jewish life in a number of American cities. Among the institutions and topics reflected in recent acquisitions are the Jewish community center movement, and NAACP, the YIVO Institute for Jewish Research, the United Nations, Nazism, Anti-Semitism, Hadassah, the WPA, conversion to Judaism, Jewish-Christian relations, journalism, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, and Jewish education.

Recent acquisitions also contain material on the lives, careers, and Jewish connections of such notables as Bernard Baruch, Gen. George Brown, Louis Binstock, T.S. Eliot, Abba Eban, Moses Jacob Ezekiel, Moses Michael Hays, Horace M. Kallen, Teddy Kollek, Anna Kross, Kivie Kaplan, David Lubin, Edward H. Levi, Judah L. Magnes, H. Pereira Mendes, Julian Mack, Sen. Charles Percy, Julius Rosenwald, and Haym Salomon.

Awards, Grants, Leaves, Honors, and Offices



An unusual and lasting honor was bestowed upon WILFRED BLACK of Findlay College last Spring when three American frontier murals were presented to the College. The paintings entitled "Trail into the Grand Canyon," "Cattle Drive," and "Indian Buffalo Hunt," were dedicated to Dr. Black by EMILY A. GEER, Chairperson of the Division of Social Sciences. In the picture with Wilfred Black are U.S. Congressman Tennyson Guyer and the artist Rosina Florsheim of Findlay.

Air Force Institute of Technology

STEPHEN M. MILLETT, Department of Humanities of the Institute, has recently published a Selected Bibliography of American Constitutional History which was printed by Clio Press.

University of Akron

University Faculty Research grants were received by six members of the History Department to aid in the conducting of on-going research. Those awarded grants were: WAYNE BAKER, H. ROGER GRANT, WARREN KUEHL, DAVID KYVIG, WILLIAM McGUCKEN, and JAMES F. RICHARDSON.

A grant-in-aid from the Eleanor Roosevelt Foundation has been given to ROBERT L. ZANGRANDO and JOANNA S. ZANGRANDO for research on women labor union organizers.

Bowling Green State University

A joint Summer research grant from the American Council of Learned Societies and the Social Sciences Research Council was extended to FUJI KAWASHIMA in order to carry out research at Harvard.

EDWARD I. CHEN will spend the Spring and Summer of 1976 doing research in Japan owing to a grant made by the U.S. Educational Commission in Japan. (Fulbright-Hays Commission).

ESTHER HAYHURST who has lectured periodically for the History Department was awarded an honorary doctorate at Bowling Green's Summer Commencement.

Case Western Reserve University

MICHAEL ALTSCHUL will be on leave Spring semester as a result of a ACLS fellowship. The grant will enable him to work on constitutional problems of the reign of Edward II, 1307-1327. Altschul also received the Carl F. Wittke Award for excellence in teaching last Spring.

DAVID VAN TASSEL is project director for an NEH funded research design project on "Human Values and Aging: New Challenges to Research in the Humanities." This will result in an invitational conference at CWRU on November 10-13.

University of Cincinnati

SAUL BENISON received a Guggenheim Fellowship last Spring Quarter in order to complete the first volume of his social history of poliomyelitis, and to complete oral history interviews with Dr. Albert Sabin.

Working as a consultant to the Police Foundation of Washington, D.C., GARY C. NESS has been compiling a history of the Community Sector Team Policing experiment which was conducted in Cincinnati during the period 1971-1974. Ness was granted one Quarter of special leave to work on the history of the experiment.

Leaves of absence have been granted to: JAMES LAUX (Fall), GUIDO RUGGIERO (Fall, Winter), THOMAS SAKMYSTER (Fall, Winter), HENRY D. SHAPIRO (Winter), and RONALD POLLITT (Spring).

University of Dayton

ROBERTA ALEXANDER received a Summer stipend from the NEH to explore the familial and personal problems experienced by North Carolina freedmen immediately after the Civil War.

An NEH sponsored seminar on "Perspectives in Chinese History" held at the University of Chicago was attended by TONY RHEE.

BRUCE TAYLOR who teaches in both History and Secondary Education authored a grant that was funded for \$33,800 by the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation. The grant forms a tri-university (UD, Central State, and Wright State) to certify teachers prepared to make a significant difference in the lives of their urban students. Findlay College

On a sabbatical leave for the year 1975-76 is SHARON BANNISTER.

John Carroll

DONALD W. SMYTHE, S.J., has been granted a leave for the Spring Semester of 1976 to continue research on the second volume of General John J. Pershing.

Ohio State University

ACLS grants have been awarded to HAO CHANG and JOSEPH LYNCH.

A National Library of Medicine Grant has been extended to JOHN BURNHAM.

The Joint Committee on South Asia of the ACLS-SSRC has given a grant to STEPHEN DALE. The ACLS-SSRC Joint Committee on the Near and Middle East has made an award to MARILYN WALDMAN.

An Eleutherian Mills-Hagley Foundation Research Grant for the Summer of 1976 has been extended to M. R. SMITH.

FREDERICK SNIDER is the recipient of an International Research and Exchanges Board Fellowship.

Leaves of absence have been extended to all of the individuals cited above as well as to ROBERT CHAZAN.

University of Toledo

Faculty Research Grants were awarded to CHARLES DE BENEDETTI to carry on work on his project entitled "America and Locarno;" WILLIAM D. HOOVER for continued work on his research on "Pacifist-Internationalists in Japan, The Japan Peace Society, 1906-1931;" and, to IVAN SCOTT for research on his book "Romanticism, Liberalism, and History: The First French Historicists."

Sabbatical leaves will enable CHARLES DE BENEDETTI to work toward the completion of his booklength study of "The Peace Movement in American History;" ROGER D. RAY to pursue his interests in English medieval historiography. His precise project is entitled "Exegesis and History in Early England: A Study in the Historiography of the Venerable Bede;" and, LARRY D. WILCOX to do research in Germany on "Propaganda, Ideology, and the Press: The Role of the Party Newspaper in the Rise of National Socialism."

College of Wooster

JAMES TURNER has been granted a year's study leave to pursue areas related to his teaching and research interests in American Social and Intellectual History.

Wright State University

TSING YUAN will serve as Visiting Associate Professor at Ohio State during the Winter Quarter of 1976.

Youngstown State University

JOSEPH MAY received a University Graduate Council Grant to enable him to continue research on the Bricker Amendment Controversy.

Two members of the History Department participated in the International Congress of the Historical Sciences in August, 1975. MORRIS SLAVIN presented a paper on the problem of equality during the French Revolution. LESLIE DOMONKOS acted as commentator on papers on the economic background of the early universities.

Appointments, Promotions, and Resignations

Bowling Green State University

JAMES H. FORSE has been promoted to the rank of Associate Professor.

A new faculty appointment in the area of Family History is CRANDELL SHIFFLETT.

Capital University

C. GEORGE FRY has resigned to accept the new position of Church History at Concordia Lutheran Seminary, Springfield, Illinois. To fill his vacancy RUSSELL SMITH has been appointed. His field of specialization is the Middle East.

Case Western Reserve University

JOHN WUNDER has been appointed as an Assistant Professor in the area of American constitutional and legal history.

The first Flora Stone Mather Professor is CAROLINE ROBBINS (Bryn Mawr, emerita). She will present a series of lectures in early April, 1976.

Offering courses in Asian history during the Spring Semester will be GREGORY HENDERSON (Fletcher School) who has been named the first Knight Professor in the Humanities.

Cedarville College

J. MURRAY MURDOCH has been appointed Chairman of the Social Science Division. He succeeds CLEVELAND McDONALD who will remain in the department.

University of Cincinnati

Promoted to the rank of Associate Professor are JOHN ALEXANDER (Amer. Colonial) and JOHN STALNAKER (Reformation).

RONALD TEMPLE has left the department to become Dean of the University College.

Hiram College

ROLAND V. LAYTON has returned after teaching for a year at Balls Park College in Hertford, England. He has been promoted to Professor.

For the first term KIMON GIOCARINIS is teaching in Hiram's Extra Mural program at Cambridge, England.

John Carroll University

Promoted to Full Professor for 1975 is MARY K. HOWARD. She is currently serving, also, as President of the Greater Cleveland Council for the Social Studies.

MICHAEL S. PAP has been recently appointed as Executive Director of the Greater Cleveland Bicentennial Commission. He continues his duties as Director of the Soviet Institute at John Carroll.

Miami University

JAY W. BAIRD has been promoted to Full Professor. Promoted to the rank of Associate Professor at the Hamilton Campus is EDWARD B. PARSONS.

Muskingum College

TAYLOR STULTS has been promoted to Full Professor while JOE L. DUBBERT has become an Associate Professor.

Ohio Northern University

A new appointment at Ohio Northern is DAVID S. SEFTON whose specialty is Medieval.

Ohio State University

The following new appointments have been made: GEORGE W. BAIN (U.S.) as an Assistant Professor at the Newark Regional Campus; EVYATAR FRIESEL (Jewish History) as a Visiting Associate Professor; and, RICHARD T. STITES (European) as an Assistant Professor at the Lima Regional Campus.

Promoted to Full Professor is HAO CHANG while MICHAEL LES BENEDICT, ALFRED E. ECKES, RICHARD J. HOPKINS, and MERRITT ROE SMITH

are all newly made Associate Professors.

Resignations have been received from CARL BOYD and MYRON W. HEDLIN.

University of Toledo

Two promotions have been made at Toledo. To the rank of Professor - RONALD LORA and to the rank of Associate - LARRY WILCOX.

Western Reserve Historical Society

DENNIS I. HARRISON, Curator of Manuscripts, received a Ph.D. degree from Case Western Reserve University in June. The title of his dissertation was "The Consumers' League of Ohio: Women and Reform, 1900 - 1937." He is currently serving as President of the Society of Ohio Archivists.

Wittenberg University

PETER CELMS is the newly appointed Chairman of

the department.

Other recent appointments include E. CHARLES CHATFIELD as Director of International Education, JOSEPH E. O'CONNOR as Administrator for Faculty Development Programs, and T. RICHARD ORTQUIST as Associate Dean of the College.

STUART GROVER has been appointed Assistant Professor with a specialization in Soviet history. Appointed on a part-time basis as an Assistant Professor is PETER

LLOYD (U.S.).

College of Wooster

The following people have been promoted: SUSANNE ROBERTS from Instructor to Assistant Professor and JOHN L. HONDROS and JAMES R. TURNER from Assistant to Associate Professor.

W. A. HAYDEN SCHILLING has been appointed Chairman of the Department.

Wright State University

PETER G. YACKEL (American Constitutional) has been named an Assistant Professor.

For the 1975-1976 academic year PAUL McSTALL-WORTH will serve as Assistant to the President of the university. He will continue to teach a partial load in the department.

Youngstown State University

LESLIE S. DOMONKOS was promoted to Full Professor. Newly named Associate Professors are: GEORGE KULCHYCKY, JAMES P. RONDA, and LOWELL J. SATRE.

Retirements

University of Dayton

GEORGE RUPPEL has retired after having been in the department for nineteen years. He will continue to teach part-time as well as keep his interests alive in the Ohio Archival Center and the Ohio Historical Society. In

1968 he was voted the outstanding teacher of the year at the University of Dayton.

Ohio Northern University

After a number of years of service to Ohio Northern University OSCAR G. DARLINGTON has retired. For some time he was Dean of the Getty College of Liberal Arts.

College of Wooster

ROBERT WALCOTT, Professor of History, retired last June after twenty-nine years at the College. The author of English Politics in the Early Eighteenth Century and numerous articles on Stuart England, he established a reputation as an internationally known scholar and distinguished teacher during his years at Wooster.

Deaths

The history profession in general and especially those of us active in Ohio have been greatly grieved by the death this year of a number of men who had devoted their lives to the teaching and writing of history. They all will be sorely missed.

DONALD GROVE BARNES was a long time member of the history department of Case Western Reserve. He was a man who taught many of the intricacies of British history. In addition to his teachings, he will be remembered for his work on George III and William Pitt

and on the Corn Laws.

RANDOLPH CHANDLER DOWNES taught at the University of Toledo for twenty-one years before his retirement in 1971. He was the author of some forty articles and a dozen books, and a highly respected teacher. Members of the Academy will remember his championing of causes on behalf of the profession. His last great effort was his definitive study of the rise to the presidency of Warren G. Harding.

The death late last Fall of ARVEL B. ERICKSON was not called to our attention until after the publication of the Spring Newsletter. Dr. Erickson taught at Case Western Reserve for thirty-five years. He was well known for his work in the field of British history in the Nineteenth

Century.

The sudden death of SAMUEL M. OSGOOD of Kent State University comes as a shock. He had been at Kent for seven years and was a specialist in modern French history. He had written and edited extensively in the area of French history.

A long time teacher of English constitutional history, WARNER F. WOODRING, emeritus from Ohio State, died in Texas. He is well remembered by his former students as a gentle, learned, and humane individual.

Late notice just at press time came of the untimely death of RUSSELL McCLURG who was an Associate Professor at Lakeland Community College.

JOB VACANCY

Afro-American historian to teach introductory and upper level courses. Position involves work with students in Independent Study in American History, as well as participation in inter-disciplinary Black Studies program. Rank and salary dependent upon qualifications. Ph.D. or graduate work in progress. The College of Wooster is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer. Apply to: F.W. Cropp, Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Calendar

Sept. 28 - Oct. 26: Exhibition at the Western Reserve Historical Soc. Theme: The Black Presence in the Era of the American Revolution, 1770-1800. Features items from the National Portrait Gallery.

Oct. 3: Colloquium in honor of Grover and Virginia Platt at Bowling Green State Univ. Theme: America's Search for World Order. Featured speaker will be Norman Graebner. Contact: Your Dept. chairman or Gary Hess, BGSU; B.G.,

Oct. 10: Fall Meeting of the Ohio Academy of History.

CWRU & WRHS, Cleveland.

Oct. 10-11: Regional Meeting of the American Catholic Historical Association, at John Carroll Univ. Theme: John Carroll and American Independence.

Oct. 25: 46th Ohioana Day of The Martha Kinney Cooper Ohioana Library, at the Fawcett Center, Columbus. Contact: Bernice Williams Foley, TMKCL Assoc., 1109 Ohio Depts. Bldg., Columbus, 43215.

Oct. 25: Annual Meeting of the Midwest Conference on British Studies, at Loyola U., Chicago. Contact: Paul Johnson, Roosevelt U., 430 S. Michigan Blvd., Chicago, 60605.

Oct. 29-31: 9th Annual Duquesne History Forum, at Howard Johnson's in Chatham Center. Contact: Paul T. Mason,

Director, Dept. Hist., Duquesne U., Pittsburgh, 15219. Nov. 2-30: Exhibition at the Western Reserve Historical

Soc. Theme: The Gund Collection of Western Art.

Dec. 28-30: Cedarville College Bicentennial Program. Theme: Philosophical Foundations of the American Republic. Featured speaker will be Charles Gregg Singer. Contact: J. Murray Murdoch, Cedv. Coll., Cedarville, 45314.

Feb. 27-28: Annual Conference of the Medieval and Renaissance Center, at OSU. Theme: Science and Fantasy in the Renaissance. Contact: Marvin R. Zahniser, OSU, Columbus, 43210.

March 2-3: Taft Lectures in History and Political Science, at Univ. of Cincinnati. Theme: Colonial Beginnings and the Promise of Independence. Featured lecturers will be Stephen

A. Webb and Merrill Jensen.

March 26-27: Spring Meeting of the Catholic Historical Society at the University of Dayton. Organizing committee consists of George Ruppel and Erving Beauregard (UD), Sister Ann Thompson (Mt. St. Joseph), and John Witek, S.J. (Xavier

March 26-28(Tent.): A Bicentennial Conference, at Eastern Kentucky University. Theme: Adam Smith and the Wealth of Nations, 1776-1976. Contact: Robt. E. Stebbins, Dept. Hist., E. Kent. U., Richmond, 40475. Proposals for papers may be submitted up to Oct. 1, 1975.

Spring '76: Conference at Miami University. Theme: The Epistemological Relationship Between Science and the Humanities. Contact: Britton J. Harwood, Upham Hall, Miami

U., Oxford, 45056.

Aug. 8-12: Bicentennial Conference on American Genealogy and Family History, at Cleveland. For advance registration at \$60 (Regular registration will be \$80) write: The Western Reserve Historical Society, 10825 East Boulevard, Cleveland, 44106, Attention: John Large, Jr.

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