

EDITORS' NOTE

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The Ohio Academy of History was founded in 1932. This organization developed into one of the friendlier societies of historians where professors, secondary educators, public historians, and independent scholars meet each other as peers who share a passion for knowledge about the past with the public whom we serve. We draw scholars from across Ohio and from beyond our borders as we provide a respectful and supportive environment for sharing our observations and research findings.

This issue of the *Proceedings of the Ohio Academy of History* is an effort to revive a publication edited for many years by Vladimir Steffel, emeritus, Ohio State University. His dedication cannot be exaggerated. For almost a decade we listened to his stories about gathering the papers, getting feedback in the peer review process and bringing the revised articles to press in print and later in digital format.

Now that the Ohio Academy of History is just fifteen years shy of its centennial, it is important that we continue to provide this platform for new and seasoned historians. We are grateful to the editorial board, the panel chairs and the scholars who submitted articles for consideration as we participated in the process that yielded the Proceedings from the Spring Meeting held at the Ohio State University on March 31 and April 1, 2017. We did so because Vlady taught us that this is important.