



**Editor's Note: Human Persistence
throughout the Pandemic**

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Perhaps historians numbered among the more confident people about humanity surviving the COVID-19 pandemic because we know of the Bubonic Plague, the cholera epidemics, and the 1918 Influenza pandemic; however, members of the Ohio Academy of History are humans who experienced uncertainties, losses, grief, anxieties and a gamut of emotions while asked to keep calm and carry students' and the public's education into the pandemic pivot to the remote instruction frontier. For our OAH, this meant the heavy decision to delay the 2020 Spring meeting and merge it with the 2021 meeting in our first fully remote conference facilitated by the Ohio State University. Our return to normal with the 2022 conference included hybrid options.

In this 2020-2022 edition of the *Proceedings of the Ohio Academy of History* are examples of that dedicated scholarship and the support of the peer reviewers whose time is greatly appreciated as we all worked "to promote the development and dissemination of historical knowledge" through this publication. The presidential addresses speak to the sacred role of historians as keepers of knowledge about the human experience, knowledge that is essential to the lofty and ancient goals of the liberal arts tradition. Our contributing historians capture the struggles of historical individuals who entered waves of economic, political, and military changes and who emerged somewhat changed even as they were successful agents of social change. Within each group of articles, the arrangement is based upon the chronology

of the researched persons and, in keeping with our OAH tradition, we do not include the rank or number of degrees possessed by the author. This edition demonstrates that unity can exist in diversity.

Proudly we can say in future that our Ohio Academy of History persisted in its mission to support “teachers, scholars, public historians and students” who completed projects even though their research efforts may have been temporarily interrupted by pandemic lockdowns. These essays and articles are meant to be shared and they are fit for supplemental reading assignments, as are our articles in prior editions of the *Proceedings*. Accept this torch of historical knowledge and enlighten those around you so that we the people can benefit from this latest set of research about being human.

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