

Editors' Notes

OBITUARY

The editor regrets to announce the death on August 25, 1996, of Walter E. Minchinton, retired Professor of Economic History at the University of Exeter. He was the author of *The British Tinplate Industry: A History* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1957) and the editor of many books, including *The Growth of English Overseas Trade* (London: Methuen Press, 1969).

FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL E.H.A. MEETING

The 1997 Annual Meeting of the Economic History Association will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, New Brunswick, New Jersey, September 12–14, 1997. The theme of the program is “The Interdisciplinary Conversation of Economic History.” Members of the program committee are Elyce Rotella (Chair), Naomi Lamoreaux, and Anne McCants. The committee especially encourages proposals for papers and sessions that show an openness to talking and listening across disciplinary borders.

To propose a paper, send three copies of a 3–5 page abstract and a 150-word abstract suitable for publication in this JOURNAL to Elyce Rotella by January 15, 1997. The committee welcomes proposals for entire sessions as well as for individual papers. Session proposals should include abstracts for each paper in the session. The committee reserves the right to assign papers to sessions and to accept some papers from a proposed session if the entire session is not accepted. For full consideration, proposals must be received by January 15, 1997. Submissions must include the full name, mailing address, departmental affiliation, telephone number(s), fax number, and E-mail address of each author. Notices of acceptance will be sent to the individual paper givers by March 14, 1997. Deadline for completed papers to be sent to discussants is August 22, 1997. Those interested in being considered for the 1997 E.H.A. program are welcome to enter into conversations (E-mail encouraged) with any of the members of the Program Committee.

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Persons expecting to receive their Ph.D. during the academic year 1996/97 are invited to apply for inclusion in the dissertation session at the 1997 Economic History Association meetings. Dissertations on U.S. or Canadian history chosen for presentation at the meetings will be finalists for the Allan Nevins Prize. Dissertations on areas of the world other than the U.S. or Canada will be finalists for the Alexander Gerschenkron Prize. Applicants must send a copy of their dissertation to the following address no later than June 1, 1997: Economic History Association, ATTN: Dissertation Session, Department of Economics, 213 Summerfield, University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS 66045-2113.

AWARDS AT THE 1996 E.H.A. MEETING

The following prizes were awarded at the fifty-sixth annual meeting of the Economic History Association, held in Berkeley, California, from 6 to 8 September 1996.

The Arthur H. Cole Prize for the outstanding article published in this JOURNAL in the September 1995 through June 1996 issues, to Paul W. Rhode of the University of North

Carolina at Chapel Hill for his article "Learning, Capital Accumulation, and the Transformation of California Agriculture," which appeared in the December 1995 issue. The Cole Prize recipient is selected each year by this JOURNAL's editorial board.

The Allen Nevins Prize for the outstanding dissertation in U.S. or Canadian economic history during 1995/96, to Steven Herscovici, Economist at Analysis Group Economics, for his "Progress amid Poverty: Economic Opportunity in Antebellum Newburyport," completed at the University of Chicago under the direction of David Galenson.

The Alexander Gerschenkron Prize for the outstanding dissertation in non-U.S. or Canadian history during 1995/96 to Hans-Joachim Voth, of King's College, Cambridge, for his "Time Use in Eighteenth Century London," completed at Oxford University under the direction of Dr. R.M. Smith of Cambridge University and Dr. J. Landers of Oxford University.

The Jonathan Hughes Prize for 1995 for excellence in teaching economic history, to Henry Gemery of Colby College.

In addition, the following scholars were awarded Arthur H. Cole Grants-In-Aid: Thomas N. Maloney, University of Utah, for research on race, migration, and labor markets in the northern U.S.; Peggy G. Hargis, Georgia Southern University, for research on black landownership in Georgia; Sean Patrick Adams, University of Wisconsin-Madison, for research on the political economy of coal in Pennsylvania and Virginia; and Maristella Botticini, Northwestern University, for research on private credit markets and the economics of Jewish moneylending.

NOMINATIONS FOR JONATHAN HUGHES TEACHING PRIZE

The Committee on Teaching of the Economic History Association is inviting nominations for the third annual Jonathan Hughes Prize for Excellence in Teaching Economic History. Letters of nomination should state what qualities of excellence the candidate's teaching of economic history has embodied. The strength of the nominating letter will be the primary basis for selecting the pool of finalists for the prize. After arriving at a short list of finalists, the committee will gather further supporting information. Anyone is eligible to write a letter of nomination. Letters of nomination should be received by 21 March 1997, and should be sent to: Hugh Rockoff, Department of Economics, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ 08903-5055, email: hrockoff@rci.rutgers.edu.