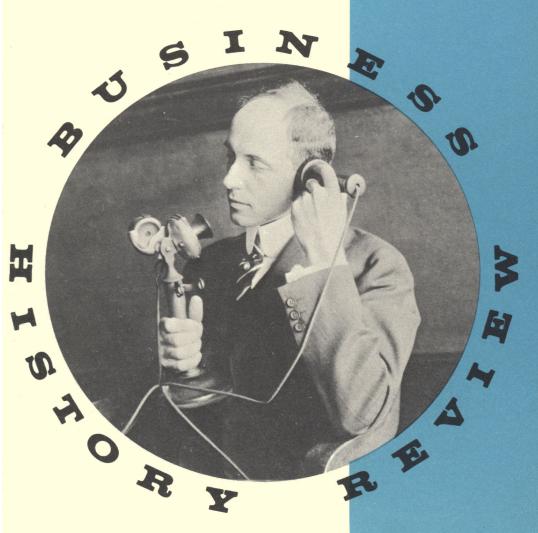


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## Editor's Note

This special issue on the linkage between business history and the history of technology is the tenth in a series of special issues begun under James P. Baughman and continued under Glenn Porter. Like the two special issues previously published under the present editorship, they are intended to distinguish a branch of business history in which current work is especially noteworthy. The articles by Professors DuBoff, Leslie, and Reich were offered for publication in the normal course of business, and we believe they dramatize the exceptional interdisciplinary nature of business history as much as did the special issue on legal and business history (Autumn 1979). We are pleased that these gentlemen saw fit to present their work in this Review.

To Professor Paul Uselding, who further complicated a hot, dry, and very busy midwestern summer by agreeing to write an introductory critical article, we are especially grateful. Like Professors Ellis W. Hawley and Morton Keller, who wrote introductions to the previous two special issues, he has recognized a duty to the profession that senior members owe it but are too frequently reluctant to discharge.

Although we did not know it at the time, we said farewell in the Autumn 1980 issue to two old friends: Linotype Caledonia and Bulmer, the faces in which the text and article titles, respectively, were set for many years. The onrush of technology has left its mark directly on this issue, the first to be set electronically. In the 1880s, the Linotype interposed one level of abstraction between us and movable types, and now we have dispensed with the type altogether. It was "goodbye Gutenberg," and now it is "goodbye Mergenthaler." How soon we shall take it all for granted.

--A.M.