

THE EDITOR'S CORNER

The Harvard Business School and the Newcomen Society of the United States announce a postdoctoral fellowship in business history for approximately \$23,000 for twelve-months' residence, study, and research at the Harvard Business School, for the academic year 1985–86. The fellow may begin the twelve-months' residence on either 1 July or 1 September 1985.

The purpose of this award is to assist scholars who have, within the past ten years, received their Ph.D. in history, economics, or a related discipline to improve their professional acquaintance with business and economic history, to increase their skills as they relate to this field, and to engage in research that will benefit from the resources of the Harvard Business School and the Boston scholarly community. The successful applicant will be asked to participate in the school's business history course, seminar, and case development activities.

Applicants should state their purpose in applying for the fellowship, and the topic, objectives, and design for the research to be undertaken. Applications should be accompanied by graduate school records, thesis abstract, names and addresses of three people who will support the application, and such other evidence as the applicant wishes to submit.

Applications for the postdoctoral fellowship must be submitted before 29 April 1985, addressed to Professor Alfred D. Chandler, Jr., Baker 214, Harvard Business School, Soldiers Field, Boston, MA 02163. Materials submitted with applications will be returned only if accompanied by postage and self-addressed return envelope.

Harvard University is an equal employment opportunity, affirmative action employer.

The New Hampshire Division of Records and Archives wishes to publicize the existence in its archives of the records of approximately 280 defunct corporations.

The records came into the state archives because of a 1887 state law requiring New Hampshire corporations in the process of dissolution to deposit their records with the Secretary of State. In the late 1970s the materials were deposited in the state archives.

The records cover the years 1800 to 1953. Corporations represented include toll bridges, steamboats, textile, lumber, paper mills, shoe, furniture factories, creameries, foundries, quarries, fur farms, ice plants, coal companies, telephone systems, and street railways. Many records consist only of minutes of stockholders meetings, but some include minutes of production meetings, financial records, correspondence, and redeemed stock certificates.

The archives are located at 71 Fruit Street, Concord, NH 03301.

The William F. Sullivan Research Fund has been established by the trustees of the Museum of American Textile History in order to support research in

American textile history. The trustees are particularly interested in aiding doctoral students who are writing dissertations and young historians who are preparing their first books.

Topics of special interest include but are not limited to the history of cloth-making techniques in the United States; the role of the corporation in community development; the impact of the industry on the regional economy; architecture; engineering; and labor systems. Biographies and institutional histories are also of interest.

In evaluating proposed research and study projects, the museum is looking for topics whose exploration promises to (1) lead to the discovery of significant new information relating to an aspect of the role of textile manufacturing in American history and/or (2) reinterpret or reconceptualize existing information concerning the role of textile manufacturing in American history. These projects are considered "significant" or "meritorious" to the degree that they add to the body of knowledge which academic historians and scholars draw on in their work. The museum also evaluates proposals according to two other criteria. The first is whether the project is so designed that it has a good chance of success, that the investigator will be able to achieve the goals set forth. The second calls for an evaluation of the applicant's own talents; does the applicant show, by virtue either of formal training, previous publication or both, that she/he is capable of competently executing the project?

Applications are received until 31 July for projects that begin not earlier than the following 1 January. Completed applications are forwarded to all members of the editorial and research committee for review. The committee makes its recommendations to the trustees on or about 1 November. Candidates are informed of the results on or about 1 December.

Interested persons should first meet with the director or send him a brief letter describing the nature and scope of the research. Address all inquiries to Editorial and Research Committee, Museum of American Textile History, 800 Massachusetts Avenue, North Andover, MA 01845.

A final narrative and financial report is requested within thirty days of the end of the grant period. It will be considered a great courtesy if authors will deposit in the library at the Museum a copy of any manuscript, article or book produced as a result of such grants-in-aid.

The March 1985 issue of the British journal *Business History* includes the following articles: "The Return to Capital in the British Motor Vehicle Industry 1896–1939" by Wayne Lewchuk; "A Strategy of Expansion and Combination: Dick, Kerr & Co., 1897–1914" by John Wilson; "A Streetcar Few Desired: The Bermuda Trolley Company, 1910–11" by Duncan McDowall; "The Decline of British Maritime Enterprise in Australia: The Example of the Australasian United Steam Navigation Company, 1887–1961" by Stephanie Jones; and "Business Failure in Scotland 1839–1913" by Richard G. Rodger.

The Einaudi publishing house announces that a new series of the *Rivista di Storia Economica* has begun publication in June 1984. The new series, which

will be published at four-month intervals, consists of original essays, notes, and book reviews. Manuscripts, books for review, and other editorial material should be sent to Gianni Toniolo, *Revista di Storia Economica*, Dipartimento di Scienze Economiche, Ca' Foscari, Università di Venezia, 30123 Venezia, Italy. Subscription inquiries and other administrative matters should be sent to *Rivista di Storia Economica*, Giulio Einaudi editore in a.s., via Biancamano 1, 10121 Torino, Italy.

The National Council on Public History (NCPH) will be meeting jointly with the Organization of American Historians in New York City, 9–12 April 1986. The NCPH Program Committee invites submissions of complete sessions or workshops and individual papers. They encourage full panels composed of presentations or papers on specific historical topics. They are especially interested in original research formulated for a variety of audiences. Proposals should include a two-page synopsis of the issues to be addressed and their development by each participant. Sessions should include no more than five participants. Three copies of proposals and vitae for all panelists should be sent either to Deborah S. Gardner, co-chair, NCPH Program Committee, The Institute for Research in History, 432 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10016 or Daniel J. Walkowitz, co-chair, NCPH Program Committee, Department of History, New York University, 19 University Place, Room 400, New York, NY 10003. The deadline for submissions is 1 March 1985.

The Hagley Museum and Library will present "The R & D Pioneers: A Critical Look at General Electric, Du Pont, AT&T Bell Laboratories, and Eastman Kodak, 1900–1985" on 7 October 1985. The conference deals with the perennial issues of research management and features papers by David Hounshell, University of Delaware; George Wise, General Electric Company; John K. Smith, Hagley Museum and Library; Neil H. Wasserman, Harvard Business School; Jeffrey Sturchio, Center for the History of Chemistry; and Richard S. Rosenbloom, Harvard Business School.

For more information and registration materials contact Hagley R & D Pioneers Conference, Box 3630, Wilmington, DE 19807. (302) 658-2400, ext. 236.

A conference on historical and industrial archaeology will be held at the Hagley Museum and Library, Wilmington, Delaware on Friday, 26 April 1985. Entitled, "Evolving Archaeological Approaches to 19th Century Industrial Communities," the conference will feature talks by Edward S. Rustch of Historic Conservation and Interpretation, Inc. and Anthony Wallace of the University of Pennsylvania. David Ames, University of Delaware, will chair the conference and David Orr, National Park Service, will provide comment.

Preceding the conference Robert Howard will conduct a tour of the Hagley industrial site, emphasizing the development and use of water power. At a luncheon Frank McKelvey will speak on the archaeological contribution to site interpretation. Both Howard and McKelvey are curators at the Hagley Museum.

For details, write or phone the Hagley Center for Advanced Study, Box 3630, Greenville, Wilmington, DE 19807. (302) 658-2400, ext. 236.

The Department of English and History of Southern Technical Institute, a four-year college of engineering technology, is sponsoring, in conjunction with the Humanities and Technology Association, the ninth annual conference on the interface of the humanities and technology, in Marietta, GA (metro Atlanta), 17–18 October 1985.

The department invites papers and presentations that examine the interaction of humanistic concerns and technological growth. The interdisciplinary proposals can include, but are not confined to, the relationship between the humanities, science, and technology as perceived by business and industry; the ramifications of technology on professional, societal, or governmental ethics; the history and philosophy of science, technology, and architecture; public policy toward the humanities, science and technology; curricular design for the humanities, science and technology; the role and effect of technology in science fiction, American studies, world history, and popular culture; the responses of literature, aesthetics, and the arts to technology; and international technology transfer.

Proposals should consist of a one-page, single-spaced abstract that is typed and ready for reproduction. At the top center of the page should be typed the paper's title, author's name, and author's professional affiliation.

Abstracts should be sent to Virginia Hein or Bob Wess, Department of English and History, Southern Technical Institute, Marietta, GA 30060. (404) 424-7202.

The deadline for submitting abstracts is 30 April 1985.

"Forests and the 49th Parallel: Historical and Comparative Perspectives on the Canadian-American Frontier" is the title of a symposium sponsored by the Forest History Society on 9–10 October 1986 in Vancouver, British Columbia. Prospective contributors should send brief proposals for papers and a copy of their curriculum vitae by 1 April 1985 to Dr. Graeme Wynn, Department of Geography, University of British Columbia, 1984 West Mall, Vancouver, British Columbia V6T 1W5.

Potential session themes include trade and its regulation, forest policy, the diffusion and impact of technology, and studies of groups and individuals that have been influential in both countries. There are plans to publish the proceedings.

The symposium will be held in conjunction with the fortieth annual meeting of the Forest History Society on 11 October 1986. The society is headquartered in Durham, North Carolina, where it is affiliated with Duke University. For further information about the society or its annual meeting, contact Harold K. Steen, 701 Vickers Avenue, Durham, NC 27701.

The sixth annual Lowell Conference on Industrial History is being planned around the theme "The Popular Perception of Industrial History." The conference will be held in Lowell, Massachusetts on 1–3 November 1985.

The conference will focus on the ways in which social and economic history, urban history, and the history of technology have been presented by various

media (including museums and historic sites, literature, film, television, history text books, and more), and how the public has in turn come to understand its industrial past.

Proposals are being accepted for individual papers and full sessions; full sessions are preferable. Sessions should be limited to five participants. Proposals should include a one-to-two-page synopsis of each paper and the session itself (if applicable), as well as background information on individual participants. Accepted proposals will be published in the annual proceedings of the Lowell Conference on Industrial History. The deadline for proposals is 31 March 1985.

The Lowell Conference on Industrial History is able to provide some limited subsidies for travel and lodging accommodations for individuals without institutional affiliations or whose institutions cannot fund travel costs. Applications for such financial assistance should be included with individual proposals.

For further information contact Robert Weible, Lowell National Historical Park, 169 Merrimack Street, Lowell, MA 01852. (617) 459-1027. The Lowell Conference on Industrial History is a yearly event sponsored by Lowell National Historical Park, the University of Lowell, and the Lowell Historic Preservation Commission, the Museum of American Textile History, and Boston University.

The Earl W. Hayter Regional History Center at Northern Illinois University has recently acquired the records of the Matthiessen and Hegeler Zinc Company of LaSalle, Illinois (1858–1970), and the records of the Wurlitzer Company of DeKalb, Illinois (1860–1980). Other recent accessions of interest to business historians include the records of three chambers of commerce from the northern Illinois region: Sterling, Dixon, and Rock Falls. For additional information please contact Hayter Regional History Center, Swen Parson Hall, Room 155, Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL 60115. (815) 753-1779.

The Hagley Museum and Library has recently opened the following collections for research: the records of the Bank of Delaware, 1812–1960 (117 linear feet); and the records of the Philadelphia Quartz Company, manufacturer of soap, candles, detergents and industrial silicates, 1831–1960 (40 linear feet).

For further information contact the Research and Reference Department, Hagley Museum and Library, Box 3630, Wilmington, DE 19807. (302) 658-2400.

The Archives of American Agriculture has been established by the Iowa State University Parks Library and will be located in its Department of Special Collections. The archives offers a wealth of agriculturally oriented manuscript collections for scholarly use and is supported by the Iowa State University Library and its extensive agricultural book and journal collections and by the doctoral program in agricultural history and rural studies of the university's department of history. The Archives of American Agriculture actively seeks the papers of individuals prominent in American agriculture as well as the records of commercial, professional, and scholarly agricultural organizations. A notable recent acquisition of the archives, now open to researchers, are the papers of Roswell Garst, friend of Henry A. Wallace and an ardent advocate of hybrid corn. Garst, who was tremendously respected internationally, spent

considerable time in Russia at the invitation of Russian Premier Nikita Khrushchev and encouraged improved trade relations with Eastern Europe.

Inquiries should be addressed to Dr. Stanley Yates, Archives of American Agriculture, Department of Special Collections, The Parks Library, Iowa State University, Ames, IA 50011.