An Editorial Note

Transitions are part of life, and that is no less true for journals. For the past three years, *Pennsylvania History* has been fortunate in the two editorial assistants who have served the journal. Kevin Sheets and Scott Webster, Gettysburg College students, have now graduated, and each is headed for graduate school in American History. Since 1989 Kevin and Scott handled the chores assigned them with diligence, patience, creativity, and wit. They accepted the drudgery that goes into putting out a quarterly journal, but they also cut their teeth on substantive editorial work. The journal has been better for their efforts, and I would like to think they are, too.

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Occasionally, errors creep into our pages, and close readers catch them. Recently we received a letter from Paul B. Beers, legislative historian of Pennsylvania, pointing out a mistake on page 127 of our April issue. It turns out we published a picture of William Findlay instead of William Findley. As Beers noted, “The error is commonplace. Both were from Westmoreland County and both served Pennsylvania in high office for more than 22 years.” We are grateful to Mr. Beers for this correction.

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Finally, we want to introduce a new feature which will periodically grace our pages: the reconsideration of a classic work in the field of Pennsylvania or mid-Atlantic history. In this number Professor William G. Shade of Lehigh University will inaugurate the feature with a thoughtful analysis of Louis Hartz’s *Economic Theory and Democratic Thought*. We invite our readers to suggest future topics, or better yet, to offer to write a reconsideration for us.

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