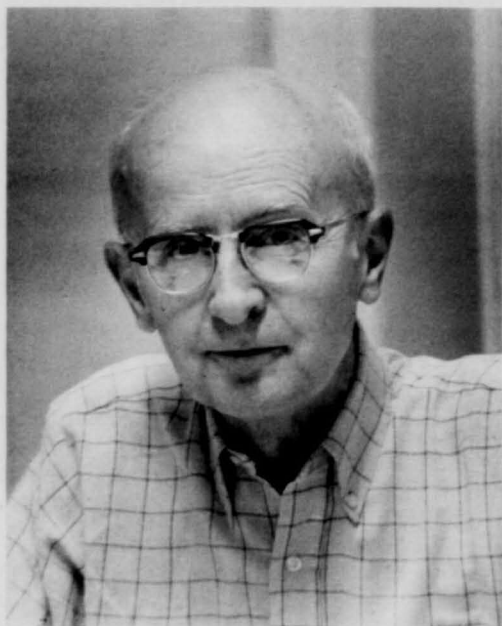


In Memoriam: Henry James Young (1909 - 1995)



Henry James Young, emeritus Dana Professor of History at Dickinson College and a life member of the Pennsylvania Historical Association, died on February 11, 1995, at the age of 86.

Born and raised in York, Pennsylvania, Henry Young attended Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster. After his graduation in 1932, he became the director of the Historical Society of York County. Except for 44 months' active service during World War II, he remained at the historical society until 1949. Thanks in large part to Young's work as director and archivist, the historical society became a model of its kind.

After his return from military service Young decided to pursue graduate study in history at Johns Hopkins University, where he received the Ph.D. in 1955. His dissertation topic, the American Loyalists, continued to interest him for the rest of his life.

From 1951 until 1957, he was a senior archivist at the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission. He also served as an editor of *Pennsylvania History*, to which he contributed several articles and numerous book reviews. He found his true calling in 1957 when he joined the Dickinson College history department. Until his retirement 16 years later in 1973, Henry was a standout: versatile, witty, prodigiously well informed.

After a sabbatical year spent at Mansfield College, Oxford, in 1965-66, Henry Young concentrated his teaching primarily on medieval and modern European history, especially English history, and continued his research and publication on colonial and revolutionary Pennsylvania. For 20 years, he also taught a course called simply "the history seminar," an innovative approach to the teaching of historiography and research methods that, while demanding, was enormously popular. A number of his students in the seminar went on, with Henry's warm encouragement, to graduate work and careers in history. Over 30 years later, the core of the Dickinson history major remains a course based closely on Henry's conception.

His major research project, unfortunately never completed, was a biographical dictionary of American Loyalist officers in the British army, for which he spent many summers combing archives and repositories in the British Isles, the United States, and Canada. Henry deposited all of his materials gathered for the project with the Clements Library of the University of Michigan, where it is heavily used by scholars. He remained an active scholar after his retirement, concentrating on local history as well as several extensive genealogical studies. He remained in touch with his students and colleagues—humane, engaged, encouraging—to the end of his life.

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