

## Editor's Note

The almost unheralded real millennium — rather than the much-hyped last year of the old one — brings many changes to *Pennsylvania History*. First, beginning with the 2000 issue (which appeared a couple of weeks late in January 2001), *Explorations in Early American Culture*, which we publish for the McNeil Center for Early American Studies, will be a separate journal with its own Library of Congress catalogue and ISSN numbers rather than a supplemental issue of *Pennsylvania History*. People seeking out *Explorations* have been having trouble finding it, and librarians have expressed some confusion as to how to catalogue and where to shelve it. We hope this change, the only one we have made in our fine relationship with the McNeil Center, now directed by Daniel K. Richter, will be helpful to those seeking to read this annual publication.

Also, readers will note a new layout. We owe in this to George W. Boudreau, newly-appointed Assistant Professor of American Studies at Penn State-Harrisburg. In gratitude his name will be placed ahead of mine on *Explorations*, for he is doing the lion's share of the work there.

Putting George's changes into effect were our printers, and friends, Mr. and Mrs. Davies of Planks Suburban Press, who over the years have handled the publication of a complicated scholarly journal as well as could be imagined. They will be retiring, and their business will be assumed by Huggins Printers of Harrisburg. I can only hope that the new relationship is as satisfying as the old, but it remains, of course, for the Council and Executive Board of the Society to decide the journal's long-term future.

Also leaving *Pennsylvania History* is Sheryl Hollis Snyder, who has prepared the annual index for many years. Although I will miss Sheryl's input, the easy relationship I enjoy with the indexer should continue. These duties will be assumed by my very good friend, Professor Emerita of English at Penn State, Shirley Marchalonis.

Finally, we are adding another department editor in addition to Paul Douglas Newman, who handles the book reviews (and has also added

films with this issue). David L. Schuyler of Franklin and Marshall College has most generously agreed seek out museum and similar exhibits and ask for reviews. Until now, we have reviewed exhibits in an ad hoc manner: we hope David will be able to provide a richer feast of the many historically-oriented exhibits throughout the state.

To the outgoing member of the Executive Board, penultimate President Susan Klepp, and to immediate past President Leslie Patrick, I can only say thank you for everything, for your friendship as well as your concern for the journal's success. Incoming President Randall Miller and President-elect Rosalind Remer will be in charge now, along with Secretary Charles Cashdollar, Treasurer Robert Blackson, and Business Secretary John Frantz, all of whom do a tremendous amount of detail work with cheer and efficiency simply out of their affection for history and Pennsylvania, for never was a "non profit) organization so aptly named. Without them, the journal and the association would cease to exist.

This special issue was planned by A. G. Roeber, who somehow manages to head the Max Kade Institute for German-American Research at Penn State in addition to chairing the history department. Frank Gentry, co-director of the Center and head of the German and Slavic Languages Department, also helped out. I am thrilled that he has been able to recruit Renate Wilson, a pathbreaking figure in the study of Pietist medicine, and two outstanding scholars from the Universities of Göttingen and Mainz, Herman Wellenreuther and Christine Hücho, to publish with us. Thanks to Gregg and Dean Susan Welch of the College of Liberal Arts, Penn State provides me with released time, and we enjoy space, financial assistance, and excellent secretarial support from Karen Ebeling, who basically does everything I don't want to do. John Frantz joined Gregg in co-editing this issue. But we have decided, without his knowledge, to dedicate it to him as well, to acknowledge his scholarship and teaching at Penn State, and his loyal service to the Pennsylvania Historical Association, of which he served as President. John welcomed me to share the colonial history duties at University Park several years ago with a friendliness and enthusiasm that one wishes all senior colleagues would extend to those who are succeeding them. Although retired from the history department, he continues to labor in the vineyard on behalf of Pennsylvania history, right down the hall, and we see each other nearly every day. So I know how hard he works. John's presence is one of many reasons my life at Penn State has been so pleasant and productive.