

A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

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This fall concludes a two-year celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Association's creation. Last year's annual meeting in State College commemorated the Association's founding in 1932, and the summer 2008 issue of *Pennsylvania History* marked the journal's initial publication in 1933. This October, we convene in Bethlehem, the site of the first annual meeting seventy-five years ago. By now, you have the meeting program in your hands and have seen the photograph of those first attendees—forty-six of them—arrayed in front of Packard Hall on the Lehigh University campus. The first local arrangements chairperson was the great colonial historian Lawrence Henry Gipson, in whose honor the Gipson Institute for Eighteenth-Century Studies is sponsoring a Friday evening reception at this year's conference. I hope to see you there.

A fourth feature of our two-year celebration is the 75th Anniversary Fund, to which donations are still welcome and needed. A suggested contribution in support of the endowment fund is \$75.00 per year for five years, but larger or smaller donations

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are equally appreciated. Your support will help to insure that the PHA is as strong in the future as it has been in the past. Checks payable to the Pennsylvania Historical Association and marked for the 75th Anniversary Fund can be sent to Business Secretary Karen Guenther, 216 Pinecrest Hall, Mansfield University, Mansfield, PA 16933.

As my presidential term comes to an end this year, I want to thank the many individuals whose donations of time and talent make the PHA successful. Council members and officers, editors, editorial board members, peer reviewers, authors, book reviewers, prize committee members, local arrangements and program committee members, and conference participants all contribute countless hours. Without this dedication, the Association simply could not exist.