

## FROM THE EDITOR

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In this issue, you will learn of the loss of another long time and active member of the PHA, Norman Forness. As a student of Philip S. Klein, Norman was among the second generation of PHA members, and he served as the Associate Editor of this journal for several years. Colleague and former *Pennsylvania History* Editor Mike Birkner of Gettysburg College provides an In Memoriam.

Also in this issue the reader will find another installment of our regular public history feature: a report from Joseph Kelly, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Humanities Council, sharing news from that organization as well as opportunities for your involvement. Another regular feature is making its debut in this issue: a Roundtable of papers from a session at the PHA Annual Meeting in October 2008 by grant recipients of the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission's Scholars in Residence program. The plan is to hold a Roundtable at the PHA Annual Meeting each year for SIRs to report on their research and share information about the depth and breadth of the Pennsylvania State Archives' collection, and then to print

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papers generated by the Roundtable in the Autumn issue the following year. This may be a short-lived feature, however, as the proposed State budget for the 2009–2010 year did not contain funding for the fifteen-year-old program. There will be an installment in the Autumn 2010 issue containing reports from the 2008–2009 year, but after that it's a wait and see. State Archivist Linda Ries has provided an excellent short history of the program in which you will see the impact this fine program has had in cultivating the history of Pennsylvania for scholars and the general public alike. In addition, we have an excellent collection of articles, a Review Essay, and three book reviews.

Further, Business Secretary Karen Guenther has asked me to thank the members who generously gave to the PHA's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Fund last year. Thank you all for your generous commitment to our organization, our journal, and the cause of the Pennsylvania Historical Association. And last, at the end of this volume you will find a listing of our Institutional Members. We will keep this list current and print it along with an expression of gratitude in each issue forthwith. Membership at all levels is vitally important, and we would be remiss if we did not appropriately recognize those who make membership a priority. Therefore, thanks to all of you, from the student members on up, who continue to find value in the Pennsylvania Historical Association and the pages of *Pennsylvania History: A Journal of Mid-Atlantic Studies*.

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