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Editorial

Change is in the wind at *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*. As many of you already know, my tenure as editor of *PMHB* comes to an end with this issue. I want to thank the readers, authors, reviewers, and supporters of the magazine for making my time here, though short, both memorable and satisfying. I wish again to thank Ian Quimby for the strong foundation that he left when he retired last year. Since scholarly materials take cultivation, much of the achievement many of you have been kind enough to recognize this year is rightly a part of Ian's legacy, too. Moreover, not one issue would ever have appeared in your mailbox without the stalwart and capable work of Managing Editor Jim Wheatley. Jim is also moving on to fresh pastures, after devoting nearly three years not only to *PMHB* but also to producing the second volume of the *Index* and the excellent history of the Society written by Sally Griffith.

I am leaving the Society to take up a position as Senior Historian at the South Street Seaport Museum in New York. My work there will involve bringing to fruition the museum's first permanent exhibit, to open June 2004 in restored nineteenth-century seaport buildings. The diverse responsibilities that fell to me here at the Society have prepared me well to take on this large and complicated project, for which I am grateful. In return, I have urged the Seaport exhibit toward a vision that encompasses Pennsylvania and the mid-Atlantic region, well beyond New York City itself.

PMHB has a vision of its own, of course, and a promising future as well. Having this year supported debate about public history interpretation in Philadelphia, shone some light on the capitol in Harrisburg, the development of the Centennial Exposition, and the impact of Pennsylvania's

revolutionary charter of 1701, the magazine is poised to do even more. In addition to opening out fresh vistas of interpretation and argument, Jim and I have worked to strengthen the foundations of the magazine. You will soon be seeing one of the fruits of our efforts this year in a new searchable version of the second volume of the magazine's index prepared for the Society's website. All annual indexes beginning with this volume will also be produced digitally, so that they can be made available to scholars everywhere via the web. We are also developing marketing initiatives that will broaden the reach of the magazine and build a subscription base for it over and above the Society's membership. These behind-the-scenes activities will support the magazine's continuing substantive strength and contribute to its lasting usefulness.

My successor, Dr. Tamara Miller, who holds a Ph.D. in American Civilization from Brandeis University, joined the Society this month. She is already taking hold of both *PMHB* and *Pennsylvania Legacies,* and some of you may have met her at the Pennsylvania History Association conference in Lancaster. If not, you will have, as I have had, the pleasure and privilege of getting to know her by working with her. Let me thank you once again for your kind support and splendid submissions. I look forward to seeing the magazine and the Society continue to thrive in the years to come.