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Editorial

From colonial trade to nineteenth-century cigar making, from postwar agriculture to present-day transnationalism, Philadelphia has a long history of connection to the Spanish-speaking worlds of Latin America and the Caribbean. The history of Latinos in Philadelphia stretches back to the eighteenth century, when the thriving colonial port began regular trade with Cuba and other Spanish colonial ports. By 1920, approximately five thousand Spanish speakers resided in Philadelphia; the majority of them lived and worked in the immigrant working-class neighborhoods of Southwark, Spring Garden, and Northern Liberties, among other Italian and Eastern European immigrants. After World War II, an influx of Puerto Ricans arrived to work as agricultural workers, factory workers, and domestics, and to build *el barrio.*

In 2001, The Historical Society of Pennsylvania with The Balch Institute for Ethnic Studies embarked upon a multiyear project to document the histories and contemporary experiences of Latinos in Philadelphia as part of its New Immigrants Initiative. The project resulted in a published community profile, educational materials, teacher workshops, a traveling exhibit, a Web site, and a public programming series, including HSP's annual fall symposium in November 2003, "Pan-American Philadelphia." A sampling of those papers and some of the work of HSP's Latino Philadelphia project are presented here. Pennsylvania has a long history of ethnic and religious diversity. This project has taught many of us that Pennsylvania was even more diverse than we knew.

Tamara Gaskell Miller
Editor

In Memoriam Resolution

Russell F. Weigley

Whereas the Officers and Councilors of The Historical Society of Pennsylvania have learned with great sorrow of the death of Emeritus Councilor Russell F. Weigley on March 3, 2004; and

Whereas Russell F. Weigley is remembered for his passionate commitment and distinguished contributions to the Revolutionary and military history of the United States and the history of Philadelphia, where he taught for over forty-five years at Temple University; and

Whereas Russell F. Weigley served as a Member and Chairman of the Editorial Board of the *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* from 1982 through 2003 and as a Councilor, Officer, and Emeritus Councilor of the Society from 1983 until his death, attending faithfully and addressing Society matters with knowledge, insight, and dedication; now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the Officers and Councilors of The Historical Society of Pennsylvania that they celebrate the service of Russell F. Weigley to the Society and its mission; and

Be it further resolved that the Officers and Councilors of The Historical Society of Pennsylvania extend to the Weigley family heartfelt condolences at this great loss; and

Be it further resolved that this resolution be published in the October 2004 issue of the *Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography.*