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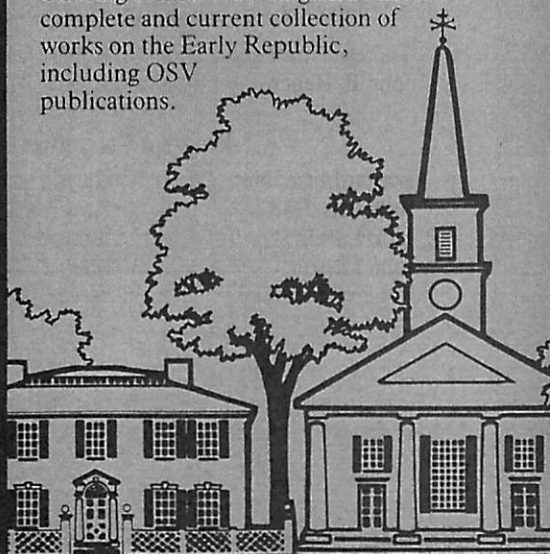
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Society for Historians of the Early American Republic

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American Antiquarian Society
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Worcester Polytechnic Institute

July 21-23, 1988
Sturbridge / Worcester
Massachusetts

The American Antiquarian Society Invites All Members of SHEAR To Attend the 1988 Meeting

The American Antiquarian Society, founded in 1812 by the Patriot printer, publisher, and editor Isaiah Thomas, is the country's oldest national historical society. Its library houses the world's best collection of books, pamphlets, broadsides, and newspapers printed through 1876 in what is now the United States. In addition, it maintains outstanding collections of manuscripts, graphic arts materials, and printed music.

AAS plays an active role in encouraging and disseminating scholarship in its collections. The Society publishes a semiannual learned journal, the *Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society*, as well as books. It sponsors an annual fellowship competition, with several categories of awards for one to three months' and six to twelve months' residence. Its Program in the History of the Book in American Culture schedules lectures, conferences, seminars, and research programs focused on analysis of the role of the printed word in the making of American culture.

Recent Publications

The Collections and Programs of the American Antiquarian Society: A 175th-Anniversary Guide (1987). 183 pp. (paper). \$12.50.

Needs and Opportunities in the History of the Book: America, 1639-1876 (1987). Ed. David D. Hall and John B. Hench. x, 288 pp. \$29.95.

Books may be ordered from the Society's distributor, the University Press of Virginia, Box 3608 University Station, Charlottesville, VA 22903. Send payment with order, adding \$1.50 postage and handling for one title, \$2.25 for two. Virginia residents add 4½% sales tax.



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4:00-7:45 p.m.

Registration

Founders Hall

Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI)

4:00 p.m.

Advisory Council Meeting

Goddard Daniels House

American Antiquarian Society (AAS)

5:00-6:00 p.m.

**Introduction to Collections & Programs
of the AAS**

Antiquarian Hall, AAS

8:00 p.m.

Plenary Session

Founders Hall, Study Room, WPI

*Presiding*REGINALD HORSMAN, University of
Wisconsin, Milwaukee

Early Republican Conservatism Reconsidered

DANIEL WALKER HOWE, University of
California at Los Angeles"Religion and Political Culture in the
Antebellum North"

STEVEN WATTS, University of Missouri

"Ministers, Misanthropes, and Mandarins: The
Agony of Early American Conservatism,
1790-1820" / *18th The Republic Reborn***Following the Plenary Session**

Old Sturbridge Village Research Library

Society Sherry Reception

Founders Hall, Rooms A & B

(All sessions at Old Sturbridge Village)

7:30 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

Main Dining Room, Founders Hall, WPI

8:15 a.m.

Bus leaves Founders Hall
for Old Sturbridge Village

8:45 a.m.

Registration at Conference Center

9:00-11:00 a.m.

**A. Rural Society and Economy in Transition,
Massachusetts, 1780-1860**

Conference Room, Conference Center

Chair:

JOHN WORRELL, Old Sturbridge Village

*Papers:*ANDREW BAKER and HOLLY IZARD
PATERSON, Old Sturbridge Village"The Marketing Strategies of Worcester County
Farm Families, 1780-1850: A Case Study of the
Wards of Shrewsbury"

JACK LARKIN, Old Sturbridge Village

"Accounting for Change: Exchange and Debt in
the New England Rural Economy"MARK A. MASTROMARINO, William and
Mary" 'Touching a String Which Never Fails':
Elkanah Watson and Early Agricultural Fairs in
Massachusetts, 1790-1860"*Commentator:*RICHARD L. BUSHMAN, University of
Delaware

B. The Federal Constitution: New Perspectives
Board Room, Conference Center

Chair:

ROBERT A. GROSS, Amherst College

Papers:

RUTH HERNDON, American University
"Popular Reaction to the Constitution: The 1788
Referendum in Rhode Island"

ROGER H. BROWN, American University
" 'We May Hope for a Reformation of Manners':
The Framers and the Improvability of Man"

J. EDWIN HENDRICKS, Wake Forest
University

" 'Rise it Will': North Carolina and the
Ratification of the Federal Constitution"

Commentator:

PATRICK T. CONLEY, Providence College

**C. Perspectives on the African Colonization
Movement**

Bullard Tavern

Chair:

RANDALL MILLER, St. Joseph's University

Papers:

DOUGLAS R. EGERTON, Le Moyne College
" 'A Corrupt Mass': The American System and
African Colonization"

MARIE TYLER MCGRAW, Valentine Museum
"Southern Benevolence: Women, Piety and
Anger in Virginia's Colonization Movement"

DEBRA L. NEWMAN, Library of Congress
"Afro-American Settler Women in Liberia"

Commentator:

MARY ANTOINETTE BROWN SHERMAN,
Distinguished Visiting Scholar, Ohio State
University

**D. The Early Republican Economy: Agriculture,
Industry and Bankruptcy**
Research Library

Chair:

RALPH GRAY, Indiana University, Purdue
University at Indianapolis

Papers:

JAMES L. CONRAD, JR., Nichols College
"The Early Rhode Island Textile Industry
Reexamined: Technology Diffusion and the
Warwick Mill, 1794-1804"

PETER C. MANCALL, Harvard University
"Myth and Reality for the Yeomanry: Economic
Opportunity in the Upper Susquehanna Valley
After the Revolution"

CHRISTOPHER NEIL FRITSCH, Temple
University

"Bankruptcy Cases in the Lower Federal Courts:
An Initial Look at the Cases under the First
Bankruptcy Act, 1800-1803"

Commentator:

ROBERT JONES, Fordham University

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Lunch
Conference Center

1:00-3:00 p.m.

E. Saving the Republic: Christian Reformism

Bullard Tavern

Chair:

LAWRENCE B. GOODHEART, University of Connecticut

Papers:

MARK Y. HANLEY, Purdue University

"Beyond a Christian Commonwealth: The Protestant Quarrel with the American Republic, 1820-1860"

DAVID G. VENDERSTEL, Conner Prairie Pioneer Farm

"A Home Missionary on the Indiana Frontier: Edmund O. Hovey and the Quest for a 'Hoosier Zion' "

THOMAS D. HAMM, Earlham College

"Radical Abolition and Communitarianism in the West: The Society for Universal Inquiry and Reform"

Commentator:

WALTER H. CONSER, JR., University of North Carolina, Wilmington

F. The Artisans' World in Eighteenth and Nineteenth Century New England

Board Room, Conference Center

Chair:

JOHN WORRELL, Old Sturbridge Village

Papers:

EDWARD COOKE, Boston Museum of Fine Arts

"Social Economy and Preindustrial Craft in Western Connecticut"

MYRON O. STACHIW, Old Sturbridge Village

"Tradition and Transformation: Emerson Bixby and the Social, Material, and Economic World of Barre Four Corners"

Commentator:

RICHARD L. BUSHMAN, University of Delaware

G. Loosening the Ties that Bind Us: Crisis of Identity in The Early Republic

Research Library

Chair:

LAWRENCE F. KOHL, University of Alabama

Papers:

JENNIFER ROSE CLARK, The University of New England, Australia

"Familial Ideology, the Anglo-Saxon Connection and the Early Republic"

DANIEL E. WILLIAMS, University of Mississippi

"Without Coloring or Darkening Any Circumstances: The Textual Relationships of Fact and Fiction and Author and Authority in the Rogue Narrative of Stephen Burroughs"

SCOTT C. MARTIN, University of Pittsburgh

"Fathers Against Sons, Sons Against Fathers: Antimasonry in Pittsburgh"

Commentator:

FREDERICK M. BINDER, The College of Staten Island, The City University of New York

H. The Revolutionary Political Economy

Conference Room, Conference Center

Chair:

MARY K. BONSTEEL TACHAU, University of Louisville

Papers:

H. JAMES HENDERSON, Oklahoma State University

"Taxes and Politics in Massachusetts and Virginia, 1775-1800"

RICHARD BUEL, JR., Wesleyan University

"Starving in a Land of Plenty: Reflections on the Economy of the Revolutionary War"

Commentator:

MARK EGNAL, York University, Ontario, Canada

3:30-5:00 p.m.

I. Economy and Community on the New England Frontier

Board Room, Conference Center

Chair:

JACK LARKIN, Old Sturbridge Village

Papers:

CHRISTOPHER CLARK, University of York, United Kingdom

"The Involution of Rural Society: Responses to Land-Shortage in the Connecticut Valley of Massachusetts, 1780-1820"

ALAN TAYLOR, Boston University

"The Expansion of Rural Society: Creating Properties and Communities on the New England Frontier, 1780-1820"

Commentator:

BARBARA RUSSELL KARSKY, Université de Paris VII

J. Depending on the State: Public and Private Perils

Research Library

Chair:

DREW R. McCOY, Harvard University

Papers:

RICHARD JOHN, Harvard University

"The Lost World of Bartleby the Scrivener: Toward a Cultural History of Officeholding in the Early Republic"

JOHN LAURITZ LARSON, Purdue University

"The State as Servant, the State as Thief: Improving North Carolina in the Jefferson-Jackson Era"

Commentators:

DREW R. McCOY, Harvard University

HARRY L. WATSON, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

K. Femininity, Imagined and Real

Conference Room, Conference Center

Chair:

CONSTANCE B. SCHULZ, University of South Carolina

Papers:

KAREN J. GREENBERG, Bard College

"The Revolutionary Era and the Feminine Ideal: Rethinking the Concept of Human Nature in the Eighteenth Century"

WILLIAM H. AND JANE PEASE, University of Maine

"The World of Wenches in Boston and Charleston, 1825-1850"

Commentator:

DEBORAH BINGHAM VAN BROEKHOVEN, Ohio Wesleyan University

L. In the Eye of the Beholder: Republicanism Among the Historians and in the Workplace

Bullard Tavern

Chair:

PAUL A. GILJE, University of Oklahoma

Papers:

MARC W. KRUMAN, Wayne State University

"Republican Ideology and Nineteenth Century American Political Historiography"

SETH WIGDERSON, Wayne State University

"How Republican was Antebellum Working Class Republicanism?"

Commentator:

GRAHAM HODGES, Colgate University

5:30 p.m.

Bus leaves OSV for Reception
at American Antiquarian Society

6:00-7:30 p.m.
AAS Reception
 Antiquarian Hall

8:00 p.m.
Banquet and Presidential Address
 Main Dining Room, Founders Hall

REGINALD HORSMAN, University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee
 "The Dimensions of an 'Empire of Liberty': Expansion and Republicanism, 1775-1825"

8:00 a.m.
Continental Breakfast
 Salisbury, WPI

9:00-11:00 a.m.

M. Fugitive Slave Law in the Early National Period
 Salisbury 104, WPI

Chair:
 DONALD ROPER, SUNY, New Paltz

Papers:
 PAUL FINKELMAN, SUNY, Binghamton
 "The Drafting of the First Fugitive Slave Law"
 STEPHEN MIDDLETON, University of Cincinnati
 "Ohio/Kentucky and the Rendition of Fugitives: 'The Kidnapping of Jerry Phinney' "

Commentators:
 ROBERT McGLONE, University of Hawaii
 DONALD ROPER, SUNY, New Paltz

N. The Disunited States: The Politics of Particularism
 Salisbury 105, WPI

Chair:
 JOHN M. BELOHLAVEK, University of South Florida

Papers:
 CHARLES H. SCHOENLEBER, University of Wisconsin
 "Southern Sectionalism and the Extension of State Jurisdiction Over the Five Civilized Tribes, 1825-1835"
 J. CHRIS ARNDT, James Madison University
 "Maine and the Northeastern Boundary Controversy: A Study of States' Rights in Antebellum New England"
 C. EDWARD SKEEN, Memphis State University
 "The Doctrine of Instruction: The Lost Right of Dual Federalism"

Commentator:
 THOMAS E. JEFFREY, Thomas A. Edison Papers, Rutgers University

O. Jacksonian Democracy in the Making and Made Over
 Goddard Daniels House, AAS

Chair:
 ROBERT O. RUPP, Ohio State University, Marion

Papers:
 DONALD J. RATCLIFFE, University of Durham, United Kingdom
 "The Court of King Arthur and the Democratic Revolution in Ohio"
 EMIL POCOCK, Eastern Connecticut State University
 "Popular Roots of Jacksonian Democracy: Robert Skinner's Critique of the Standing Order in Dayton, Ohio, 1815-1830"
 DANIEL FELLER, University of New Mexico
 "Beyond Ethnoculturalism: The Emerging Jacksonian Synthesis"

Commentator:
 GREGORY H. NOBLES, Georgia Institute of Technology

P. The Black Economy: Voluntary and Involuntary
Kinnicutt Hall, Salisbury, WPI

Chair:

JO ANN MANFRA, Worcester Polytechnic Institute

Papers:

BETTY WOOD, Girton College, Cambridge University, Cambridge, England
"The 'Informal' Slave Economy of Low Country South Carolina and Georgia, ca. 1760-ca. 1820"

WHITTINGTON B. JOHNSON, University of Miami

"Regional Employment Patterns of Afro-Americans, 1750-1830"

STEPHEN A. VINCENT, Brown University

"More Than the Shadow of a Dream: Family and Community Life at Two Black Farm Settlements on the Old Northwest Frontier, 1820-1850"

Commentator:

JOHN R. McKIVIGAN, Frederick Douglass Papers, Yale University

11:15-11:45 a.m.

SHEAR Business Meeting
Kinnicutt Hall, Salisbury, WPI

1:15-3:00 p.m.

Lunch
Higgins House, WPI

Q. A New Look at the Old Northwest
Kinnicutt Hall, Salisbury, WPI

Chair:

GEORGE BILLIAS, Clark University

Paper:

ANDREW R. L. CAYTON, Ball State University and PETER S. ONUF, Southern Methodist University

"The Old Northwest in American History: Needs and Opportunities for Research"

Commentators:

JOHN LARSON, Purdue University
ROBERT R. DYKSTRA, SUNY, Albany

R. Community and Society on the Early Republican Frontier

Salisbury 104, WPI

Chair:

WILLARD KLUNDER, Wichita State University

Papers:

LOUIS W. POTTS, University of Missouri, Kansas City

"Community Building on the Missouri Frontier"

BRADLEY SKELCHER, Southeast Missouri State University

"Cairo: A Historical Study of the Corporation and Urban Development on the Frontier, 1835-1860"

Commentators:

KENNETH H. WINN, Missouri Historical Society

WILLARD KLUNDER, Wichita State University

S. Early Republican Science, Practical and Theoretical

Goddard Daniels House, AAS

Chair:

JOHN B. HENCH, American Antiquarian Society

Papers:

SEYMOUR S. COHEN, Woods Hole, Massachusetts

"The Context of the Chemical Careers of Thomas Cooper in England and the United States"

WILLIAM H. MULLIGAN, JR., Central Michigan University, STANLEY J. DYL, II, Michigan Technological University, and THERESA SANDERSON SPENCE, Michigan Technological University

"The Field Notes of Douglas Houghton: Science and Economic Development in the Early Republic"

Commentator:

JOHN GREENE, University of Connecticut

T. Cautious Reformers in a Volatile Age

Salisbury 105, WPI

Chair:

TERRY BILHARTZ, Sam Houston State University

Papers:

CRAIG HANYAN with MARY HANYAN, Brock University, Ontario, Canada

"De Witt Clinton and the People's Party: Leadership and Purpose in an Early American Reform Movement"

RICHARD A. YANIKOSKI, DePaul University
"Edward Everett on the Proper Nature of Reform"*Commentator:*

MALCOLM SYLVERS, University of Venice, Italy

3:15-5:00 p.m.

U. The Moral Economy of Fashion

Goddard Daniels House, AAS

Chair:

DALE T. KNOBEL, Texas A & M University

Papers:

DANIEL A. COHEN, Brandeis University

"The Murder of Maria Bickford: Passion, Fashion, and the Birth of a Consumer Culture"

WENDY GAMBER, Brandeis University

"Fashion and Respectability: The Milliner and Dressmaker in Nineteenth Century Literature"

Commentator:

KAREN HALTTUNEN, Northwestern University

V. Kentucky Democracy in Action

Salisbury 104, WPI

Chair:

GEORGE GEIB, Butler University

*Papers:*ELLEN ESLINGER, University of Chicago
"Democratic Republicans in Bourbon County, Kentucky"

SANDRA FRANCES VanBURKLEO, Wayne State University

"The Paws of Banks': Kentucky's Campaign Against Banks and Common Lawyers, 1818-1823"

Commentator:

JAMES ROGER SHARP, Syracuse University

W. Women and "Citizenship" in the Constitutional Era

Salisbury 105, WPI

Chair:

MARY QUINLIVAN, University of Wisconsin, Whitewater

Papers:

JOANNA B. GILLESPIE, Pembroke Center for Research on Women, Brown University

"Martha Laurens Ramsay (1759-1811) and the 'Relative Duties'—Women's Calling in the Constitutional Era"

EDITH B. GELLES, Institute for Research on Women and Gender, Stanford University

"A Gendered Perspective on the Constitution: The Correspondence of Abigail Adams and Thomas Jefferson"

Commentators:

JEAN R. SODERLUND, University of Maryland, Baltimore

KAREN WYCHE, Hunter College

New Synthesis

1.

2. 2 Parties played to center -
Best cliff parties appeared
to very different visions of economic
future.

3. Party constituents coherently re-
flected contrasting policy orientations.

4. Class divide / divergent reactions
to market brought people into
party politics, not cultural ident.

5. Those who sought unimod. or
fundamental change forced to
operate on periphery, outside of
major parties.

6. Party system drew vitality,
not from new elect. techniques,
but from urgency of these
conflicting policies.

7. Party system shepherded
US thru this rev. (in trans, etc.)
w/out disrupt & violence - but
then lost its power, unable to
cope w/succeeding probs.

This puts polit. hist. & Soc. hist. back
together. Dichotomy between
progressive & ethnocultural history
thus broken - interpenetrated.

If this works - where do we go
now?

1.) Renaissance national politics.
Bank war; place of A. Sax;

2. Go back in time to 1820's as good
period to 2nd party system. 1830's no
good enough. Need to look at
National Center - in Washington.

3. Apply insight of impact of transport
rev. at local & state level to underst.
of nat'l politics as well. Crucial role
in restructuring Soc. nat'lly. 'Cataclysmic
event'.

4. Move back down to indus. level as
well as up to nat'l level.

Barney - Passage of the Republic

Seymour Cohen - Trustee of
Woods Hole.

Thomas Cooper 1759-1839

Thomas Malone - 1926 Ph.D. dissertation on
Cooper's biography.

Cooper went to Pa. in 1793 w/ Priestly
to set up a land deal in Northumberland
Till there in 1794 but migrated anyway.
Imprisoned for sedition in 1800 - while in prison
his wife died in Northumberland. 1800-11 -
was a Pennsylvania judge. Family con-
servatives. Became then Prof. of chemistry
in Carlisle College. 1804-11 - had used
Priestly library & lab. in Northumberland
in between judicial circuit rides.

2 Pts: extensive exper. as a chemist in
Manchester crucial to Cooper's
scientific belief.

2.) Priestly not an active influence on
Cooper in chemistry

Manchester a haven for dissenters in
1780's. Cooper 1st went there as a lawyer in
1780-81. Became active chemist, experimenting
in use of bleaches from chlorides sources
on infant dyeing industry in Manch. textiles.

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