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NEWS OF THE SOCIETY

Annual Meeting

The seventeenth Annual Meeting of the Society will be held in Philadelphia, PA, at the Sheraton-Society Hill, October 22-24, 1987. Programs and further information will be mailed out to members soon.

The 1988 Annual Meeting will be held in Charleston, South Carolina, Oct. 20-22.

Sustaining Members

The Society very much appreciates the contribution of its sustaining members. At the time of going to press they included the 142 whose names follow:

Alfeld, Philip B.L.
Allen, Neal W. Jr.
Ashkenzi, Elliott
Baker, William D.
Bernard, Burton C.
Black, Stephen F.
Brewster, Donald P.
Chodorow, Stanley
Churgin, Michael J.
Cobin, David M.
Cohen, Morris L.
Daniel, Josiah M. III.
Dumbauld, Edward

Muldoon, James
Murphy, Paul
Oldham, James C.
Opala, Marion P.
Pratt, John W.
Roberts, William E.
Roseberry, David E.
Schlegel, John H.
Schooler, Lionel M.
Schwartz, Philip J.
Sprow, Howard T.
Walker, Mark C.
Ward, Nicholas D.

Ertman, Robert A.
 Garlock, Peter D.
 Gordon, John D. III
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 Haber, Robert Jay
 Hablutzek, Philip
 Hamilton, M.J.
 Harper, Conrad K.
 Hartog, Hendrik A.
 Heller, Francis, H.
 Hogue, L. Lynn
 Holt, Wythe W. Jr.
 Hyman, Harold M.
 Johnson, John W.
 Kazimer, Mary Ellen
 Kilbourne, Richard H. Jr.
 Konefsky, Alfred S.
 Krapf, Robert J.
 Lanpum, David J.
 Marsh, John S.
 Massey, Calvin R.
 Matthews, Nancy L.
 McClain, Charles J.
 Meador, Daniel J.
 Mirow, Matthew Campbell
 Minzner, Pamela
 Sklar, Martin J.
 Campbell, Bruce A.
 Carroll, Hall U.
 Cavalli, Ralph L.
 Cunningham, Harold D.
 Freedman, Eric M.
 Friedman, Lawrence
 Hoeflich, Michael H.
 Mann, Bruce
 McDonald, Russell W.
 Palmer, Robert C.
 Roper, Donald M.
 Solomon, Rayman L.
 Weinberg, Wendy
 Baker, G. Blaine
 Berry, Mary F.
 Bloomfield, Maxwell H.
 Chiappinelli, Eric A.
 Cohn, Avern
 Coleman, Peter J.
 Conley, John A.
 Conrad, Stephen A.
 Cope, Thomas F.
 Ely, James W. Jr.
 Field, C. George
 Flasherty, David H.

Willman, Robert I.
 Wood, David P.
 Alexander, Gregory S.
 Bates, Frederick N.
 Bell, Randall T.
 Boucher, Harold I.
 Boyd, Steven R.
 Clark, Elaine
 Daw, Harold J.
 Fede, Andrew
 Goodman, Larry L.
 Hall, Kermit L.
 Harrington, William D.
 Harris Joel B.
 Higginbotham, A. Leon
 Hutchinson, Dennis J.
 Katz, Stanley N.
 Langbein, John H.
 Loengard, Janet S.
 Lofgren, Charles
 May, James P.
 McKnight, Joseph W.
 Patterson, John T.
 Preyer, Kathryn T.
 Sharpe, David J.
 Silsby, Herbert T. III
 Zinskind, Martha A.
 Schafer, Judith K.
 Soifer, Aviam
 Stoel, Caroline P.
 Subrin, Stephen N.
 Walker, Sue Sheridan
 Wenger, Larry B.
 Wiswall, Frank L. Jr.
 Black, Barbara A.
 Cockburn, J.S.
 Nycum, Peter S.
 Ogilvie, M.H.
 Parks, Fred Inc.
 Strickland, Rennard
 Beattie, J.M.
 Graham, Kenneth Jr.
 Green, Thomas H.
 Kuehn, George W.
 Salmon, Marylynn
 Worshtil, Joel D.
 Yeazell, Stephen D.
 Bourguignon, Henry J.
 Coale, William F.
 Johnson, Herbert H.
 Landon, Michael
 Nedelsky, Jennifer

Fournier, Charles W.
 Garfinkel, Barry H.
 Mackey Thomas C.
 Mann, Judith W.
 Mannino, Edward F.
 Nolan, Dennis R.

Osgood, Russell K.
 Ragan Fred. D.
 Walton, James M.
 Zainaldin, Jamil S.
 Murphy, Robert B.L.
 Orth, John V.

Elections

The Nominations Committee (Dirk Hartog, chair, Tom Green, Kermit Hall, Ray Solomon) of the American Society for Legal History nominates the following slate as candidates for officers of the society:

President: Barbara Black

Barbara Black is Dean of Columbia University School of Law and George Welwood Murray Professor of Legal History. She is a graduate of Columbia Law School and of Yale's History Department, and she taught at Yale Law School prior to coming to Columbia in 1984. She has published numerous articles, primarily on colonial and revolutionary Massachusetts legal history. She has served on the editorial board of the Law and History Review, the board of trustees of the Law and Society Association, and the AALS Special Committee on the Celebration of the Bicentennial of the Constitution. She is also the present president of the ASLH.

Vice President: Lawrence M. Friedman

Lawrence M. Friedman is Marion Rice Kirkwood Professor of Law at Stanford University Law School. A graduate of the University of Chicago Law School, he practiced law briefly in Chicago, and then taught law at St. Louis University and the University of Wisconsin. He is the author of many books, including Contract Law in America (1965); Law and the Behavioral Sciences (co-edited with Stewart Macaulay) 1969; 2nd edition, 1977; A History of American Law 1973; 2nd edition, 1985; Law and Society: An Introduction (1977); A History of American Law and the Constitutional Order: Historical Perspectives (coedited with Harry N. Scheiber) (1978); The Roots of Justice: Crime and Punishment in Alameda County, California, 1870-1910 (with Robert V. Percival) (1981); Total Justice (1985). He has published over 70 articles in scholarly journals. He is past-President of the Law and Society Association, a former member of the Commission on Behavioral and Society Sciences and Education, of the National Academy of Sciences, and a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. He received the triennial Award of the Order of the Coif, of the Association of American Law Schools, in 1976.

[Note: Professor Friedman is willing to assume the presidency in two years, and the Nominations Committee expects him to be

nominated for that office.]

Treasurer: Craig Joyce

Craig Joyce is Associate Professor of Law at the University of Houston Law Center. A graduate of Balliol College (Oxford) and of Stanford Law School, he practiced law in Phoenix for six years before beginning a teaching career. He taught at Vanderbilt prior to accepting his present position at Houston. He is the author of "The Rise of the Supreme Court Reporter: an Institutional Perspective on Marshall Court Ascendancy," 83 Michigan Law Review 1291 (1985), and a variety of other works in law reviews. His service to the ASLH includes chairing the membership committee. He was the acting treasurer of the Society in 1981-1982, and he has served as treasurer since 1986.

Secretary: Michael de Laval Landon

Michael de Laval Landon is Professor of History at the University of Mississippi, where he has taught since 1964. He holds advanced degrees from Oxford University and the University of Wisconsin (Madison). He has published three books, including Erin and Britannia: the Historical Background to a Modern Tragedy (1981); The Honor and Dignity of the Profession: a History of the Mississippi State Bar, 1906-1976 (1979); The Triumph of the Lawyers: their Role in English Politics, 1678-1689 (1970). He has published numerous articles. He has also recently completed a book-length study of "Serjeant Maynard: the Professional and Political Careers of a Seventeenth Century Common Lawyer." He has served on the Board of Directors of the Mississippi Historical Society. His service to the ASLH includes membership on the Board of Directors (1982-1985), and co-editing the Newsletter of the Society (1978-Present).

Board of Directors:

Constance Backhouse

Constance B. Backhouse is Associate Professor of Law at the Faculty of Law, University of Western Ontario. She holds advanced degrees from Osgoode Hall Law School and from Harvard Law School. She is a co-author, with Leah Cohen, of The Secret Oppression: Sexual Harassment on the Job (Englewood Cliffs, N.J. 1980). She has published a number of scholarly articles on women's legal history in nineteenth century Canada, on the following topics: rape, prostitution, abortion and birth control, infanticide, divorce, child custody, the tort of seduction, and the admission of women to the practice of law.

Norma Basch

Norma Basch is Associate Professor of History, Rutgers University (Newark). She holds a Ph.D. in History from New York University. She is the author of: "Invisible Women: The Legal Fiction of Marital Unity in Nineteenth-Century America," 5 Feminist Studies 346 (1979); In the Eyes of the Law: Women, Marriage, and Property in Nineteenth-Century New York (1982); "Equity vs. Equality: Emerging Concepts of Women's Political Status in the Age of Jackson," 3 Journal of the Early Republic 297 (1983); "The Emerging Legal History of Women in the United States: Property, Divorce, and the Constitution," 12 Signs: Journal of Women in Culture and Society 97 (1986); "Reconstitutions: History, Gender, and the Fourteenth Amendment," in The Constitutional Bases of Social and Political Change in the United States, Hebrew University Conference on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution (forthcoming, 1988). Professor Basch is currently working on a history of divorce in the United States from the early republic to 1870. She has participated in panels at ASLH meetings in 1982, 1984 and 1986.

Michael Les Benedict

Michael Les Benedict is Professor of History at Ohio State University and Samuel Golieb Research Fellow at New York University School of Law. His Ph.D. was awarded by Rice University. He is the author of two books: The Impeachment and Trial of Andrew Johnson (1973) and A Compromise of Principle: Congressional Republicans and Reconstruction, 1863-1869 (1975). He is also the author of many scholarly articles, textbooks, book reviews, and other works. He has served on committees of the Southern Historical Association, the Organization of American Historians, and the Social Science History Association.

James W. Ely, Jr.

James W. Ely, Jr. is Professor of Law at Vanderbilt University. He has a law degree from Harvard Law School and a Ph.D. in History from the University of Virginia. He is the author of The Crisis of Conservative Virginia: The Byrd Organization and the Politics of Massive Resistance (1976) and co-author of Cases and Materials on Modern Property Law (1984). Professor Ely is the co-editor of Legal Papers of Andrew Jackson (forthcoming 1987) and Ambivalent Legacy: A Legal History of the South (1984). He is also the author of numerous articles, including "There are few subjects in political economy of greater difficulty": The Poor Laws of the Antebellum South 1985 American Bar Foundation Research Journal 849. Professor Ely is assistant editor of the American Journal of Legal History. He has participated in the Society's activities as a member of the membership committee and the Board of Directors. Professor Ely has also served three terms as treasurer (1980-1985).

Michael Grossberg

Michael Grossberg is Associate Professor of History and Lecturer in Law at Case Western Reserve University. In 1987-88, he will be a fellow at the National Humanities Center. He earned a Ph.D. at Brandeis in the History of American Civilization. He is the author of Governing the Hearth: Law and the Family in Nineteenth Century America (1985) (awarded the Littleton-Griswold Prize in American Law Society by the AHA), and of a variety of scholarly articles in American legal history. His service to the ASLH includes participating in panels in 1981, 1984, and 1986, and serving on the program committee in 1987.

Cynthia B. Herrup

Cynthia B. Herrup is Assistant Professor of History at Duke University. She earned a Ph.D. at Northwestern University and taught at the University of Michigan before coming to Duke. She is the author of "New Shoes and Mutton Pies: Investigative Responses to Theft in Seventeenth-Century East Sussex" 27 Historical Journal 811 (1984); "Crime, Law and Society" 27 Comparative Studies in Society and History 159 (1985); "Law and Morality in Seventeenth-Century England" 106 Past & Present 102 (1985) (awarded the 1986 Walter D. Love prize by the North American Conference on British Studies); The Common Peace: Participation and the Criminal Law in Seventeenth-Century England (1987). Professor Herrup is currently working on a history of pardoning and mercy in seventeenth-century England. Her service to the ASLH includes participating in a panel in 1981, and membership on the nominating committee in 1986 and the program committee in 1987.

Wythe Holt

Wythe Holt is University Research Professor of Law at the University of Alabama. He received both his J.D. and his Ph.D. (History) from the University of Virginia. Professor Holt was a visiting professor at George Washington University and a fellow in Law and Humanities at Harvard Law School. He is co-editor of 2 volumes of essays in American legal history, and he is currently working on a book on the early history of federal court jurisdiction in the United States. Professor Holt has previously served as chair of the membership committee.

Emily Zack Tabuteau

Emily Zack Tabuteau is Associate Professor of History at Michigan State University. She received A.B., A.M., and Ph.D. degrees from Harvard University. She is the author of: "Ownership and Tenure in Eleventh-Century Normandy," American Journal of Legal History, XXI (1977), 97-124; "Definitions of Feudal Military Obligations in Eleventh-Century Normandy," in On the Laws and

Customs of England: Essays in Honor of Samuel E. Thorne, ed. Morris S. Arnold, Thomas A. Green, Sally A. Scully and Stephen D. White (Studies in Legal History, 1981), 18-59; Transfers of Property in Eleventh-Century Norman Law (forthcoming in Studies in Legal History). She was a member of the program committee for the 1981 meeting of the ASLH.

Stephen D. White

Stephen D. White is Professor of History at Wesleyan University. His Ph.D. was earned at Harvard University. He is the author of two books: Sir Edward Coke and "The Grievances of the Commonwealth," 1621-1628 (1979) and Custom, Kinship and Gifts to Saint: the Laudatio Parentum in Western France from the Mid-Eleventh to the Mid-Twelfth Century (1988). He has also published numerous scholarly articles and reviews. He was the assistant editor of the American Journal of Legal History (1982-1986). His service to the ASLH includes membership on the program committee (1985-1986) and membership on the publication committee (1986-present).

William M. Wiecek

William M. Wiecek is Congdon Professor of Public Law at the Syracuse University College of Law, where he has taught since 1985. Previously, he was Professor of History at the University of Missouri-Columbia for sixteen years. His L.L.B. is from the Harvard Law School (1962) and his Ph.D. (History) from the University of Wisconsin-Madison (1968). He is the author of Liberty Under Law: The Supreme Court in American Life (forthcoming 1987, The Johns Hopkins University Press) and The Sources of Antislavery Constitutionalism in America, 1760-1848 (1977, Cornell University Press), inter al; and co-author of Nuclear America: Military and Civilian Nuclear Power in the United States, 194-1980 (1984, Harper & Row) and Equal Justice Under Law: Constitutional Development, 1835-1875 (1982, Harper & Row), as well as numerous articles in constitutional and legal history.

NEWS OF MEMBERS

Donald W. Sutherland Prize

DONALD WAYNE SUTHERLAND died in Iowa City on September 9, 1986, at the age of 55. His entire academic career was conducted from the University of Iowa, from his hiring as an Instructor in the Department of History in 1958 to his position jointly held between the Law School and the Department of History as a Carver Professor, the greatest professional honor conferred by the University of Iowa. He had achieved scholarly recognition

repeatedly first as a Rhodes Scholar, then as a Guggenheim Fellow, a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society, and finally as a Fellow of the Medieval Academy of America.

Robert C. Palmer (William and Mary), Chairman of the Committee for Establishment of the Donald W. Sutherland Memorial fund, wrote to members of the Society in March soliciting contributions to the Fund which will be used to endow an annual prize for an article in English legal history. As of June 3, contributions were already sufficient to underwrite a prize of \$400 cash each year and were continuing to come in. Persons still wishing to contribute should send checks, made out to "ASLH, Sutherland Fund," to Professor Craig Joyce, Treasurer ASLH, University of Houston School of Law, Houston, TX, 77004.

Guggenheim Fellowships for 1987-88

J.M. BEATTLE (Toronto) - a study of the criminal law and the administration of justice in London, 1689-1740.

ROBERT FERGUSON (Chicago) - a study of the courtroom trial in American life.

BARBARA SHAPIRO (California, Berkeley) - a study of the sources of the Anglo-American criminal law of evidence.

JOHN H. LANGBEIN (Chicago) has been elected to membership in the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

ROBERT C. PALMER (William and Mary) has been appointed to the newly endowed Cullen Professorship of History and Law at the University of Houston.

NEWS NOTES

Library of Congress Manuscript Acquisitions

The Library's recently-published report on its 1984 acquisitions notes that among them were the papers of Robert H. Jackson (1892-1954), United States attorney general and Supreme Court justice. Although the papers provide considerable information about Jackson's family and friends, "they are principally the records of a lawyer and judge," says the report. Access to the papers is restricted. Information should be sought from the head of the Manuscript Division.

Among new collections now available on microfilm from the Library are the papers of Justice Felix Frankfurter (1882-1965).

The paperback copy of the Library of Congress Acquisitions: Manuscript Division, 1984 is available free upon request from the Library of Congress, Manuscript Division, Washington, DC 20540.

Encyclopedia of the American Judiciary

Kermit L. Hall (Florida) and Harold Hyman (Rice) are planning to publish a Biographical Encyclopedia of the American Judiciary. The purpose of the multivolume work will be to provide scholars and the public with a comprehensive encyclopedia that will feature essays on every state appellate and federal judge who has served from 1776 to 1980. Each essay will contain biographical material as well as a critical assessment of the contribution of a judge to the development of American law and constitutionalism. The essays will vary in length and complexity: the shortest will be about 250 words; the longest will be in the range of 4,000 words. There will also be an analytical index and a scheme of cross reference.

Garland Publishing has funded the initial phase of the project. They are preparing a grant application to secure support to complete the encyclopedia.

Meanwhile, they are building a file of potential authors. Anyone who would be interested in participating in the project, should let them know by writing to Mrs. Jane Landers, Project Director, Encyclopedia of the American Judiciary, Department of History, 4131 Turlington Hall, Gainesville, Florida 32611. Please describe any particular justices, geographic areas, or time periods you would be interested in covering. They will include your name in the grant application as a prospective author.

Constitutional Convention Database

Professor Stephen E. Gottlieb, Albany Law School of Union University, has been awarded a grant to create a computerized database of the Records of the Federal Convention of 1787. The objective is to facilitate research into the debates and proceedings at the Philadelphia Convention. One planned use of the database will be to explore eighteenth century usage. Once the database is created, the records will be scanned for all occurrences of many terms used in the debates. Many other uses of the database will become possible as well.

The grant was awarded by the Division of Research Programs of the National Endowment for the Humanities, an independent federal agency. The work will be done in conjunction with Professor Peter Batke and the computer facilities of the Germanic Languages and Literature Department at Duke University. The

project will read the Farrand edition of the debates into the computer by means of an optical scanner. Yale University Press, publisher of the Farrand edition, has authorized the undertaking.

Those interested in having access to the database or the information developed from the database should contact Professor Stephen E. Gottlieb, Albany Law School of Union University, 80 New Scotland Avenue, Albany, NY 12208 or call at 518-445-2348.

National Archives Exhibit

As part of its celebration of the 200th anniversary of the Constitution, the National Archives has opened a major exhibition entitled, "The American Experiment: Living With the Constitution," in the Circular Gallery. The exhibition will focus on the ways in which the Constitution has been challenged and interpreted over the past 200 years. Three constitutional issues, which are of major concern to Americans, will be highlighted: Who has the right to vote? What are the powers of the Commander-in-Chief? What are the roles of the state and Federal governments in school desegregation?

"Living With the Constitution" includes 247 original documents, photographs, drawings, three-dimensional objects, and three audiovisual viewing stations.

AJS Looking For A Historian

To commemorate its 75th anniversary, the American Judicature Society plans to publish a history of the organization and its work, and is looking for a scholar with a background and interest in law, courts and history to take on the project. Expenses and a small honorarium will be paid.

The project is expected to be a significant scholarly undertaking -- not just an organizational history -- that examines both the history of the Society and the history of court and legal reform since 1913. The history of AJS is, in fact, the history of court reform (as Dean Roscoe Pound himself once said, AJS "has been behind every significant advance in judicial organization and procedure for a generation"), and the people associated with the Society and its work -- Pound, Herbert Lincoln Harley, John Henry Wigmore, Charles Evans Hughes, Arthur T. Vanderbilt, and others -- constitute a Who's Who of leaders of the legal profession and judicial reformers.

The resources available for this project are excellent. Extensive archival material, including much original correspondence, is available at the Society's headquarters in Chicago. It also has an excellent library and the Society's journal, Judicature, which has been published continuously since

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Initial Organization Begins NHPRC Grants Funds for Start-Up Project

Acting on the recommendations of the Documentary Heritage Trust planning meeting held in Washington, D.C., on February 21, the NHPRC has awarded a grant of \$25,000 for a six-month project for the initial development and organization of the Trust. The Association for Documentary Editing is acting as the institutional sponsor and Angeline Polites, former associate editor of the Papers of Benjamin Henry Latrobe, is the project director. A five-member panel serves as an advisory board. The panel members are: Larry J. Hackman, New York State Archives; Charles E. Lee, South Carolina Department of Archives and History; Page Putnam Miller, National Coordinating Committee for the Promotion of History; John Y. Simon, The Ulysses S. Grant Association, and Raymond W. Smock, Office for the Bicentennial, U.S. House of Representatives.

The Purpose of the Project. The Trust Project, which began on April 15, will lay the groundwork for launching a permanent Documentary Heritage Trust. Our goals for the next six months are: 1) to develop a network of all interested professional groups and communicate regularly with them, requesting their views and informing them of our progress; 2) to develop initial fund-raising strategies and identify and recruit donors; 3) to produce an informational pamphlet for distribution to potential contributors and the general public, and 4) to plan additional printed materials and a short video presentation for use in a major educational and fund-raising effort.

How You Can Help. The Documentary Heritage Trust would be the first national, private, nonprofit organization devoted to preserving the nation's documentary heritage. As the bridge linking the professional agencies and the private sector in a coordinated effort to save the country's records, the Trust could make a lasting contribution to preserving the nation's past. You can help by supporting this initial organization project and by urging your colleagues to support it too. As we work on developing the Trust idea and building support for it across the nation, here are a few of the things that you may want to do to help:

- Identify and inform us of specific preservation problems in your state or local area.
- Help us to locate potential corporate and individual Trust donors in your city and state.
- Ask your local newspaper editor to publicize the Trust. Or write an editorial or op-ed page article yourself.
- Tell your local historical and other organizations about the Trust and ask for their support. Genealogists and patriotic groups such as the DAR, as well as ethnic societies, are keenly interested in the preservation of historical documents and can form the core of grass roots support for the Trust.
- Encourage these and other community leaders to make the Trust a community Bicentennial project. The celebration of the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution, one of the nation's most revered documents, will make Americans increasingly aware of the importance of the country's entire documentary legacy. The Bicentennial can provide the framework and momentum for creating the Documentary Heritage Trust.

For more information please contact Angeline Polites, Executive Director.

COLLABORATORS INVITED

Collaborators are invited to join a small British-American ad hoc group come together to produce a "Readers' Guide" to Abraham Rees's Cyclopaedia. The guide will in all likelihood include biographical notes on the contributors to this multi-volume nineteenth century work; a discussion of the major articles; an analytical subject index; and chapters on the printing and publishing history of both the English and the American editions. Because the Cyclopaedia is so inclusive, collaborators from many fields, including all the humanities, the sciences, medicine, the arts and technology can be accommodated in areas coinciding with their scholarly interests. For further details, please write to

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Established December, 1882

EXPERTS MEET ON INDIAN TRIBES AND THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

On October 10-13, 1987, the Indian Rights Association will be joined by the Alliance of American Indian leaders in sponsoring a symposium which examines how the ideals that inspired the framers of the United States Constitution correspond to contemporary policy toward Indian tribes. The three-day event at the historic building of the Philadelphia Ethical Society is scheduled to complement the nation's Philadelphia celebration of the bicentennial. It has received the official endorsement of the federal Commission to Celebrate the Bicentennial of the Constitution, as well as the Philadelphia-based "We The People" Commission, which has also made a financial contribution to the project. The support of the Pennsylvania Humanities Council, the Richard B. Carter Trust and contributions from several tribes whose leaders have formed the Alliance has also made this project possible.

Several concerned tribal chairmen, presidents and council members from across Indian Country have formed an alliance with the Indian Rights Association to which other Indian leaders are encouraged to pledge their commitment to be known as the Alliance of American Indian Leaders and the Indian Rights Association. The group has resolved to review, analyze and produce a study on the constitutional issues which concern the relationship of American Indian tribes to the United States. Five key segments of the Constitution were identified; these have become the themes around which the symposium sessions are organized. The symposium is designed to construct a comprehensive perspective. The format will have four panelists with diverse expertise as scholars or practitioners in law, history and Indian leadership deliver individual presentations. A discussant will synthesize these remarks and conduct a discussion among the panelists and with the audience. Distinguished speakers such as Vine Deloria, Jr. (Sioux) noted author and lawyer, Arlinda Locklear, (Lumbee) attorney with the Native American Rights Fund, Stanley N. Katz, legal historian and president of the American Council of Learned Societies, Douglas Sanders, of the Faculty of Law of the University of British Columbia, Canada, James Mooney, Librarian of the New York Historical Society, Roger Jourdain, Chairman, Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians and Wendell Chino, President, Mescalero Apache Tribe will participate.

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"Open to all Indian Leaders"
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Registration for the symposium will begin on Sunday morning, October 11th. Six sessions will span three days. The first will look at the Apportionment Clause of the Constitution which explicitly "excludes Indians not taxed" from the body politic of the newly United States. The panel will address issues of citizenship and political status. The next session will consider the Commerce Clause. Congress has assumed absolute, or plenary, power over Indian affairs which contrasts sharply with this language in the constitution. Treatymaking powers will be the topic for the first session on Monday, October 12th. The historical significance and governmental obligations of these international agreements will be examined. A session will follow on the Validation of Prior Debts and Engagements decreed by the Constitution and the legacy of the federal trust responsibility it has spawned. The final day of the conference will concentrate first on the Limits of State Power. The Constitution is clear on the preemption of federal jurisdiction on Indian matters, nonetheless relations between tribes and states have been troubled. The conflicts and remedies of these troubles will be addressed. The concluding session will be In Search of 'a More Perfect Union'. An attempt will be made to synthesize the preceding presentations and discussions toward developing a political agenda for the future.

Registration for the entire event is \$40, with lesser fees for partial attendance, students and seniors. Contact Wayne Kelly care of the Indian Rights Association, 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102 (215-563-8349) or Melanie Beth Oliviero, Project Director, care of ACLS, 228 E. 45th Street, New York, NY 10017 (212-697-1505) for further information.

1917, documents virtually every detail of the Society's work and developments in court reform nationally.

The goal is to have an introductory chapter ready for distribution to the Society's 24,000 members by August, 1988, with the rest of the book to follow as soon as possible.

For further information, contact David Richert, Publications Director, American Judicature Society, 25 E. Washington, Suite 1600, Chicago 60602, (312) 558-6900.

Bicentennial Articles Awards

January 15, 1988 is the deadline for submitting manuscripts for consideration in a scholarly article contest being run by the New York State Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution. The four winners will each receive prizes of \$750 and have their articles published in the special Bicentennial Issue of New York History to be published in July, 1988.

Authors are invited to submit article-length essays that deal with New York or New Yorkers and the Constitutional experience, from the colonial period to the present.

Though the central events of 200 years ago were the creation of the United States Constitution, and, for New Yorkers, its 1788 ratification at Poughkeepsie, essays may deal with any aspect of the constitutional history of the United States and of New York State, provided that the focus is upon New York. Essays may deal with analysis of text, with the constitution-making process, with men or women who influenced the process - as constitution-makers, theorists, jurists, exponents of amendments - or with any aspect of social, cultural, or intellectual history that illuminates the creation, or application, through the years, of the Constitution.

Two copies of each manuscript must be submitted - doubled-space and typed or photocopied on bond paper. Annotation must be double-spaced and typed on separate sheets.

For contest rules, write to: Dr. Thomas Burke New York State Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Constitution, Cultural Education Center, Room 9D30, Albany, N.Y. 12230.

Submit manuscripts to: Bicentennial Article Contest, New York State History, P.O. Box 800, Cooperstown, N.Y. 13326.

Call For Papers

Papers are being sought for a 1988 conference to be held in conjunction with the Western Association of Women Historians at San Francisco State University. Papers in all areas of history invited. The deadline for submission is December 15, 1987. Send to: Jess Flemion, Program Chair, PCB, Department of History, San Diego State University, San Diego, CA 92182.

English Museum of Law Project

English solicitor Geoffrey H. Goldsmith is heading up a project to establish a Museum of Law at some suitable site in England. The plan "now has the support of Royalty, Judges, Museum personnel, solicitors, barristers and many others. The museum will tell the story of the English Civil and Criminal Law over 900 years, together with the history of the Police and Prison Services."

✓ Anyone who would like to know more about the project, be involved in it in any way; or make a donation either of money or artefacts, is invited to write to Mr. Goldsmith at: Kidd Rapinet Solicitors, P.O. Box 151, Reading, RG1 1PD, England, Tel: 0734 594116.

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