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## PREFACE

This is the second issue of volume 28 of *Business and Economic History* and contains additional papers from the 1999 Business History Conference annual meeting in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Larry Neal was the program organizer and Sally Clarke coordinated the dissertation session. We again thank James Leloudis, Peter Coclanis, Annette Cox and Dorothy Gay Darr for their work on local arrangements, and for the financial support the meeting received from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, the Center for the Study of the American South, the University of North Carolina Press and the Newcomen Society.

Following this issue *Business and Economic History* will be absorbed by the new journal of the Business History Conference, *Enterprise & Society: The International Journal of Business History*, published by Oxford University Press. *Enterprise & Society* will be a forum for new research on the historical relationships between business enterprises large and small and the social, economic, cultural, and political contexts in which they have operated. One issue each year will be devoted to papers delivered at the annual meeting of the BHC, continuing the role played by this journal.

Since this is the last issue of *Business and Economic History*, I want to recognize the editors who worked on it over many years. The journal began in 1965 under the editorship of J. Van Fenstermaker described simply as the proceedings of the Business History Conference. A series of editors presided over publication of annual issues between 1965 and 1974, including Richard Overton, Fred Bateman, James D. Foust, Charles J. Kennedy, Louis P. Cain, Allen L. Dickes and Herman E. Kroos. In 1975 the journal formally took the name *Business and Economic History* and adopted a standardized format. Three editors have overseen the journal since that time: Paul Uselding (1975-1980), Jeremy Atack (1981-1987), and William J. Hausman (1988-1998). The growth and vitality of the business history field owes a great deal to the work of these editors.

I want to thank Carol Ressler Lockman for her expert editorial assistance and Adam Albright for his creative design work on this issue.

Finally a reminder that the 2000 annual meeting of the Business History Conference will be held March 10-12, 2000, in Palo Alto, California. Information about this meeting can be found at the BHC web site or by contacting our office, PO Box 3630, Wilmington DE 19807, 302-658-2400.

Roger Horowitz  
December 1999

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