

## Review Notices\*

*Studies on Indiana: A Bibliography of Theses and Dissertations Submitted to Indiana Institutions of Higher Education for Advanced Degrees, 1902-1977.* Compiled by Betty Jarboe and Kathryn Rumsey. *Indiana History Resource Series*, Volume I. (Indianapolis: Indiana Historical Bureau, 1980. Pp. xiii, 377. Indexes. Paperbound, \$4.50.) This excellent bibliography initiates the Indiana Historical Bureau's new *Indiana History Resource Series*. Betty Jarboe and Kathryn Rumsey have accomplished expertly the very difficult task of gathering in one list nearly three thousand dissertations and theses that deal with Indiana. They have arranged the titles in accessible form by dividing them according to subject, using generally the system of *Dissertation Abstracts*, and providing author, name, and subject indexes. It is important to note that there are very good dissertations not listed because they were done at institutions outside the state of Indiana. Many of the studies listed are, of course, of marginal use to the historian despite sometimes attractive titles. Neither of these considerations reflects on the compilers of this bibliography: they have produced a volume that will be an essential aid for every serious student of Indiana history.

*Indiana Academy of the Social Sciences Proceedings, 1979.* Third series, Volume XIV. This fiftieth-anniversary edition of the *Proceedings* centers on the theme of the social sciences in perspective. At least four of the papers here published are relevant to Indiana history. F. Gerald Handfield, Jr., presents an oral history approach to Governor George N. Craig's administration. William B. Pickett studies Senator Homer E. Capehart's relationship to the Cuban missile crisis. Richard Phelps offers some ideas and interview results from his work in the Stringtown neighborhood of Indianapolis. Dwight Hoover suggests approaches to the social history of Muncie.

*Reflections on a Heritage: The German Americans in Southwestern Indiana.* By Darrel E. Bigham, with research assistance from Charles F. Petranek. (Evansville: Darrel E. Bigham and Charles F. Petranek, 1980. Notes.) Darrel E. Bigham has gone a large step beyond most local oral history projects. He has interviewed sixty German Americans in Vanderburgh and adjacent counties in Indiana, and, rather than

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merely depositing transcripts in libraries, he has used these interviews as part of the evidence and illustration for this brief study of southwestern Indiana's major ethnic group. Bigham combined the oral interviews with his skills as scholar and his knowledge of Vanderburgh County, gained from long hours in local archives. The result is a history that will be immensely interesting to the general reader and useful to the scholar as well. Bigham expertly shows the range and diversity of German culture in the early twentieth century—in churches, social organizations, schools, businesses, newspapers, and foods—and he assays the extent to which that ethnic legacy remains present in southwestern Indiana in the late twentieth century. The project and publication have been supported by the Indiana Committee for the Humanities. A limited number of copies are available at no cost from Darrel E. Bigham, Indiana State University, Evansville, 8600 University Boulevard, Evansville, Indiana 47712.

*75 Years of Growing Together: The History of the People of Griffith, Indiana* (Griffith, Ind.: Griffith's Diamond Jubilee Committee, 1979. Pp. 96. Illustrations. Paperbound, \$3.00.) This interesting history of a Lake County community treats a wide range of social and economic events during the first three quarters of the twentieth century. Many good illustrations add to the book's value, especially for residents and former residents of Griffith. The publication can be obtained from the Griffith Diamond Jubilee Corporation, P.O. Box 1979, Griffith, Indiana 46319.

*Sweet Memories of "Old Indianie" in 1870: Personal Experiences and Memories of the Author, Written circa 1940.* By Sarah Brown DeBra. Epilogue by Barbara Young. Drawings by Karen Mowery. *Indiana Historical Society Publications, Volume XXVI, Number 1.* (Indianapolis: Indiana Historical Society, 1979. Pp. vi, 140. Illustrations, notes, index. Paperbound, \$2.00.) These memories provide an interesting story of a late-nineteenth-century rural childhood in Kosciusko County, Indiana. The account was prepared some seventy years after the events discussed. Sarah Brown DeBra's memory was not always accurate, but she often recalled vividly the essence of a child's Christmas and first days at school, the feeding of farm animals, and the important family relationships that bounded her childhood.

*The Montana Years: Chouteau County, 1910-1926.* Compiled by Eva Gorman Finnell. (Owensboro, Ky.: McDowell

Publications, 1980. Pp. 91. Illustrations, index. Clothbound, \$11.75; paperbound, \$6.00, plus \$1.00 postage.) This is a delightful and informative collection of letters from Maggie Gorman Davis, a White County, Indiana, resident who accompanied her husband to homestead in Montana in 1910. The letters cover the years 1910 to 1926 and show the difficulties of farming in the West and the continuing strong attachments to family and friends back home in Indiana. In 1925 Mrs. Davis returned to Indiana, where she and her husband resumed farming. The editor of the volume has provided a useful introduction and family genealogy. Copies may be ordered from Mr. Merlin C. Finnell, 502 Freeman Drive, Box 294, Monticello, Indiana 47960.

*Wisconsin Indians.* By Nancy Oestreich Lurie. (Madison: The State Historical Society of Wisconsin, 1980. Pp. 66. Illustrations, notes, maps, reference material. Pamphlet, \$2.00.) Embracing the Menominee, Chippewa, Winnebago, Potawatomi, Oneida, and Stockbridge Indians of Wisconsin, Lurie's book balances the history of the gradual erosion of the Indians' land base with an account of their continuing efforts to shape their future and maintain their separate identity. A well-known anthropologist and ethnohistorian who has worked closely for many years with these tribes, Lurie presents the thesis that much of what happened to the Indians nationally happened to them first in Wisconsin. Most valuable is the author's skillful summary of the last twenty years of Wisconsin Indian affairs in the context of national events. *Robert E. Bieder, Universität Mainz, Federal Republic of Germany.*

*Access to the Past: Museum Programs and Handicapped Visitors. A Guide to Section 504—Making Existing Programs and Facilities Accessible to Disabled Persons.* By Alice P. Kenney. (Nashville: American Association for State and Local History, 1980. Pp. x, 131. Illustrations, appendixes, tables, figures, bibliography, index. Paperbound, \$7.95.) The space allotted this review attests to the indifference historians still exhibit toward the public accessibility of our past. Like all AASLH publications, this volume is written for small, often unstaffed historical societies. In four chapters and three appendixes Kenney details the ease with which most regulations can be met, suggests the potential for developing new audiences, and focuses upon developing "program accessibility." *Access to the Past* should be required—and welcome—reading among local histori-

cal societies and especially their boards. *David Crosson, Allen County-Fort Wayne Historical Society, Fort Wayne, Indiana.*

*Museums, Sites, and Collections of Germanic Culture in North America: An Annotated Directory of German Immigrant Culture in the United States and Canada.* Compiled by Margaret Hobbie. (Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 1980. Pp. xix, 155. Notes, appendix, bibliography, indexes. \$19.95.) A resource book for researchers and friends of German-American material culture, this volume lists 255 museums, historical sites, and libraries by state, with succinct information as to access and holdings. Useful cross references, name and general indexes, other useful listings, and a brief German-American history enhance the book's indisputable value. *Eberhard Reichmann, Indiana University, Bloomington.*

*The Papers of Ulysses S. Grant.* Volume 7, *December 9, 1862-March 31, 1863*; Volume 8, *April 1-July 6, 1863.* Edited by John Y. Simon. (Carbondale: Southern Illinois University Press, 1979. Pp. xxiv, 588; xxiii, 609. Illustrations, notes, maps, indexes. \$35.00 each.) The terms "ordeal" and "triumph" characterize these volumes of Grant's papers. Volume 7 covers a "winter of discontent" followed by unsuccessful efforts in early 1863 to capture Vicksburg, which led to low morale in the army and adverse criticism of its commander. In volume 8 Grant confounds his critics with the brilliant, innovative campaign that led to the surrender of the city. Both volumes document the incompetence of Grant's meddlesome subordinate, political general John A. McClernand. Volume 7 includes the controversy over Grant's expulsion of Jews from his military department (pp. 50-56). The documents published in *The Papers of Ulysses S. Grant* are well chosen and beautifully edited by John Y. Simon and his assistants. *Roger G. Miller, Lowry Air Force Base, Denver, Colorado.*

## Correspondence\*

Dear Editors:

Your readers may be interested in a couple of puzzles in the review you published by Martin Ridge of Richard Jensen's book, *Illinois: A Bicentennial History.*

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