
Review Notices

Indiana Canals. By Paul Fatout. (West Lafayette, Ind., 1972; reprint, West Lafayette, Ind.: Purdue University Press, 1985. Pp. ix, 216. Maps, illustrations, notes, bibliography, index. Paperbound, \$11.00.) Originally published in 1972, this work by the late Paul Fatout chronicles the story of Indiana's various canals from General Benjamin Hovey's attempts to build a canal around the falls of the Ohio in 1805 to the auction of remaining Wabash and Erie Canal property in 1876 and the abortive attempts at constructing a canal to Fort Wayne in the late nineteenth century. Fatout covers canal politics, canal construction, and a variety of canal-related topics such as the sabotage campaigns of the Clay County guerillas. The book is well written and easy to read although those interested in Fatout's sources will find his eccentric footnoting style perplexing. *Thomas E. Rodgers, Indiana University, Bloomington.*

The Falls City Engineers: A History of the Louisville District, Corps of Engineers, United States Army, 1970-1983. By Leland R. Johnson. (Louisville: United States Army Engineer District, 1984. Pp. [v], 346. Maps, illustrations, notes, bibliography, index. \$8.00.) In this work Leland R. Johnson describes the projects, activities, and objectives of the United States Army's engineers assigned to the Louisville District during the period 1970-1983. The Louisville District encompasses almost all of Indiana including the entire Wabash and White river valleys as well as much of Kentucky and parts of Illinois and western Ohio. The book is meant to be an update of an earlier work by Major General Charles J. Fiala that outlined the corps's history in the Louisville District up to the 1970s. According to Johnson the 1970s witnessed a number of changes for the corps as it lost its military construction mission, undertook many new environmentally oriented projects, and provided support for the Environmental Protection Agency and many other nonmilitary government agencies.

The book is encyclopedic in style, covering many subjects in a succinct and prosaic manner. The book, however, is definitely not dull: it contains all kinds of interesting information and is wonderfully illustrated with maps and pictures. Among the topics covered in the book are the construction of the locks and dams at Newburgh and Cannelton, Indiana, the corps's study of navigation on the Wabash, corps efforts to improve the Patoka River, and, in an

appendix, a short, nicely illustrated history of improvement projects on the Kentucky River from 1836 to 1917. *Thomas E. Rodgers, Indiana University, Bloomington.*

Nashville, the Occupied City: The First Seventeen Months—February 16, 1862, to June 30, 1863. By Walter T. Durham. (Nashville: Tennessee Historical Society, 1985. Pp. xv, 307. Illustrations, notes, maps, bibliography, index. \$18.95.) Walter T. Durham's work is a narrative history that focuses primarily on Andrew Johnson's administration of Nashville and various events—soldier riots, arrests of prominent citizens, nearby military actions—during the period from the city's fall in late February, 1862, to late June, 1863. (Durham plans to write a second volume covering the period July, 1863, to July, 1865.) Though some information about economic dislocations, citizen attitudes toward the occupiers, brothels, and the creation of temporary hospitals to care for the wounded from area battles is included in this work, it contains little social history and little analysis of any kind. Still, Durham's narrative contains much interesting information. Perhaps the most puzzling thing about Nashville's occupation, as it is portrayed in this book, is the relatively low level of violence committed by soldiers and citizens and the absence of really severe oppression by the occupying forces. *Thomas E. Rodgers, Indiana University, Bloomington.*

Pathways to the Old Northwest

The bicentennial anniversary of the signing of the Northwest Ordinance on July 13, 1787, will be observed during a summer conference on the Franklin College campus, Franklin, Indiana. Historians, folklorists, and scholars in the arts will give presentations July 10 and 11, 1987, during "Pathways to the Old Northwest." The conference is being sponsored by Franklin College in cooperation with the Indiana Historical Society and with support from the Indiana Committee for the Humanities. Conference planners hope to reach teachers, students, amateur historians, and others interested in the Old Northwest legacy. Program participants will include Paul Finkelman, William J. Eccles, Reginald Horsman, and Malcolm J. Rohrbough. Registration for the conference will begin in early February. For conference information persons may contact Dr. Lloyd A. Hunter at Franklin College, Franklin, Indiana 46131 or (317) 736-8441, Extension 157.