

## Review Notices

*Franklin County, Indiana, Historical Almanac.* By Virgil E. Davis. (Oxford, Ohio: Typoprint, Inc., 1971. Pp. 44. Illustration. Paperbound, \$3.00.) Patterned on earlier almanacs for Indiana published in the *Indiana History Bulletin*, this almanac offers items concerning historical events on particular days of the year which are connected with Brookville and Franklin County, Indiana. Prepared by Virgil E. Davis, well known for his research and writings concerning his locality, the items included cover economic, cultural, and social history as well as political and constitutional developments. The almanac may be purchased from Virgil E. Davis, 1234 Franklin, Brookville, Indiana 47012.

*Indiana Historical Society Lectures, 1970-1971: American Indian Policy.* By Francis Paul Prucha, William T. Hagan, and Alvin M. Josephy, Jr. (Indianapolis: Indiana Historical Society, 1971. Pp. 65. Notes. Paperbound, \$1.50.) The three lectures which constitute this booklet offer a general review of the highlights of American Indian policy from about the end of the eighteenth century to the present. The competence of the authors as scholars and their substantial ability in communicating their findings to the general reader combine to make this an informative and timely volume. The Indiana Historical Society is to be commended for the generally high quality of its newly established lecture series and equally for publishing them in separate annual volumes.

*Indian Peace Medals in American History.* By Francis Paul Prucha. (Madison: The State Historical Society of Wisconsin, 1971. Pp. xiv, 186. Illustrations, notes, bibliography, index. \$15.00.) Silver medals presenting the images of nearly all American Presidents from George Washington through Benjamin Harrison were struck and given to Indian chiefs and warriors. In this profusely illustrated volume Father Prucha explains their use by the federal government in its dealings with the Indians and gives a brief account concerning their design and manufacture. Consideration is also given to some nongovernmental silver medals including those produced by the American Fur Company.

*Historic Houses of America Open to the Public.* Edited by the editors of *American Heritage*; Beverley da Costa, editor in charge. Introduction by Marshall Davidson. *An American Heritage Guide.* (New York: American Heritage Publishing Co., Inc., 1971. Pp. 320. Illustrations. \$6.95.) This volume is a guide to historic houses

within the United States which are *open* to the public. As indicated in the introduction, there are innumerable other houses of historic interest which can be visited only through personal invitation. Indiana is well represented in this listing, having nearly fifty entries covering an even larger number of houses. Fortunately the variety is substantial, including simple houses of log, frame, brick, and stone as well as better and more elaborate houses. Hopefully this publication will induce additional listings in subsequent revisions. The description of the Harmonist Museum House at New Harmony as "The only restored Rappite dwelling in New Harmony" (p. 78) is a glaring inaccuracy, while the comment that a log house near New Trenton, said to have been built about 1810, is "Possibly the oldest log house in the Ohio River Valley" (p. 78) represents a generous amount of historical embellishment. Complete accuracy in such matters may not be attainable, but *authenticity* is at least an important in historical commentary as in architectural preservation.

*Biographical Directory of the United States Executive Branch, 1774-1971.* Edited by Robert Sobel. (Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Publishing Company, 1971. Pp. x, 491. Indices. \$21.50.) This reference volume includes biographical sketches and summary listings of men who have served the United States as Presidents, vice presidents, and Cabinet heads. It is a companion volume to and follows the general pattern established by the well known and much used *Biographical Directory of the American Congress, 1774-1961* (1961).

*Oral History in the United States: A Directory.* Compiled by Gary L. Shumway. (New York: The Oral History Association, 1971. Pp. 120. Appendices, index. Paperbound, \$4.00.) This directory is a kind of reconnaissance of oral history programs in existence in the United States. It is organized by state with comments about the areas of emphasis. Obviously incomplete, the volume is nevertheless a helpful compilation to persons seeking information available on tapes and/or transcripts therefrom.

*Letters of Louis D. Brandeis. Volume I (1870-1907): Urban Reformer.* Edited by Melvin I. Urofsky and David W. Levy. (Albany: State University of New York Press, 1971. Pp. xlii, 610. Illustrations, notes, index. \$20.00.) Louis D. Brandeis, a native of Louisville, Kentucky, was by 1910, according to the editors, "a virtual symbol of reform sentiment, a man universally respected and welcomed in progressive circles" (p. xxxi). This volume of his letters takes Brandeis from the age of thirteen into the midst of his career as a corporate lawyer and a progressive social reformer in

Boston. The editors believe the life of a great man can be instructive and feel that Brandeis' letters can help account for his greatness. The bulk of the letters considered for publication are in the Brandeis collection at the University of Louisville Law School, but the editors have gathered together thousands of letters from other collections and individuals. The letters selected deal little with the private man although this volume contains excerpts from Brandeis' letters to his wife during their courtship; rather "the figure who stands revealed in these letters will seem, very often, the austere and efficient public man" (p. xix). Overall, the collection of letters will serve as an important record of reform activity in the early twentieth century, will provide some illumination of American Zionism, and will provide new perspectives on Brandeis' years (1916-1939) as a justice on the United States Supreme Court. Judging from the present volume the editors have selected well and judiciously. Their editing is clear, and annotation is generally quite sufficient—more often too much detail rather than too little information. According to the dust jacket volume II (1907-1912) will appear in 1972 and subsequent volumes annually. *Pamela J. Bennett, Indiana University, Bloomington.*

*Early American Tornadoes, 1586-1870.* By David M. Ludlum. *The History of American Weather.* (Boston: American Meteorological Society, 1970, Pp. 219. Maps, illustrations, appendix, indices. \$10.00.) The purpose of this series "is to relate the facts concerning the development of the science of meteorology in the Americas and to describe the principal weather events in our climatic past by a series of historical monographs" (p. ii). The present volume chronologically within geographical divisions (New England, Middle Atlantic area, Old South, Old Northwest) presents contemporary descriptions, with discussion, of over 100 tornado like storms. The cut off date of 1870 is determined by the establishment of "the first Federal weather observing and storm warning system" (p. vii) and the greater systemization of meteorological reporting. The collection was limited by lack of reports in sparsely settled areas and difficulty in determining whether a report really did describe a tornado. One section, "Early American Thought on Tornadoes," presents summaries of and excerpts from the works of early investigators such as Benjamin Franklin, James P. Espy, and William C. Redfield. This part is particularly informative although present residents of the regions covered will no doubt be interested in comparing the early storms discussed here with more recent meteorological events. *Pamela J. Bennett, Indiana University, Bloomington.*

*The Decline and Abolition of Negro Slavery in Venezuela, 1820-1854.* By John V. Lombardi. *Contributions in Afro-American and African Studies*, Number 7. (Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Publishing Corporation, 1971. Pp. xviii, 217. Maps, notes, appendices, bibliography, index. \$8.50.) Professor Lombardi gives a brief history of Venezuela for the period indicated but centers his attention on the status and then the decline of Negro slavery in this South American country. He suggests that slavery was never a basic and deeply rooted institution in Venezuela, which in turn suggests that persons interested in the history of slavery in the Ohio Valley might find information and ideas of interest from this study.

*Books Received*

*Oldenburg: The Village of Spires.* (Indianapolis: Indiana Junior Historical Society, 1970. Pp. 22. Illustrations. Pamphlet, \$1.00.)

*It Happened 'Round North Bend: A History of Miami Township and Its Borders.* By Marjorie Byrnside Burress. ([Cincinnati]: The author, 1970. N.p. Illustrations, bibliography, index. Paperbound, \$5.95.)

*Lore of the Great Turtle: Indian Legends of Mackinac Retold.* By Dirk Gringhuis. (Mackinac Island, Mich.: Mackinac Island State Park Commission, 1970. Pp. v, 89, Illustrations, sources, index. Paperbound, \$1.00.)

*The Papers of Ulysses S. Grant. Volume 3, October 1, 1861-January 7, 1862.* Edited by John Y. Simon. (Carbondale: Southern Illinois University Press, 1970. Pp. xxv, 479. Illustrations, notes, maps, index. \$15.00.)

*The Negro in Texas, 1874-1900.* By Lawrence D. Rice. (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 1971. Pp. ix, 309. Notes, bibliography, index. \$10.00.)

*The Political Philosophy of the New Deal.* By Hubert H. Humphrey. (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 1970. Pp. xxiii, 128. Notes, selected bibliography. \$5.25.)

*The Fourth National Colloquium on Oral History.* Edited by Gould P. Colman. (New York: The Oral History Association, Inc., 1970. Pp. 227. Illustrations. Paperbound, \$3.00.)

*The Relation of the Judiciary to the Constitution.* By William M. Meigs. Reprint. *American Constitutional and Legal History.* Edited by Leonard W. Levy. (New York: Da Capo Press, 1971. Pp. 248. Notes, index. \$12.50.)

*Correspondence of Robert M. T. Hunter, 1826-1876.* Edited by Charles Henry Ambler. Reprint. *The American Scene: Comments and Commentators.* Edited by Wallace D. Farnham. (New York: Da Capo Press, 1971. Pp. 383. Notes, index. \$17.50.)

*Colonel Grenfell's Wars: The Life of a Soldier of Fortune.* By Stephen Z. Starr. (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 1971. Pp. vii, 352. Frontispiece, notes, bibliography, index. \$10.95.)

*The Lexington Presbytery Heritages: The Presbytery of Lexington and Its Churches in the Synod of Virginia Presbyterian Church in the United States.* By Howard McKnight Wilson. (Verona, Va.: McClure Printing Company, Inc., 1971. Pp. xiii, 510. Endpaper maps, illustrations, notes, maps, bibliography, appendices, index. \$8.50.)

*Archives and History: Minutes and Reports of the 10th Archivists' and Historians' Conference, Concordia Historical Institute.* Directed by Aug. R. Suelflow. (St. Louis: Department of Archives and History, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, 1969. Pp. ii, 130. Paperbound, \$3.00, plus postage.)

*Adventures in the Wilderness.* By William H. H. Murray. Reprint. Edited by William K. Verner. Introduction and notes by Warder H. Cadbury. An Adirondack Museum Book. (Syracuse: Syracuse University Press, 1970. Pp. 75, vi, 236, 77-95. Illustrations, notes, appendices. \$10.50.)

*Ancestors.* By William Maxwell. (New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 1971. Pp. 311. Endpapers, notes. \$6.95.)

*The Citizens Council: Organized Resistance to the Second Reconstruction, 1954-64.* By Neil R. McMillen. (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1971. Pp. xii, 397. Notes, illustrations, maps, bibliographical note, index. \$10.95.)