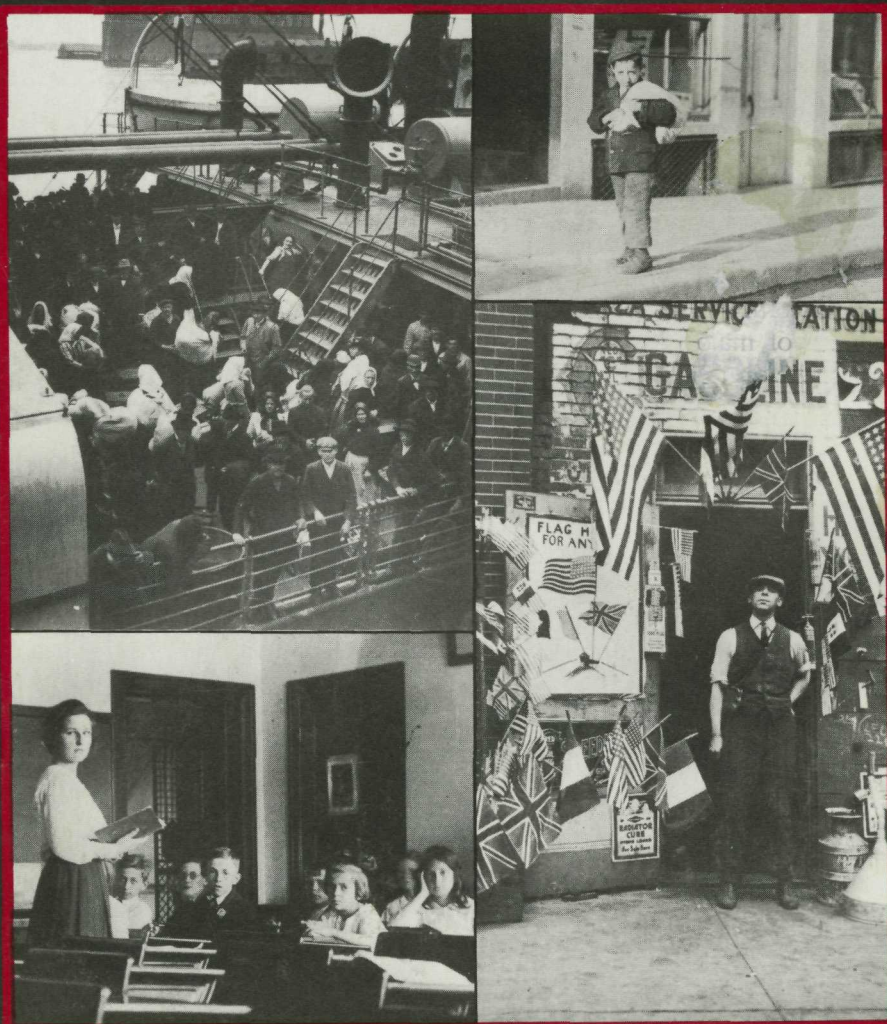


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# The Forum

## FROM THE EDITOR:

It is with combined feelings of remorse and relief that I put together this my last issue as editor. The past three years have been very interesting and challenging. There have been a number of learning experiences for me that I could not have had any other way. Serving as editor provided opportunities to develop close working relationships with a number of members of SAA throughout the U.S.

There are several things that I will miss now that my term as editor has ended. No longer will I have the anticipation of receiving the perfect manuscript. No longer will I have the pleasant task of writing authors that their manuscripts have been accepted. No longer will I have regular contact with numerous authors. No longer will I have regular contact with a host of faithful reviewers whose unsung efforts contributed so much to the quality of the journal and whose advice and suggestions to authors and to me was tremendously helpful. No longer will there be the challenge of trying to put together issues of the journal in such a fashion that every person in the diverse membership of SAA will find something of interest.

There are several reasons for my relief upon the ending of my editorship. No longer will there be the task of deciding the fate of manuscripts. No longer will

there be the unpleasant task of writing authors that their manuscripts are unacceptable or the less onerous task of sending manuscripts back for revision. No longer will there be galley proofs to read and page proofs to check. No longer will each issue of the journal be old hat when it arrives in finished form. Rather each new issue will be a complete surprise. No longer will it be necessary to spend two or more evenings a week reviewing manuscripts, corresponding with authors and reviewers, and carrying out other editorial responsibilities. Rather there will be time for my own research and writing which has been suspended for three years. Finally, there will be time to serve SAA in other areas.

As my term as editor expires, I want to express my gratitude for having had the opportunity of serving in that capacity. I hope that future archivists will find useful the articles that I chose to include and that they will feel that I have kept the journal on the steady course charted for it by my several predecessors over the past half century. Finally, I hope that all my successors will find the job of editor as challenging and as interesting as I found it to be.

CHARLES R. SCHULTZ  
*Editor*