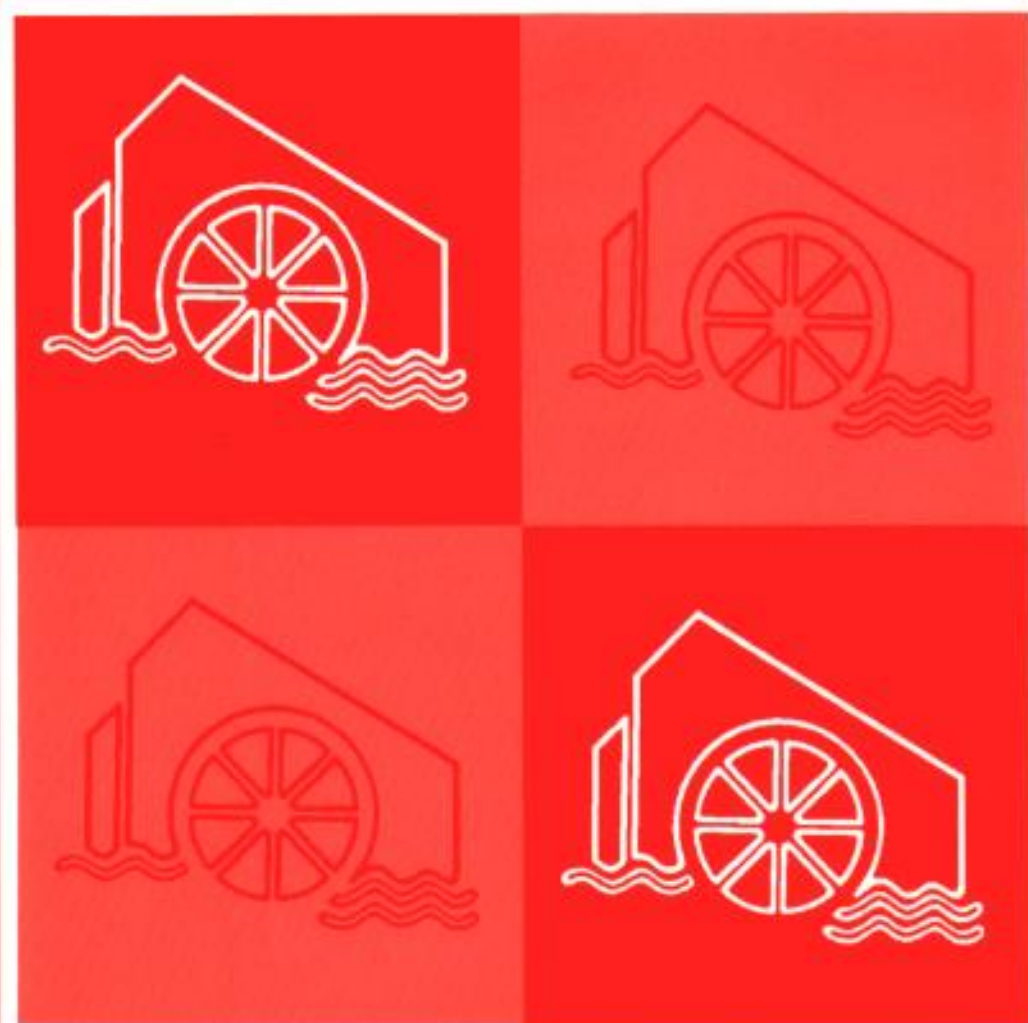


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PREFACE

This issue of Business and Economic History contains papers presented at a conference organized by the Center for the History of Business, Technology, and Society at the Hagley Museum and Library in April 1997. The conference theme was "The Future of Business History." As explained by Roger Horowitz and Phil Scranton in the introduction to this volume, the papers presented were selected by a panel of distinguished scholars from numerous proposals submitted. Two participants, Ken Lipartito and Robert Frost, decided not to submit their papers for publication. All the other papers are published here. It has been a real pleasure working with Roger and Phil, as well as with Carol Lockman at the Hagley, on this cooperative endeavor.

I want to especially thank Jonathan Kajeckas for his expert editing and technical skills in preparing this volume for publication. This one, in particular, was a lot of fun. I also thank Joe Gilley for designing the cover, which is based on the Hagley Museum and Library's logo.

The proceedings of the annual Business History Conference, which occurred in Glasgow, Scotland on July 4-6, will appear early in 1998 at approximately the normal time of publication for the second issue of this journal.

Will Hausman
July 1997

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