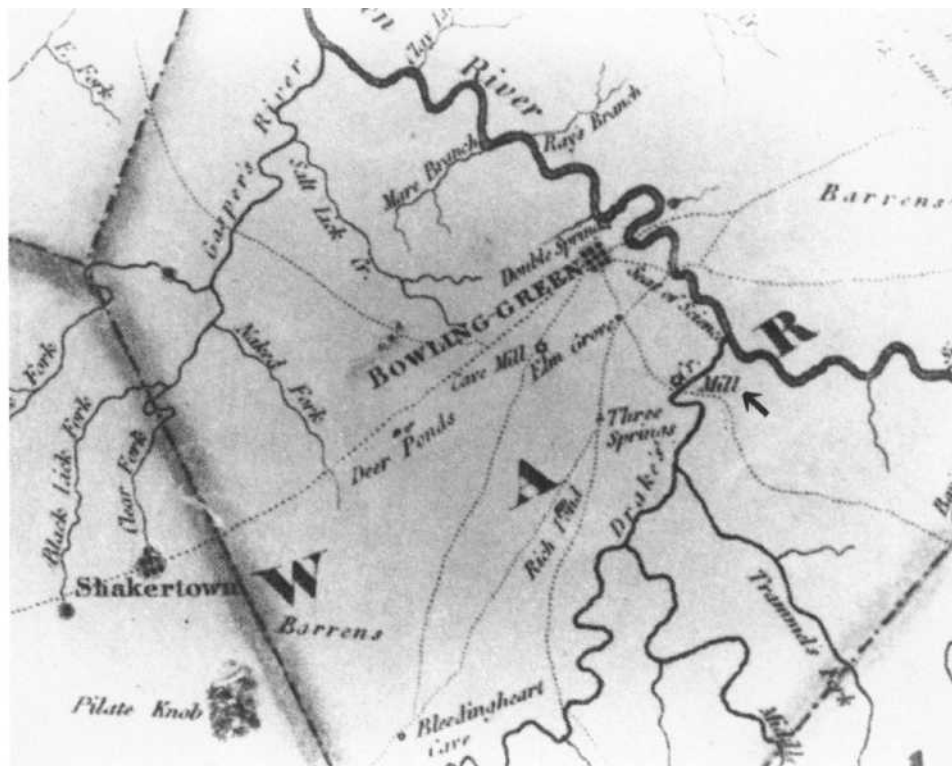


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## From the Editor

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THIS IS THE EIGHTH VOLUME of *Communal Societies* I have edited, and it will be my last. I took over the editor's chair from Mario De Pillis in 1987, and it's time for a new voice. I'm delighted that that new voice will be Donald Durnbaugh's. Donald Durnbaugh is a distinguished scholar as well as a staunch member of the Communal Studies Association. In relying upon him from time to time for manuscript readings, I have come to appreciate his intellectual breadth and rigor. *CS* could not be in better hands.

Over the last eight years, I have accumulated many intellectual debts, too numerous to inventory here. But by way of paying collective thanks, I want especially to pay tribute to the many scholars who have lent their time to the process of manuscript evaluation. They include, of course, my associate editors and members of the editorial board, but many others as well from disciplines that ranged from psychology and anthropology to religious studies. They have made my task easier, but—more importantly—the constructive criticism they rendered redounded to the benefit of both authors and readers, and many strong manuscripts became stronger still as a result of their astute advice.

One of the great pleasures of this job has been that of watching the stream of research that comes in, and what I will miss most is the opportunity to see the shape of communal scholarship as it develops. While some areas of strength and activity were predictable (Shaker and kibbutz studies, for examples), there were the constant surprises that came from historic communities rediscovered, new archives mined, and contemporary communities receiving their initial scholarly examinations.

If there have been great pleasures, there have also been occasional disappointments. The one to which I keep coming back is a

category of manuscript that, with only a few exceptions, did *not* cross my desk. Amid all the intellectual riches, was a curious lacuna: little work that was either broadly theoretical or comparative—precisely the genres that have dominated so much modern social science. Even as extraordinarily rich case studies continued to add to our data base on communal life, there seemed to be few willing to risk synthesizing from them. While the sheer volume of data is certainly daunting, and becoming more so on a virtually daily basis, its very bulk demands that we try to make sense of it.

So I hope among future *CS* contributors there will be those willing to try to bring the growing masses of information together in order to reveal the patterns in the tapestry. As a reader, I can't wait.

Michael Barkun