

III. Rupert's Land Research Centre

The University of Winnipeg (515 Portage Ave., Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada R3B 2E9) is the home of the newly founded center for research and scholarly cooperation, the Rupert's Land Research Centre, Professor Timothy Ball, Director; Professor Jenifer S.H. Brown, Department of History, General Editor of a newly initiated publication series. A main purpose of the Centre is to encourage research in the Hudson's Bay Company Archives, which since 1974 have been housed in the Provincial Archives of Manitoba. The HBCA contain close to seventy tons of material dating from the late 1600s to the present, including materials on the arctic, subarctic, northeastern North America, the northern plains, plateau, and the northwest coast. Besides countless post journals, correspondence and other business records, many of the holdings pertain to the history of various sciences--since the Company's men carried on researches on many topics, and it gave aid to numerous other institutions (including the Smithsonian). Students and other researchers looking for fresh topics of investigation might usefully consider these resources. The Centre publishes a newsletter in which researchers may place queries or describe their pertinent work. Our first two publications are Shepard Krech III's new Bibliography on Canadian Native History and Anthropology, and Victor Lytwyn's exhaustive study of the fur trade and Lake Winnipeg before 1821. Please address the Centre for details.

IV. Bateson Archive

David Lipset reports that the Gregory Bateson archive has opened at the University of California, Santa Cruz, under the auspices of the Special Collections Department of the university library. We hope to present a report on the contents in a future number of HAN.

V. History in the Anthropology Newsletter

Nathalie F. S. Woodbury reminds us of several components of the A. A. A.'s Anthropology Newsletter which may be of interest to historians of anthropology. She would welcome suggestions for the column "Past is Present," which offers brief treatments of historical topics or episodes (recently, it contained interesting material on the murder of Henrietta Schmerler on the Western Apache Reservation in 1931). In addition, the deaths column is another element of the historic record, the more so since many journals no longer provide obituaries except for a very few anthropologists considered particularly outstanding; by giving the basic facts of individual lives (dates, associations, references), it can provide a starting point for historical research. Woodbury has provided the National Anthropological Archives with a full run of the Anthropology Newsletter, along with a run of the Guide to Departments of Anthropology back to 1968.