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Date of birth: August 23, 1938

Educational Background:

<u>Institution Attended</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Carleton College, Northfield, Minn.	B.A.	1956-1960
Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.	M.A.	1960-1963
Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.	Ph.D.	1963-1965

Fields: Economic History, Economic Development and Industrial Organization

Specialization: Economic History, Property Rights in History

Thesis: "An Analysis of the Pattern of Growth of the Automobile Industry, 1895-1929"

Honors, Grants and Awards:

- Graduated from Carleton College with distinction in Economics
- Sears Foundation Fellow, Department of Economics, Northwestern, 1960-1961
- Rovensky Fellow in Economic History, sponsored by the Lincoln Education Foundation, 1962-1963
- National Science Foundation, administered by the Graduate School, University of Washington
- National Science Foundation, jointly with Dr. Douglass C. North, 1967-1968
- National Science Foundation, with Dr. Douglass C. North, 1971-1973
- Innovative Teaching Fund Grants, 1973-1975
- EXXON Foundation, Impact Program, 1976-1977

Professional Record:

Graduate Teaching Fellow	Northwestern University	1960-1961
Instructor	Northwestern University	Summer, 1962
Instructor	Northwestern University	Summer, 1963
Acting Assistant Professor	University of Washington	1963-1964
Assistant Professor	University of Washington	1964-1969
Associate Professor	University of Washington	1969-
Legislative Director to Senator Slade Gorton	United States Senate	1981-1983
Anderson Visiting Professor	Carleton College	Winter, 1984

Conferences:

Business History Conference, participant	1964
Economic History Association Conference, participant or organizer	1965, 1973, 1974, 1975.
Cliometric Conference, annually	1963-1965
Conference on Quantitative Data for Early American History	
International Economic History Conference	1966
Conference on European History, Yale University	1969
MSSB Conference on African Slavery, Colby College	1972
MSSB Conference on Export-Staple	1975
SSRC Conference on English Economic History, Cambridge University	1975
American Economic Association, annual meeting, discussant	1977
TIPS Seminar, Duke University	1977
Cliometric Conference	1978
Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget, Budget Act Conference, Arkadelphia, Arkansas	1979
	1982

Publications:

Articles

- "Business Failure in the Early Automobile Industry, 1895-1910,"
Proceedings of the Business History Conference, 1962,
Kent State University
- "A Quantitative Approach to the Study of the Effects of British
Imperial Policy Upon Colonial Welfare: Some Preliminary
Findings," The Journal of Economic History, December, 1965
- "The Sugar Colonies of the Old Empire: Profit or Loss for
Great Britain," Economic History Review, 1966
- "Railroad Social Saving: A Comment," American Economic Review,
1968, with Douglass D. Shetler
- "British Imperial Policy and the Economic Interpretation of the
American Revolution," The Journal of Economic History,
September, 1968
- "The Automobile Industry and Its Tycoon," Explorations in the
Entrepreneurial History, Winter, 1969
- "An Economic Theory of the Growth of the Western World,"
Economic History Review, April, 1970, with Douglass C. North,
reprinted
- "The Rise and Fall of the Manorial System: A Theoretical Model,"
The Journal of Economic History, December, 1971

Articles (cont'd)

- "The Population of Colonial New England in the Seventeenth Century: New Estimates," The Journal of Economic History, September, 1973
- "Style Change and the Automobile Industry During the Roaring Twenties," Essays in Honor of Harold F. Williamson, Kent State University Press, 1973
- "The Enclusive Movement and the Supply of Labor," The Journal of European Economic History, Fall, 1974, with Bennett Baack
- "The Profits of the Slave Trade: The Fishers of Men," The Journal of Economic History, December, 1974, with Richard Bean
- "The Role of Governments in Economic Growth in Early Modern Times: Discussion," The Journal of Economic History, March, 1975, with Douglass North
- "The First Economic Revolution," Economic History Review, June, 1977, with Douglass North
- "Does the Corporation Operate Without the Consent of Affected Citizens?" The Attack on Corporate America, M. Bruce Johnson, Ed., McGraw-Hill, 1978
- "Is Corporate Executive Compensation Excessive?" The Attack on Corporate America, M. Bruce Johnson, Ed., McGraw-Hill, 1978
- "Population and Labor Force Estimates for Seventeenth Century Chesapeake," Explorations in Economic History, Fall, 1978, with Terry Anderson
- "Economic Growth in the Seventeenth-Century Chesapeake," Explorations in Economic History, Winter, 1978, with Terry Anderson
- "The Adoption of Slave Labor in British America," The Uncommon Market, Henry Gemery and Jan Hogendorn, Eds., Academic Press, 1979, with Richard Bean
- "The Foreign Trade of Great Britain in the Eighteenth Century," An Economic History of Great Britain, Cambridge University Press, 1981

Books

The Economic Growth of the United States to 1860: A Documentary History, Harper and Row, 1972, with Douglass North

The Rise of the Western World: A New Economic History, Cambridge University Press, 1973, with Douglass North

An Analysis of the Pattern of Growth of the Automobile Industry, Arno Press, 1977

Macro-Economic Applications: Understanding the American Economy, Wadsworth, 1981

Micro-Economic Applications: Understanding the American Economy, Wadsworth, 1981

University Service:

Faculty Council on Academic Standards, 1970-1971

Faculty Senate, 1972-1973; 1980

General Education Committee, College of Arts and Sciences, 1974