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Foreword

Seven years ago it seemed very risky to propose a Seminar devoted solely to quilt history. Yet a group of fifty people took the risk. When they met in 1980, these first fifty people were so enthusiastic about the event that they pledged their support to publication of the papers and to the beginning of the American Quilt Study Group. Thus was produced the first issue of *Uncoverings*.

At that time there was no assurance that there would ever be a second publication. This, however, is the sixth issue of original research papers on quilts and quilt history, and the seventh is already 'in the pipeline.' A surprising and gratifying discovery is that quilt history pervades all aspects of our national life. Reinforcing this discovery are the results coming from the ongoing state and regional quilt heritage searches across the nation. There is no state without a quilt history.

Each volume of *Uncoverings* has stimulated further research. We hope this one will similarly answer some questions and suggest new ones to be pursued.