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The Ohio Academy of History is grateful to the scores of people who provided the information listed in the following pages. The format and nature of the information received varied, and most of the time my editing has been with a light hand. For instance, don't expect consistency on the decision to list temporary faculty and non-departmental historians. Often I checked the information that I received (or didn't receive) against an institutional web page or the 2000-2001 edition of the American Historical Association's Directory of History Departments and Organizations in the United States and Canada. When I failed to get a reply to the initial request for information and to a telephoned or emailed follow-up request, I reprint in this Roster the institutional name and address from the previous edition. A warning: this is a snapshot in time, so the facts constantly change. In particular, readers should keep in mind potential changes in telephone area codes. Something else to which I draw your attention: the fastest growing category of faculty seems to be emeritus. For instance, the first entry, the University of Akron, lists sixteen emeriti. By the way, to save space I have not listed fields of specialization for retired faculty.

The principal limitation of this Roster is the way most of the information was collected: asking institutions represented in the previous edition for updates. This works well for higher education and for large historical societies and military history offices. Unfortunately, this method often omits historians who work at smaller historical societies, museums, archives, and historically oriented libraries, as well as federal historians. It typically leaves out the "for profit" sector: corporate historians and archivists, historical consultants, and historians who make their living as researchers and writers. To a modest extent, I have addressed these problems by compiling information available on the web, but much more needs to be done in future editions. Fortunately, the Ohio Historical Society expects to update its web database, the Ohio Directory of Historical Organizations. Of course, many of the people working in local history are not "professional" historians. Another limitation for a Roster claiming to identify all the professional historians in the state of Ohio is that of definition. Most of the men and women in the state of Ohio who devote their lives to teaching history are secondary school social studies teachers. Unfortunately, except when they are members of the Ohio Academy of History (and so are listed as members at large), they do not appear in this Roster.

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