The Frontier and the American West

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Written from the perspective of a geographer whose main concern is the logistics of frontier travel and the landscape as recorded in travel diaries.


Over 400 maps dealing with the natural environment, recreation, transportation, the economy, etc. This is the first comprehensive publication of this type for Michigan since 1873. Other states would be wise to follow this example.


The only complete illustrated guide to Minnesota's architectural heritage which is free from the usual technical "jargon" generally presented. Very useful for the amateur historian or student of architecture.

Herbert Hoover—A Bibliography: His Writings and Addresses. Compiled by Kathleen Tracey. (Stanford: Hoover Institution Press, 1977. xiii, 202 pp., index, $15.00.)

An impressive and indispensable compilation of Hoover's writings based on several depositories including the Hoover Presidential Library in West Branch, Iowa.


Part of the Goldentree Bibliographies in American History edited by Arthur S. Link, this bibliography contains all of the standard topics from early colonization, the fur trade, Indians, Manifest Destiny, the Mormons, agriculture, mining, and dozens more. But it also contains entries for such topics as Blacks, Chinese and Japanese, state and territorial government, conservation of the natural resources, western literature, and the visual and
performing arts. Both Rodman Paul (California Institute of Technology) and Richard Etulain (Idaho State University) have brought between two covers a long awaited bibliography of the American West. This is a “must” for all serious students of the West.


This new eleventh edition is a “must” for all libraries, historical societies, genealogical groups, and other agencies needing historical assistance of any kind. It contains 4,442 entries listing organizations alphabetically within each state and township. A nice feature is the special interest index in such categories as restoration, genealogy, pioneers, etc. Additional features are listings of all Federal Archives and Records Centers and a Guide to National Historic Sites under the National Park Service. This is the most complete directory of its kind and truly is the “yellow pages” for historical societies in the United States and Canada.


Broadens the traditional genealogical research techniques (charting names, births, deaths, marriages, etc.) to include using other sources such as oral history, family letters and diaries, photographs, etc. One of the best books on the subject of writing a family history.


This handbook is useful for those interested in not only the techniques for gathering information and asking the right questions in interviews, but in the actual writing of a family history. It is enhanced by the practical (detachable) generation charts, and family history indexes. A truly useful “do-it-yourself” handbook for digging out your family roots.