UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MADISON
Department of History
Semester I, 1986-87

History 465 The American Economy to 1865 Professor Lindstrom

Required Texts:

Thomas Dublin, Women at Work
Susan Previant Lee and Peter Passell, A New Economic View of American History
Gary Walton and James Shepherd, The Economic Rise of Early America
Articles on reserve at the State Historical Society

Recommended Texts:

Students are urged to select and read one of the following survey textbooks:

Brownlee, Dynamics of Ascent
Scheiber, Vatter and Faulkner, American Economic History
Ratner, Soltow, and Sylla, The Evolution of the American Economy

*Lecture will incorporate discussion

Course Calendar:

Sept. 3: Introduction to American Economic History
5: The Impulse to Colonize*

Sept. 8: The Northern Colonies in the Seventeenth Century
10: The Southern Colonies in the Seventeenth Century*
12: Colonial Development, 1685-1775

Sept. 15: Colonial Technology and Industry
17: Currency Issues: Specie and Paper Money
19: Colonial Commerce*
Readings: Walton and Shepherd, pp. 64-137; and Lee and Passell, pp. 15-27.

Sept. 22: Population and Labor
24: Colonial Income and Wealth*
26: British Mercantilism and the American Revolution*
Readings: Walton and Shepherd, pp. 138-77; and Lee and Passell, pp. 28-51.
Nov. 24: Labor in the Antebellum Era
         26: Cities in Transition

Dec. 1: The Origins of the Civil War*
         3: No Class
         5: The Civil War*

Dec. 8: Civil War: II
         10: Growth, Income and Wealth*
         12: Review
Sept. 29: The American Economy, 1776-1790*
Oct. 1: Exam
3: Land, Law and Economic Development*
Readings: Walton and Shepherd, pp. 178-201; Lee and Passell, 63-71; and James Willard Hurst, Law and the Conditions of Freedom, pp. 3-32.

Oct. 6: Early National Economic Policy
8: The American Economy, 1790-1815
10: The Origins of Long Term Growth*

Oct. 13: Transportation Revolution: I
15: Transportation Revolution: II*
17: The Industrial Revolution
Readings: Erik Haites, James Mak, and Gary Walton, Western River Transportation, pp. 59-87.

Oct. 20: The Textile Industry*
22: Textile Workers*
24: Financing American Enterprise
Readings: Dublin, pp. 1-107; and Lee and Passell, pp. 63-93.

Oct. 27: Early American Banking
29: Government and the Economy*
31: Government and the Economy II*

Nov. 3: Western Agriculture*
5: Southern Agriculture
7: Slavery and the Southern Economy*
Readings: Lee and Passell, pp. 130-86.

Nov. 10: Slavery and Society*
12: Exam
14: Railroads

Nov. 17: The Industrial Revolution: The Second Stage
19: Technology and Factor Prices*
21: The Industrial Worker*
Readings: Lee and Passell, pp. 93-107; and Dublin, pp. 87-207.