

## APPENDIX: PART I

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### PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS SUPPORTING THE STUDY OF AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL HISTORY: (IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER)

Agricultural History Society (AHS): founded in 1919. The AHS exists “to encourage and support scholarship in the history of agriculture and rural life.” It launched its journal, *Agricultural History*, in 1927, and coordinates a conference each year. The AHS also recognizes exemplary research in agriculture and rural history, presenting two book awards, two article awards, and one dissertation award annually. <http://aghistorysociety.org/>

American Association for State and Local History (AASLH): AASLH began in late 1940 after the American Historical Association’s Conference of State and Local Historical Societies disbanded. The AASLH “provides leadership and support for its members who preserve and interpret state and local history.” Support comes in many forms, including *History News*; books in partnership with Rowman & Littlefield; an annual conference; workshops and other professional training programs; and the Standards and Excellence Program for History Organizations (StEPs). <http://aaslh.org>

International Association of Agricultural Museums (*Association Internationale des Musées d’Agriculture*) (AIMA): founded in 1966 at the Czech Agricultural Museum, Prague. AIMA has published papers presented at its triennial conferences since 1966. It supports international exchange of techniques and strategies employed in agricultural museums to engage the general public. <http://agriculturalmuseums.org/>

Association for Living History, Farm and Agricultural Museums (ALHFAM): launched in 1970 during an Agricultural History Society conference at Old Sturbridge Village. ALHFAM publishes a quarterly *Bulletin*, a *Proceedings* that contains papers delivered during the annual conference, and additional conferences each year delivered by regional networks in the United States and Canada in cooperation with professional interest groups. ALHFAM reaches beyond North America in cooperation with the International Association of Agricultural Museums. <http://alhfam.org/>

Midwest Open-Air Museum Coordinating Council (MOMCC): founded in 1978. MOMCC publishes the *Midwest Open Air Museums Magazine*, delivers two conferences each year, and serves as ALHFAM’s Midwestern regional affiliate. <http://momcc.org>

Rural Sociology Society (RSS): founded in 1937. The RSS supports interdisciplinary study of rural society and culture. It has published the journal, *Rural Sociology*, since 1937, partners with the West Virginia University Press to publish the Rural Studies Series, and presents annual conferences. <http://www.ruralsociology.org>

Rural Women's Studies Association (RWSA): founded in 1998, after the Sixth Conference on Rural and Farm Women in Historical Perspective. RWSA is an international association dedicated to the advancement and promotion of farm and rural women's gender studies in historical perspective. <http://www.ohio.edu/cas/history/institutes-associations/rwsa/>

Vernacular Architecture Forum (VAF): founded in 1979. The VAF supports scholars in many fields who study ordinary buildings and landscapes. It holds an annual conference and publishes original research based on fieldwork and interpretation of under-studied topics evident in the built environment. Scholarly articles appeared in *Perspectives in Vernacular Architecture*, volumes 1-13, between 1982 and 2006, and in the VAF journal, *Buildings and Landscapes*, launched with volume 14 in 2007. <http://www.vafweb.org/>

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