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NEW BOOKS IN ACCOUNTING HISTORY
By Academy Members

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Stephen Zeff has authored Henry Rand Hatfield: Humanist, Scholar and Accounting Educator published by JAI Press Inc./Ablex Publishing Corp. This book is a biographical study of the first full-time accounting professor, Henry Rand Hatfield (1866-1945), in a U.S university. His two textbooks, Modern Accounting (1909) and Accounting (1927), were among the most respected reference works in the first half century. Also, he was an authority on early bookkeeping history and his essay, “An Historical Defense of Bookkeeping,” has long been one of the most celebrated articles in the U.S. literature.

Stephen Zeff began his research in the 1960s, using Hatfield's extensive files of correspondence, notes and papers, and he proceeded to interview, or correspond with, many of Hatfield's former colleagues and students. The author also drew on the archives at the University of Chicago and the University of California, as well as the records of the American Accounting Association. Many of Hatfield's unpublished and previously published papers are reproduced in the book.

IN MEMORIUM
HENRY FRANCIS (FRANK) STABLER

On Saturday, June 26, 1999, Frank Stabler, a long-time member of The Academy of Accounting Historians died suddenly. Frank was Professor of Accounting Emeritus at Georgia State University and had retired in August, 1998. He had served in the U.S. Army Finance Corps, worked with Price Waterhouse, and taught at the University of Alabama and Tennessee Technological University before joining the faculty at Georgia State in 1971. Frank had earned a B.A. in Business Administration at Vanderbilt University and the M.B.A and Ph.D. at the University of Alabama.


Frank's greatest love was teaching and working with students as illustrated by his many awards, among which were Outstanding Faculty Award, School of Accountancy; Accounting Educator of the Year Award, Georgia Society of Certified Public Accountants, Educational Foundation; Outstanding Faculty Vice President, Beta Alpha Psi; and Educator of the Year, Atlanta Chapter, Institute of Internal Auditors. Frank Stabler touched many lives among the ranks of student, faculty, and practitioners, and though he will surely be missed, his memory will continue in their hearts.