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1991 The five essays in this volume were all written for Professor Jo B. Margadant's course on the French Revolution during Fall quarter of 1989. In honor of the bicentennial celebration of that revolution, the History Department agreed to publish a special edition of Historical Perspectives devoted to that epochal event. The essays in this volume all treat historiographical issues currently debated among professional historians. Unlike papers in previous volumes of Historical Perspectives, these essays stress interpretation over primary research. The selection committee, made up of Professors Margadant, Matt Meier, and William Greenwalt, considered diversity of topics as well as quality of argument in making its choices. Much good work had to be omitted for lack of space. Professors Meier and Greenwalt gave generously of their time in the initial stages of editing, a task Professor Margadant then completed. The Editorial Board would like to thank Professor Peter Pierson for his support in bringing this journal to print. Jennifer Skyles kindly undertook the drudgery of transforming the edited manuscripts into the attractive papers you see here presented.

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