ASSIGNMENT 11: AMERICAN SOCIAL HISTORY RECONSIDERED

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS
1. Our last meeting will be Monday, May 8 at 5:30 at _________________ Restaurant. Your essay is due then but can be handed in sooner if you wish.
2. Look carefully at the separate sheets of directions for the final essay, the one with suggestions for successful writing, and the earlier handouts on how to do proper notes, capitalization, etc.
3. Once I have handed in the semester grades, after a few days for a break for all of us, you can give me a week’s notice for when you would like me to return your paper with comments.
4. I hope you have enjoyed and learned from this class at least a fraction of what I have learned by working with you. You all have good topics which can contribute a lot to the field of American Social History, so do what you can to develop them for presentation and/or publication at some point.

NO NEW REQUIRED READING

WEEKLY REPORT SHEET
1. Any thoughts, suggestions, and/or questions inspired by the last class and/or your meeting(s) with me.
2. What are you current thoughts about the strengths and weaknesses of social history; the significance of social history for historians in general and your work in particular; and the most important advice for people wanting to do social history; and how to define, research, and analyze “families” and “communities”?
3. Any new thoughts you have about your final paper and any reading or other work you did in connection to it.
4. Anything else you think I should know, including any way you would like me to help on any ongoing work that you’ll be doing toward your degree and career as a historian. This may, if you wish, include transforming the paper for this class into a thesis chapter, a conference presentation, and/or a published essay.