ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 6:

On February 6, we shall be meeting in the foyer of the campus library. If you are late and do not see us, ask at the Circulation Desk where Myron House has taken our class.

The review of a book by a non-professional historian is due on February 6. There is a sheet on the website with specific directions. (I forgot to say on it that you can put page numbers for any citations in parentheses. If you refer to any other works, you need to do a regular footnote or endnote for them.)

I am putting on reserve earlier than usual the essays on using census information that I shall be assigning for the class of February 13, but you do not have to read them until after our February 6 class.

REQUIRED READING (available on electronic reserve)
Darrett B. Rutman, “Community Study”
Robert C. McMath Jr., “Community, Region, and Hegemony in the Nineteenth-Century South”

WEEKLY REPORT SHEET
1. Any thoughts, suggestions, and/or questions inspired by class meetings.
2. For each essay, summarize BRIEFLY in your own words the main points and thesis, as well as your evaluation of its strengths and/or weaknesses. For the two readings combined, indicate any thoughts and/or questions you have, including any terms you want us to discuss and any ideas they inspired about how to do your own research and analysis for this class.
3. How would you define “community” and what other terms and definitions do you find most useful for thinking about the history of “community” or “communities”?
4. What methodological and theoretical approaches to community history seem to you to be the most useful and convincing and why? Which of these do you think you will be able to use in your own work?
5. Any new thoughts you have about your final paper and any reading or other work you did in connection to it.
6. Anything else you think I should know.