

## OBITUARY

### *JACK BLICKSILVER 1926-1999*

EBHS joins many friends and colleagues in acknowledging the late Jack Blicksilver, a former president of the Society. Jack was a native of New York, received a BA from Queens College, and MA and Ph.D. degrees from Northwestern University. Subsequent to the completion of his Ph.D. in history and economics, Jack joined the faculty of the Department of Economics of Georgia State University.

While serving as a Visiting Professor of Business and Economic History at Harvard University, Jack was invited to join the faculty of Harvard, but he elected to return to his friends and colleagues at Georgia State where he was a very popular teacher and valued colleague. Jack once persuaded his department chair to allocate his annual salary increase to a young faculty colleague who had been offered a job at another university. Because he requested that his support remained unacknowledged, Jack's befriended colleague did not learn of his act of generosity for thirty years.

Jack was a lifelong friend of a Northwestern classmate, former Senator and presidential candidate, George McGovern. Jack also served as the official historian of the Life Insurance Company of Georgia and became a close friend of the late Rankin Smith, the president and CEO of Life of Georgia and owner of the Atlanta Falcons.

One of Jack's many friends and professional colleagues was Charles J. Kennedy, the founder of the Economic and Business Historical Society. It was through his acquaintance with Charles Kennedy that Jack became associated with EBHS. Jack served as president of EBHS during 1988-89.

Jack Blicksilver was an excellent teacher and productive scholar. He was both respected and liked by a multitude of former students, university colleagues, professional acquaintances and friends. On behalf of the Society, I am grateful for Jack Blicksilver's association with and contributions to the Economic and Business Historical Society. He will be missed.

Philip R. Smith  
Chair of the Board of Trustees  
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