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— Bruce Chadwick, Professor of History, Rutgers University, in Journal of American History (Sept. 2010)

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