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## Notes

### JAMES KING FOLSOM 1933–1988

Jim Folsom, a long-time member of the Western Literature Association, died in Boulder, Colorado, on May 3rd, 1988. Jim was a member of the Editorial Board of *Western American Literature* and was a recognized scholar of western American literature. He was the author of an early extended scholarly analysis of western literature, *The American Western Novel* (1966), as well as *Timothy Flint* in the Twayne series, *Harvey Fergusson* in the Steck-Vaughn series, *Man's Accidents and God's Purpose: Multiplicity in Hawthorne's Fiction*, the co-editor with Richard Slotkin of "*So dreadfull a judgment*": *Puritan Responses to King Philip's War, 1676–77*, and editor of *The West: A Collection of Critical Essays*.

Jim was born in Cleveland, Ohio, August 9, 1933, and graduated from Northwestern University in 1955. He received his Ph.D. from Princeton in 1959 and then taught English at Yale, where he was also Dean of Saybrook College, 1964–68. After joining the faculty at the University of Colorado, Boulder, he served as the director of graduate studies (1973–75), the director of creative writing (1978–79), and chair (1981–82). He retired in 1985 after suffering a stroke. Jim's friends in the Western Literature Association remember him for his wit and his enthusiasm; many of his former students continue to demonstrate his influence.

—Mark Busby, *Texas A&M University*

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Levi S. Peterson, author of *Juanita Brooks: Mormon Woman Historian* (University of Utah Press, 1988), has been named winner of the David W. and Beatrice C. Evans Award. The Evans Award is presented annually for the best biography dealing with Mormon country. It carries a \$10,000 cash prize.

Peterson is a Professor of English at Weber State College, Ogden, Utah, a member of the Western Literature Association, and author of *The Backslider*, a novel, and *The Canyons of Grace*, a collection of short stories. His subject, Juanita Brooks, established her reputation as a respected historian through her studies of early Mormon history. Peterson's biography traces her background and work, revealing her uncommon stamina, independence, and character.

The Evans Award is administered by the Mountain West Center for Regional Studies at Utah State University.

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## CALL FOR PAPERS

The Boise State University Hemingway Center will host an interdisciplinary conference, "Hemingway in Idaho," on June 9-11, 1989. The conference will focus on *For Whom the Bell Tolls*, but studies of other Hemingway works are also welcome. Participants will gather first in Boise; on the second day they will travel by bus to Sun Valley and convene at the lodge where Hemingway worked on his Spanish Civil War novel. The organizers invite papers of 10-15 pages (20 to 30 minutes in oral presentation) from Hemingway scholars and from specialists in fields such as History and American Studies. All critical approaches are welcome. The deadline for papers is March 1, 1989. Submissions and inquiries should be directed to Rena Sanderson, Department of English, Boise State University, Boise, ID 83725.