

# BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF MATHEMATICS JOURNALS IN AMERICA

The *Mathematical Correspondent* was the first journal in America devoted entirely to a specific science. Its initial issue was mailed by the editor, George Baron, on May 1, 1804. To celebrate this historic event, the American Philosophical Society and Temple University are sponsoring a one-day symposium on the journal, its founder, the community of participants, and the wider set of scientists in the Age of Jefferson.

**April 30, 2004**

Benjamin Franklin Hall  
American Philosophical Society  
427 Chestnut Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19106

## **Program:**

9:30 Coffee and Danish

10:00 Lecture: David E. Zitarelli, Department of Mathematics, Temple University  
“A mathematical community in the Age of Jefferson”

10:50 Break (more coffee and Danish)

11:10 Lecture: Thomas N. Baker, Department of History, SUNY Potsdam  
“Trouble at West Point: The Stormy Tenure of George Baron, Teacher of Mathematics”

12:00 Lunch

2:00 Lecture: V. Frederick Rickey, Department of Mathematics, U. S. Military Academy  
“George Baron, an Early American Mathematician”

3:00 Exhibit of the *Mathematical Correspondent* and other items from 1800-1810