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JEFF BREMER, associate professor of history at Iowa State University, describes how settlers in early Iowa – far from the self-sufficient farmers of frontier myth – participated in the expanding market system of the United States from the very beginning of the settlement process.

MICHAEL J. PFEIFER, professor of history at John Jay College of Criminal Justice and the CUNY Graduate Center, traces the history of Iowa City's transnational, multiethnic Catholic cultures from their origins in a single uneasily integrated parish to its fracturing into distinct ethnic parishes. In the twentieth century, pressures of assimilation, he argues, undermined ethnic identities, eventually rendering ethnic Catholicism a quaint memory.

JAMES C. LAREW reviews a book about gubernatorial stability in Iowa, and the author, CHRISTOPHER W. LARIMER, responds.

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Children pose in front of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Iowa City before a new set of bells is installed, probably in the 1880s. Photo from State Historical Society of Iowa, Iowa City. For the history of ethnic Catholic cultures in Iowa City, see Michael J. Pfeifer's article in this issue.

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