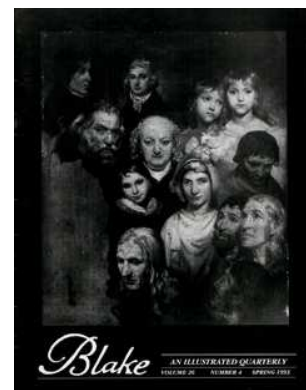


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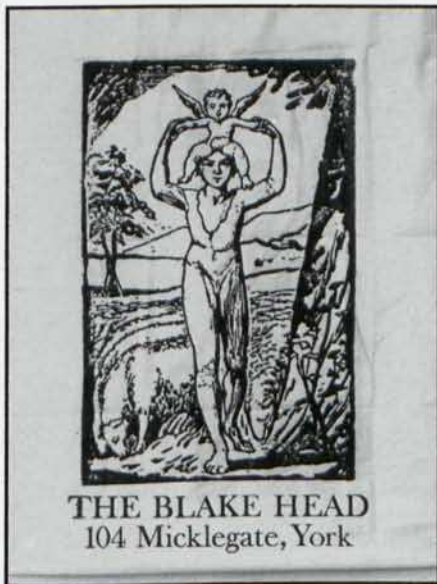


NEWSLETTER

BLAKE EPHEMERA

Among the medieval streets of York is a shop called "Blake Head," and when a passerby inquired as to which Blake was intended, the shop attendant said, "The poet William Blake" and pointed to the shop sign over the door. There, sure enough, was an unmistakable emblem identifying the establishment with the poet, for it represents the frontispiece to *Songs of Experience* (see photo of the Blake Head shopping bag). While the emblem is not a "Blake Head" and the shop had no Blake in stock in January 1993, the sign is still an agreeable indication of potent appeal of the author of *Songs of Innocence and of Experience* and his designs. And for remainders it is quite a nice shop, too.

G. E. Bentley, Jr.



The "Blake Head" shopping bag; photograph courtesy of Obadiah Eaves.

THE ILLUMINATED BLAKE RETURNS

Doover Publications has reprinted, unabridged and slightly corrected, David V. Erdman's *The Illuminated Blake: William Blake's Complete Illuminated Works with a Plate-by-Plate Commentary*, first published by Anchor/Doubleday in 1974. Available only in paperback, the volume is priced at \$22.95 (ISBN 0-486-27234-6).

SONGS LECTURE

Under the auspices of the Bibliographical Society, Michael Phillips (University of Edinburgh) gave a lecture, "Colour—Printing Blake's *Songs of Experience*," at University College, London, on 17 November 1992.

NEH SUMMER SEMINAR

Leo Damrosch
Department of English
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Rousseau and Blake: Inventing the Modern Self (seven weeks)

POWER AND PASSION IN WILLIAM BLAKE

CALL FOR PAPERS

Topic: *Power and Passion in William Blake*, to be read at the Northeast Modern Language Association 1994 Convention in Pittsburgh, PA, 8-10 April, 1994. Send papers with 20 minutes reading time (approx. 8-10 typed pages) by 31 August, 1993 to:

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BLAKE SOCIETY NEWS

Wednesday, 17 February

"The Ego-fantasy and the Polytheistic Psyche: Divergent Discourses in the *Four Zoas*"
Carolyn Damm

Thursday, 18 March

"Blake Discoveries 1972-1992"
G. E. Bentley, Jr.

Thursday, 15 April

"Blake and Indian Philosophy"
Adrian Peeler

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