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THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN

August 13, 1907.

REUBEN G. THWAITES,  
Secretary and Superintendent.

(TRUSTEE OF THE STATE)

ISAAC S. BRADLEY,  
Librarian and Assistant Supt.

MADISON

Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
Berlin, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:--- Yours of the 12th inst. at hand. We shall be very much pleased to have the file of the Berlin Evening Journal which you mention, The best way would be to have it boxed and send by freight, leaving transportation charges payable at this end. You might include in the shipment the Youth's Companion and Success, and we will take up the matter with the Library Commission later.

Thanking you for your thought of us, I am,

Yours very truly,

*Annie A. Nunn*

Private secy. to R. G. Thwaites.

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REUBEN G. THWAITES,

~~Secretary and Superintendent.~~

ISAAC S. BRADLEY,

Librarian and Assistant Supt.

MADISON

August 29, 1907.

Solon J. Buck, Esq.,

Berlin, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir: I wish to acknowledge the receipt of the boxes of papers you so kindly presented to this Society, and to thank you for your kindly thought of us in this connection.

Yours very truly,

*Daisy G. Beecroft*

Clerk to Superintendent.

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN

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MADISON

November 2, 1909.

Solon J. Buck, Esq.,

Bloomington, Indiana.

Dear Sir: In response to yours of the 1st:

It was an inadvertence in the programme to state that vol. 10 had gone out to members. I had supposed this to be the case; but am informed by the hear of the shipping department that it was withheld while awaiting vol. 9, so as to send the two at once and save wrapping --- a considerable item, for when mailing any publication it means, all told, about 1000 express packages. At the time vol. 10 appeared, the printers promised to follow it quickly with vol. 9, but they failed in this, hence the delay. Both volumes will probably reach you within a month.

We shall be pleased to place the Indiana State University upon our mailing list. What, if any, volumes of our Collections have they on their shelves at the present time? I will endeavor to fill the gaps so far as practicable.

Yours very truly,

*R. G. Thwaites*  
(per S.B.)

RGT-DB

Sec. and Supt.

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN  
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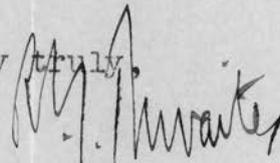
April 10, 1913.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,  
Urbana, Illinois.

My dear Doctor Buck: In response to yours of the 8th:

Durrie must have taken his title from Sabin. We do not find it anywhere else noted. An examination of the catalogues of the large libraries of this country as well as of the British Museum fails to reveal the book. I notice that Bradford tells of a copy sold at Woodford's sale in 1869 at \$3.00. We have never seen the book offered for sale --- if we did, we should certainly be after it.

Yours very truly,



Superintendent.

RGT-EEL

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN

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Superintendent

MADISON

May 3, 1913.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,

Urbana, Illinois.

My dear Sir: In response to yours of the 1st:

I am this day sending you by express collect the following books: Nachrichten and Erfahrunger uber die Vereingsten Staet en. Vol. 5 of Illinois Local History pamphlets.

I am placing a valuation of \$25.00 on the package, and wish you would do likewise on their return to us, as the books such as these containing pamphlets are not usually loaned from the library, but I am making an exception in your use.

The loan if for two weeks.

*Yours very truly*  
*R. G. Thwaites, Sept.*

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN

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REUBEN G. THWAITES

Superintendent

MADISON

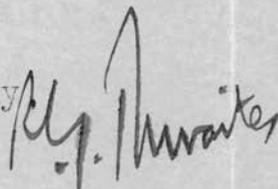
June 9, 1913.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,  
University of Illinois,  
Urbana, Illinois.

My dear Dr. Buck: In response to yours of the 5th:

I am sorry to have to say that neither the University nor our own Library contains <sup>any of</sup> the Norwegian and Swedish guides to which you refer.

Yours truly



Superintendent.

RGT-HL

416 Lincoln Hall,  
 Urbana, Ill.,  
 July 27, 1913

Dr Reuben G. Thwaites,  
 Madison, Wis.

My dear Dr. Thwaites: -

I am sending you, under separate cover, unconnected proofs of the first forty - two galleys of my Bibliography of Illinois Travel and Descriptions, 1765-1865. I have indicated by a system of key letters the libraries in which each edition of each item is to be found. As you may recollect, I worked on this bibliography in your library last summer and at that time I inserted a "W" <sup>at</sup> in my provisional list for such items as I found there. Since then I have added many items from other sources and it has occurred to me that you would be willing, in order that the strength of your library in this field should be fully exhibited, to have some member <sup>of your staff</sup> check over the proof with your catalog and add the letter for items which you have and which are not so marked.

In addition to items added since I worked in the library, another class of items to which the "U" should be added are those in periodicals and in such sets as your Early Western Travels. My original plan was to use only the "U" for our own library with these items, the assumption being that they would be found in any large library. I now think, however, that it will be better to put in all the letters in each case, in order that the relative strength of the different libraries can be determined. I will be glad to have any omissions or errors (other than compositor's errors) called to my attention.

The letters used for libraries are as follows: U, Univ. of Ill.; ~~I, Ill. State Hist.~~ M, Mason Coll. Champaign Public; I, Ill. State Hist.; H, Chi. Hist.; C, Chi. Pub.; J, John Crerar; N, Newbery; W, Wis. Hist.; L, Library of Congress; A, Bost. Athenaeum; P, Peabody; ~~B, British Museum~~ D, Harvard; E, Bost. Pub.; F, New York Pub.; B, Brit. Museum. The letters are used in the order given and "S" is used for Sabin <sup>if text</sup> when the item or edition is found there and is not in any of the libraries. My plan is to have the letters complete for U, M, I, H, C, J, W, and L and as a general rule to refer to other libraries only when the edition is not found in at least one of these.

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Miss McIlwaine has agreed to have the proof checked up for the library of the Chicago Historical Society and I trust you will find it feasible to have it done for your library. If so, it should be done as soon as conveniently may be, for we want to enter all corrections and additions on the revised galley proof.

Sincerely yours,

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN

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Superintendent

MADISON

July 31, 1913.

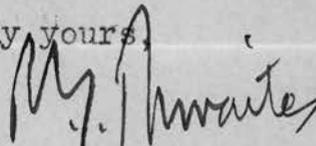
Dr. Solon J. Buck,  
Urbana, Illinois.

My dear Doctor Buck: In response to yours of the 29th:

Owing to the fact that a large majority of our staff have just departed upon their summer vacations owing to the close of the summer school, there has been no one of our own people in whose hands I could place the task which you desire to have performed. I have therefore engaged for you Dr. H. A. Kellar, one of our fellows, who is soon to leave us for the University of Texas. He is now at work upon it.

The reading of the proofs of your bibliography has gone rather slowly for a like reason, that our staff has been very small and we have been obliged to place the work in the hands of some of our newer recruits. Just as soon as it is finished, however, I will forward proof sheets to you. They report to me that they are finding a good many editions not named in your list.

Very sincerely yours,

  
Superintendent.

RGT-EEL

Raymond, New Hampshire  
17 November, 1911

Dr. Solon J. Buck  
416 Lincoln Hall  
Champaign, Illinois

My Dear Dr. Buck-

Many thanks for the copy of the Illinois historical library report. I shall be interested to read it.

Whether I am at Buffalo or not is very uncertain. My going to the Connecticut state library proved a bad venture. Conditions proved to be such that I would not stay, so I left last June. I have been having a good long vacation and at the same time giving opportunity to see if some re-organizations of institutions in this section would open a new position. They do not seem likely to do that and now I am actively hunting a place. There are some possibilities, but remote ones, up. A little more definite is the possibility that within a few weeks I may have some temporary work. So you see I cannot say much about going to Buffalo.

I have vacationized until I am thoroughly tired of not having any

daily routine. If you, in Illinois, have any calendaring, bibliography, etc. waiting for a worker; I should be glad to know of it.

Sincerely yours,

*Asa C. Tilton*

THE TORCH PRESS

LUTHER A. BREWER  
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

PUBLICATION DEPARTMENT

August 25, 1913.

Solon J Buck  
Urbana, Ill

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of August 23d, we are pleased to quote you as follows, for reprints of your paper on "New England Element in Illinois Politics before 1833,"

50 Copies, with covers and new folio lines, \$6.40; 100 copies, \$8.00; additional copies, per 100, \$2.40.

50 copies, without covers, and with no change in folio lines, \$4.80; 100 copies, \$6.40; additional copies, per 100, \$1.60.

Very truly,

THE TORCH PRESS

By

*J. A. Brewer*

THE TORCH PRESS

LUTHER A. BREWER  
CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

PUBLICATION DEPARTMENT

Solan J Buck  
Urbana Ill

September 5, 1913.

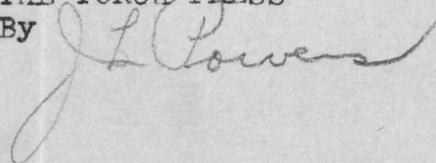
Dear Sir:

We have your letter of September 4th and have booked your order for 50 reprints of your paper on "The New England Element in Illinois Politics before 1833," with covers, but with out any change in the folio lines. The price as you assume will be something between \$4.80 and \$6.40, and we will bill same as soon as possible.

Very truly,

THE TORCH PRESS

By



STEWART (CATHERINE).--New Homes in the West. Nashville, 1843.  
 STIFF (EDWARD).--The Texan Emigrant. Cincinnati, 1840.  
 STRAHORN (R. E.).--Hand-book of Wyoming. Cheyenne, 1877.  
 STRAHORN.--The Resources and Attractions of Idaho Territory.  
 STUART (GRANVILLE).--Montana As It Is. (With map.) 1865.  
 SWEITZER.--Minnesota and Lake Superior; Guide to the Northwest.  
 TEXAS ALMANACS. Any year.  
 TEXAS in 1840; or Emigrants' Guide to the New Republic. N.Y., 1840.  
 THOMAS (DAVID).--Travels through the Western Country. With a Map  
 of the Wabash Country now settling. Auburn, 1819.  
 THOMPSON (G. A.).--Handbook to the Pacific and Calif. Lond., 1849.  
 TOPOGRAPHICAL Description of the State of Ohio, Indiana Territory,  
 and Louisiana. By a late officer (Jervase Cutler). Bost., 1812.  
 TRIGGS (J. H.).--A Reliable Guide to the Black Hills, Powder River,  
 and Big Horn Gold Fields. Omaha, 1876.  
 VAN ZANDT.--A Full Description . . of the Military Land between  
 the Mississippi and Illinois Rivers. Washington, 1818.  
 VIEW of the Valley of the Mississippi. Phila., 1832, 1834.  
 WALTON (DANIEL).--Wonderful Facts from the Gold Region. Bost., 1849.  
 WEBB.--Information for Kansas Immigrants.  
 WEED (JOSEPH).--A View of California As It Is. San Fran., 1874.  
 WELBY (ADLARD).--A Visit to North America. London, 1821.  
 WELLS.--Pocket Handbook of Iowa.  
 WEST (GOLDSMITH B.).--The Golden Northwest. Chicago, 1878.  
 WESTERN TEXAS, the Australia of America. Cincinnati, 1860.  
 WETMORE.--Gazetteer of Missouri. 1837.  
 WHITE (ELIJAH).--Concise View of Oregon Territory. Wash., 1846.  
 WIERZBICKI (F. P.).--California As It Is and As It May Be. 1849.  
 WILKES (CAPT. CHARLES).--Western America. Phila., 1849. 3 maps.  
 WILKEY (WALTER).--Narrative of a Tour to Illinois, and one year's  
 residence in Edensburgh, Ill. N.Y., 1839.  
 WIXSON (FRANKLIN).--The Black Hills Gold Mines.  
 WOLFE.--Guide, Gazetteer, and Directory of Nebraska Railroads.  
 WOODMAN (DAVID).--Guide to Texas Emigrants. Boston, 1835.  
 WOODS.--Two Years' Residence . . in the Illinois Country. Lond., '22.  
 WOOLWORTH.--Nebraska in 1857.  
 WYLD (J.).--Guide to the Gold Regions. London, 1850.

Wanted for other clients.

Prose Sketches and Poems, Written in the Western Country. By Albert  
 Pike. Boston, 1834.  
 Swan: The Northwest Coast. 1857.  
 Nat Turner's Confession.  
 French: Historical Collections of Louisiana, Parts 3 and 4. Also,  
 Second Series, 1869.  
 Personal Experiences of Gen. O.O. Howard among our Hostile Indians.  
 Wheeler: Reminiscences of N. C. and Eminent North Carolinians. 1881.  
 Southern Literary Messenger. Odd volumes or numbers.  
 Baker: Texas Scrap Book.  
 Crockett Almanacs. Any year except 1839, 1840.

Want List.

No. 1.  
 September,  
 1912.

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A customer wishes to form as complete a collection as possible of the early literature issued for the information of emigrants to the newer portions of the United States; such as guides, handbooks, gazetteers, descriptive pamphlets, maps, etc., relating to the West, Southwest, or Northwest. It is desired to obtain all the different issues or editions of each book or pamphlet that properly belongs in a collection of this nature.

Offers of any of the following items at moderate prices will be of decided interest. This list is necessarily very incomplete, and your report should include any similar material that you can supply.

ACCOMPANIMENT to Mitchell's New Map of Texas, Oregon, & California.  
 AMPHLETT.--Emigrant's Directory to the Western States. Lond., 1819.  
 ARMSTRONG.--Oregon and Washington. Chicago, 1857.  
 AUSTIN.--Map of Texas. (Folded in original cover.)  
 BECK.--Gazetteer of the States of Illinois and Missouri. 1823.  
 BENT.--Handbook of Kansas.  
 BLACKMORE.--Colorado: Its Resources, Parks, and Prospects.  
 BLISS.--New Gold Regions of Colorado Territory. N. Y., 1864.  
 BOKUM.--The Tennessee Hand-Book and Emigrants' Guide.  
 BONNELL.--Topographical Description of Texas.  
 BREVOORT.--New Mexico: Her Natural Resources, etc. 1874.  
 BRITISH COLUMBIA.--Include any descriptive books or pamphlets.  
 BROWN (S. R.).--Western Gazetteer.  
 BROWNE (PETER A.).--Lecture on the Oregon Territory. Phila., 1843.  
 CALIFORNIA Gold Diggings.--Any contemporary accounts; 1848-49, &c.  
 CAMPBELL.--Idaho and Montana Gold Regions. Chicago, 1865.  
 CAMPBELL.--The Great Agricultural and Mineral West. Chicago, 1866.  
 CHAPMAN.--Handbook of Wisconsin. Milwaukee, 1855.  
 CLARK (C. M.).--A Trip to Pike's Peak. Chicago, 1861.  
 COFFIN.--The Seat of Empire. 1870.  
 COLLINS (S.H.).--Emigrant's Guide to the U. S. Hull (England), 1829.  
 COLTON.--Western Tourist.  
 CONCLIN.--New River Guide.  
 COPLEY.--Kansas and the Country Beyond.  
 CRAMER.--The Navigator. Pittsburgh, 1805, etc.  
 CUMINGS.--The Western Pilot.  
 DANA (E.).--Geographical Sketches on the Western Country. 1819.  
 DANA.--Description of the Bounty Lands of Illinois. 1819.

DARBY.--Emigrant's Guide. 1818.  
DARBY.--Geographical Description of Louisiana.  
DERBY.--Overland Route to the Pacific.  
DISTURNELL.--Guide to New Mexico, California, &c.  
EARLY POCKET MAPS of Western states, in original covers.  
EARLY WESTERN PAMPHLETS on the advantages of particular localities.  
EDWARD (DAVID B.).--The History of Texas. Cincinnati, 1836.  
ELLSWORTH.--Valley of the Upper Wabash.  
- EMIGRANT'S GUIDE, or Pocket Geography of the Western States.  
FARMER.--Emigrant's Guide, or Pocket Gazetteer of Michigan.  
FOSTER (G. G.).--Gold Regions of California. 1848.  
FREEMAN.--The Emigrants' Handbook and Guide to Wisconsin.  
- FRY.--Traveler's Guide. Cincinnati, 1865.  
GALLAND.--Iowa Emigrant. Chillicothe, 1840.  
GEOGRAPHICAL Description of the State of Texas, &c. Phila., 1846.  
GEOGRAPHICAL, Historical, Commercial, and Agricultural View of the  
United States. London, 1820.  
GILLELAND.--Ohio and Mississippi Pilot.  
- GODDARD.--Where to Emigrate and Why.  
GREENE (MAX).--The Kansas Region.  
GREGORY (J. W.).--Guide for California Travelers.  
GRISWOLD.--The Kansas Pilot.  
HALL (B. F.).--The Western Land Owner's Guide.  
HALL (E. H.).--Ho! For the West. London, 1858.  
HALL (E. H.).--The Great West.  
HALL (JAMES).--Notes on the Western States. (Also other books by  
this author.)  
HASTINGS.--Emigrants' Guide to Oregon and California. 1845.  
HASTINGS.--New Description of Oregon and California. 1849.  
HINTON (R. J.).--The Handbook of Arizona.  
HOLLEY (MRS. M. A.).--Texas.  
HORN'S OVERLAND GUIDE. 1852, &c.  
HUGHES (J. T.).--California, its History, &c. Cincinnati, 1848.  
HUTCHINS.--Topographical Description of Louisiana.  
ILLINOIS in 1837.  
JAMES.--River Guide.  
JAMES.--Traveler's Companion through the West and South. 1853.  
JOHNSON (T. T.).--Sights in the Gold Region and Scenes by the Way.  
JOHNSON & WINTER.--Route Across the Rocky Mountains.  
JONES (A. D.).--Illinois and the West.  
JOURNAL of a Tour in Texas . . . by the Agents of the Wilmington Emi-  
grating Society. Wilmington, 1835.  
KELLEY (HALL J.).--Any Oregon pamphlets by. (1830-1852.)  
KIMBALL & JAMES.--Business Directory for the Mississippi Valley.  
KINGSBURY (W. G.).--A Description of Southwestern and Middle Texas.  
LEA (ALBERT M.).--Notes on the Wisconsin Territory. Phila., 1836.  
LLOYD.--Steamboat Directory and Disasters on the Western Waters.  
LORD.--AT Home in the Wilderness. London, 1867.  
LYFORD.--Western Address Directory.

McCOLLUM.--California As I Saw It. Buffalo, 1850.  
McLEOD.--History of Wisconsin. Buffalo, 1844.  
MARCY.--The Prairie Traveler. (\$1.00 offered.)  
MASON.--Handbook to California. London, 1850.  
- MASSEY (S. L.).--Traveler's Companion through the Western States.  
MENDENHALL (E.).--Guide to the Kansas Gold Mines at Pike's Peak.  
MERCER (A. S.).--Washington Territory. Utica, 1865.  
MOFFETTE.--Territories of Kansas and Nebraska.  
MONK'S MAP of Colorado Territory.  
MOORE (FRANCIS, Jr.).--Map and Description of Texas. Phila., 1840.  
MORRIS (C.A.F.).--Map of Minnesota Route to the Idaho Gold Mines.  
MORRIS (EASTIN).--Gazetteer of Tennessee.  
- MULLAN.--Miners' and Travelers' Guide. 1865.  
NEVHALL.--Sketches of Iowa, or the Emigrant's Guide. N.Y., 1841.  
NEVHALL.--A Glimpse of Iowa in 1846. Burlington, 1846.  
NEWMAN (J. B.).--Texas and Mexico in 1846.  
NICELY.--The Great Southwest.  
NICOLAY.--The Oregon Territory. London, 1846.  
NOTES on the Placers; how to get there, &c. N. Y., 1850.  
OBSERVATIONS on the Wisconsin Territory. Phila., 1838.  
OKLAHOMA, Politically and Topographically Described. By A. P.  
Jackson and E. C. Cole. Kansas City, 1885.  
OLIVER (W.).--Eight Months in Illinois. Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 1843.  
OREGON.--Descriptive pamphlets, etc. (Especially desired.)  
PECK (J. M.).--New Guide for Emigrants.  
PECK (J. M.).--Gazetteer of Illinois.  
PIKE'S PEAK Gold Mines. Any guide-book; 1859-60.  
PINE (GEO. W.).--Beyond the West. Utica, 1870, &c.  
PLUMBE.--Sketches of Iowa and Wisconsin. St. Louis, 1839.  
PRATT & HUME.--Guide to the Gold Mines of Kansas. Chicago, 1859.  
REDPATH & HINTON.--Handbook to Kansas Territory.  
ROBINSON (FAYETTE).--California and Its Gold Regions.  
ST. JOHN.--A True Description of the Lake Superior Country.  
SEYD.--California and its Resources. London, 1858.  
SEYMOUR.--Emigrant's Guide to the Gold Mines. Chicago, 1849.  
SHERWOOD (J. E.).--California. N. Y., 1848.  
SHERWOOD.--Pocket Guide to California. 1849.  
SHIRREFF (P.).--A Tour in North America. Edinburgh, 1835.  
SIMPSON (H. I.).--Emigrant's Guide to the Gold Mines. 1848.  
SIMPSON (H. I.).--Three Weeks in the Gold Mines. 1848.  
SKETCH of Ohio, giving the opinion of Thomas Hutchinson, Geographer  
of the United States. Glasgow, 1822.  
SKETCH of Western Virginia, for the use of the British Settlers in  
that country. London, 1837.  
SMITH (EDWARD).--Account of a Journey through Northeastern Texas.  
SMITH (J. CALVIN).--Western Tourist.  
SMITH (J. GRAY).--A Brief Review of East Tennessee. London, 1842.  
- STEELE (O. G.).--Western Guide Book and Emigrant's Directory. 1846.  
STEVENS (I. I.).--A Circular Letter to Emigrants desirous of loca-  
ting in Washington Territory. Washington, 1858.

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October 3, 1912.

Prof. Solon J. Buck,  
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Sir:

I may as well admit my guilt, and confess that I am myself the "customer" referred to in my recent want circular. Thus I throw myself on the mercy of the court.

But my interest in this literature of emigration has been steadily growing with me, and just lately I decided to withdraw from sale such items as I already had appertaining to this subject and hereafter dispose only of such duplicates as I might secure. I found that the subject appeared to be more or less neglected by cataloguers and bibliographers generally; and it even seemed to me that I might some day get up a contribution to the bibliography of the subject. A thorough work of this sort would be the labor of a lifetime, no doubt; but I think even an admittedly incomplete attempt would be useful and would be welcomed by many.

One thing that influenced me to decide to form a permanent collection of my own on the subject was that I found so many unrecorded and unnoticed variants in the editions and issues of guidebooks, etc. I would surprise myself occasionally by discovering differences in two copies of the same book, which I would never have noticed if each item had passed through my hands separately. I therefore resolved to "exhaust editions" as far as possible; for one must have all the issues at hand in order to satisfy himself as to whether or not any variations occur.

As an example, I sent to a California collector a copy of Disturnell's Guide to New Mexico, California, &c., 1849. I noticed particularly the curious map, of which the lower portion had evidently been taken from some Spanish map, several of the explanatory remarks upon it being in that language. Geographically, the center of

the map was in northern Sonora. A few weeks later, I received another copy of the same book, of same date, but with an entirely different map, one of Colton's, I think.

Then there is Coffin's "The Seat of Empire," Boston, 1870. This is reported in the "Check-List" of the Washington State University as having no map. I was therefore surprised to come upon a copy that had a pocket in the back cover containing a large map; doubtless an afterthought on the part of the publishers.

Then there are several books of this class (and pamphlets, of course) that continued to be issued for several successive years. In such cases changes were often made, as new information was secured.

I wish now that I had entered on cards a full and careful collation of every item of this sort that has passed through my hands the past few years; but of course it is never too late to mend, and I shall do better from now on.

I am glad to hear from you, as being interested along this same line, and will cheerfully render any assistance I can. My own idea is to include every locality in the country covered by emigration literature, although I do not think it so important to include material relating to the country east of the Alleghanies (it would come more under the head of immigration--rather than "emigration"). This makes a heroic undertaking, but I ought to be able at least to "break the ice."

You, as I understand it, are restricting yourself to such material as relates in some degree to Illinois. Even with this limitation I do not doubt that you have already recorded several hundred titles.

As a starter, if there are any of the items on my "Want List" concerning which you would like further information, I will gladly forward cards showing whatever bibliographical data could be gathered from the sources from which I obtained the titles.

Very truly yours,

C. W. Treat.

Subject: Tabulation of steam-boats on Fox and Wolf rivers.

United States Engineer Office,

LMM-AK  
Dic.

ASSISTANT IN LOCAL CHARGE—FOX RIVER IMPROVEMENT.

OSHKOSH, WIS. February 24, 1910.

Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
904 S. Busey Ave.,  
Urbana, Ill.

My dear sir:

Your letter of February 22nd with reference to tabulation showing the history of steamboats on the Fox and Wolf rivers, is received.

I have to inform you that the original tracing of this tabulation was sent to Washington and we only have a blue-print in this office. However, there has been such unusual interest shown in this tabulation and requests made for copies of same, that I am contemplating having a new tracing made so it can be reproduced. We are very busy at present, but I shall let you know when a copy may be had. They will be sold, as required under the Regulations, for actual cost of reproduction.

Very respectfully,

*L. M. Mann.*

Assistant Engineer.

Subject: Blue-print of tabulation of steamboats.

United States Engineer Office,

EB-AK  
Dic.

ASSISTANT IN LOCAL CHARGE—FOX RIVER IMPROVEMENT.

OSHKOSH, WIS.. March 17, 1910.

Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
904 S. Busey Ave.,  
Urbana, Ill.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of February 22, 1910, requesting that a copy of the tabulation showing the history of boats on the Fox and Wolf rivers <sup>be sent you,</sup> I have to inform you that blue-prints <sup>now</sup> have been prepared and one will be sent you on receipt of 25¢, the cost of production of same.

By direction of Mr. L. M. Mann, Assistant Engineer.

Very respectfully,

*Elwin Bunker*

C l e r k .

Subject: Tabulation of Steam-boats.

United States Engineer Office,

EB-SJE.

ASSISTANT IN LOCAL CHARGE - FOX RIVER IMPROVEMENT.

OSHKOSH, WIS., March 24, 1910.

Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
904 South Busey Avenue,  
Urbana, Illinois.

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of March 22nd, enclosing 25 cents for tabulation of steamboats, was duly received, and a blue-print of the tabulation is herewith enclosed.

By direction of Mr. L. M. Mann, Assistant Engineer.

Very respectfully,

*Elwin Bautes,*

Clerk.

( 1 inclosure )

ELLIS B. USHER,  
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MILWAUKEE. Nov. 8, 1911

Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
416 Lincoln Hall,  
University of Illinois,  
Urbana, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

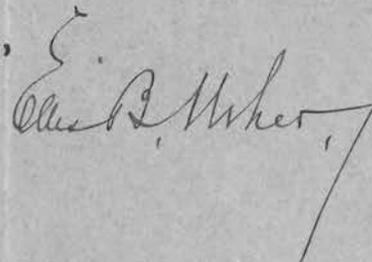
I am in receipt this morning of your note of the 7th, together with a copy of your pamphlet, entitled "Independent Parties in the Western States", with your proposition to send me a later copy of the "Granger Movement," which I shall be very glad to receive.

I send you by this mail, a copy of my pamphlet on the "Greenback Movement", and should be glad of any criticism which you are willing to make upon it.

My sister, Miss Susannah Usher, has been a teacher at the University of Illinois, for a number of years, so it is possible you may be able to identify me.

Very truly yours,

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MILWAUKEE. Sept. 23, 1913.

Prof. Solon J. Buck,  
University of Illinois,  
Urbana, Illinois.

My dear Sir:-

I received your very welcome note of September 4th, and have held it a few days, thinking perhaps that the book might turn up, but it has not, as yet, and I write to thank you for remembering me and I am sure I shall look it over with great interest.

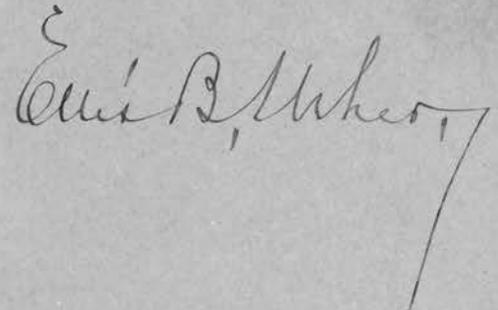
Perhaps I did not ask you at the time I sent you a copy of my Greenback Movement, to let me know if you found it useful and what you thought of it. It made comparatively few pretensions, but as I have examined more widely since, it does seem to me to contain more material than anything of which I have knowledge.

Did I send you or ask you if you would like to have copies of the campaign book, and convention report, of the Gold Democratic National Convention of 1896? I have a few copies and would be glad to send you a set if you have not already received one from me. The campaign book is especially valuable as the work of the best experts in the country on the currency question of that day.

I want to say that in some recent work that I have been doing, I have found your little pamphlet upon the Independent parties of the West, very useful.

Thanking you and with kind regards, I am,

Very truly yours,



*Selander*

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MILWAUKEE. Oct. 1, 1913.

Prof. Solon J. Buck,  
# 416 Lincoln Hall,  
Urbana, Illinois.

My dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your favor of the 29th and am much obliged for your remarks about the Greenback Movement.

I am sending you by this same mail copies of the Gold Democratic documents.

I have noticed that in speaking of the Gold Democratic Movement, some recent writers have treated it as an eastern movement. This is a misconception. The movement originated in the middle west. At the first conference in Chicago, on July 23, 1896, twenty-three representative men from ten middle-west states held the initial meeting. Not an eastern man or a representative of an eastern man, was present. The plan for calling a national convention was well advanced before we could get any attention from eastern people. I was present at this first meeting and as you will see was one of the signers of the call for the Indianapolis convention and was active in the campaign from beginning to end. The movement would never have been but for western men.

Perhaps I may be able to identify myself to you a little more closely by telling you that Miss Susannah Usher, who was for several years connected with the Domestic Science Department of the University of Illinois is a sister of mine. You may have known her.

Very truly yours,

*Ellis B. Usher*

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MILWAUKEE. Oct. 11, 1913.

Prof. Solon J. Buck,  
# 416 Lincoln Hall,  
Urbana, Illinois.

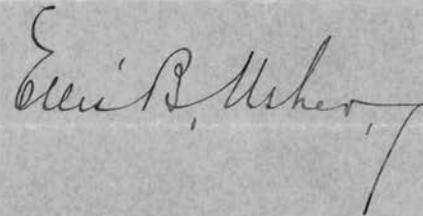
Dear Sir:-

I was quite amused when I got yours of the 3rd, to discover that you are a Wisconsin man, and a reader of the Berlin Journal. I have long had acquaintances in Berlin.

I had intended when I had read your Granger book to make mention of it in my letter and the fact that you are a Wisconsin man makes that opportunity all the better. Kindly tell me where you graduated and give me a point or two, so that I can speak with an appearance of more intimate knowledge.

I have been busy for a year on a history of Wisconsin, for a Chicago publishing house. I don't expect it to be history in the scientific sense, but I shall hope to make some additions to published materials, and to collaborate materials for a history, should I ever have time to write one. Within a week or two I am going to get a let-up on this job and I shall read your book carefully and I am sure with pleasure.

Very truly yours,



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MILWAUKEE, Dec. 9, 1913.

Prof. Solon J. Buck,  
# 416 Lincoln Hall,  
Urbana, Illinois.

My dear Professor Buck:-

Since last writing you I have read your "Granger Movement" with much interest, as I have the pamphlet which you sent me recently. I think that these special studies, where they are made by people who realize the necessity of some breadth of treatment, are of great value, and I have enjoyed both of these examples of your labors.

I assume that you see the Berlin Journal, and therefore have seen the little paragraph that I made in one of my letters regarding you and the "Granger Movement". If you have missed it, let me know and I will send you a copy.

I have finished my job of Wisconsin history. It has been written for the Lewis Publishing Co., 542 S. Dearborn Street, Chicago, at so much per. I have just now finished reading the last of my proof, and I suppose that it will be published early in the year. The concern is one that uses history to promote biography and is going to publish about eight volumes, so I am afraid you will not care to deal with it except after the Christian Science method of "absent treatment." However, I would be very glad, indeed, if I succeed in getting a set of proofs of the matter, as I hope to, to submit it to your critical examination. It makes no pretence, of course, to scientific treatment, but I hope that I have added something to the broader materials for a history of the people of Wisconsin. I have gone into a somewhat exhaustive analysis of the racial characteristics of the state, and have treated several matters differently from the hitherto accepted dictum.

For instance, I see no ground, whatever, for the statement, which I see you use in your pamphlet, that I received the other day, that settlement owes anything important to the Black Hawk War. I have been unable to find anything in contemporary writings of that time to justify this statement. I met Professor Turner last summer in Cambridge, and told him that I was unable to find justification for this oft-repeated statement which has found acceptance among Wisconsin historians, and he seemed to agree with me that it might be based upon quite unsubstantial authority. Someone, sometime, I believe, discovered a lot of letters written from this western region to eastern papers just after the Black Hawk War, and in my judgment that discovery could have been made at any time, before or after the Black Hawk War, from some portion of the New West.

The impetus for settlement in northern Illinois, and southern Wisconsin was the opening of the Erie Canal, and of navigation on the Lakes. The tide changed from the Ohio River to the new <sup>Steam</sup> navigation.

Prof. Solon J. Buck--2.

route, and the advertising incident to the Black Hawk War, was but one of many elements in the hastening of settlement of this region.

Pardon the length of this epistle, and I will promise to do so no more.

With kind regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

*Ellis P. Mather*

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MILWAUKEE.

Dec. 12, 1913.

My dear Prof. Buck:— I am in receipt of your favor of the 11th inst. and I hope you do not think I was criticising you in my former letter, but I referred to your use of the Black Hawk War statement, as an example of the acceptance of that theory, which has been general, and Prof. Turner has used it with the rest. Because he has used it I took some trouble to discover authority for it, and the authority seems to be the Wis. Hist. Soc. and I think that is sometimes rather superficial.

I found, for example, that land offices were opened at Green Bay and Mineral Point, in 1835, at Milwaukee in 1839. In 1835-6 more than 850,000 acres were entered, and in the two years succeeding only 265,000. When the Milwaukee office opened the amount rose again to 650,000 acres, and again dropped off. To me this suggests, what is to be found in many pioneer county records, that squatters were numerous, before the Indian titles were quieted. Organizations of squatters to keep out speculators, were numerous in

southeastern Wisconsin, and we know that squatters  
were plenty in Northern Wisconsin, before lands  
were open to entry.

I know of but one place in Wisconsin, the  
name of which links with the Black Hawk  
War, outside of its immediate field. That is  
Mauston, named for Col. Maughs, who  
settled there in the fifties.

I am interested in this proposition, because I  
could not prove up for it, and it seems to me  
there is much testimony against it. I have never  
found but one contemporary reference to a move-  
ment to northern Illinois and Wis. in conse-  
quence of the War publicity. That, if I remember  
correctly, is in "Illinois in 1837-8," with which  
you are familiar and was mentioned in some  
connection with the neighborhood of Bloomington as  
I remember.

If I don't get a set of proofs, I will send you  
some of my manifold copy, on this subject.

I enclose the letter that you missed.

I shall be interested to see Illinois in 1818.  
You might be interested to call on me some  
time, if you come this way, for my Wis. job gave me quite  
an opinion of my library, which I had scarcely the go beyond in  
looking up references. I have 700 or 800 titles on Wis. and the  
Upper Miss. Valley. Very truly yours  
Elli R. Walker

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April 6, 1911.

Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
1111 Arbor Street,  
Champaign, Ill.

My dear Mr. Buck:--

I have your two recent letters and I beg to say that if you have the review of the History of Illinois Newspapers ready I will be very glad to have it for the April Journal. I already have a brief review, which is now in type, but I would be glad to have yours, as I have no doubt it covers the ground which I have taken and a good deal more, which may be very useful. If you can send it at once I shall be glad to substitute it for the one I have now in print.

Referring to your letter of earlier date I beg to say I have the letters which Mr. Flagg showed you. He is very willing for me to make any use of them which I choose, and I think your plan of using them for the Transactions with some annotations will be better than using them for the Journal, for which purpose Mr. Flagg gave them to me, but he is not at all particular as to how they are used, except that he wishes them carefully taken care of.

We are making plans for a good meeting next week, the 50th anniversary of the fall of Fort Sumter. I hope you will be able to be with us.

I will be glad to receive material for the Journal at any time. I will be much obliged for assistance along that line.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Jessie Palmer Weber

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STATE OF ILLINOIS,

SPRINGFIELD.

April 27, 1911.

Mr. S. J. Buck,  
University of Illinois,  
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Buck:--

I have received a letter from Prof. J. A. James enclosing a letter from you to him in regard to the Flagg letters. I have written Prof. James that I believe the Historical Society will be able to pay for copying these letters and if he wishes to do so, it will be all right to have them copied.

If you will remember, I offered to have these copied and I believe in the matter of collating them that Mr. Flagg and I perhaps could have made satisfactory copies. However, we are very busy in the Library and have no objection to the other course.

Very truly yours,

*Jessie Palmer Weber.*

Secretary Illinois State  
Historical Society.

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November 2, 1911.

Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
 1111 Arbor St.,  
 Champaign, Ill.

Dear Sir:--

Mr. J. McCan Davis, Chairman of the Publication Committee of the Illinois State Historical Society, has requested me to write each member of that Committee asking for suggestions and aid in securing contributions to be published in the Transactions of the Illinois State Historical Society. Any collections of letters from pioneer residents, describing conditions in the new country, or other letters throwing light upon the history of the State, or any phase of it, church records, records of educational institutions or of historical or political meetings or meetings of local interest, biographies of pioneers including the women pioneers, and in fact anything of interest to the citizens of the State historically and which you deem of sufficient value to be published in the Transactions of the Illinois State Historical Society will be most gratefully received.

The Committee would also like suggestions as to the work of publication and along other lines that may be helpful to the Society.

Very respectfully yours,

*Jessie Palmer Weber*  
 Secretary Illinois State  
 Historical Society.

Springfield, Illinois.

March, 23, 1912.

Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
416 Lincoln Hall,  
University of Illinois,  
Urbana, Illinois.

My Dear Mr. Buck:

I am returning to you, your expense account which I have received approved by the Board of Trustees of the Library.

I am returning it to you myself because, it would not be approved by the audit clerk of the Governor on account of the law which requires that receipts accompany all sums larger than \$1.00 for meals or any other purposes.

We have had a great deal of trouble over this matter with Mr. Johns' account and it has caused Mr. Johns a great deal of annoyance and inconvenience.

You will please prepare on the yellow printed form a statement, say, for instance, breakfast so much; dinner so much; supper so much; each meal, with its date, being itemized unless you have a receipt for it and they must be for sums smaller than \$1.00 for each meal.

For instance, you have on March, 3rd. a bill for \$2.05 for meals. This should be divided up into the three meals and the sum of each, of course would be less than \$1.00.

This an absolute requirement of the office of the Governor before any bills are approved.

We have had them sent back so much, that it is useless to turn them over to Mr. Tinney unless these requirements are complied with.

I suggested to Mr. Leland that when he stayed at a European Hotel, the wisest thing would be to have his meals charged to his room and pay his bill altogether, thereby getting a receipt for meals. In cases where this is not convenient, the practise indicated above must be used.

Very truly yours,

*Jessie Palmer Weber.*

Librarian, Illinois State  
Historical Library.

Illinois State Historical Society.

Springfield, Ill. May 29, 1912.

Mr. C. W. Alvord,  
416 Lincoln Hall,  
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Alvord:-

We had a very nice meeting of the Historical Society, but we missed quite a large number of our regular workers, and were very sorry that the two meetings conflicted.

I will be very glad if you will write a brief account of the meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association for the July Journal of the Society.

With kind regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

*Jessie Palmer Weber*

Secretary Illinois State Historical Society.



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JESSIE PALMER WEBER, Springfield, Librarian.

September 8, 1913.

Mr. Solon J. Buck,

804 W. Illinois Street,  
Urbana, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Buck:

I have your letter to Miss Osborne and I am sorry to say we have no history of Calhoun County. We received the copy of Colby's Handbook of Illinois.

We have made the change in your address and are sending you copy of the July Journal. You are quite correct in crediting this Library with at least one item on every county of Illinois with the exception of Calhoun.

Yours very truly,

*Jessie Palmer Weber*

Librarian Illinois State Historical Library.  
Secretary Illinois State Historical Society.



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December 5, 1913.

Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
 416 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Ills.

My dear Mr. Buck:

I am enclosing to you the filled out blank of the statistics of the Historical Society for the Annual Conference of Historical Societies as requested in your circular letter.

I have before this sent practically a copy of this to Mr. Thomas Owens of Montgomery, Ala., in correspondence in regard to some other matters. This I am sending to you is a little fuller but is practically the same.

I have just had a talk with Mr. Call and he thinks that you are doing great things over at the University.

Very truly yours,

*Jessie Palmer Weber.*

Secretary Illinois State Historical Society.

Wise Head.

University of Wisconsin

BOTANICAL LABORATORY

MADISON, WIS., July 23, 1906

Mr. Solon Buck,  
Berlin, Wis.

Dear sir -

I am sending you today, by Express, proof and manuscript of your article on the "Settlement of Oklahoma." The proofs of the plates (maps) have not yet been received, but I hope to have them within a few days.

Please return the proof as promptly as possible, with your corrections. I imagine that you will wish to make some corrections or additions, in view of recent legislation. Any changes of this sort should be made on this proof. The M.S. need not be returned.

In returning the proof, please let me know the number of reprints you desire. One hundred copies are furnished free, additional copies beyond that number at the price charged by the printers for the extra impressions, paper and binding.

Please note carefully the citations in the footnotes, as to their correctness, also figures and dates in the body of the text. I have made some changes in the footnotes in order to have the method of citation uniform as far as possible, but in some points I was doubtful and may have made mistakes, especially in the insertion of "vol.", "pt.", "p.", "sec."

University of Wisconsin

BOTANICAL LABORATORY

MADISON, WIS.,

In citing the reports of the Secretary of the Interior, your MSS. sometimes read "Sec. Int. Rept.", sometimes "Sec. Int. Repts." I have corrected the proof to make it read uniformly "Repts.", but "Rept." may be preferable. You will know best about this. Also I was uncertain whether the divisions of the report should be referred to as "part 1," "part 2," or "vol. 1," "vol. 2". Please decide this point, and correct the proof to make it uniform.

Very truly yours,  
C. E. Allen

810 W. Johnson st.

Wisconsin Academy  
of  
Sciences, Arts, and Letters

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

MADISON, WIS. Aug. 7, 1906.

My dear Mr. Buck-

Under separate enclosure I am sending you by this mail proofs of the engravings of maps accompanying your article. Please look them over and return the proofs to me, indicating any corrections that you may find necessary. The drawings need not be returned, unless in case of a necessary correction in the plate.

Very truly yours,  
C. E. Allen

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

MADISON, WIS. Oct. 24, 1906.

My dear Mr. Buck -

I enclose proof, just received, of your paper. Please correct and return as soon as possible. On the proofs of the engravings, which I also enclose, please indicate the page of the text opposite which each is to be inserted.

Very truly yours,

C. E. Allen.

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of  
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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

MADISON, WIS., Nov. 4, 1906.

My dear Mr. Buck -

The proof of your article was received a few days ago. The change in order of the plates will be made as directed. The printers promise to go ahead with this, so that your separate copies may be sent you soon. I assume that you wish them sent to your Cambridge address.

Very truly yours,  
C. E. Allen

Wis. Hist Soc

Berlin, Wis., Aug. 19, 1907.

Mr. I. S. Bradley,  
Librarian of State Hist. Soc.,  
Madison, Wis.

My Dear Mr. Bradley;-

~~From~~ Commons has asked me to supervise the publication of a collection of documents on the Granger Movement, in one of the volumes which the American Bureau of Industrial Research is getting out. Could you loan ~~me~~ for this purpose the following pamphlets from your library?

Constitution of the P. of H. issued by the National Grange. 5th. to 9th. ed. incl., 1871-6. The call number of these is,

Proceedings of the Wisconsin State Grange to and including 1880.

If you can make this loan, kindly send them to me as soon as convenient and I will guarantee their safe return.

Very truly yours.

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN

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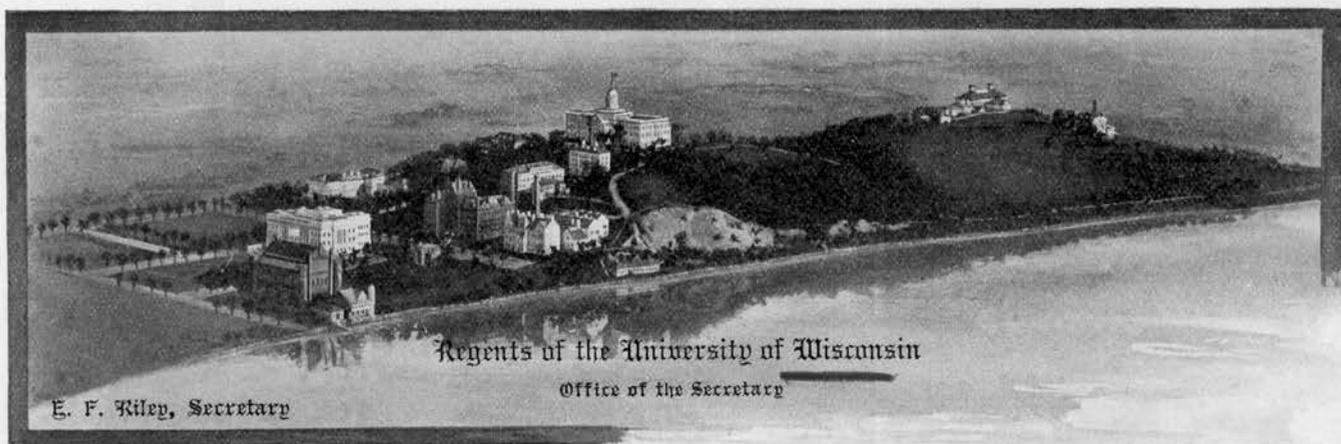
Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
Berlin, Wis.

*My dear Mr. Buck—*

In response to your letter, I am sending you by express to-day the publications asked for. As they are very rare, please take extra care of the lot, and return as soon as you can finish with them, and oblige,

Yours truly,

*I. S. Bradley*  
Librarian.



Regents of the University of Wisconsin  
Office of the Secretary

E. F. Riley, Secretary

Madison, Wis., Nov. 14, 1904.

Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
212 W. Gorham St.,  
City.

Dear Sir:

The Regents of the University of Wisconsin have appointed you scholar in American History for the current year at a salary of \$225.

Respectfully,

*E. F. Riley*

Secretary.

University of Wisconsin  
The Graduate School  
Madison

OFFICE OF  
THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

February 25, 1905.

Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
212 W. Gorham St.,  
City.

My dear Sir:

Your application for excuse from preparation of an additional thesis for the master's degree was passed upon favorably at the meeting of the Committee of the Graduate School on February 24.

Yours truly,

*C. F. Burgess*  
*Siray.*

OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR  
W. D. HIESTAND

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  
MADISON

May 13, 1905.

Dear sir:

I beg to inform you that at a special meeting of the Faculty, held May 10, you were duly elected to an honorary fellowship in American History, for the ensuing year. Will you please have the kindness to notify me at once whether or not you accept this appointment, and oblige,

Very truly yours,



Secretary of the Faculty.

Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
706 State St.,  
Madison, Wis.

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Madison, Wis. Oct. 6, 1905

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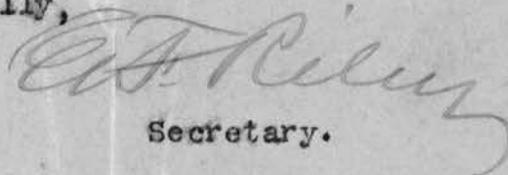
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Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
406 Murray St.,  
City

Dear Sir:-

The Regents of the University of Wisconsin  
have appointed you Assistant in American History for the  
current year at a salary of \$400.

Respectfully,



Secretary.

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  

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MADISON

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

March 6, 1906.

Mr. S. J. Buck,

University of Wisconsin.

Dear sir:

The application of the Graduate Club for a representative on the President's conference committee is received, and the matter will be brought before the committee at its next meeting. I have no doubt the request will be granted.

Yours truly,

*C. K. VanHise*

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

MADISON

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May 15, 1907.

My dear Mr. Buck:

I am very glad indeed to learn from the copy of the Harvard University Gazette just received that you have been elected to the Francis Parkman fellowship at Harvard.

With best wishes for success in your work I am,

Very truly yours,

*C. R. Van Hise*

Mr. Solon J. Buck,

Harvard University.

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MADISON, WISCONSIN

WALTER M. SMITH, LIBRARIAN

8 April 1913

Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
416 Lincoln Hall,  
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Buck:

The books returned by you, as noted in your letter of 1 April 1913, have been received in good order. We are glad if these books have been of service.

We had an inquiry recently from the librarian of Grinnell College, regarding your book on the Granger Movement, and were unable to give him any more definite information than that we thought you had a study on the subject in preparation. You say that your study will be issued by Harvard University Press in a few weeks. Will it be in a series or published independently? Can you tell me what the price of the work will be? Any data regarding the work which you can give me will be forwarded to Grinnell College.

Faithfully yours,

Walter M. Smith.

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Madison, Wisconsin,  
Nov. 12th, 1913.

Prof. Solon J. Buck,  
416 Lincoln Hall,  
Urbana, Ill.

My dear friend Buck:

Many thanks for your letter of November 3rd, calling my attention to the fact that we had neglected to insert the change of officers of the Champaign-Urbana alumni. I have now inserted the new information, as you have no doubt noticed from the November issue, which was mailed you yesterday.

You will perhaps also notice that I made mention of the fact of having received your volume on "The Granger Movement," but that for lack of space had to defer an extended notice until the next issue.

You bet, things are starting nicely for the '04 reunion. John S. Lord and A. E. Thiede of Chicago are getting behind it, and our office has already compiled for them a list of the addresses of '04 graduates in so far as we have them. This coming Friday I expect to address the Chicago alumni at their weekly luncheon, and I shall then speak to Lord about your having enquired concerning the reunion.

Cordially yours,

*Louis P. Lochner*

26 Grays Hall,

Cambridge, Mass.,

March 2, 1908.

Professor J. A. Woodburn,

University of Indiana,

Bloomington, Indiana,

My dear Professor Woodburn:-

Being desirous of securing a position as instructor or professor of history in a college or university, to begin in September, 1908, I am taking the liberty of writing to you to ask you to keep me in mind in case any suitable vacancies should come to your attention.

With many thanks for past favors, I remain,

Very truly yours,

P. S. I am sending you, under ~~special~~ cover, a copy of my bachelor's thesis on The Settlement of Oklahoma, which was awarded special honors at the university of Wisconsin.

JAMES A. WOODBURN  
Professor of American History and Politics  
SAMUEL B. HARDING  
Professor of European History  
AMOS S. HERSHEY  
Junior Professor of Political Science  
THOMAS L. HARRIS  
Instructor in History

Indiana University

DEPARTMENT OF  
HISTORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

Bloomington, Indiana

My dear Mr. Buck:

I have just received your note of March 2nd. Our Instructor in History, Mr. T. L. Harris, expects to be away next year on a leave of absence and it has occurred to me, in view of your letter, that you might be willing to conduct his work during his absence. The salary would be only \$800 or \$900, and there would be no promise of a permanent appointment. But the place would give you an opportunity to do some University teaching; and the prestige and experience coming from it might be of advantage to you in the future. You would be required to teach two sections in Medieval and Modern European History through the year, three hours each, two hours in American Colonial History, and two hours in some chosen field in American history. This would give you ten hours in all but three of them would be a duplication.

I am not in a position to make any definite proposal to you about this, but I write merely to inquire whether you would care to consider it. Will you please let me know, also, what you have done in graduate work since I knew you in Wisconsin. I should be very glad to do any thing I can to help you secure a good appointment, and if it turns out that you should come to spend a year in Indiana it might be a mutual benefit both to you and to us.

Very sincerely yours,

James A. Woodburn

Mar. 4, 1908

Please return  
S. J. B.

26 Grays Hall,

Cambridge, Mass.,

March 9, 1908.

My dear Professor Woodburn:-

In reply to your favor of March 4th, I will say that the work which you outline is just the sort of work that I should like to do next year, but I want, if possible, to secure a more permanent position, and would therefore probably be unable to accept the position if it were offered to me. Possibly I might be willing to consider it favorably somewhat later in the season, if nothing better should turn up in the mean time.

I did two years of graduate work at Wisconsin, holding a scholarship and then a fellowship during the first year and acting as assistant in American History in the second year. This makes my second year at Harvard where I have held a Thayer scholarship and at present have the Francis Parkman Fellowship. My work has been mainly in American History in both institutions but I have also done considerable advanced work in European History; at Wisconsin I was in Professor Munro's seminar on the first crusade and I have done special work in English Constitutional History, the period of the Renaissance, and modern French History.

Thanking you for considering me in connection with this position, I am,

Very truly yours,

*John J. Beech*  
*P. S. - I have the degree of M. A. from Wisconsin*  
*and am a candidate for the Ph. D. degree at Harvard*  
*J. J. B.*

26 Grays Hall, Cambridge, Mass.,

April 10, 1908.

Professor James A. Woodburn,  
University of Indiana,  
Bloomington, Indiana,

My dear Professor Woodburn:-

After talking it over with Professor Haskins I have decided to ask you to consider me as an applicant for the position in the history department at Indiana which you wrote me about some time ago, provided the vacancy is not already filled. Professor Haskins convinced me that it would be better to get a year's experience in such a position as this than to attempt to handle the more difficult work of a small college or normal school without having had any practical experience in teaching.

My principal objection to the position when you first wrote me about it was the fact that it was temporary and so interfered with my domestic arrangement--my parents have been planning to live with me when I secure a permanent position--but they are unwilling to let that interfere with my own interests.

Professors Turner and Fish of Wisconsin and Professor Hart of Harvard are the most familiar with my past work and any of them would be willing to give you their impressions concerning it.

Very truly yours,

26 Grays Hall, Cambridge, Mass.,

April 25, 1908.

Professor J. A. Woodburn,  
Bloomington, Indiana,

My dear Professor Woodburn:-

Did you receive my letter of the tenth inst. relative to the position in the history department of the University of Indiana? If you did, I have nothing to add except that it would be a convenience to me if you could let me know about ~~how soon~~ the decision in the matter will probably be made.

Very truly yours,

DEPARTMENT OF  
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Bloomington, Indiana

My dear Mr. Buck:

I received your letter of April 10<sup>th</sup>. I have been awaiting some letters. Within a week or ten days I hope to be in a position to write you something definite. Election to this position will not be officially determined until the June meeting of our Board of Regents, but if we can agree upon an arrangement mutually satisfactory, I think there will be no difficulty. I was very glad to have your letter and to know that you would favorably consider the opportunity here.

Very sincerely yours,  
James A. Woodburn

26 Grays Hall, Cambridge, Mass.,

May 20, 1908.

Professor J. A. Woodburn,  
Bloomington, Indiana,

My dear Professor Woodburn:-

I am loath to trouble you with a  
another letter at this time but it would be a great convenience  
to me if you would let me know your decision regarding my  
candidacy for a position in the University of Indiana, next  
year, as soon as possible. I understood from your last letter  
that you expected to write me something definite in a week or  
ten days, but presume that some unexpected cause of delay has  
arisen. I have had a couple of other positions brought to  
my attention but do not wish to make application elsewhere  
until I hear definitely from you.

Very truly yours,



William H. Burford Lith. 1889.



THE ONLY FIRE PROOF HOTEL IN THE CITY.

HENRY W. LAWRENCE,

PRESIDENT &amp; MANAGER.

Indianapolis.

My dear Mr. Buck:

Your note came just as I was leaving home this morning. I am sorry to be so slow, but it has been because of circumstances beyond my control. To tell you candidly, I have been trying to get Mr. Ogg to come back to Indiana next year, and it took him some time to come to his final answer. I refer to Mr. F. A. Ogg who is now at Harvard and who is teaching some in Simmons College. You may know him. He has worked here very acceptably and we thought we should give him an opportunity to renew relations with us. He



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Indianapolis.

has now definitely declined, and I am ready to take the matter up with you. I hope you are still open to the offer, and I believe it can be soon settled upon our side. Will you kindly send me what papers you have in the way of testimonials, and please state what experience you have had, if any, in teaching. Set forth your academic career, degrees, &c. These matters will help me in my recommendation. I have favorable letters about you from Professors Haskins, Turner and Mauro. You may have others you wish to send. I wish you would talk with



William B. Borford with men.



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Indianapolis.

Mr. Ogg about the work and spirit in Indiana I hope you will give me a little more time. You are next on our list (though there are several applications) and I hope you will not feel allured to other fields. Our President has been absent, and I have had no chance for consultation. I think we can speak definitely by June 1st.

I presume you understand the position will pay but \$1000 and is only for a year. But it is better than any Fellowship in America. It will pay you more and give you better experience. You will not have more than 12 hours a week to teach, three

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of these being a repetition.  
Will you wait for me till  
June 1<sup>st</sup>?

Sincerely yours,  
James H. Woodburn

May 23, 1908.

26 Grays Hall, Cambridge, Mass.,

May 25, 1908.

Professor James A. Woodburn,  
Bloomington, Indiana,

Dear Professor Woodburn:-

Your letter of May 23, just received.

I am sending you enclosed a statement of my academic career and such other information concerning myself as I thought might be of use to you. I also enclose copies of some letters of recommendation written two years ago on the occasion of my applying for a scholarship in Harvard University.

My work at Harvard during the past two years, aside from my study of the Granger Movement and a research course in American Colonial History under Professor Channing, has been mainly in preparation for the general examinations for the doctor's degree in history (passed May 8, 1908), for which I presented the following subjects:

1. History of England to Henry VII.
2. The Later Middle Ages.
3. History of France since Louis XI.
4. History of the American Colonies and the United States.
5. Theory of the State.
6. Modern Economic History of Europe.

I am slightly acquainted with Mr. Ogg and shall certainly endeavor to see him and have a talk with him concerning the University of Indiana. It is possible that I could arrange to stop off at Bloomington on my way back to Wisconsin for the summer and look over the field. I have planned to leave here about the 20th of June. Will you be there as late as that?

Trusting that you will be able to decide this matter soon, and  
assuring you that I will accept no other position until after  
June 1, I remain,

Very truly yours,

May 25, 1908.

Academic career, degrees, etc., of  
Solon Justus Buck.

Age:-- 24 years. Place of birth:-- Berlin, Wisconsin.

Educational career:--

Berlin High School, Berlin, Wisconsin, 1896--1900.  
University of Wisconsin, 1900-1906.  
Univ. of Wis., Graduate School, 1904-1906.  
Harvard University, Graduate School, 1906-1908.

Degrees:--

A. B. Univ. of Wis., 1904.  
A. M. Univ. of Wis., 1905.  
Candidate for Ph. D., Harvard Univ. (General examination  
passed, May 8, 1908.)

College distinctions:--

University of Wisconsin;  
Scholarship in American History, 1904-1905, (1st. sem.)  
Fellowship in American History, 1904-1905, (2d sem.)  
Honorary Fellowship in American History, 1905-1906.  
Assistant in American History, 1905-1906.  
Member of Alpha of Wisconsin Chapter, Phi Beta Kappa.  
Thesis honors in American History, 1904.  
(Subject of thesis; The Settlement of Oklahoma;  
publ. in Trans. Wis. Acad. of Sciences, Arts,  
and Letters, Vol. XV., Pt. II. )  
Harvard University;  
Thayer Scholarship, 1906-1907.  
Francis Parkman Fellowship, 1907-1908.

Teaching experience:--

While I was scholar, fellow, and assistant at the University of Wisconsin, in the nature of correcting papers, directing topic work, etc., and on several occasions I lectured ~~on~~ in Colonial History when the regular instructor was unable to be present.

During the last two years, I have been engaged in an investigation of The Granger Movement, for the Carnegie Institution of Washington, under the direction of Professor B. H. Meyer of the Univ. of Wis. and the Wis. Railroad Commission.

(signed)

Communicate it to our Board of Regents with my formal recommendation to be submitted during the third week in June.

Our Commencement is on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you can come by and make us a visit about that time we should be very glad to have you do so. I hope you will find it possible. You could engage good quarters for next year, as I hope you will want to do.

Very sincerely,  
James A. Woodburn

Indiana University

DEPARTMENT OF  
HISTORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

Bloomington, Indiana

My dear Mr. Buck:

I shall recommend you for the Instructorship here next year, and I should be glad to know definitely that you will accept the position and that we may rely upon you. As I have said in my previous letters, the appointment is but for one year at a salary of \$1000. I wish the position were

more attractive, but I hope you will feel that you can afford to accept this for the sake of the academic experience.

The work we shall want you to do is as follows:

Medieval and Modern Europe,  
two sections, 3 hrs. each

per week.

American Colonial History

2 hrs. per week.

American Diplomatic History, (or an advanced course in some other field) 2 hrs.

per week.

This will give you ten hours a week, three of which will be duplication. Professor Harding will have

a section of the Med. & Mod. Europe and that work will be done under his direction. If the classes should be too large, you may have to have three sections in that course, but we do not anticipate that. I think you will enjoy the work and will not find it too heavy.

This recommendation will have to have official confirmation before the arrangement can be finally consummated. But I do not anticipate any difficulty on that score. However, I should like to have your expression of willingness to accept the position, # in order that I may

March 4, 1909.

My dear Mr. Buck:

Your letter of January 25<sup>th</sup> has been in my desk more than a month. My reply is too long delayed, but I have all along expected to get a letter to you before your term expires as President of the Historical <sup>Club</sup>, so that I might send through you my greeting and best wishes to that worthy organization. (I was pleased to hear of your election and I have no doubt you will do the Club good and your new dignity and responsibility will do you good.) The History Department at Stanford has no such organization and I miss it very much, as we are given here no such chance as it affords to get acquainted with our students. I would like very well to see how the average History ~~student~~ <sup>Senior</sup> at Stanford would carry himself (or herself) in riding the Hoosier historical goat. If I get any chance at all to introduce this unique animal to the "Coast," I shall improve it. I have been having very pleasant work here. In one course I have about 80 students in another 22. The latter is a mixed seminar and lecture course, of Seniors, mostly. The other is entirely a lecture course, and with

~~with~~ these poor helpless victims I keep "pouring in" all the time and never drawing out. It is not a very good educational process, and it is hard on me and harder on the students. But it is the ~~the~~ way here and we make the most of it. I prefer occasional conferences and quizzes where the student can have a chance to express himself and talk back. But I have a very good impression of the students and I think they are a worthy hard-working set. Their credits depend almost entirely upon their written exams, though I have given to each student a theme to work out, and that is going to require a good amount of work. Just now I am lecturing on "The Results of the War of 1812". I suppose Mr. Sherwood could express himself on that theme.

Last Saturday night we had a departmental dinner with the History men from Stanford and Berkeley, at the University Club in San Francisco. There were nineteen of us at table. Prof. Morse Stephens, the dean of the faculty, ~~who~~ arranged the affair and he did me the honor to seat me at his right; so I had a very good talk and visit with him. At my left was a Teaching Fellow in California, a Mr. Kelsey, an Earlham man. We sat down to dinner a little before seven and got up a little after half past ten.

We did not eat quite all that time, but we ate all that came and for most of the time. Happily, there were no after-dinner speeches, but we all sat ~~around~~ <sup>at the round table</sup> and talked. Prof. Stephens gave us a very interesting account of the Washington-Richmond meetings of the Historical Association. He spoke a good word (as I attempted to do, also) for the Indianapolis meeting in 1910. I reminded the men that Indiana's capital and University were at the American centre of population and I ~~expressed~~ expressed the hope that they would come in 1910 to see how things are at the heart of the continent. It was a very delightful dinner and as we came home at midnight on the "theatre train" we were as happy and as full as if we had really been to the theatre, or to some other amusing place. I shall not attempt to recall the bill of fare but will only say that the full plates were worth the full price of admission.

Prof. Cannon (English History at Stanford) and I went out to the Cliff House in San Francisco, in the afternoon. This took us out by a scenic route past the Golden Gate to the shores of the Pacific. On the high cliff, with the surf beating below, we had a beautiful, unobstructed view

of the Pacific and we might have seen Japan if there had been no curvature in the earth's surface and if our vision had been strong enough. At any rate there was nothing between, so far as we could see, except a single sail far out on the boundless expanse. We climbed down to see the herd of sea lions on the rocks nearby, and farther down to the water's edge, on another part of the shore. The sea always makes me think of the measureless, and of my own littleness.

University events here are about as they are at home; they are too numerous to attend and almost too numerous to keep track of. The boys play baseball right along through January and February, when it isn't raining. I saw two or three good matches in February. The inter-class games attract a great deal of attention. The Freshmen won out in the series and they are to play the faculty nine soon. President Jordan still swings the bat and holds down first base with effect, to the delight of the rooters. In February, also, I saw a very interesting game of football, the Rugby game; in a match between Stanford and the Wallabies, of Australia. The Wallabies are a crack team that have been touring the world and I believe there are only two other Rugby teams in the world that are recognized as

their superiors, one in Wales and one in New Zealand. They gave a very good exhibition of football and the Stanford men proved to be far from worthy of their heels. The score was 13 to 3 against Stanford; it probably would have been worse if the ground had been dry so that the team work and fast passing and running of the Wallabies could have been used to better advantage. As it was, the game was played in a drenching rain on a very field and both teams might well have been well named, "<sup>the</sup> Wallowbills".

In my opinion the Rugby is a better game than the American Association game. It is, of course, immeasurably better for the spectators, and I think it is for the players. There is more open playing, more passing, more running, more kicking, less of tackling, bucking and scrummage. Light, quick men, who can dodge and run, have more chance; <sup>it calls out more men.</sup> and brilliant team work is as possible. There is not so much temptation to over-straining, nor to foul and dirty play. Any breach of the rules can be more easily detected, and the officials are not easy with delinquents. I wish the Rugby could be introduced into the Middle West, among the universities of the Big Nine. The faculty men here, so far as I have heard expressions, are

of one mind in preferring it to the old game. More men can play it - there are fifteen on a side - and it tends toward making the sport more general. Tennis and lacrosse are also outdoor sports here in winter, - but there is no coasting nor skating nor "shirmy" on the ice, - for obvious climatic reasons. Swimming may not be unusual, as I saw bare-legged boys and girls wading in the Pacific surf last week, racing with the incoming waves.

We have a University Assembly here about every two weeks. All classes are dismissed, the day and hour varying, and the students meet in the Assembly Hall for a lecture or a concert. Regularly elected yell-leaders, (three of them) lead in the yelling and the singing; ~~which~~ <sup>and</sup> the great body of the students yell and sing with order and vim. The women sit in the galleries, the men below. Today Sir Wilfred Grenfell, of Canada, speaks on some phases of life in Labrador. On March 9 Mr. Bryce comes to speak on the occasion of what we call "Foundation Day". This is one of the important annual celebrations; <sup>the birthday of Senator Stanford.</sup>

There are about 1500 students here, 500 of them women. The women are limited to that number, - no more are admitted, and I understand there is a waiting list. Among the students there are sixteen from Indiana; two of these are in classes of mine.

Professor Macy, of Iowa College, and I are conducting a joint course together, on "Political Parties and Party Usages." We have worked together before and we find the team work agreeable. Professor Macy is one of the five wise men

from whom one is always getting something helpful.

A Sophomore play, "7-20-8," was given to a crowded house last week. The acting was <sup>of</sup> high grade and our "Strut and Frut" might have gained a point or two from seeing it. The playing was well done, but whether it was well worth doing is more doubtful.

We have Easter vacation the last of March and the first of April, and then in two more months we are through. Class work closes <sup>on the</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> of May, then comes a week of exams, then a week of Commencement festivities. I think I shall travel about the Golden State in May, and I hope to be home in June in time to attend the last meeting of the History Club, or to go with the Club on the annual Brown County trip. I often think of the Club members and of my classes at home; and I hope to be back in time to greet the Seniors before they carry off their diplomas and to witness their Commencement exercises. And next year I hope to meet the Junior members of the Club and others in the regular bi-weekly meetings. I send a sincere greeting with best wishes for all. I wish I could meet with you and hear some of the reports on the Historians.

I was much interested in your account of your trip east and of what the History Club is doing. Keep up the good work and write again. Prof. Adams, of Wisconsin, is here with me in the house. We are enjoying our bachelor life together but I enjoy letters from home more than anything else. Sincerely, J. H. Woodrorn

LELAND STANFORD JUNIOR UNIVERSITY

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Stanford University, Cal., May 13th, 1909.

Mr. S. J. Buck,  
Indiana University,  
Bloomington, Ind.

My dear Mr. Buck:-

Your letter was received a few days ago. Since it came I have had a letter from Mr. Harris saying that he wishes his leave of absence extended another year. This opens the way for you to stay with us if you wish to do so on the same terms. You know about what the work is, and it will be easier and more satisfactory for you next year than it has been this, and in my judgment you can afford to stay for another year. I hope that you will see your way clear to do so, as the experience will still further strengthen your position in the academic field. You have made a success of it this year and we shall be very glad to have you stay.

Please consult Professor Harding in this matter. I am leaving here next week, so a letter would not be able to reach me. You will therefore not be able to communicate with me about this until I meet you in Bloomington.

With best wishes for you, I remain,

Yours sincerely,

*J. A. Woodburn*

My dear Mr. Buck:

We shall be glad to see you Saturday. I hope you and your, and our, Illinois friends will enjoy everything to the utmost, except the result of the game. Our team will at least make it interesting for you.

McDonald says he wants to take charge of you, I hope you will find opportunity to come to see me. Drop in as you go down from the Southern station. I hope Robertson will come too. I have written asking Prof. Greene to come and I hope he will feel that he can spare the time. Add your weight of influence.

It was a pleasure to hear from you again, and I

anticipate further pleasure  
in meeting you.

Sincerely yours,

J. A. Woodburn

Bloomington,  
Ind.

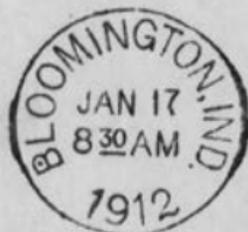
Nov. 2, 1910.

Bloomington,  
Jan. 16, 1912.

Dear Mr. Buck;

I am very glad you  
can come. We are announcing  
you. Go to the Hotel Tower,  
where I shall have a room  
reserved for you. Some  
one will call for you there.

Yours truly,  
J. A. Woodburn  
Bring warm weather.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS ONLY

Mr. S. J. Buck,  
Urbana,  
Ills.

Bloomington Ind. Aug 28, 11

Dear Mr. Buck:

Can you name for me two or three of the best authorities (other than articles mentioned by Peole) on "The Grangers"? Who is the author of the work, "The History of the Grange Movement; or the Farmer's War Against Monopolies, - Being a Full and Authentic Account of the Struggles of the American Farmers against the Extortions of the Railroads"? What is the title of your own work & when & under what firm does it appear?

Yours truly, J. A. Woodburn



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS ONLY



Mr. Solon J. Buck  
University of Ills.  
~~Urbana~~ or  
Champaign,  
Ills.

1111 Arbor Ave

Indiana University

DEPARTMENT OF  
AMERICAN HISTORY AND POLITICS

Bloomington, Indiana

May 17, 1922

My dear Mr. Buck:

I received  
a few days ago the "Ger-  
shon Letters" and the "Materials  
for the Social History of the Miss-  
issippi Valley." I thank you  
sincerely. I returned home  
safely from my Illinois  
visit, with most pleasant re-  
collections of my stay in  
Urbana and Champaign, and  
for my pleasure and profit  
there I am greatly indebted  
to you. We are looking forward  
to seeing you here next  
week. Sincerely yours,  
J. H. Woodburn

Indiana University

DEPARTMENT OF  
AMERICAN HISTORY AND POLITICS

Bloomington, Indiana

My dear Mr. Buck:

Professor

Harding tells me you are willing to come over and talk to us about your work in Illinois, - what your plans are, what you have done, and how you are doing it. We should be greatly pleased to have you, and I am sure you could do us good. Can't you come Thursday evening ~~Feb~~ January 18? We can have an open meeting of the History Club for you and give you a good small

audience. Your expenses  
will be met. I am aware  
that this gives you a short  
notice, but I hope you  
are so living that you can  
gather up your coins and  
notes - in short order  
and come along. It seems  
to be either the 18<sup>th</sup> or not till  
the middle of February, <sup>and</sup>  
we should like to have you  
as early as possible.

Sincerely yours,

J. A. Woodburn

Jan. 10. 1912

Zeta Psi Fraternity

ALPHA EPSILON CHAPTER

CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS

February 17, 1913.

Dear Mr. Buck:-

I wish to express the thanks of the chapter, for the address which you kindly delivered at our Lincoln exercises last Thursday evening. We appreciate more than we can express the part which you took in making the exercises a success.

Sincerely yours,  
J. C. Hostetler Jr.

Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
1111 Cuba Street,  
Champaign, Illinois.