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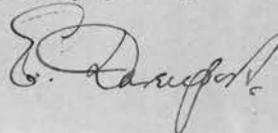
March 2, 1914

Dr. Solon J. Buck  
University of Illinois

My dear Dr. Buck:

I want to tell you how much I am enjoying your book, "The Granger Movement." It is not only a classic as to the facts covered, but it is so delightfully written that it is a pleasure to read it quite independent of special interest in the subject matter.

Sincerely yours,



University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis

HISTORY DEPARTMENT  
ANCIENT AND MEDIAEVAL  
SECTION

Monday a.m.

Oct. 5.14.

Dear Mr. Buck,-

We have a little dining club to which a good many of your friends here belong, that meets every two weeks for the purposes of common discussion and good fellowship. Would you like to be my guest this evening? We will start from the Campus Club at 5.30, walk to the St. Paul Club,- a very nice walk,- and hope to get back at a reasonable hour for bed.

Do not trouble to notify me if not convenient. Just come to the Campus Club!

Very sincerely

Davis

Department meeting is  
declared off!

Boothbay Harbor, Maine:

June 19, 1915

My dear Buck:

I was very sorry to leave without somehow being able to find you and to ~~to~~ wish you a very pleasant summer. Please don't let the affairs of the "Maine Historical Society" weigh so heavily upon your conscience as to prevent you from having a good and restful vacation.

I also desired (altho' this seems a little flat to write) to tell you how much we have all appreciated your successful efforts to build up the American history work in the Department - about which the students also have been very enthusiastic; and how we are looking forward to another prosperous year of cooperation.

Mrs. Davis and I are down here for most of the summer at this delightful old fishing town - spending most of our time sitting on the rocks and watching for star-fish, etc!!

As ever sincerely  
Davis (Mrs. S.)



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*Urbana,*

January 17, 1914.

Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
 418 Lincoln Hall,  
 University of Illinois.

My dear Mr. Buck:

Professors Barrows and Salisbury, who are working on our study of Illinois geography and history, will be grateful for an early copy of the proof of your bibliography as stated in your recent letter. Our publication will not go to press short of one and one-half years, but meanwhile the researching is going on actively. If you can spare a complete copy of the proof, the kindness will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

*F. W. De Wolf*

DeW-BF

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

January 26, 1914.

Mr. F. W. De Wolf,  
State Geological Survey,  
Natural History Building.

My dear Mr. De Wolf:-

I am sending you herewith a set of the page proof of my Bibliography, for the use of Professors Barrows and Salisbury. We have another set of this proof here in the office, so it will be unnecessary for this to be returned to us. The book will probably be out some time the latter part of February.

Very truly yours,

S. J. B./MS

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

416 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

October 24, 1914.

Professor Solon J. Buck,  
University of Minnesota,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Dr. Buck:-

I sent you by prepaid express yesterday the collated copies of the letters and census returns of 1810, which you left here. By today's mail I am sending the typographical rules which were formulated in the office, and which you asked to have forwarded.

Yours very truly,

*Mary G. Doherty*

MGD/MGS

MAR 26 1915

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

416 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

March 24, 1915.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,  
Minnesota Historical Society,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Dr. Buck:-

Recently in rearranging papers in Mr. Alvord's desk I discovered a folder in the large drawer on the right hand side. This is marked "Illinois Manuscripts." Mr. Alvord judged these were Flagg manuscripts, and some papers that were unmistakably Flagg manuscripts were within the folder. However there are also letters written from various towns in the state, transcripts made by Johns, advertisements of lands, newspaper clippings, and the like. The most striking one is a letter from Thomas Blake (?) to John Reynolds. There were also included in it two copies made by C. M. Thompson and one by T. C. Pease. I myself do not think they are what could be termed Flagg manuscripts. If you have any recollection of the folder or its contents, would you kindly tell me what you think they are and where they should be placed.

Yours very truly,

*Mary G. Solvay*

M.G.D./MGS

March 26, 1915

Miss Mary G. Doherty

Urbana, Ill.

My dear Miss Doherty:-

The folder marked "Illinois Manuscripts" was one into which I put miscellaneous manuscripts relating to Illinois which came in in various different ways. I have no distinct recollection of putting any of the Flagg manuscripts in that folder, but it is possible that the ones you found were given to the University by Mr. Flagg instead of merely loaned as were the other Flagg manuscripts.

I have no recollection of the letter from Thomas Blake to John Reynolds, but perhaps would recognize it if I should see it.

Thompson and Pease could explain the copies made for them, if the necessary information is not on the documents themselves.

Sincerely yours

MAY 26 1915

THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY  
HISTORICAL REVIEW

CLARENCE W. ALVORD  
MANAGING EDITOR

416 LINCOLN HALL      URBANA, ILLINOIS

May 24, 1915.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,  
Minnesota Historical Society,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Dr. Buck:

Will you kindly check up the following name--Miss Mate Miller, who read a paper at the February meeting of the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society on "A Sketch of Theron S. Gurney." I have a suspicion that her name is Kate. Also in the Wisconsin Archaeologist<sup>7</sup> you quote one title as being "The Fondulac Cache of Copper Implements." I wondered if the name Fondulac was spelled correctly. If you will let me know about these two questions at your very earliest convenience, I shall be greatly obliged.

Yours very truly,

*Mary G. Doherty*

Dict. M.G.D./MGS

*You do not specify the month.*

May 26, 1915

Miss Mary C. Doherty

Urbana, Ill.

My dear Miss Doherty:-

Mate Miller is correct according to the printed program for the Michigan meeting. The other should be Fond du Lac.

Sincerely yours

May 28, 1915

Professor J.F. Ebersole

630 S.W. Seventh St.,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Professor Ebersole:-

The oral examination of Miss  
Magelssen as a candidate for the master's degree in history  
will take place next Wednesday, June 2, at four P.M. in  
my office, room 219 Library Building.

Very truly yours

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois,

July 28, 1914.

Minnesota Efficiency and Economy Bureau,  
239 State Capitol,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota,

Gentlemen:

Will you please send me a copy of your preliminary reports? Having accepted a position in the History Department of the University of Minnesota, I expect to become a citizen this fall.

I am much interested in your work, and I am especially concerned with the archival and historical work of the state.

Very truly yours,

S.J.B.EWG



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# The Evening Wisconsin Company

PUBLISHERS OF MILWAUKEE'S LEADING DAILY NEWSPAPER

MILWAUKEE, Sept. 22nd, 1914.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

We are sending you under separate wrapper a copy of a "Reference Book" The Evening Wisconsin has just issued, which we believe you will find of considerable interest.

The history of the City of Milwaukee, and the State of Wisconsin, has been very carefully prepared and you will find much other valuable information and data contained therein.

The price of the Book is \$15.00 per volume. We would appreciate it if you would make mention of the fact that there are about twenty-five copies for sale at \$15.00 each, in the next issue of your "Mississippi Valley Historical Quarterly". There may be twenty-five of your readers who would be interested in a work of this nature.

Very truly yours,

THE EVENING WISCONSIN CO.

*John W. Campsie*  
Business Mgr.

*Write notes.*

October 20, 1914.

The Evening Wisconsin Company,  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Gentleman:

The copy of your Reference Book which you sent to me at Urbana, Illinois was forwarded to me here. I shall be very glad to write a note of the work as requested in your letter of September 23 and submit it to the Editor of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review.

Very truly yours,

Letter received from that  
of Illinois

having you

Carl Ruedt 7-17

left 19, 1914.

Six hundred and twenty-five  
Mendota Court

My dear Buch

I am much pleased

with your bibliography. It is  
just the kind of work an  
interested lawyer should do.

I am glad to hear you are  
going to Minneapolis. I am  
sure you will like it, though  
few departments have been

they serve my purpose, but of  
course they can't be duplicated. By  
the way Pearson used some Me-  
tricity machine maps on black  
paper with which you can  
use chalk. For detailed work I  
prefer to draw my own freehand,  
as I think it gives vitality to  
the ~~best~~ pictures. Of course on  
maps showing notes and statistics  
I would not presume to carry  
color underneath by telling you.

I think you will enjoy teaching.  
You will probably have some  
difficulties at first as you are  
so much further advanced  
scientifically than as a teacher.

Carl Russell Fish  
University of Wisconsin

My dear Beebe

I was glad to get your  
letter of September 15. Thanks for  
the correction, which was just in  
time for a second printing.

I still use a globe and  
will send you one of the last  
edition. I got out a new one  
every three years. With regard to  
maps I use for the wall the  
land office map, and for relief  
work ~~and~~ old relief plaster map  
as have, with some times a  
U.S. map I imported from  
some bookstore time. Together

yet when I came out here I had never taught my two  
pupils sitting together. I will tell you for your belief  
that I have been cutting down the material I gave  
that first year ever since, and emphasizing more  
and more, but it was very useful to have that  
material. I don't be afraid to let new ideas come out  
in the spur of the moment. I too often have very  
happy inspirations when on my feet, and when I  
come home I promptly write them down.

I should think that under the circumstances you could  
afford to give all your time this year to ~~for~~ teaching  
and general reading. You are so well fixed in the  
habit of production, that you won't go dry.

Reminds me to Anderson and Sami and of  
come to Ford, but hasn't Anderson left?

Truing you

Carl Russell Ford

September 24, 1919.

University of Minnesota.

October 13, 1914.

Professor Carl Russell Fish,  
Madison, Wisconsin.

My dear Dr. Fish:

I owe you an apology for not having acknowledged before the receipt of your Syllabus and also of your letter of September 24. I am very glad to have the suggestions contained in the letter and will endeavor to profit by them. I quite agree with you that I ought to give all my time this year to teaching and general reading, but unfortunately, I had contracted before I accepted this position to write a book for the Illinois Centennial Commission.

Anderson has gone to Dartmouth so that I have the field of American History all to myself at present. We expect to add another man next year, however.

Sincerely yours,

November 3, 1914.

Professor Carl Russell Fish,  
University of Wisconsin,  
Madison, Wisconsin.

Dear Mr. Fish:

Did you come in contact with Keller when he was a graduate student at Wisconsin? If so, we would like very much to have your opinion of him as a scholar and a teacher. I know him personally and like him very much but have no line on him professionally.

It appears to be quite probable now that developments in connection with the Minnesota Historical Society will make it necessary for us to secure some one to handle a part of the work in American history. We have an instructor on the grounds whose field is American history but who is handling sections in English and Mediaeval. Should we get Keller or some one else in European history, we could shift this man to the American work. If you know of any one else either in the American or European field who will be available immediately for a temporary appointment for the remainder of the year, we will appreciate suggestions very much. We expect to have money enough available to be able to pay \$115 per month for eight months. I am writing to Munro also.

Sincerely yours,

~~Miss J. B. Johnson, I. J. Johnson, St. Paul~~  
Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul

November 24, 1914

Professor Carl Russell Fish  
University of Wisconsin,  
Madison

Dear Mr. Fish:-

You have doubtless learned before this of my appointment as Superintendent and Secretary of the Minnesota Historical Society. I will continue to give one course in the University and devote the rest of my time to the work of the Society. This gives me an opportunity to do the sort of work which I like best, and I hope to take advantage of the opportunity to the fullest extent.

I am planning a junket to study state historical work in Wisconsin, Illinois, and Iowa, during December and January, and will probably spend two or three days in Madison. I am not sure whether I will be there before or after the Chicago meetings.

I owe you an apology for not having acknowledged before your note concerning Keller. I was quite sure that he was the man for us, but your note was of considerable assistance in persuading the other members of the department. He is now on the job and appears to be making good.

Sincerely yours

Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  
MADISON

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

December 7, 1914.

Dr. Solon Justus Buck,  
Minnesota Historical Society,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Buck:

I would have answered your letter before this, but I have been under the weather. I heartily congratulate you on your appointment to the Minnesota Historical Society, and am sure it will be of great mutual benefit. You have a fine field of work, and, of course, it is just what you have been preparing for. Of course, if you come to Madison on your trip, you will let me know, and we will have many things to talk over. I am glad Kellar is doing well; I had no hesitation in recommending him.

Sincerely yours,

*Carl Russell Felt*

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN

(TRUSTEE OF THE STATE)

M. M. QUAIFE

Superintendent

MADISON

December 15, 1914

Prof. S. J. Buck,

St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Professor Buck: Yours with \$1.00 contribution to the Thwaites Portrait Fund has been received. On behalf of the Society I wish to thank you most cordially for your gift to this fund.

Yours very truly,

*Carl R. Fish*

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March 3, 1915

Professor Carl Russell Fish  
University of Wisconsin  
Madison, Wis.

My dear Mr. Fish:-

If you have no further use for a watch fob which I left with you when in Madison last January, I should like to have you return it at your convenience. It is of no particular value, but I find it convenient some times and I should like to preserve it.

I note from the Alumni Magazine that the plans are completed for the offering of the thesis medal.

We are in the midst of a legislative session, with several bills in which we are vitally interested. At the same time, we are attempting to work out a re-organization of the Historical Society, so you can imagine that I have my hands full.

Sincerely yours

Wishes of a legislative  
union, may the gods be  
propitious to both.

Yours

Carl Pruitt Cook

March 4, 1911

I am sending the medal  
in this mail

Six hundred and twenty-five  
Mendota Court

My dear Buck  
Please don't think I  
have forgotten the medal. It  
has been under my desk  
all this time. I have been  
waiting for Professor Muehle-  
bach who is our ex-  
-p-er-imental. He has now  
returned, and the medal  
has done its work.

We also are in the

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Jan. 21, 1914.

My dear Dr. Buck ;

My thanks for the sample of mousseline de soie which we are glad to have seen. My delay in acknowledging your kindness is due entirely to a spell of the grippe; it laid me up for a time and I am just now getting back to work and feeling, as you may know, rather disinclined to manuscript or any other kind of toil.

We experimented with the small piece of mousseline and think we know now some of the properties of the material. We are always glad to be able to add to our knowledge of the various methods and possibilities of manuscript repair work. Sometime, when you have occasion to write to us, mention the cost of the mousseline.

With kind regards, in which Mr. Hunt joins,

Very truly yours,



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

*Hand of Taylor,  
#29.00.*

MAY 15 1915

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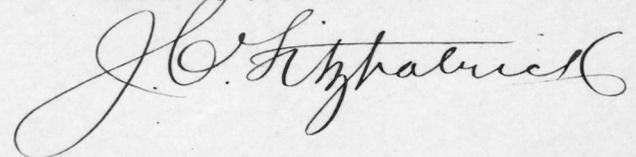
May 13, 1915.

My dear Mr. Buck ;

You are indebted to my broad-minded charity for the three volumes of G.W. correspondence and a 4th volume, the index to the immortal work is yet to come to you; it should reach you shortly.

My thanks for your kind words; I feel a sense of relief that the thing is off my soul though I am aware of the fact that in a job like this, stretching over some five years, with hundreds of interruptions there will be found some inadvertencies, not to say errors. I will pray that when found they will not prove vital.

Sincerely yours,



Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
Superintendent, Minnesota Historical Society,  
St. Paul, Minn.



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**FORTY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

STATE OF ILLINOIS

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D. J. Buck,

Dear Sir: -

The wife of the Master of the Ills. State Grange is anxious to get your book on the "Granger Movement," (so I was told today by Mrs. Katherine Stahl, ex-Chaplain of the State Grange) - Will you send her a circular or at least some information, telling her where to get the book? - Her address is: -

Mrs. Thomas A. Denny,  
R.F.D., Rockford, Ills.

How are the Sidney Robinson war letters progressing? And how is your work coming along, in connection with the 1918 Centennial History? I am hoping soon to see Sen. Kent Keller get to Madison Co. in his work of organizing the counties,

When are we to see you in your swing around the So. Ills. Circle?

In haste, Yrs. Truly, Flagg

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

April 24, 1914

Hon. Norman G. Flagg,  
Moro, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Flagg:-

I am in receipt of your recent letter and thank you for calling my attention to the desire of Mrs. Denny to secure a copy of The Cranger Movement. I have written to the publishers, the Harvard University Press, and requested them to send her a circular of the book. I should have sent one myself, but unfortunately did not have any on hand.

We finished copying the Sidney Robinson letters last fall. I sent one of the carbon copies to Mrs. Bryan, and secured permission from her to keep the originals here on deposit so that we might use them in reading proof when we get around to publish. It will probably be some time before they are published, as our present plan is to bring them out together with several other collections of Civil War letters and diaries, and such other similar material as we may be able to locate, as a volume for the Illinois Historical Collections. I am working whenever I have time on a volume for the Centennial Commission, which will have the title, Illinois in 1818. This is to be a preliminary publication and not a part of the comprehensive five volume history of the state which the Commission hopes to bring out in the centennial year. I understand that the Commission had a meeting last week at which it decided definitely in favor of this history, and if the project receives Governor Dunne's approval, it will doubtless go through.

Mr work on the Illinois in 1818 volume will doubtless take me down into your part of the state some time during the summer, but just

Hon. Norman G. Flagg

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April 24, 1914

when I cannot say. Of course I will make an effort to see you when I get  
in your neighborhood.

Sincerely yours,

S. J. E./MS



NORMAN G. FLAGG,  
47TH DISTRICT,  
MORO.  
MADISON COUNTY.

**FORTY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
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Moro, Ills., May 25, 1914

S. J. Buck,  
Urbana, Ills..

Dear Sir:--

On Wednesday June 3rd the Madison County "Old Settlers" annual meeting is to be held in Edwdsville, in the M.E. Church (on the Courthouse square). Will it be at all possible for you to arrange a trip at that time to Edwdsville and help out the occasion, in the afternoon at least? Your store of knowledge of Illinois in her infancy would come into admirable play in a meeting of this character, and I know your appearance and participation would be heartily appreciated by the old settlers. This organization is really the only thing approaching a Historical Society that we now have in this old County. There is no fund from which to draw for re-imbursing you for any expenses, but probably you could arrange that with the Historical research Dept. of the Univ. A basket dinner will be served at noon, and the main programme will be in the afternoon.

Did I ~~ever~~ thank you for your kindness in sending me a copy of your latest book, containing reference to my grandfather's early letters? I appreciated your thoughtfulness very much, but fear I did not heretofore acknowledge receipt of the book.

We shall hope to have you with us June 3rd, if at all possible for you to get away.

Yours truly,  
Norman G. Flagg

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois

May 29, 1914

Hon. Norman G. Flagg,

Moro, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Flagg:-

I am in receipt of your letter of May 25th, inviting me to attend the meeting of the Madison County Old Settlers Association on June 3rd. I should like very much to attend if it were possible, but this is the very busiest time of the year with us, and it will be impossible for me to get away.

We had a very pleasant visit with your sister, Mrs. Gillham, during the Interscholastic. I had hoped to go down into your part of the country this week for the Masque and Pageant in St. Louis, but found that the work was piling up so that I could not possibly get away. I will undoubtedly be in your neighborhood sometime this summer, and am looking forward to the opportunity of seeing you then.

Sincerely yours,

S. J. B./MS

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

July 28, 1914.

Honorable Norman G. Flagg,

Moro,

Illinois,

Dear Mr. Flagg:

I am planning to make you a short visit next Sunday. I expect to be in Springfield Friday and Saturday, and Saturday afternoon I will start for your place. I want to spend a part of the day with the Gillhams, and go into St. Louis Monday morning.

I shall probably be in St. Louis several days working on the old newspapers in the Mercantile Library.

If it is convenient to have me at this time, won't you write me at the Leland Hotel, so that I will get the letter before Saturday noon, and tell me what is the best way to get to your place?

I will write to Clark also.

Sincerely yours,

S. J. B. EWG

May 26, 1915

Hon. Norman G. Flagg  
House of Representatives  
Springfield, Ill.

My dear Mr. Flagg:-

As a member of the Illinois State Historical Society you doubtless received the circular letter and statement sent out by the board of trustees of the library, and I have no doubt but what you are doing everything in your power <sup>to see</sup> to secure the desired appropriation for a building. My work in the archives of Illinois in the capitol at Springfield convinced me that if there is one thing about which the state has been remiss, it is in the care of its papers and records. This, I consider the strongest reason why the new building should be constructed.

You may already know that the Minnesota legislature has provided for the construction of a five hundred thousand dollar building to house not only the library and activities of the Historical society, but also the state archives. We expect to start the construction of this building in a couple of months and hope to have it completed early in 1917 .

If you should ever make a trip to Minneapolis or

N.G.P. 5/26/15 -2

St. Paul let me know and I will take great pleasure in showing you the sights in my new Studebaker.

Give my best regards to your family and also to the Gillhams. We often wonder how Clark is getting along in the University this year. We were all very much interested in him and his work last year.

Cordially yours



JUN 19 1915

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NORMAN G. FLAGG  
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FORTY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Sprofd - June 17-15

A. J. Buck,

Dear Friend,

I was delighted to hear from you and to note your interest in Ills. Hist. affairs, even since your removal to Minn. But I am sorry to report "nothing doing" on the proposition of a new building just at present, owing to Gov. Wmune's wish to hold his tax rate down - The same applies also to the Cahokia Mound Park. - We expect to adjourn Friday, midnight, with 200 or 300 House and Senate bills left at the post. It has been a very unsatisfactory session in many ways, - as you've doubtless noticed in the Chicago papers. - Clark Gillham, has finished a second very hard year in his U. of I. course - has a condition in Math., I think, to make up this summer. All well at home when I left on Mon - Let us hear further from you - all about your work, etc - With best regards - Yrs. Truly, Norman G. Flagg

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois

May 13, 1914

Mr. Worthington C. Ford,  
Massachusetts Historical Society,  
Fenway, Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Ford:-

I received your letter of May 5th, and appreciate very much your kind words with reference to my Bibliography of Travel and Description. I am very glad to know that your society has a copy of Kingman's Journal, and in the course of time we will undoubtedly want to secure a photostatic reproduction of the pamphlet. You will be interested to know that the copy which I saw in compiling the bibliography, and which belonged to Dr. Schmidt of Chicago, has since been lost. He sent it to the bindery and it disappeared. Since then, however, I have learned of one other copy in the possession of Mr. Meese, of Moline, Illinois.

Your comment to the effect that photostatic reproduction is "the future of collections" coincides exactly with what I have been thinking for some time. In fact we have practically given up the purchase of rare pamphlets at the exorbitant prices which booksellers charge for them whenever it is possible to secure photostatic reproductions. We have also begun to apply this process to the building up of our newspaper collection, and have ordered from the Library of Congress reproductions of all their Illinois newspapers prior to 1821.

Sincerely yours,

S. J. B./MS

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Urbana, Illinois, February 23, 1914.

Mr. Solon J. Buck,

Room 418 Lincoln Hall.

My dear Mr. Buck:

I thank you sincerely for the copy of your book on the Granger Movement. It has every appearance of being an interesting and scholarly contribution to the history of an important movement in this country, and I congratulate you on the completion of a work which, I am sure, will receive wide and deserved recognition. I look forward to reading it at an early opportunity.

Yours very cordially,

JWG-O

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. W. Garner". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned in the lower right corner of the page, below the typed name "Yours very cordially,".

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois,

July 28, 1914.

Mr. Clark Gillham,  
Moro,  
Illinois.

Dear Clark:

I am planning to make a short visit with you people next Sunday on my way to St. Louis. I will be in Springfield Friday and Saturday, and want to spend Sunday with you and Mr. Flagg, if it is convenient for all concerned.

I presume it will be best for me to go from Springfield to Mr. Flagg's Saturday evening, and get over to your house some time Sunday. I plan to go into St. Louis Monday morning.

I have asked Mr. Flagg to write me at the Leland as to the best way to come.

Cordially yours,

S. J. B. EWG

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Telegram

Professor John H. Gray  
U. of Minn. U  
Minneapolis.

Thompson would I believe be an  
excellent man for the position. His  
scholarship is high and he has  
made good here as a teacher.  
Regret delay. Just arrived.

S. J. Beebe.

Herbert A. Pellon  
490 E 44th St. Chgo Ill  
arrived seven fifteen. All  
smooth sailing.  
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AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION  
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 2, 1914.

My dear Sir:

I have the honor to notify you that the Executive Council of the American Historical Association, at its meeting in Carlestown on December 30, appointed you a member of the General Committee for the year 1914. The other members of the committee are Messrs. Frederic L. Paxson, chairman, Clarence S. Paine, Isaac J. Cox, Arthur I. Andrews, Morgan P. Robinson, George M. Wrong, E. M. Violette, Louis Pelzer, O. G. Libby, George N. Fuller, Harlow Lindley, S. B. Harding, M. W. Jernegan, O. L. Schmidt, W. Notestein, and W. G. Leland and W. A. Morris, ex-officio.

I should be glad to receive a note signifying your acceptance.

Very truly yours,

*Everts Greene*

Secretary of the Council.

315 Lincoln Hall

Urbana - Illinois

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

315 Lincoln Hall,  
Urbana, Illinois.  
30 January 1914.

Members of the Department of History:

I send you herewith a list of the graduate students in the department who are candidates for the master's degree during the current year. I shall be obliged if you will return the sheet with your comments covering the following points.

1. Please indicate which students you think might properly be encouraged to apply for fellowships. Please be as explicit as possible in stating your opinion about their qualifications.

2. Please give your opinion as to any in the list who in your judgment are in danger of not making their degrees next June, or whose work with you is not sufficient to justify your passing them.

I shall be glad to receive at the same time any suggestions you may have regarding members of the senior class whom you may consider fitted to go on with graduate study in this department.

I shall be glad to receive this information by Saturday, February 7.

Very truly yours

Ewart B. Greene  
B.

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

February 4, 1914.

Professor E. B. Greene,

315 Lincoln Hall.

My dear Mr. Greene:-

There are three members of History 101 who are writing theses under my direction,-- Miss Rolfe, Mr. Lawrence, and Mr. Stevens. Miss Rolfe and Mr. Stevens have done excellent work, and the work of Mr. Lawrence has been fair. It will be difficult to make any more definite report on the work of these people at this time.

Very truly yours,

S. J. B./MS

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

February 4, 1914.

Professor E. B. Greene,

315 Lincoln Hall.

My dear Mr. Greene:-

I am in receipt of your letter of January 30th with reference to candidates for the master's degree during the present year. Miss Morehouse, Mr. Lawrence, and Mr. Stevens are writing their master's theses under my direction. There is no question in my mind but that Mr. Stevens should be encouraged to apply for a fellowship. He shows evidence of a sound historical training, possesses a large amount of initiative, and appears to be making good in every way.

With reference to Mr. Lawrence, my position is one of suspended judgment at present. While he may be in some danger of not making his degree next June, on the other hand he may do fairly good work. My impression so far is that he is rather lacking in initiative, and that he has not had the right sort of training to prepare him for graduate work in history. He is planning to spend part of the period between semesters working on his thesis in Springfield, Alton, and St. Louis. After this trip is over I will probably be in a better position to express an opinion about him and his work.

Miss Morehouse has been working on her thesis for some time, and has shown considerable ability in the handling of manuscript material. I have seen only a small part of the thesis itself as yet, but it is my opinion that it will be a satisfactory piece of work.

Miss Katharine Renich and Mr. Tohill were in the American History Seminar at different times when it was under my charge. Mr. Tohill did excellent work, and is certainly qualified to take the

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master's degree. Miss Henich's work, on the other hand, was far from satisfactory. She was very industrious, but seemed to possess little ability in organizing material, and still less in presenting it to the class.

With reference to seniors who might be fitted to go on with graduate study in this department, I should like to mention Mr. Clements. Mr. Clements' relations with Mr. Clements have been entirely in connection with the Illinois Historical Survey. He has done a considerable amount of work for us during the last two years, and his work has been of uniformly excellent quality. I feel sure that he would make good if he were given a scholarship in history next year.

Very truly yours,

S. J. E./MS

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

February 10, 1914.

Professor E. B. Greene,

315 Lincoln Hall.

My dear Mr. Greene:-

In accordance with your request, I am sending you herewith an estimate of the appropriations necessary for the Centennial Commission to put through the preparation of the proposed five volume history of Illinois, and the volume on Illinois in 1818. As you will remember, this estimate has the approval of Professor Alvord.

Very truly yours,

S. J. B./MS

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois

February 14, 1914.

Professor E. B. Greene,

315 Lincoln Hall.

My dear Mr. Greene:-

Miss Bishop tells me that you desire a report on my work for the Centennial Commission to date. I spent the first week in January in Washington, searching for material bearing on the history of Illinois during the years from 1815 to 1820, in the government archives, and made arrangements to have transcripts made of much of the material noted there. Since my return to Urbana I have been gathering together and making notes upon published material bearing on the subject. Especially I have been making a calendar of the documents contained in the American State Papers which relate to the history of Illinois at or about the time of its admission to the Union.

Sincerely yours,

S. J. B./MS

315 Lincoln Hall,  
Urbana, Illinois.  
2 March 1914.

Members of the Department:

I am about to prepare the annual report of the department, and wish to include among other points the scientific activities both of members of the department and of former students. I shall appreciate any information which you may give with reference to yourself or others covering the following points.

1. Publications of the past year beginning about March 1, 1913. *Trager document, Bitbo, New Eng. element.*
2. Individual research in progress. *Ill in 1878*
3. Other activities of a scientific character *Centennial hist. Elec. Stat. Iron trade*

whether in connection with the University or with other scientific organizations. *Hist. activities for Miss Valley Review Soc. Conference Hist Societies*

4. Any information regarding the professional progress or scientific contributions of past or present students. *alpha.*

I shall be obliged if you will let me have this information in about a week.

Very truly yours

Ewart B. Greene  
B.

EBG-B

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

March 5, 1914.

Professor Evarts B. Greene,

315 Lincoln Hall.

My dear Mr. Greene:-

I am in receipt of your circular dated March 2nd, requesting information about scientific activities of members of the department and former students. I will reply under the headings, as requested.

1. Publications of the past year.

- A. A paper on "The New England Element in Illinois Politics before 1833," in the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, Proceedings, Volume VI, pages 49-61. (1913)
- B. The Granger Movement, Harvard University Studies, Volume XIX. (Harvard University Press, 1913, 384 pages.)
- C. Bibliography of Travel in Illinois, Illinois Historical Collections, Volume IX. (Springfield, 1914, about 500 pages. Will be out in a few days.)

2. Research in progress.

- A. A study of Illinois in 1818 for the State Centennial Commission.
- B. Collecting material for a centennial history of Illinois.
- C. Compiling a volume of Illinois Election Statistics for the Illinois Historical Collections.
- D. Collecting material for a volume on the fur trade in Illinois for the Illinois Historical Collections.

3. Other activities.

- A. Secretary of the Conference of Historical Societies of the American Historical Association.
- B. Preparing an article on "Historical Activities

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in the Old Northwest and Canada" for the June, 1914, number of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review.

4. Information about students.

Miss Kathleen Clyne, who was a student in the American History Seminar under my direction a couple of years ago has put some of the results of her work in the form of a paper on "Senatorial Disputes resulting from the Apportionment Act of 1841, which has been submitted to the Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society for consideration.

Very truly yours,

S. J. B./MS

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

March 6, 1914.

Professor Evarts B. Greene,

315 Lincoln Hall.

My dear Mr. Greene:-

We have looked over the applications for scholarships in the Department of History and the accompanying documents, and would report our opinion as follows:

With reference to Mr. Sayre and Miss Wright we do not feel competent to express any opinion, and would be inclined to follow the opinions of those members of the Department who are more familiar with their work. Miss Wiley does not seem to us to have the proper equipment for graduate work in history. Mr. Moody's case is also doubtful, especially as no letter from the professor of history at Tulane accompanies his application. We would recommend Mr. Palm, Mr. Lee, and Miss Schoepperle for scholarships, and Mr. Streeter for a fellowship should there be one available which he would accept.

Very truly yours,

S. J. B./MS

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

315 Lincoln Hall,  
Urbana, Illinois.  
13 March 1914.

Dr. S. J. Buck,  
418 Lincoln Hall.

Dear Dr. Buck:

Will you please give me your impression of  
Olen Robert Clements who has applied for a scholarship  
in the Graduate School?

Very truly yours

*Evans Breen*

EBG-B

*Historians*

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

March 16, 1914.

Professor Evarts B. Greene,

315 Lincoln Hall.

My dear Mr. Greene:-

Mr. Olen H. Clements has worked under my direction in the Illinois Survey during the last two or three years and has been one of the best assistants we have had. He is reliable, painstaking, and very conscientious. He has also shown considerable initiative and has worked out for me one or two pieces of work requiring considerable historical research. I take great pleasure in recommending him for a scholarship in the Graduate School.

Sincerely yours,

S. J. B./MS

315 Lincoln Hall,  
Urbana, Illinois.  
2 April 1944.

Dr. S. J. Buck,  
418 Lincoln Hall.

Dear Dr. Buck:

In view of the fact that the students will be finishing their theses during the month of May, it seems to me desirable on the whole to omit the May 25th meeting. The last general meeting will be then, May 16, leaving you May 2 and 9 for your special problems. During the last part of the month the students will also be occupied in the preparation for their general examinations.

Sincerely yours

*Earl Green*

EEG-B

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

April 20, 1914.

Professor E. B. Greene,

315 Lincoln Hall.

My dear Mr. Green:-

In response to your request of several weeks ago, I am sending you enclosed a list of students of Mississippi Valley history. I have divided the list into two parts. The first contains the names of the seven men who seem to me to be of the first rank in this field. The remainder of the list contains twenty nine names. In both lists the names are arranged in alphabetical order. In making up the list I have as a general rule excluded all except those whose principal interest is in the field of western history.

I received your note of April 8th containing the names given you by Dean Davenport of two gentlemen who have information about materials relating to Illinois history. I will get into communication with these men as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

S. J. B./MS

LIST OF STUDENTS OF MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORY

I. Men of first rank.

Professor Clarence W. Alvord, Univ. of Ill., Urbana  
Professor Eugene C. Barker, Univ. of Texas, Austin  
Professor Isaac J. Cox, Univ. of Cincinnati,  
Professor William E. Dodd, Univ. of Chicago  
Professor O. G. Libby, Univ. of North Dakota, Grand Forks  
Professor Frederic L. Paxson, Univ. of Wis., Madison  
Professor Frederick J. Turner, Harvard Univ., Cambridge

II. General list.

Professor Frank M. Anderson, Univ. of Minn., Minneapolis  
Dr. Solon J. Buck, Univ. of Ill., Urbana  
Professor C. E. Carter, Miami Univ., Oxford, O.  
Dr. Dan E. Clark, Asst. ed. State Hist. Soc. of Iowa, Iowa City  
Professor O. B. Clark, Drake Univ., Des Moines, Ia.  
Dr. O. M. Dickerson, Winona, Minn.,  
Dr. Logan Esarey, Ind. Univ., Bloomington  
Professor Walter L. Fleming, La. State Univ., Baton Rouge  
Dr. Geo. N. Fuller, Sec. Mich. Hist. Com., Lansing  
Professor Archibald Henderson, Univ. of N. C., W. Raleigh  
Mr. Dallas T. Herndon, Sec. Ark. Hist. Com., Little Rock  
Professor Orcher B. Hulbert, Marietta College, Marietta, O.  
Professor James A. James, Northwestern Univ., Evanston, Ill.  
Dr. Louise P. Kellogg, State Hist. Soc. of Wis., Madison  
Professor Harlow Lindley, Director Department of History and  
Archives, Indiana State Library, Indianapolis  
Mr. W. F. McCaleb, West Texas Bank and Trust Co., San Antonio, Tex.  
Dean Lois K. Mathews, Univ. of Wis., Madison

Mr. Clarence M. Paine, Sec. Neb. Hist. Soc., Lincoln  
Professor Louis Pelzer, State Univ. of Iowa, Iowa City  
Professor Paul C. Phillips, Univ. of Montana, Missoula  
Dr. Wm. V. Pooley, Northwestern Univ., Evanston, Ill.  
Dr. Milo M. Quaife, Supt. Wis. Hist. Soc., Madison  
Mr. Irvine B. Richman, Muscatine, Ia.  
Professor F. L. Riley, Univ. of Miss., University, Miss.  
Professor Edgar E. Robinson, Leland Stanford Univ., Stanford, Cal.  
Dr. Dunbar Roland, Director Dept. of Archives and History, Jackson, Miss.  
Professor Wm. O. Scroggs, Louisiana State Univ., Baton Rouge, La.  
Professor Benj. F. Shambaugh, Supt., Ia. State Hist. Soc., Iowa City  
Professor Jonas Viles, Univ. of Mo., Columbia

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois

May 4, 1914

Professor E. B. Greene,

315 Lincoln Hall.

My dear Mr. Greene:-

Do you have records from which it would be possible for me to get the names of the seniors who are majoring in history and also of all of the graduate students in history? I have some American Historical Association literature which I should like to place in the hands of these people.

Sincerely yours,

S. J. B./MS

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Chicago, August 1 1914

Dear Mr. Owen:

I meant to see you  
again before leaving town today  
good-bye and offer my best  
wishes for your success in your  
new work in Minneapolis. I hope  
it will bring you all that you  
anticipate, though I am sorry  
we were not able to present  
the Illinois opportunity to  
you in such a way as to do  
them justice.

I hope you will be able  
to push the Illinois in 1818 when  
along, so as to make us to send

in the press in 1915 as planned.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest R. Greene

418 Lincoln Hall

Urbana, Illinois

August 12, 1914.

Professor E. B. Greene,  
Manistee, Michigan.  
Route 1, Box 79.

Dear Mr. Greene:

Your letter of August 1st was forwarded to me in St. Louis, and I appreciate very much your kind words. I did not know you were contemplating leaving Urbana so soon, or I should have made an effort to see you before I left for St. Louis. I have got together a considerable amount of material on the "Illinois in 1818" volume, and will push the work on it as rapidly as possible.

We have sold our place here and expect to leave the middle of next week. I will be in Madison until about September 1st, and then go on to Minneapolis. Doubtless I will see you in Chicago during the holidays.

Sincerely yours,

October 6, 1914.

Professor Everts B. Greene,  
Urbana, Ill.

Dear Mr. Greene;

I am sending you enclosed a bill against the State Historical Library for the reproduction of documents in the House files at Washington. These photostat sheets have been sent to us here. I have looked them over and believe that they are a very valuable acquirement for the Library. As I understand it, I am to use them in the preparation of "Illinois in 1818" and then turn them over to the Library.

My work is starting off very well here. I have eighty in my general course in American History, thirty-four in an advanced course entitled "The West in American History," and eight graduate students in the Seminar. Four or five of these will write Masters thesis under my direction.

I have been too busy since my arrival here to get around very much, but I am sure I shall like it here immensely.

Sincerely yours,

315 Lincoln Hall,  
Urbana, Illinois.  
8 October 1914.

Dr. S. J. Buck,  
University of Minnesota,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Buck:

I have just received your letter of October 6, enclosing the bill for the reproduction of the documents in the House files at Washington. I will take the matter up with Professor Alvord at once. I am glad to know that they seem so promising.

I am also pleased to learn that your work at Minnesota has begun so satisfactorily. Please remember me to your colleagues, especially Ford and Krey.

Sincerely yours

*Erwin Hansen*

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois

May 25, 1914

Professor Samuel B. Harding,  
Indiana University,  
Bloomington, Indiana.

Dear Harding:-

I received the copies of the Indiana Alumni Quarterly which you sent me, and was very glad indeed to get them. I think the magazine is one of which you may be proud, for I know of no other institution which gets out as fine an alumni quarterly. I have read all of the first of Banta's article and part of the second, and find them not only interesting but very suggestive as to educational and social conditions in the Middle West. I hope you will send me the numbers which contain the remainder of his articles.

Very truly yours,

S. J. B./MS

# Indiana University Alumni Quarterly

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16 May 1914

Professor Solon J. Buck,  
University of Illinois,  
Urbana, Ill.

Dear Buck:

Thank you for the copy of your bibliography of "Travel and Description" sent me some days ago. I have not yet read it through "from cover to cover", nor can I promise ever to do that, but I shall certainly preserve it as a guide through what would otherwise be a trackless wilderness to me. I wish we were as far along with our Indiana Survey as you are with that of Illinois.

Several days ago I had copies of the first and second numbers of our Alumni Quarterly sent to you. Banta's articles seem to me a distincy contribution to the history not only of the University but also of the State and the Middle West. The installment to be printed in the July issue is even more interesting than the two already published.

Please give my regards to Alvord, Greene, Babcock, and other friends, and believe me

Sincerely yours,

*Samuel B. Harding*

April 19, 1915

Professor Samuel B. Harding  
Indiana University,  
Bloomington, Ind.

My dear Professor Harding:-

I am preparing for the June number of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review a report on the "Historical Activities in the Old North West" during the past year similar to the one published in the June number for 1914. I should like very much to get all the available information about the situation in Indiana. I understand that some legislation was enacted, but do not know exactly what. I will appreciate it very much if you will give me this information or tell me where I can get it.

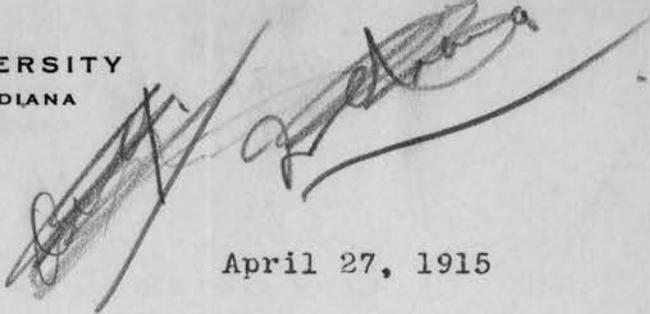
I am writing to Esarey to inquire about acquisitions of historical material, monographs in preparation in the field of Indiana history, but I felt that probably you could or would furnish me satisfactory information on the topic of organization.

Sincerely yours

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INDIANA UNIVERSITY  
BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

  
April 27, 1915

Dr. Solon J. Buck,  
Minnesota Historical Society,  
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Buck:

We were fortunate enough to get through the last Legislature a bill creating a historical commission, to consist of the Governor, and the Director of the Historical Survey (Woodburn), and the head of the department of Archives of the State Library (Harlow Lindley), together with five other persons to be appointed by the Governor. The purpose of the Commission is two-fold: (1) to arrange for the celebration of the centennial of the admission of Indiana to the Union, next year, and (2) to edit and publish materials of a documentary sort dealing with the history of the State. Twentyfive thousand dollars was appropriated, of which the Commission may at its discretion apply not to exceed \$5,000 to the work of publishing the documents. The Commission has recently been appointed and has held its first meeting; except for Woodburn, Lindley, and Charles W. Moores, an Indianapolis lawyer and author whose name was suggested to the Governor by the Indiana Historical Society, none of its members are historically trained. At its meeting last week the Commission promptly voted that the \$5,000 should be applied to publishing work, and appointed Woodburn,

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

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Lindley, and Moores a subcommittee to take this matter in charge and draw up plans for a series of publications.

This is about as much as I can think of as regards the situation. We feel that we have made a promising beginning, and that there is every likelihood of the \$5,000 being continued by the next Legislature if we can show them results. I would suggest that you write to Woodburn for a copy of the bill as passed (I do not have one, though I was active in working for it), and that you ask him to outline for you the plans of the committee as to publications. I will speak to him about it myself also.

Cordially yours,

*Samuel B. Hartung*

May 7, 1915

Professor Samuel B. Harding  
Indiana University  
Bloomington, Ind.

My dear Harding:-

Your letter of April 27 gave me just the information which I needed about the situation in Indiana for my paper. I did not hear from Woodburn, and did not have time to write him for a copy of the bill, but I received some information from Lindley and was able to make what I think is an accurate statement.

I think Indiana is to be congratulated on the establishment of a History Commission and it ought not to be difficult to make it a permanent institution. I am not wildly enthusiastic about the personnel of the commission, but I suppose that could not be helped. I wish that you were a member of it, because I believe that you would be more likely to put the necessary amount of pep into it than anyone else in Indiana.

Sincerely yours

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EDGAR R. HARLAN, CURATOR

Des Moines,

July 14, 1914.

My Dear Mr. Buck:

Will you give me a list of the things you  
have published on Archives or related subjects, and if you  
have reprints will you send them to me?

Sincerely yours,

*ER Harlan*

Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
418 Lincoln Hall,  
Urbana, Illinois.

*Miss Vinton has written  
you lately, but I want to  
get at the amount of work  
you have done as well as the  
recent writing. I may ask  
you to come over and look  
us over soon. H.*

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois,

July 20, 1914.

Mr. Edgar R. Harlan,  
Historical Department of Iowa,  
Des Moines, Iowa.

My dear Mr. Harlan:

I have just returned from several days of digging in the archives at Springfield, and found your letter of July 14 awaiting me. I am sending under separate cover such of my pamphlets or separates as are valuable. In addition I have published three other articles: ~~Independent Parties in the Western States~~, in the Turner Essays in American History; ~~The New England Element in Illinois Politics before 1833~~, in the Mississippi Valley Historical Association Proceedings for 1912-1913; and ~~Agricultural Organization in Illinois from 1870 to 1880~~, in the April 1910 number of the Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society; also two books, ~~The Granger Movement~~ published by the Harvard University Press in 1913, and ~~Bibliography of Travel in Illinois~~ published a few months ago as Volume IX of the Illinois Historical Collections.

I am working at present on a volume to be entitled, ~~Illinois in 1818~~, which will be published by the Illinois Centennial Commission, also on a volume of Illinois political statistics, which will appear in the Illinois Historical Collections. None of these publications deals specifically with archive matters.

At the last meeting of the Public Archives Commission in connection with the American Historical Association last December, I read a paper on the Concentration of Local Archives.

This will be published in the report of the Conference, and in the American Historical Association Report. I am sending you enclosed a typewritten copy of this paper. I enclose also a copy of a paper entitled, A Laboratory of State History, which I prepared a number of years ago. This contains an account of the historical activities of the state of Illinois during the last ten years. It was written, as you will note, in the third person and was not intended for publication.

In the year 1910 I made a trip through some of the counties of central and southern Illinois, for the purpose of examining county archives. I send you enclosed a copy of my report of that trip. As a result of the work which I started at that time, preparation was made for a complete inventory of Illinois county archives. The preparation of this inventory was carried on principally under my direction, and the manuscript is now being prepared for the press by Doctor T.C. Pease.

I should like to have you return to me the typewritten material, which I enclose herewith, as these copies are from my files.

In the summer of 1911 I made a trip through the eastern states and Canada for the purpose of collecting material for Illinois history in eastern archives and other depositories. I planned about three weeks work in the Federal Archives at

this time, and as a result of this work, I have since prepared for office use a forty page typewritten paper entitled, Material for Illinois History in the Archives of the United States Government at Washington.

Trusting that this information will serve your purposes,  
I remain,

Sincerely yours,

S.J.B.EWG

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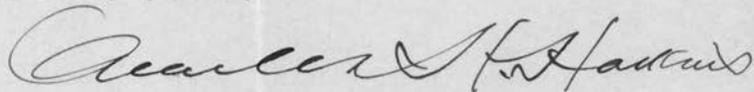
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

1 July 1914

My dear Buck:

My hearty congratulations on your appointment at Minnesota, of which I have learned from Dean Ford. It is an excellent opportunity for you, and your friends expect you to make good in it. Can you give me the exact title of your appointment for our University files?

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charles F. Hadwin".

Dr. S. J. Buck.

HARVARD UNIVERSITY  
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APPOINTMENT OFFICE

II UNIVERSITY HALL

July 3, 1914

My dear Mr. Buck,

I understand that you have been appointed to a position in the Department of History at the University of Minnesota, and that you were recommended for the position by Professor Haskins. Will you be so kind as to fill and return the enclosed cards, for the purposes of our statistics?

Very truly yours,

*Laura S. M<sup>rs</sup> Brady*

For the Appointment Office

Mr. S. J. Buck

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois,

July 6, 1914.

Dean Charles H. Haskins,  
Harvard University,  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Mr. Haskins,

I appreciate very much your kind letter of congratulation. I spent a couple of days in Minneapolis about a week ago and am very well pleased with the situation there.

As you say it is an excellent opportunity, and I shall certainly do my best to make good in it. My title at Minnesota will be Assistant Professor of History.

Sincerely yours,

March 6, 1915

Dean Charles H. Haskins  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Mr. Haskins:-

Mr. Willoughby C. Babcock, a graduate student of history at the University of Minnesota, informs me that he has applied for a scholarship or fellowship in Harvard University for next year. Mr. Babcock has been in my seminar this year and is writing his Master's thesis under my direction. He has brains, industry, and enthusiasm, and would, I believe, profit by the advantages which Harvard has to offer.

Sincerely yours

The State Literary and Historical Association of North Carolina

~~OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY~~  
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Chapel Hill, N.C.

Nov. 15, 1964.

Professor John T. Buck,  
Univ. of Minn.,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear sir:—

Many thanks for your letter. I have heard, with satisfactory fulness, from Mr. Pease. I am acknowledging his letter now. At any time when you have a report on such work in Minn., kindly have a copy sent to me.

I am pleased to learn that my recent article in the A.H.R. was useful to you in your course: "The West in American History". If you ever run across any original material on Boone or Henderson, or Thompson <sup>Co.</sup>, please write me instantly. I have another article on same topic in M.V.H.R. (next issue). With best wishes,  
Archibald Henderson.

Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul

November 24, 1914

Professor Archibald Henderson

Chapel Hill, N.C.

My dear Mr. Henderson:-

I am in receipt of your letter of November 15th, and am very glad to learn that you received a satisfactory statement from Mr. Pease.

Last week I was appointed Superintendent of the Minnesota Historical Society and I hope in the course of time to inaugurate a Survey of County Archives in this state. I will appreciate it very much if you will keep me informed of the progress of the movement in North Carolina in order that I may use such information to further the movement in this state.

I am hoping that you will attend the association meeting in Chicago during the holidays and that I may have an opportunity to have a talk with you at that time.

Sincerely yours

Supt.

Holbrook

July 30, 1915

Mr. E. A. Case, Principal,  
Windom High School,  
Willimantic, Conn.

Dear Sir:

I have been requested to write you about Mr. Franklin Holbrook, who is applying for a position as a teacher in your high school.

Mr. Holbrook was a graduate student in history at the University of Minnesota last year, and took work in my seminar in American history. He was unable to devote full time to his University work, and consequently did not write his thesis, and did not receive his master's degree. My opportunities for observing him were not very extensive, but the work which he did in my seminar was creditable, and I believe he will make a successful teacher of history.

Very truly yours,

FRED L. HOLMES  
MADISON, WIS.

DANE COUNTY, FIRST DISTRICT

Wisconsin Legislature,  
ASSEMBLY CHAMBER.

*Madison.*

Feb. 16, 1914

Prof. Solon J. Buck,  
Urbana, Ill.

Dear Mr. Buck:-

I will appreciate a copy of the reprint  
of your paper on the "New England Element in Illinois  
Politics before 1833."

Thanking you in advance, I am

Very truly yours,

*Fred L. Holmes*



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June 26, 1914.

Prof. S. J. Buck,  
418 Lincoln Hall  
Urbana, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

We have been interested to learn from your recent letter that you are to go to the University of Minnesota next year, and we note your special need just now for a book on the History of the United States since the Civil War.

In response to your suggestion we take pleasure in sending you, with our compliments, a copy of Haworth's Reconstruction and Union. We hope that this will provide sufficient and satisfactory material for your proposed course, and we shall be interested to hear if it does.

Very truly yours,

HENRY HOLT AND COMPANY.

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ELSINAES  
MANCHESTER-BY-THE-SEA

Dear Mr. Dack,  
I am truly pleased  
that you should  
take the trouble to  
send me your  
Historical Activities  
in the Old Northwest  
Western Canada 1913-  
1914 - that I shall  
read it with both  
profit & interest  
Goes without saying

but I may not accom-  
plish that for a week  
or more, so I write at  
once to thank you &  
tell you that I much  
appreciate the attention  
your kind & mine  
Don never came to  
lunch today we  
had a good talk;  
Don pleased me is  
in his simplicity  
his modesty etc. etc.

I spoke to you in his  
Admiral's I told me  
that you were going  
Ahead on this same  
ship & as he went  
out of the house  
the post man left  
your envelope &  
many thanks —  
if you are ever in this  
part of the world  
it would be a great  
pleasure to see you

here. When Mr Hoopes  
& I were the year round  
with kindness wishes  
& grace. Love  
Sincerely yours  
Alice L. Hoopes

Dec 11<sup>th</sup>

1914

L. S. J. I. Buck  
for  
Mr William Hoopes

416 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

January 13, 1914.

Mr. McDavid Horton,  
City Editor, the State,  
Columbia, South Carolina.

Dear Sir:-

When I was in Columbia on Wednesday, December 31, I requested a copy of your paper for January 1st, containing the write-up of the American Historical Association meeting in Columbia, and I was promised that it would be sent to me by mail. I have not received a copy, and if it is possible for you to do so, I will appreciate it very much if you will send a copy of this issue to me at the above address.

In your issue of December 31 I noted an announcement that a monograph entitled "The Railroad the Conqueror" by Theodore Jervey of Charleston is to be published by The State Company. I should like to secure a copy of this pamphlet for the library of the University of Illinois, and if it is to be offered for sale, I will appreciate it if you will inform me when it is published and the price asked for it.

Very truly yours,

S. J. B./MS

October 2, 1914.

Houghton Mifflin Company,

Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:

Will you kindly change my address on your mailing list from Urbana, Illinois to the University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, Minnesota, as I am now connected with this institution?

Very truly yours,

October 30, 1914.

Miss Theresa Gorman,  
Illinois Centennial Commission,  
~~Springfield~~, Illinois.

My dear Miss Gorman:

You are doubtless wondering if I have forgotten all about the work which you were doing for me. I have been too busy lately with other things to give much attention to my work for the Commission. I hope however, to have some time for that work before long and would like to know what is the status of the copying you were doing for me. If the transcript you were making is completed and collated, I should like to have you send it to me here.

Sincerely yours,

December 4, 1914

Miss Theresa Gorman

Illinois State Centennial Commission,

Springfield, Ill.

My dear Miss Gorman:-

I should have written you long ago to acknowledge the receipt of the copy of the Illinois census of 1818, which you made for me. I have not had time to examine this in detail, but a glance at it convinces me that you have done a very careful piece of work. I am wondering if you ever attempted to copy any of the schedules of the census of 1820, and also if you have returned the book to the Secretary of State's office.

Doubtless you have heard before this of my appointment as superintendent of the Minnesota Historical Society. I still hope, however, to complete the volume on "Illinois in 1818" for the Centennial Commission.

I would appreciate it very much if you would put my name on the mailing list for any publications or publicity matter issued by the Commission.

Sincerely yours

1818 ——— 1918

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On December  
Fourteenth,  
Nineteen Fourteen.

Dear Professor Buck:

I beg to acknowledge your letter of recent date.

When you were here you said you would write me what you want, if anything, from the Census of 1820, so I held the book for a couple of weeks and when I did not hear from you, returned it to the Secretary of State's office.

I am glad that the copy of the Census of 1818 meets with your approval. It was rather tedious and a new line of work to me.

Permit me to extend my congratulations to you upon the new honors that you have won since your residence in Minnesota and to add the wish, that I hope unlimited success will crown your every effort.

Sincerely yours,

Professor Solon J. Buck,  
c/o Minnesota Historical Society,  
St. Paul.

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS  
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

January 10, 1914

Dr. Solon J. Buck

Lincoln Hall

My dear Dr. Buck:

I want to congratulate you on the opportunity which has come to you in the preparation of the preliminary volume for the Illinois State Centennial celebration in 1918. This is a great chance, for I am sure the Commission will stand by you in the publication of a volume of any reasonable size and a fine appearance and equipment. You have here a great privilege and you can gain a great reputation by turning out a first-class piece of work, such as I am sure you are capable of.

Faithfully yours,

*Edward J. James*

416 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

January 15, 1914.

President Edmund J. James,  
Natural History Building.

My dear President James:-

I thank you for your letter of congratulations on the opportunity which has come to me to prepare the volume on Illinois in 1818 for the Centennial Commission. I shall put forth every effort to make the volume a credit to the Commission and to the University.

Very truly yours,

S. J. B./MS

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May 8, 1914

To Members of the Corps of Instruction:

It is our custom to print in the May or July number of the University Studies a list of all books and articles written by the members of the Corps of Instruction and published between May 1 of one year and May 1 of the succeeding year. I write to ask you, therefore, to send in your list for the year from May 1, 1913, to May 1, 1914. *Please observe the following form, and use type-written copy.* By doing so you will save the editor a great deal of labor, and avoid the likelihood of mistakes. All references to serials must be to volume, number and page. Month and year are not wanted. Do not use Roman numerals. The correct form is: *Bul. Am. Geol. Soc.* 45:2:31-4.

EXAMPLES

- (1) For a *book*:- Dexter, E.G.,—History of Education in the United States. pp. XVI, 465. Macmillan, N.Y., 1904.
- (2) For an *article*:-Minor, J.B.—Motor Visual and Applied Rhythms. *Psychological Review*, N.Y., 5:4. (1200)\*

\*This numeral indicates the approximate number of words.

EDITOR UNIVERSITY STUDIES,  
109 Commerce Bldg., Urbana, Ill.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS ONLY

Dr. S. J. Buck,  
418 Lincoln Hall,  
Urbana, Ill.

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois

May 29, 1914

Editor, University Studies,  
109 Commerce Building.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed you will find a list of my books and articles published during the year May 1st, 1913, to May 1, 1914, as requested by your card of May 8th.

Sincerely yours,

S. J. B./MS

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois,

July 12, 1914.

President Edmund J. James,  
University of Illinois,  
Urbana, Illinois,

My dear President James:

It is with regret that I  
tender to you my resignation as associate in History  
in the University of Illinois to take effect September  
1, 1914.

I have enjoyed my work at the University  
of Illinois, and have fully appreciated the advantages  
which I have had here, but the opportunities  
which present themselves in connection with the  
offer from the University of Minnesota are such that  
I felt obliged to accept that offer.

Sincerely yours,

S.J.B. EWG

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PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

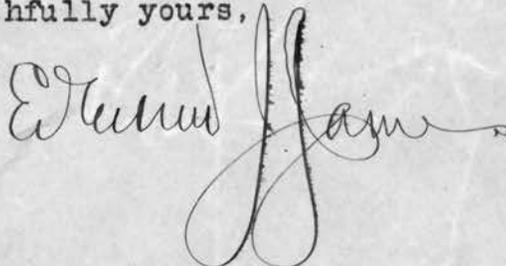
July 15, 1914

Dr. Solon J. Buck  
418 Lincoln Hall

My dear Dr. Buck:

I am much obliged to you  
for your letter of July 12th. I am sorry  
to lose you from here. I congratulate Minne-  
sota on the acquisition. I trust you will  
find everything there to your liking. I am  
sure you will make a good career wherever you  
go.

Faithfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Edward James". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Edward James".

AUG 11 1915

*Illini*

St. Paul, Minn. Aug. 10, 1915.

Dear Alumnus:-

Yes it is really true. The ILLINI are going to assemble again. Of course you have been waiting for this news for some time and I assure you that it is a pleasure to announce a picnic for Aug. 21 at Como Park. Let everyone arrange to be there, and help make the affair a success.

The big event of the day is to be a ball game between a picked team from Minneapolis and one from St. Paul. It is to be a real game as you can readily see from the following lineup.

MINNEAPOLIS

ST. PAUL

Catcher	R. J. JORDAN	J. W. MCMANIS
Pitcher	W. E. LORD	E. E. MEIER
First Base	C. D. ENOCHS CAPTAIN	H. S. HORNER CAPTAIN
Second Base	DR. ROBERT WILLIAMS	DR. M. S. SHERPER
Third Base	T. I. FULLENWIDER	B. F. TABOR
Short Stop	J. B. CABANIS	L. A. VANDERSLOOT
Right Field	J. I. PARCEL	E. R. TARNOSKI
Center Field	H. B. KETZLE	B. W. BURNETT
Left Field	C. M. SMITH	Q. R. QUAYLE
Chief Rooter	H. F. WRIGHT	Q. A. HALL

UMPIRE

PROF. JOHN T. STEWART.

The game is to be called promptly at four o'clock, so be there on time for you can not afford to miss it. Immediately after the big game there is to be a tug of war between two picked teams from the two cities and after that something else so you see there is going to be plenty to do.

Come then and bring your wife, husband, family, or anyone else you care to, but do come and come prepared to have a good time. The Committee in charge asks that you bring along your lunch but wishes to say that they will arrange for COFFEE, ICE-CREAM, WATERMELON.

REMEMBER  
THE ILLINI PICNIC

Saturday August 21, 1915 at Three-Thirty At COMO PARK. Get of at the PICNIC GROUNDS and there will be someone there to direct you to the gathering place. Speak to all the ILLINI about the PICNIC. It may that there is someone that you know who has not heard of our party and whose name is not on the Secretary's list. Pass the word along.

Yours truly,

*E. Koran*

THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION  
OF THE CITY OF  
SAINT PAUL

Illinois, Minn. of.

May 31, 1915.

Mr. S. J. Buck,  
State Historical Society,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

As an alumnus of the University of Illinois I am sending this invitation to you to urge you to be present Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock at the Commercial Club at a dinner to be given in honor of Prof. Newell, head of the Civil Engineering department of the University. The dinner is informal and comes at the regular dinner hour. The price will be approximately \$1.00. The recently organized Alumni Association has the affair in charge and for the promotion of Alumni spirit in this city, we hope that you will make a special effort to be present.

We are just entering upon what we think is a new era in Alumni activities and we want you to be with us in it. Will you kindly telephone to me your answer to this communication.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest B. Pletcher

University of Illinois '11.

*Ind State*

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

March 20, 1914.

Dr. Demarchus C. Brown,  
Indiana State Library,  
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Sir:-

I have just received a copy of the Centennial Celebration Number of the Bulletin of the Indiana State Library, which I find of considerable interest. I should like very much to receive copies of all of the bulletins which you have published since January 1st, 1913, and also to have my name placed on your mailing list so that I will receive future publications. I am preparing an article on "Historical Activities in the Northwest," for the Mississippi Valley Historical Review, and wish to give an account of the historical work of the Indiana State Library.

I have received also by express a file of the Indiana Magazine of History, beginning with Volume III, Number 4, and ending with Volume IX, Number 1. This file is intended, I suppose, for our University Library. If this is intended as a gift, I shall be glad to turn it over to the Library as such. If not, the bill should be made out to the Library, University of Illinois, and sent to me. I will then turn over the file together with the bill to the Library.

Can you give me any information about a volume entitled Indiana Prospectus for the Celebration in 1816, edited by Dr. F. B. Wynn? If you have copies of this volume for distribution, or for sale, I should like to secure a copy for myself and one for the University Library. If not, I should like to know where copies can be obtained.

Sincerely yours,

S. J. B./MS

Indiana State Library  
Indianapolis.  
Demarchus C. Brown, Librarian

*Ind. Centennial  
Commission*

Mar. 21, 1914.

Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Sir:-

I am sending you today the bulletins asked for in your letter of Mar. 20th. We are out of the July-Sept. number. *Have also placed you on our mailing list.*

The file of Magazines of History which I sent belongs properly *no charge* to a private organization and not to the State. You can arrange with the editor, Logan Esarey, at Bloomington, Ind., for payment. I have notified him that they have been sent to you.

Dr. F. B. Wynn, Newton Claypool Bldg., Indianapolis, prepared the prospectus for a celebration in 1916. It is a private publication. You can secure it from him at a cost of \$1.00, I think.

I shall be pleased to be of service to you at all times.

Very sincerely yours,

*Demarchus Brown*

Librarian.

416 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

January 13, 1914.

Dr. J. Franklin Jameson,  
1140 Woodward Building,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Jameson:-

I am sending you enclosed an abstract just received of the remarks by Professor Bonham at the Conference of Local Historical Societies. I suppose that you are using the paper and other material relating to the Conference in preparing an account of the meeting for The Review. If, when convenient, you will send them to me, I shall be glad to put them in shape for the final report.

Very sincerely yours,

S. J. B./MS

**The American Historical Review.**

J. FRANKLIN JAMESON,  
MANAGING EDITOR,  
CARNEGIE INSTITUTION, WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 15, 1914.

My dear Mr. Buck:

I have received your letter of January 13, enclosing the abstract of Professor Bonham's paper. The material which I have in hand for your report on the conference of local historical societies will be sent to you as soon as it has been made use of in connection with the report of the meeting which is to be published in the April number of the Review.

Very truly yours,

*J. F. Jameson*  
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Dr. Solon J. Buck,  
416 Lincoln Hall,  
Urbana, Illinois.

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

February 4, 1914.

Dr. J. F. Jameson,  
1140 Woodward Building,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Jameson:-

I am sending you enclosed a summary just received from Dr. Owen of his remarks in connection with the discussion of the activities of historical societies and commissions at the Conference of Historical Societies in Charleston. I assume that you will want this in connection with the preparation of the account of the meeting for the April number of The Review. Mr. Leland sent me all of the original returns from the historical societies in response to the questionnaire sent out, with the exception of those for the Ninth Annual Conference in 1912, which were reserved for the preparation of the report. As soon as the office is through with them for that purpose, I should like to have them sent to me, in order that they may be filed with the rest of the returns. Besides, it will facilitate my work in preparing the report for 1913 if I can have the reports for the preceding year to refer to.

Very truly yours,

S. J. B./MS

CARNEGIE INSTITUTION OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH

J. FRANKLIN JAMESON  
DIRECTOR

1140 WOODWARD BUILDING  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 7, 1914.

My dear Mr. Buck:

Thank you for sending me the summary  
of Dr. Owen's remarks.

I note what you say respecting the material  
which was used in making up the report of the histori-  
cal societies for 1912, but it is necessary that this  
should be held here until the proof-reading has been  
finished. After that I will see that it is sent to  
you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. Franklin Jameson". The signature is highly stylized and cursive, with large loops and flourishes. The name "Jameson" is clearly legible in the lower right portion of the signature.

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

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

March 12, 1914.

Dr. J. Franklin Jameson,  
1140 Woodward Building,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Jameson:-

I want to thank you for the copy of your last report as Director of the Department of Historical Research of the Carnegie Institution. I find the report very interesting, and I was very glad of the opportunity to keep informed of the work of your Department.

Sincerely yours,

S. J. B./MS

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

April 20, 1914.

Dr. J. Franklin Jameson,  
1140 Woodward Building,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Jameson:-

Now that the April number of the American Historical Review is out, can you not send to me the papers read at the Conference of Historical Societies in Charleston, together with such abstracts as were turned over to you? I would like to take up before long the preparation of the report of this conference. I should like to receive also, as soon as you are through with them, the reports from the historical societies for the year 1912. In compiling the reports for 1913, it will be of considerable assistance to me if I can consult the reports of the previous year. Mr. Leland sent me all of the earlier reports from the societies and I want to make my file complete.

Sincerely yours,

S. J. B./MS

AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
1140 WOODWARD BLDG.  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

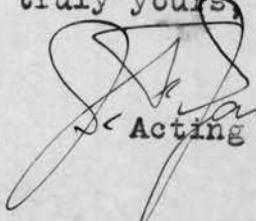
April 22, 1914.

My dear Mr. Buck:

In response to your letter of April 20, I send you herewith the various materials in my hands, as per inclosed list, relative to the Conference of Historical Societies held in connection with the Charleston meeting. It has been customary for the secretary of the conference to take notes of the proceedings, so that I presume you have matter which will supplement this and enable you to get up a finished report. I should be very greatly obliged if you would get it back to me before May 20 at the very latest, for it is quite likely that I shall need to get the annual report into the Government Printing Office before the first of June, regardless of whether the binding of the 1912 report is completed or not, in order to use up our whole appropriation before June 30. Please therefore regard this date as of very great importance, and if you can get your report back to me considerably before that date it will certainly be an advantage.

At the same time I am sending such reports as were received from the historical societies for the year 1912.

Very truly yours,

  
J. A. Jameson  
Acting Secretary.

Dr. Solon J. Buck  
Urbana, Illinois.

Material from the Charleston Meeting sent to Mr.

Buck April 22, 1914:

Abstract of report of Mr. Buck as secretary of the 10th  
Annual Conference of Historical Societies;

Report of Mr. Buck as secretary;

Report of Committee on Co-operation of Historical Depart-  
ments and Societies in the Mississippi Valley;

Report of Leland on the Catalogue of Documents in the French  
Archives;

Abstract of remarks of Owen;

" " " of Bonham;

Alvord, Planning the Publication Work of Historical Agencies;

Mr. Paltsits's report of his remarks thereon;

Rough notes by Miss Donnan, J. F. Jameson, and \_\_\_\_\_  
upon the discussion.

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois

April 24, 1914

Dr. J. Franklin Jameson,  
1140 Woodward Building,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Jameson:-

Replying to your letter of April 22nd with reference to the Conference of Historical Societies, I will say that I will take up the preparation of the report of the Conference as soon as the materials which you are sending reach me, and will push it through as rapidly as possible. My time is pretty fully taken up with other things just at present, but I think that I will be able to get this report in shape for you by May 20th.

Sincerely yours,

S. J. B./MS

416 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois

May 28, 1914

Dr. J. Franklin Jameson,  
1140 Woodward Building,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Jameson:-

I am sending you today by express the copy for the Report of the Tenth Annual Conference of Historical Societies. I regret that it was impossible for me to get this to you as early as you requested, but the time intervening between the receipt of the material from you and the date set was so short, and the pressure of other work so great, that it could not be done. I trust, however, that this delay will not cause you any inconvenience.

In ~~compiling~~ the report I endeavored to follow the forms used in previous reports. With reference to the Appendix, I discovered after some time that previous compilers had not been consistent, so I have not been consistent in this matter either, but I think the reports are understandable. I have been unable to secure from either Snowden or Rowland the papers or reports which they read and so have merely summarized them in the report. I have not included the list of delegates accredited to the conference as has been done in previous years, because it did not seem to me worth while. Not more than twenty of the societies reporting appointed delegates, and most of those appointed did not attend. On the other hand many of the other institutions were represented at the Conference. In case you feel it advisable to list the few who were appointed, I can furnish their names to you.

I found the labor of compiling the Appendix rather more expensive than I had expected. I had one of my assistance work over it first, but

Dr. J. Franklin Jameson

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May 28, 1914

found it necessary to put in considerable time upon it myself. I am inclined to think that the work involved is out of proportion to the value of the result.

I enclose bills for services in connection with the preparation of this report.

Sincerely yours,

S. J. B./MS

AUG 6 1915

CARNEGIE INSTITUTION OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH

J. FRANKLIN JAMESON  
DIRECTOR



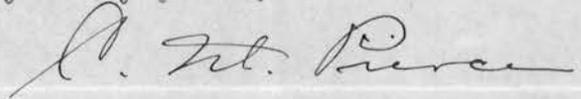
1140 WOODWARD BUILDING  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

August 3, 1915.

My dear Sir:

In the absence of Dr. Jameson, I acknowledge receipt of the reprint of your article on Historical Activities in the Old Northwest and shall see that it reaches Dr. Jameson's hands when he returns from his western trip.

Very truly yours,



Dr. Solon J. Buck,  
Minnesota State Historical Society,  
St. Paul Minnesota,

CARNEGIE INSTITUTION OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH

J. FRANKLIN JAMESON  
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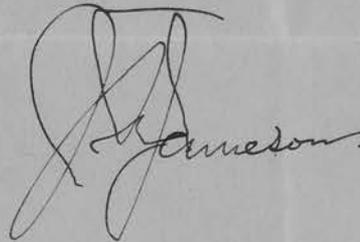
1140 WOODWARD BUILDING  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 3, 1914.

My dear Mr. Buck:

Thank you very much for your report.  
The bills which you enclose will be passed through at  
once for payment.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. Franklin Jameson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed closing "Very truly yours,".

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

CARNEGIE INSTITUTION OF WASHINGTON  
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH

J. FRANKLIN JAMESON  
DIRECTOR

1140 WOODWARD BUILDING  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 24, 1915.

My dear Mr. Ford:

I drop this line merely to let you know that Charles Moore, secretary of the Michigan Historical Commission, told me the other day that that Commission is quite prepared to print, any meritorious doctoral dissertation that relates to Michigan History, under a broad interpretation of that subject. I thought it might be worth your while to know this. Mr. Moore's address is 205 Seminole Avenue, Detroit.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. Franklin Jameson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "F".

Professor Guy S. Ford,  
University of Minnesota,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

June 2, 1915

Dean J.B. Johnston  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Dean Johnston:-

I am in receipt of your communication of May 26 asking for suggestions as to the curriculum for the proposed course in business administration.

I am of the opinion that a student is much more apt to become a successful business man if he has a broad, liberal education than if he devotes his time in college to narrow, technical business courses. On the other hand, I believe it will be possible to outline a very <sup>desirable</sup> course in business administration, but to my mind, the great advantage of the course <sup>would</sup> be, not the larger amount of economics and technical business subjects which the student would take, but the prescribing of a carefully planned and well balanced ~~course~~.

It is my belief, therefore, that of the one hundred and twenty credits, if any more than is at present required for a major should be devoted to economics and technical business subjects, possibly forty credits would be a satisfactory amount. On the other hand I think that the

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greater part of the course should be pretty definitely prescribed and that not more than fifteen or twenty hours should be entirely elective. Some alternatives might, of course, be allowed among the prescribed courses.

With reference to the subjects to be prescribed, it seems to me that there is no reason why a business student should not be required to take Rhetoric 1,2 exactly as some other students and then if special work in business English is desired, it should be in addition to the general course in rhetoric. Every student should, I believe be required to take enough work in one modern language to enable him to use the language, not only for reading, but for writing and conversation. That some work in science should be required seems to me to be obvious, but I am inclined to think that it might be well to allow the student to select the particular science to be taken.

With reference to work in history, I believe that History 1,2 should be required in the freshman year and History 5,6 in the sophomore year. The first is of special value for training in methods but also gives the student a desirable background in general European history. That a student should have a general course in American history seems to be too obvious to need discussion.

These suggestions are submitted for what they may be worth and represent, of course, only my own individual opinion.

Sincerely yours

January 27, 1915

Professor Charles Fabens Kelley  
Ohio State University  
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Charles:-

I am sending you enclosed a copy of the Minnesota Daily which contains an editorial that will doubtless be of interest to you.

Why would it not be a good idea to hold the next meeting of the College Art Association in the Twin Cities and do a little missionary work here?

Alvord was here last week to give the annual address before the Minnesota Historical Society. He spent three days in the community and, unless I am greatly mistaken, enjoyed himself immensely.

I am still hoping that you will find time and inclination to write me a letter some day.

Sincerely yours

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

W. O. THOMPSON, PRESIDENT

DEPARTMENT OF ART

CHARLES FABELS KELLEY  
 ALICE R. ROBINSON  
 MARY LOUISE SHEPHERD  
 WILLIAM J. NORRIS  
 ERWIN O. CHRISTENSEN

COLUMBUS Tuesday morning.

Dear Solon:

Maybe you didn't see mine a letter, but I wrote the last one. I'll admit that it was long enough ago to be easily forgotten.

We are delighted that there is a prospect of you visiting us, & hope you will definitely decide to do so. Come any time you can, but if you can make it on your return trip I think we can give you a better time. In that case you would arrive here somewhere around New Year's. Be sure to come, for we shall be terribly disappointed if you don't.

I like the superb effrontery with which you loftily proclaim that you are forced to cut a 3 hr. class about half the time! Just wait till I get fired, & then I'll tell you that I don't have to work.

You certainly must have an Illinois colony at Minnesota. I'm afraid I should be very homesick if I went back to Urbana again, but I should like to visit it for a few days, & see whether it had changed so much as to make me unhappy. The place must seem empty without Mayr, who, to my way of thinking, was one of the finest men that ever lived.

Things are very pleasant at Ohio State & I am enjoying the experience of being in a place where they are quite willing to look up to the art department if it will give them a fair chance. Some different from Illinois!

Perhaps I didn't hand the U of I a few flowers in the report I wrote for the Commission of Education, this summer. It was castrated, I'm sorry to say, but enough remains to make them squirm, I hope, when it appears & makes the rounds.

They are giving me a free hand, and a dollar for dollar consideration with other departments so I hope we are on the way to solid development.

They made me a full professor, & now I am trying to get another professorial rank in our department, for I don't believe in having one well-paid person, & a host of minor satellites.

You are breaking ground for your new bldg. you tell me, & we are drawing plans for ours, though the legislature is yet to be won over. I got a steal on them last year though, by having a pretty girl in a gym suit pose during a visit of the finance committee. We are starting public exhibitions here, and next week one comes from the Toledo Art Museum.

Glad to hear you have a house & are prospering. We both send regards to your family, & hope to see you soon.

Yours,  
Charles.

December 15, 1915

Professor Charles F. Kelley  
Ohio State University  
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Charles:-

I am planning now to spend New Years and  
the following Sunday with you on my way back from  
Washington. Will let you know later just when to  
expect me.

Sincerely yours

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

March 5, 1914.

Dean David Kinley,

Commerce Building.

My dear Dean Kinley:-

Is there any way by which I can be permitted to make use of Mr. Thompson's thesis on "The Whig Party in Illinois" for a short time. It would be of considerable service to me in connection with my course in Illinois history.

Sincerely yours,

S. J. B./MS

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois

May 19, 1914

Mr. August C. Krey,

1201 - 7th Street, S. E.,

Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Krey:-

Your cordial note of blank date was received and duly appreciated. I regret very much that circumstances of the usual sort make it impossible for me to attend the Mississippi Valley Historical Association meeting at Grand Forks, and so I cannot accept your invitation at the present time. I shall hold it over your head, however, and at the first opportunity you may expect me to drop in upon you and taste those "savory odors". There is much more which I could write, but I have parts of these masters' theses on my desk which are calling strenuously, and I will have to forego the pleasure at present. When you write me that long letter to which you refer you may expect to receive a similar communication in return.

Give my best regards to Mrs. Krey and to the Fords.

Sincerely yours,

S. J. B./MS

The University of Minnesota  
College of Science, Literature, and the Arts  
Minneapolis

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

February 8th,

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Dr. S. J. Buck,  
219 Library Building.

Dear Dr. Buck:

I take pleasure in informing you of your election to membership in the Dining Club. The Club meets bi-monthly and the dues are only those which are incurred by each member upon these occasions. Notice of the next meeting is enclosed herewith.

Sincerely,

A. C. Krey,  
Secretary.

ACK:FP