



[Solon J. Buck Papers.](#)

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The University of Minnesota
Graduate School
Minneapolis

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

April 9th,

1914

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

My Dear Buck:

I have an opportunity to make some suggestions to one of the Trustees of our ~~Maribund~~ State Historical Society. The Society and its Library, as you know have been putting along buying genealogies and accumulating files of Minnesota country newspapers. Beyond that they have had no progressive policy. I should like to put up to them some practical suggestions along the line of collecting material and making it available, both in the Library and through publications. I wish you would talk this over with Mr. Alvord and if you have the leisure send me whatever points occur to you, with any references to discussions by worth while men on the problems and ventures of similar organizations. I am convinced that there is a rare opportunity going to waste here and if in the slightest I can help to make the Society see the opportunity, it will be a real service.

With best wishes to all the department and personal regards to you, I remain,

Sincerely, *Guy Stanton Fork*

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

April 21, 1914.

Dean Guy S. Ford,
University of Minnesota,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mr. Ford:-

I have your letter of April 9th and will be glad to help you in any way possible in rousing some life in the Minnesota Historical Society. I am inclined to think that the best thing I can do is to send you a copy of a paper which I worked up some time ago under the heading "A Laboratory of State History." This gives a comprehensive account of the work done in Illinois by the State Historical Library and the Illinois Survey of the University. Mr. Alvord read a paper at my suggestion on "Planning the Publication Work of Historical Societies" at the Conference of Historical Societies in Charleston last December. Unfortunately there is no copy of this available at the present time, but I expect to receive one from Dr. Jameson before long, and as soon as it comes in I will have a copy made and sent to you.

I am sending you under separate cover the "Report of Committee on Methods of Organization and Work on the Part of State and Local Historical Societies," prepared by Thwaites, Shambaugh, and Riley, and published in 1906. The Proceedings of the Annual Conferences of Historical Societies which are published in the American Historical Association Reports contain a good many suggestions. I am sending you a separate for the Proceedings of the 8th Conference, 1911. This is the only one of which I have a duplicate. You can find the others, however, in the Reports. The Report

Dean Guy S. Ford

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for 1909, pages 302 ff., contains a paper by W. C. Ford entitled "Some Difficulties in the Publications of Historical Societies," which is quite suggestive.

The first thing for the Minnesota Historical Society to do, it seems to me, should be to make a survey of the situation; find out what materials for Minnesota history have been published either by the society or by other societies, and what gaps there are, and then go to work to fill in the gaps. I think that our practice in Illinois of publishing Collections in series is much better than the usual practice of issuing fortuitous volumes.

If I can be of any further assistance in this matter, do not hesitate to call upon me.

Everyone in our history department here appears to be well and enjoying life at present. You have heard, of course, that we are going to lose Duncalf. We seem to have all kinds of trouble with our medieval history men. We had a short visit from Jameson a week or so ago when he was on his way back to Washington from delivering a series of lectures at Wisconsin.

Give my best regards to Mrs. Ford and the Kreys.

Very truly yours,

S. J. B./H.G.F.S.

The University of Minnesota
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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

April 28th,

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

My Dear Buck:

I am a thousand times obliged to you for your kindness in sending me all the material that you did concerning the work of State Historical Societies, and especially am I pleased to have the opportunity of reading your own paper on a Laboratory of State History. What we naturally need in Minnesota is somebody to make the plans and execute them. I have little hope of any great activity on the part of the present management over there.

With sincere regards, I remain,

Sincerely,

Guy Stanton Ford

GSE:FP

The University of Minnesota

Graduate School

Minneapolis

May 4, 1914.

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

My dear Buck: There has just come to my desk your bibliography of "Travel & description 1865-1865". Congratulations on getting out such a useful and workmanlike volume.

I enclose a copy of a memorandum that I am getting into the hands of one director of the Minn. Hist. Society. I haven't any idea whether or not it will start anything. I only hope.

Sincerely
Wm. Brewster Ford.

File under Ford.

MEMORANDUM ON THE MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

I want briefly to put and answer three questions about the Society. The questions are:

1. What is the Society?
2. What should it be?
3. How may it become what it should be.

The answer to No. 1.

The Minnesota Historical Society is an organization which receives \$20,000 annually from the State; has invested funds to the amount of \$89,000 and real estate worth \$60,000. It pays no rent and I presume little if any light or janitor service.

This represents an income exceeded by only two other similar state supported organizations: Wisconsin and Iowa. Have these funds been so expended as to make the Minnesota Society the third organization of its kind? Does it lead anywhere in anything? Quite the contrary. It has been for some time among workers in this field the standing illustration of how to do nothing in the face of excellent opportunities and despite generous support.

Of its income of over \$20,000, \$4,000 approximately goes into increasing its historical materials. It has a splendid collection of New England genealogies (in imitation of Wisconsin) of which Mr. Upham, himself a Vermonter, is naturally very proud. As the names of Cleon, Johnson, S Schmidt etc., do not figure largely in New England history

such a collection might well divide attention and funds with material on Scandinavia, Germany or the Mississippi Valley and the great Northwest.

It has a splendid collection of local Minnesota newspapers. For this there can be nothing but praise, but the Society has ceased to receive or bind any leading journals of the Northwest outside of Minnesota. To any historical student or citizen, Minnesota is a part of the Northwest and its history cannot be considered in isolation. The collection of local newspapers needs to be supplemented by a selected list of the greater journals of the region.

What has it published? "The Aborigines of Minnesota," and is planning volumes on geographical names and state biographies. The volumes it has put out are rarely used and have given the Society no reputation for sound scholarship or discrimination. The work all bears the stamp of the antiquarian.

Our Society was organized in 1849, has a large income and numerous membership. How does its record compare with other states? I shall not even compare it with Wisconsin or Iowa, who have about the same income and in activity and reputation far overshadow it. Nor shall I put it to the disadvantage of a comparison with the older seaboard states or even the organizations in some of the Southern States.

Let us take Illinois. It had no historical library in 1889 and no society until 1899. In 1901 the first state appropriation was \$2500. In the intervening years that sum

has risen to about one-third of what Minnesota gives.

The real start was in 1905. Since then there has been published under the direction of a trained general editor eight large volumes, each by a specialist, all relating to Illinois history from the eighteenth century to Abraham Lincoln. The state is being canvassed and manuscripts, old letters, old newspaper files, journals etc., gathered into fireproof vaults where the future student can consult them. In ten years by intelligent action Illinois has, in the field of publication, wrested the leadership from Wisconsin and Iowa. Her library is necessarily still small. Books can be bought with time and money, but pioneer records must be sought and preserved at once.

To the question what should it be and be doing, I have already indicated some part of my answer.

First: it should be concentrating its funds on gathering and preserving all available perishable material on the history of Minnesota as a part of the Mississippi Valley and the great Northwest.

Second: it should be making this material available by the highest type of trained and well directed publishing activity. ^H The generation that made Minnesota is passing off the stage. Their letters, papers, diaries, account books, newspapers, should be sought and if not obtained as gifts, borrowed for copying. The careers of prominent citizens, who were pioneers should be followed to their earlier homes in the search for materials.

Valuable material in old county courthouses showing elections, economic and social conditions should be copied or secured on deposit. The early books and records of corporations should be looked up. Newspaper publishers should be solicited for earlier files etc. etc.

Let me ask what is being done to get the papers of early governors and prominent officials? What about the valuable papers of Ignatius Donnelly and other well known men in the state's past? Are they to be allowed to go into private or municipal hands or be destroyed by carelessness or an unfortunate fire?

With a large foreign population this search for material may ultimately lead to some definite effort to get the material, which will give us a picture of the political, social and economic conditions, which produced our foreign elements and yet forced them to consider migration. There might be in New Ulm material for a chapter on Germany in 1848 as there surely is in Germany for the men who made New Ulm.

The collection and preservation is a primary responsibility that falls first of all upon the Society and its directors. If they do not perform it, future generations who want to know the history of the making of Minnesota will blazon their short sightedness in language more vigorous than complimentary.

The second task is to make this material available through the work of trained, cooperating writers - men with something more than an antiquarian outlook and interest.

How this may be undertaken lies in the answer to the third question - How may the Society become what it should be? The answer to this question is brief is not easy - It is: FIND THE MAN - make him secretary or director, then give him a free hand and heart support. Get a younger man of energy, tact, training and initiative. Give him an advisory board of a few well selected broad-minded men. Abolish the forty directors - elected and ex-officio - who now divide responsibility and passively approve inefficiency. Unless something like this is done I see only a future of successive years of wasted opportunities and futile inactivity. Find the man - give him power and hold him responsible.

Is the opportunity not at hand? Cannot Mr. Upham, who is really a geologist by training, be asked to continue the work of Professor Winchell, as long as the Society wishes in view of age and past connections to carry on its pay roll a man, faithful according to his lights. Then put in as Secretary and real Director a man of the type I have described

If I have expressed some of these views strongly, I have not done it wholly because I am a member of the society interested in the history of the State, but rather because I am a citizen. The management of the Society and its funds is a high important public trust. Not this generation alone, but each succeeding one will in the very nature of things be in a position to pass judgment on the way this trust is administered by the Society and its officers.

P.S. I append a clipping from the last issue of the Nation (April 30, 1914). It illustrates one phase of the matters presented above.

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois

May 4, 1914

Dean Guy S. Ford,
University of Minnesota,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mr. Ford:-

I am sending you enclosed the promised copy of
Alvord's paper read at the Conference of Historical Societies
last december. No special significance is to be attached to
the color of the paper upon which it is printed.

Cordially yours,

S. J. B./MGS

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois

May 7, 1914

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

Dear Mr. Ford:-

Many thanks for your kind words about the bibliography. Mr. Alvord and I were both very much interested in the document with reference to the Minnesota Historical Society, and hope that something will come out of it. We felt highly flattered by the phrase which you gave to the work being done in Illinois. The document puts things very plainly and makes out a very good case. It would seem as though it ought to have some effect, but Mr. Alvord thinks that Upham is so entrenched that there will not be much likelihood of doing anything until he is eliminated.

Sincerely yours,

S. J. B./MS

The University of Minnesota
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Minneapolis

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

June 15th,

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Monday, 9: a m.

My Dear Buck:

I have just got in off the train and want to send you just a line that will catch the earliest mail.

I sincerely hope for our sakes and especially for your own that you will give this opportunity careful consideration. The point that is in my mind is that if you continue at Illinois on your present status, you will by the very nature of the work you are doing, be classed in a few years with the men who are doing archival and library work as a career. That means more or less of a barrier (unless you have deliberately chosen this work) which must be surmounted in getting back into academic work and a teaching position, particularly if in the course of these years you feel compelled to decline offers from institutions such as Minnesota. This decision and others to stay on in your present work will put you in time behind the rank you might expect to attain and tend to make institutions where vacancies come up, feel that you are fixed in a work that gives you opportunity to show one of the desired qualities, but robs you of the opportunity to show in any large measure your qualities as a teacher. This latter they would have to take into account if they thought of offering you what in a few added years you would consider an adequate salary and rank. That leaves it to

Illinois to open the opportunity in academic work to you. With as many men ahead of you in American History as they have there, that will be difficult for them, even with the best intentions in the world and every reason for desiring to do it. Nevertheless, it will be their possibilities upon which you will have to depend to what I should consider a perilous degree.

If you ever want to find a position in University work I doubt if you could ask a better opportunity. In a University of the rank of Minnesota you are given a good start with no one ahead of you and the whole situation in American History open before you and every reason for the department and institution to help you in every opportunity towards research and academic advancement. If you were to ask an opening made to order you could not think of many better conditions than those thus opened before you. We need you and appreciate you and are in a position to show it better than any institution I can think of. If you will consider the possibilities in American History in any institution to which you would care to go, you cannot parallel the prospects here. You cannot even, short of the unexpected, see any institution which you would consider, which will have the possibility of an opening you would consider. That leaves it to the departmental situation of Illinois to meet your expectations and if you have continued with them and the few possible places such as Minnesota are filled, there will be no longer the spur of

competition to urge your merits upon them. The other alternative is the continuation of your present work by the Survey being made permanent. That is problematical and if it were not, the second question you must decide is as to this work as a career.

I feel distinctly that this is a decision of more importance to you than any you will be called upon to make for some time. To have turned down the Minnesota offer is not a thing alone and by itself, but relates itself to all other opportunities for which you might in time be glad to be considered - and none of them will be better than this or offer what in a few years you may attain right here.

I don't think an equal monetary offer from Illinois is equal - they will be putting you up and we will be just starting you in with a clear field. What and when they will do for you if they advance you \$450 you can balance for yourself against what we are doing to start with under considerations such as I have presented.

I have written this from your point of view, because you surely want to make this decision from the point of view of your own advantage in the long run, and that is the kind of a run we all plan to make.

Sincerely,

Guy Stanton Ford

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Minneapolis

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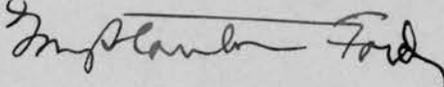
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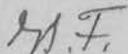
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Professor Solon J. Buck,
Lincoln Hall,
University of Illinois,
Urbana, Illinois.

My Dear Buck:

We are all greatly pleased to know that you have decided to come to us, and I feel that it is not only a wise decision for us, but equally so for you, and which wisdom will be evident in the long run. I should have written you at once, except that I have waited for the following letter, hoping that in it you might also indicate any substitutions you wanted to make in the program prepared for Mr. Anderson. This I could embody in the Graduate School Announcement of the advanced courses and even if they were to arrive at once, in the undergraduate pamphlet. I have waited for the first mail this morning before writing you, but nothing has come. I shall be about here most of the time until the first of August, and shall be glad to be of any service that I can to you when you come to making your plans for next year.

Sincerely, 

P.S. Since writing the above I have received your letter. I expect to be here until the end of this week and then I shall take a week off and be back again later. If I change my plans about this particular week I shall telegraph you, otherwise you may expect to find me here till Saturday. 

GSF:FP

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois,

June 23, 1914.

Dean Guy Stanton Ford,
University of Minnesota,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Ford:

I was surprised at not receiving a letter from you this morning, but we have a new postman on the route and that may account for it. I am planning to go to Chicago tomorrow morning and then to take the 6:45 P.M. train tomorrow night from Chicago for Minneapolis. I will go directly to your office in the Library Building.

In case that you are going to be out of town, a telegram in care of Dr. O. L. Schmidt, Mallers Building, Chicago, will probably reach me, if sent before five P.M. tomorrow.

The principal thing that I want to do in Minneapolis this time, of course, is to look up a place in which to live, but I want also to talk with you about the courses for next year.

Very truly yours,

S.J.B. EEG

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Minneapolis

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

July 17th,

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

I have received your list of books and am having it checked up. Missing entries will be orderd at once. So far as we have gone all of them are here. If you desire to make a change in the text book let me know at once, and if the book dealers have not already ordered Bassett, the substitution can be made.

I am sending the essentials of your statement concerning the kind of flat or duplex which you would be glad to have, to two or three of the real estate agents and asking them to communicate with you at Urbana, if they have anything of that character to offer.

I will notify the book stores to have on hand copies of Turner's list of references in the History of the West.

Sincerely,

Wm. Stanton Ford

GSE:FP

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois,

July 20, 1914.

Dean Guy Stanton Ford,
University of Minnesota,
Minneapolis, Minn.,

Dear Mr. Ford:

I am in receipt of your letter of July 17,
and appreciate very much all you have been doing for me.

If the book dealers have not already ordered Bassett's
book, I would like to have them order Fish's Development
of American Nationality. There is not a great difference
between the two books, and I can use Bassett's without any
difficulty, if it has been ordered.

Sincerely yours,

S. J. B. EWG

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois,

July 23, 1914.

Dean Guy Stanton Ford,
University of Minnesota,
Minneapolis, Minnesota,

Dear Mr. Ford:

You see I will have to trouble you again. When I was in Minneapolis, Mr. Allin told me that he thought I could secure the apartment above his in the People's Flats. The apartment was very attractive, and the reason I did not take it up further then was the fact that it was on the third floor. It is getting rather late, however, and I am inclined to take it now, if it is still available, and if nothing better turns up in the meantime. I intended to write to Mr. Allin about it, but I have just discovered that the summer school there closes this week, and I suppose he will be gone before a letter could reach him.

If it is not too much trouble, will you get in touch with the owner of this apartment house and find out definitely if I could secure this apartment. The rent, I understand is forty five dollars a month.

I received a letter from Mr. Campbell the other day, but none of the apartments which he offered is just what I want.

One other matter. Will you kindly let me know the name and address of the firm which handled your household goods in Minneapolis? If it

I want to get in touch with them before long. I think

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois,

July 23, 1914.

Dean Guy Stanton Ford,
University of Minnesota,
Minneapolis, Minnesota,

Dear Mr. Ford:

You will see

I am sure I will have to write you again when I see you in Minneapolis. I have told you that the apartment I could secure this apartment above all the people's kind. The apartment was very attractive, and the reason I did not take it was that I had the first thing I saw in the house. It is getting rather late, however, and I am inclined to take it now. If it will be all right, I will be glad to have you come up in the evening. I intended to go to the office about 7:30 but I have just discovered that the dinner school there closes this week, and I suppose it will be gone before a letter could reach you.

If it is not too much trouble, will you get in touch with the owner of this apartment house and find out definitely if I could have this apartment. The rent, however, is four dollars a month.

I received a letter from Mr. Campbell the other day, but none of the apartments were listed as just what I want. Will you kindly let me know the name and address of the firm which handles your Minnesota goods in Minneapolis?

I want to get in touch with them before long. I think

July 24, 1914.

My Dear Buck: I have substituted Fish
for Bassett as a text for
Hist. 5-6.

I am enclosing the book list.
All but L. K. Matthews - Exp. N. Eng. are
here unless it be Minot.

In looking up bibliographical
data for Minot in Chau., Hart & Turner
I find only reference to art^{ing} in
on Sharp Rebellion. Have I missed
something that you can supply?

J. S. Ford

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois,

July 25, 1914.

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

Dear Mr. Ford:

Your note of July 24 just received. I suppose Mrs. Mathews' book has been, or will be ordered. It is quite essential for my course in the History of the West. In looking up Minot in the Guide, you evidently mistook the succeeding reference for a continuation. I took the reference from Bassett, and I find on looking it up in Larned that the title should be, History of the Insurrection in Massachusetts in 1786.

The book was first published in Worcester in 1788, and there was a second edition, Boston, 1810. I suppose there is not much prospect of the library being able to pick up so old a book as this in a limited time. I judge from the note in Larned that it is the most valuable work on Shays' Rebellion.

Sincerely yours,

S.J.B.EWG

we will arrange to have our car leave here sometime between the 15 and 20 of August.

I am planning to spend the interval before its arrival in Madison. Duncalf will be there, and has asked me to stay with them. I do not intend to do any work to speak of while in Madison, but hope to get a little rest.

I should be glad to know definitely which textbook will be used in the general course in American History, so that I can make my plans accordingly.

Sincerely yours,

S.J.B. EWG.

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Minneapolis

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

August 10, 1914

My dear Buck - The flat matter is not so simple that I can quite decide it for you. The flats you had in mind at the Breton Apartments are both taken. That leaves three possibilities all of which I looked at to-day.

1. The Apartments Bergen wrote you about have been occupied for the last three years by Prof. Constant who goes to Princeton this fall. It is a flat in a four flat house - not a duplex as Bergen says. The owner, a Mrs. Gile, lives in the flat below the one offered you. The opposite flat upstairs has been occupied by Prof. Underhill for five years. Mrs. Underhill is a sister of Mrs. Pres. Judson of Chicago - no children. Heat is included. It is lighted by gas + ^{has} rather antique ~~furniture~~ fixtures. The rooms are large but finished rather dark + not giving an especially cheerful or attractive impression at first. There is an upstairs porch in front and the delivery porch at the rear is roomy. One laundry in basement is used in turn by the four flats. There are storerooms in both basement + attic. The chief draw back is a ^{dark} bath room in the middle of the flat with no vent except a window into the Kitchen or you could open one into the dining room if you preferred.

I mentioned the people in the flats so you could see that some very respectable people have survived this little peculiarity of architecture + sanitation. It is the roomiest of all the flats + the

Cheapest. The owner looks after the heating. One bedroom is an alcove
+ would take only 3/4s bed.

II. A five room flat on the third floor of the Belton is available. Two small bed rooms and the front sun porch as at Allin's - can be enclosed with glass but opens off what would be one of the other bed rooms. Said otherwise to be same as other \$45-00 flats except lacks one small bed room. Rents at 4250

III. Two flats back of Belton built & run by the Pebles company - two bed rooms + what they call a sun room at the back. It opens into one bedroom so that you can't tell which is bed room + which is sun room. All other rooms smaller than in such flats as Allin's in the other apartment. Price the same - i.e. \$45.00. They would put a partition ^{of folding doors} between bed room + sun room, I believe, but you would have to enter both rooms through same hallway door. Could get second floor or third floor.

If this information helps you to a choice I think you should make a decision at once and telegraph. The only other possibility is a house and I don't know what that would be. Anderson's is still unrented I suppose. It is the only ~~other~~ one I know of unoccupied by which you can judge the house possibilities.

Sincerely
Guy Stanton Ford

If there is any thing else I can do let me know. I expect to be out of town after the end of this week for ten days or two weeks. Address me at
Bristol, Wisconsin

If you can make the accommodations do I would like this.

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Minneapolis

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

I find that our files of La Follette
Weekly lacks Vol 3 (1911). I have no doubt
the Agric. Library would be interested in the rest
if they do not have them. Anyway let us have
Vol III.

Secretary ill + I am my own scribe.
Working this week myself - joyful job!
Hastily
G. M. Stanton Ford

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Minneapolis

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

2.

We have been in there. It is I believe a duplicate
in arrangement of all this!

The Boyd Transfer Co. are excellent
people & handled my stuff well. I sent them the
way bill & gave them my summer address & had them
telegram me as soon as the car arrived. He
came on at once and thus saved demurrage
charges

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Aug 27, 1914.

My dear Buck - I have just talked with the
Peebles Real Est. Co. about that flat. They want
to rent it to more desirable tenants & will write
you at once. The price is \$45⁰⁰. Another on
the same floor - adjoining entry - as Allis's is being
vacated by Prof. Emmons. I think the Allis's think
it does not get quite so much light as theirs in some
way but it has always seemed attractive when

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Minneapolis

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

August 28th,

1914

Dean Guy Stanton Ford,
University of Minnesota.
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

My Dear Ford:

Mr. Clarence Lowell came to confer with me about the possibility of gaining credits by examination for work which was started at Yale, and which he proposes to continue by private study. I agreed with him, after going over the matter carefully, to make the following recommendation: that he be permitted to take an examination on History 6 (new style) 3 credits. This should cover the period from 1815 to 1865. Also an examination for 2 credits in American History from 1881 to 1914. Finally an examination for 2 credits for a portion of my old course No. 7. For this work I should require of him that he should stand an examination upon the following works: First, Madison's Debate in the Federalist Convention. Second, ^{The} Federalist. Third, Farrand's Making of the Constitution; Beard's Economic Interpretation of the Constitution and the Debates in State Conventions of 1788 as given in Elliott's Debates for the following states: Massachusetts, Virginia and New York.

Sincerely,

Frank Malay Anderson

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

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

September 3rd,

1914

Professor Solon J. Buck,
109 Library Building,
University of Minnesota.

Dear Professor Buck:

I am passing on to you this letter
of Professor Anderson's concerning Mr. Lowell.
Keep it where you can get it when Mr. Lowell
presents himself for the examination, as you
will have to make out the questions.

Sincerely,

Wm. Stanton Ford

GSF:FP

September 29, 1914.

Dean Guy S. Ford,
University.

Dear Mr. Ford:

I am enclosing a draft of an act for the reorganization of the historical activities in Minnesota. This is modeled somewhat on the Michigan act, but I have made, I think, a number of improvements upon their organization.

In order to correlate this work with the work of the Efficiency and Economy Commission as set forth in their Preliminary Report, I would suggest that the proposed Commission of Archives and History be placed within the department of Education, the members of the Commission to be added to the members of the Board of Education and the Board of Regents in forming the Council of Education which considers the Budget for the department.

In its representation the Commission has placed the Historical Society with the department of Education and provided for the submission of its estimates to the Educational Council in which, however, it would have no representation. This might prove to be unfortunate for the historical interests of the State.

Sincerely yours,

The University of Minnesota
Graduate School
Minneapolis

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

October 2, 1914

Prof. Solon J. Buck,
219 Library Hall,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Prof. Buck:

I am much obliged to you for your draft of a possible law governing the Minnesota Historical Society work. I should like to go over your draft with you and make it the basis of a letter to Mr. Ames, suggesting its substance to him in a form which they themselves might work upon and present as an historical ^{point} matter.

If we do not get to it before next Sunday, I think a short conference would bring out the best way of getting the essential ideas before Mr. Ames.

Sincerely,

Wm. Brewster Ford

October 6, 1914.

Dean Guy S. Ford,
University.

Dear Mr. Ford:

I enclose two copies of the revised act relating to the Minnesota Historical Society, one for your files, and one for Mr. Ames. I have been looking over the bylaws of the Society and I am inclined to think this act would necessitate considerable revision of those bylaws. It might be well, I think, to lay considerable stress on the archives side, as a good case can be made out from that point of view for reorganization. It is obvious that this archives work needs to be done and that it ought not to be intrusted to a private organization. It might be well to call attention to the fact that Minnesota is one of the few states -- not more than ten or twelve, I think, -- for which no report on archives has been published by a public Archives Commission of the American Historical Association. The bylaws of the Society should provide that the secretary of the board be also the secretary of the Society, or else there should be an understanding that he should be elected to the position.

I am sending a copy of the act in this revised form to President Vincent and I have another copy which you can use if you have need for it.

Sincerely yours,

The University of Minnesota
Graduate School
Minneapolis

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

October 16th,

1914

Professor Solon J. Buck,
219 Library Building,
University of Minnesota.

Dear Professor Buck:

In accordance with our conversation on this matter, I am asking you to serve as chairman of a committee to draw up directions for the preparation of manuscript for the University Research Publications. The other members of the committee are Professor Hardin Craig and Miss Potter.

Sincerely,

Wm. Stanton Ford

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Success*

File under Handy, Guy S.

November 2nd,

1914

President George E. Vincent,
University of Minnesota.

Dear President Vincent:

There are two matters that I want to send you a hurried memorandum about. The first is that Dr. Buck and I have talked over the financial arrangements involved if he gives part of his time to the Historical Society. He has the computation on which we figured out that if they carried two-thirds of his salary for the rest of this year, it will leave us approximately \$950 to take care of substitute work. I think we can do it by paying the substitute on the monthly basis, dating from the beginning of his services until its actual conclusion. Any arrangement that gives us approximately this sum will be satisfactory to me from the Departmental standpoint, and I will undertake with it to see that our class work goes on satisfactorily.

The second matter is in connection with Dr. Folwell's six lectures on Minnesota History, which are to be given the latter part of this month and the first week in December. When I talked with him last summer I gathered the impression that he did not have the question of compensation in mind and recall his suggesting that it might furnish ambarassment in connection with the fact that he was receiving the Carnegie Pension. Today however, in talking about the final arrangements he stated very openly that he expected to be well paid.

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I should be embarrassed if a reasonable sum, say \$100 could not be placed at his disposal as a honorarium. I am so uncertain about just how this can be done that I am withholding public announcements of the final arrangements until it is perfectly clear. I have authorized Dr. Buck to start the publicity campaign and take care of other matters, if out of any fund you can see it possible that we can take care of the sum I have suggested. Will you tell Dr. Buck tomorrow morning at your conference with him what you think can be done about it and he will be guided accordingly in going forward with the matter.

Sincerely,

Ford.

GSE:FP

November 3, 1914.

Dean Guy S. Ford,

Massan Club, Princeton, N. J.

Dear Mr. Ford:

I have just returned from a very satisfactory conference with both Mr. Noyse and Mr. Lightner. Mr. Ames came in also just at the close of the conference. Before going over I saw the President and he agreed to the suggested arrangement. The committee was also satisfied and expressed their intention to put the matter through on that basis at once. A meeting of their library committee will be held Thursday noon and a meeting of the council Monday evening. They will let know the decision of the library committee at once and I will wire you if it is favorable. They seem to think there is absolutely no question but what the recommendations of the library committee will be accepted by the council; in fact, they said that they believed the library committee itself had power under the bylaws to make the appointment, but that they preferred to bring it before the council. Knowing as you do, the attitude of the other members of the committee and the influence of these three men, you will doubtless conclude as I have, that there is little question but what the arrangement will receive the approval of that committee. I shall write to Munro and Fish at once and have Krey write to Keller if he has not already done so.

G. S. F. --3.

With regard to Folwell's lectures, the President felt that \$100. would not be sufficient and asked me to see him and offer \$150. He wanted to have the amount definitely understood with Folwell before any announcements were made. I will see Folwell this afternoon and if this is agreeable to him, will start the publicity campaign at once.

I trust that you are getting some rest after the strenuousness of the last few days here. The change ought to be a relief at any rate.

Sincerely yours,

February 13, 1915

Dean Guy S. Ford

University of Minnesota

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Ford:-

Mr/ Wayne E. Stevens, a second year graduate of the University of Illinois, writes me that he is considering applying for a fellowship elsewhere next year. It would be well, I think, to have application blanks, etc., sent to him. His address is 709 West High Street, Urbana. It would be well, also I think, to send him a copy of the last issue of the Graduate School Circular. He states in his letter that the only catalogue which he could find was an old one and contained nothing about application for fellowships.

Sincerely yours

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

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

April 7th,

1915

History Department:

Dear Sirs:

I have just been informed that the prize essays of \$50 and \$25 respectively, given by Mr. H. V. Jones of the Journal, have become to all practical purposes, Historical Prizes. Mr. Jones desires that the essays show and be judged upon their historical contribution. Please keep this in mind and we will make it the subject of a conference, in order to see that some good essays will be in.

Sincerely,

Luy Stansen Ford.

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May 7, 1915

Dean Guy S. Ford

Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Ford:-

I was glad to have the opportunity to read Alvord's letter of the 29th which I am returning to you enclosed, as you may wish to keep it in your files.

The letter is a tantalizing one in that it tells of what the Mississippi Valley Historical Society did not do at the New Orleans meeting, but does not tell what it did do. I was writing Alvord yesterday and asked him for further information.

Sincerely yours

June 3, 1915

Dean Guy S. Ford

University of Minnesota

Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Dean Ford:-

The committee in charge of the oral examination of Miss Solveig Magelssen as a candidate for the degree of Master of Arts voted unanimously to recommend that the examination be accepted as fulfilling that part of the requirements for the degree.

Respectfully yours

Chairman

JUL 29 1915

The University of Minnesota

Graduate School

Minneapolis

July 28th,

1915

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

Dr. S. J. Buck,
Minnesota State Historical Society,
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Dr. Buck:

Please write a letter of endorsement of Mr.
Franklin Holbrook to Principal E. A. Case, Windom High
School, Willimantic, Conn.

Sincerely,

Guy Stanton Ford

FP.

July 30, 1915.

Dean Guy S. Ford,

University of Minnesota,

Minneapolis, Minn.

My Dear Dean Ford:

I have your note requesting me to write a letter of endorsement of Mr. Holbrook. I have done the best I could for him without overstraining my conscience.

Sincerely yours,

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The University of Minnesota
Graduate School
Minneapolis

July 30th,

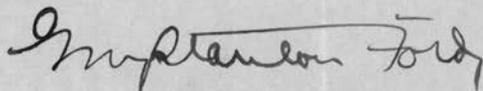
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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

Dr. S. J. Buck,
State Capitol.
Dear Dr. Buck:

Please accept my thanks for the reprint of your Bibliographical article. I think I have already told you that I think these are among the best things, which the Review is putting out.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gustafson".

GSF:FP