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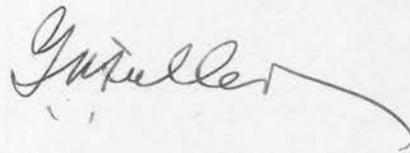
January 5, 1914.

My dear Buck:

I write this brief note to say that I was profoundly disappointed in not being able to attend the meeting of the A.H.A. My detention here was imperative in view of work connected with our annual report. Later I will write to you more fully. I should be very glad to know, of course, what came of the suggestions I made and which you kindly offered to present in your report.

Cordially yours,

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



Secretary.

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416 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

January 13, 1914.

Dr. G. N. Fuller,
Michigan Historical Commission,
Lansing, Michigan.

My dear Fuller:-

I was very much disappointed at not seeing you at the meeting of the American Historical Association. We had a very successful meeting all around. The Conference of Historical Societies was well attended, and developed some lively discussions. The resolution was passed unanimously by the Conference requesting the council of the American Historical Association to take steps for the preparation of a volume containing abstracts of all state legislation relating to archives, historical societies, and other historical activities; information about the organization of the various societies, departments, etc.; and a bibliography of the publications of these agencies since the issuance of the Griffin bibliography in 1905. I mentioned the matter of museums in my secretary's report, but no action was taken on that subject. I am keeping it in mind, however, and hope that at the meeting in Chicago next year we can do something more definite along this line.

Sincerely yours,

E. J. B./MS

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Lansing, Michigan,
January 14, 1914.

My dear Buck:

I have just been notified by Doctor Green of my appointment on the General Committee. I see in this not only the hand of Providence but of Solon J. Buck. Thanks for the courtesy, and I shall be glad to receive from your experience any suggestion that you can make as to the modus operandi of the Committee. In any way I can I shall be glad to be useful in relation to its work.

Through strenuous labors extending over the holidays I have succeeded in getting associated with the Commission's work and assistant editor of prime qualities, ~~My~~ recent assistant having resigned to accept a position with the University of Chicago. The change in the office here was upward and it has in a measure compensated me for the denial of meeting you all at Charleston. Within a short time, however, I hope to make a visit to Urbana, officially, and we can then confer on many matters which it is difficult to write about.

Cordially yours,

G. Fuller

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
416 Lincoln Hall,
Urbana, Ill.
GNF/OG

Secretary.

416 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

January 16, 1914.

Dr. George N. Fuller, Secretary,
Michigan Historical Commission,
Lansing, Michigan.

My dear Fuller:-

Your letter of January 14th has just arrived. I am not responsible for your appointment on the General Committee. The credit or blame for that belongs to Paxson, the chairman of the committee, I presume. At any rate he is responsible for putting me on the same committee. As I understand it, there is not much for us to do except to induce as many of the people with whom we come in contact to join the Association as possible. Paxson expects to do some extensive circularizing, but that will be done under his direction in Madison.

I am very glad indeed to hear that you are contemplating a visit to Urbana soon, and hope that you will let me know as soon as it is determined just when you will be here. I want to arrange to put you up at the University Club, and as we have but one guest room there, it is well to know before hand.

I have just noticed in The Nation that Burton has given his collection to the Detroit Public Library. This is in accordance with the intention which he expressed to me a couple of years ago, but I had hoped that in view of the rearrangement of historical activities in Michigan he might decide to give it to the historical commission instead. I hope that you or someone else will get busy soon and make a calendar of the letters and documents in the collection.

Cordially yours,

S.J.B./MS

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Lansing, Michigan,
January 16, 1914.

My dear Doctor Buck:

I was glad to get your letter of January 13 and to learn that the next meeting of the Association will be held in Chicago. I need not say that it was great satisfaction to learn that so many of your recommendations went through. The particular ones mentioned in your letter seem to me very vital. May I ask what the agencies are by which these activities are to be carried out?

Under another cover I am sending you our bulletin No. 2. Permit me to say to you, sub voce, the secretaries of commissions are not always able to do what they want to. The Commission cut out the two things which I considered most worth while. You will not be especially interested in the remaining platitudes but I send them along so your file will be complete.

Cordially yours,

G. Fuller

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Lansing, Michigan,
January 19, 1914.

My dear Buck:

I have your letter of January 16. You will be pleased to know that the Commission at its last meeting voted to calendar the unpublished manuscripts in the Burton Library. The first volume of the Commission's publications will be a calendar of the Askin papers.

It has been my effort to impress upon the Commission the great need of calendaring, not only these papers, but all of the unpublished manuscript material in the private as well as public libraries of Michigan. Only in that way can we know what materials we have. The calendar would be a sort of index by means of which the materials can be grouped in some intelligent manner for publication.

Another thing that is very much needed in Michigan is at least a preliminary bibliography of published as well as unpublished materials in Michigan bearing on the history of the Old Northwest.

Our President, Mr. Burton of Detroit, has at last, as you have observed, made up his mind what to do with his library. The University will feel the disappointment keenly as I know they were expecting to get it. As a matter of fact, however, it does not matter where it is so long as it is intelligently managed and made accessible to all students of Michigan history.

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

January 22, 1914.

Dr. C. W. Fuller, Secretary,
Michigan Historical Commission,
Lansing, Michigan.

My dear Fuller:

Many thanks for the copy of your second bulletin. It strikes me that the suggestions contained in it for local historical societies are admirable, and I only hope that some of them will be put into practice. My experience has been that the county historical societies are generally of very little service, but it may be that they simply need direction to enable them to accomplish something. I am very glad also that you have undertaken the preparation of a calendar of Mr. Burton's collection. I expect that the Askin papers will contain considerable of interest for me, especially along the lines of fur trade and Indian relations.

Sincerely yours,

S. J. B./MS

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*Richmond
Va.*

Lansing, Michigan,
January 26, 1914.

My dear Buck:

I have your letter of January 22. Thanks
for your encouraging words.

Will you kindly send me the correct address
of the Southern Historical Society. We have been us-
ing the Griffen address, Atlanta, Georgia, and our
mail has been returned.

Cordially yours,

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

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Lansing, Michigan,
January 30, 1914.

My dear Buck:

Thank you for the address of the
southern Historical Society.

Your plan for securing transcripts
in the archives in Washington may result in find-
ing material bearing upon Michigan. If so, kindly
let me know.

The transcripts we have made from
the schoolcraft Collections would make, if printed,
some 3,000 pages. It is the present intention of
the Commission, however, to calendar, instead of
printing, these papers, ^{entire}; printing only se-
lections, later. They will be calendared when
the date of these papers is reached; that is,
1820-1836. The Commission has begun with the Askin
papers for the reason that they were earlier.

A letter just received from Paxson
asks for cooperation in securing members from the
Michigan libraries and I have sent him practically
a complete list of the same. Kindly let me know
what plans you devise for securing members in
Illinois, or of any plans that you know about which
might prove effective. My own plans would need to
be some modification of those already often used.
It might chance that I might add something new,
but probably not.

For a dollar I have just secured
the Indiana Prospectus for their celebration in
1816. It is a very fine piece of work, sufficiently
illustrated to interest even the members of a
legislature. The book shows they are on the job
in the matter of getting to the people.

Kindly send me anything that comes
your way regarding methods and plans for the state
centennials or other local celebrations. ^{As bibliography} This subject
would be exceedingly useful.

Cordially yours,

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

G. N. Fuller
Secretary.

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

March 11, 1914.

Dr. G. N. Fuller, Secretary,
Michigan Historical Commission,
Lansing, Michigan.

My dear Fuller:-

I am preparing for the first number of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review an article on historical activities in the Old Northwest and Canada. I want to include in this a rather full statement of the recent developments in Michigan, and of your plans for the future. I have the two bulletins which you have issued, and will of course make use of the information contained in them. Any further information which you can give me, however, will be appreciated and used. I should like especially to have a rather definite statement as to your plans for future publications. Do you intend, for example, to continue the reprints of the Michigan Pioneer Collections? I should like also programs of the meeting or meetings of the Pioneer Society which have been held since January 1st, 1913,

Professor Alvord tells me that you, and he, and Quaipe are going to get together in Chicago in a week or so and settle the universe. With best wishes for the success of this meeting and of all your enterprises, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

S. J. B./MS

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

March 14, 1914.

Dr. George N. Fuller, Secretary,
Michigan Historical Commission,
Lansing, Michigan.

My dear Fuller:-

Many thanks for the program of the meeting of the Michigan Society and also for the copy of your note on the work of the Michigan Historical Commission. These give me just the information I wanted. You mention in the note the first volume of Proceedings is just issued. I assume that this means that the volume will be out by the time the April number of the Review appears. Will this volume contain anything besides the papers read at the last meeting of the Society? I will see that the copy of the program which you sent is returned to you in the course of time.

Cordially yours,

S. J. B./MS

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

March 19, 1914.

Dr. George N. Fuller, Secretary,
Michigan Historical Commission,
Lansing, Michigan.

My dear Fuller:-

I am in receipt of your letter of March 16th with reference to the Proceedings which you state are to be published in April. The Harvard University Press which published my Granger Movement supplied me with only a very few copies for distribution and I found it necessary to send out so many to those to whom I was under obligations for assistance in preparing the book, that I was obliged to purchase additional copies from the Press. They sold copies to me at half price, and so of course it would not be permissible for me to sell any of them. I happen to have an extra copy on hand, however, and I am sending this to you with my compliments. If you wish to do so, I will be glad to have you send me in exchange a copy of your Study of Settlement in Michigan when it is published.

Sincerely yours,

S. J. B./MS

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

March 23, 1914.

Dr. George N. Fuller,
Michigan Historical Commission,
Lansing, Michigan.

My dear Fuller:-

I wonder if you have seen a little pamphlet issued by the Library of Congress, entitled "Notes on the Care, Cataloging, Calendaring, and Arranging of Manuscripts," by J. C. Fitzpatrick. This pamphlet contains some excellent suggestions, especially upon the subject of calendaring, and I am sure that it would be worth your while to send for a copy if you do not have one already. I hope that your trip home will be a pleasant one.

Very truly yours,

S. J. B./MS

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impressed that I have at last found
the right place to go for inspiration
and instruction.

On the way home I read the papers
you loaned me, and am now having
copies made. The originals will be
returned presently.

I want to thank you again for
your generous share in making my
stay at Urbana so pleasant.

Kindly remember me to your father
and mother.

Sincerely yours
G. Fuller

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Lansing, March 25, 19

My dear Buck:

I acknowledge again with many thanks
your sending me the copy of your "Granger
Movement." As soon as my book is published
I shall be glad to send you a copy.

Thanks also for calling my attention
to the pamphlet of "Notes" issued by the
Library of Congress, which I have not seen.
Moreover, it has not been mentioned
to me by any of the "stars" in the East -
consulted for guidance. It is in this
way that you can be of great help to
me in the work for Michigan, for I am

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois

May 7, 1914

Dr. G. N. Fuller,
Michigan Historical Commission,
Lansing, Michigan.

My dear Fuller:-

Many thanks for your kind words about the bibliography. I am glad that you were amused at my account of the "manufacture" of county histories. I enjoyed writing that very much. I am returning to you enclosed the program of the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society which you loaned to me some time ago.

Cordially yours,

S. J. B./MS

September 29, 1914.

Dr. George N. Fuller,
Lansing Mich.

Dear Fuller:

I suppose you have heard before this of my move to Minnesota. Anderson left here for Dartmouth and I have taken his place. I am the only man ~~now~~ in American History here at present, but we expect to secure another man next year. I am giving a general course with about 80 students, and a course in the History of the West with 34, and I have a Seminar composed of 3 graduate students.

I have not received any publications from you and I am wondering if you have dropped my name from your mailing list. The last I received was your second Bulletin.

I am looking forward to seeing you at Chicago next Christmas. In making up the program for the Conference of Historical Societies, I have put you down to take part in the discussion on the subject of "restrictions on the use of historical materials." I will write you more fully about this later.

Cordially yours,

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829 Mich Ave W.

Lansing, Oct 2, '14

My dear Buch:

Congratulations on securing so desirable a place!

Who takes your place at Illinois? Salary?

Have you any one in view to add to your department next year? My reason for asking is that a very close friend of mine might be available. What will be the nature of the work such a man will have? Salary?

Our Commission continues to be quite as interested in itself as it gave early promise of. With Van Tyne back now there may come a change for the better. Let us hope!

I shall be at Chicago Christmas, and thank you for the opportunity of joining in the discussion of an important subject. I would probably not have much to add but could care in my note.

May I hear from you presently as to the above questions.

Sincerely yours,
G. Fuller

October 6, 1914.

Dr. George N. Fuller,
Lansing, Mich.

Dear Fuller:

Many thanks for your congratulations. I will answer your questions so far as possible at present. Dr. T. C. Peese took my place at Illinois at a salary of \$1500. He took his degree at Chicago recently and had been engaged since the first of January on preparing a report on local archives for the Illinois State Historical Library.

The situation here is all up in the air at present because of the great increase in enrollment in the introductory courses. It is possible that we may add, next year, a full professor who will do work in both American and European History, at a rather small salary.

I am indeed sorry to hear that your Commission continues to take itself so seriously. I should think, however, that Van Tyne ought to be able to assist you materially. I am glad to know that you are willing to take part in the proposed discussion at the Conference of Historical Societies.

Cordially yours,

Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul.

November 20, 1914.

Dr. George N. Fuller,
Lansing, Michigan.

Dear Fuller;-

I am wondering if your resignation as secretary of the Michigan Historical Commission will interfere in any way with your plan of attending the meeting of the American Historical Association in Chicago, and taking part in the discussion of Burpee's paper on "Restrictions on the Use of Historical Materials." I sincerely hope that it will not, especially as I am anxious to have a talk with you and to learn the true inwardness of the Michigan situation.

You have possibly learned before this of my appointment last week as Superintendent of the Minnesota Historical Society. I will continue to give one course and Seminar in the University, but will spend most of my time in the Historical Society rooms in St. Paul.

Sincerely yours

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Am. Assoc. Mich.
920 Greenwood Ave
Nov. 27, 1914

My dear Buck:

I have your letter of Nov. 20, and would say that I shall very probably be in Chicago, but that it will be safer for you to substitute someone for my place in the discussion.

I congratulate you on your fine successes, which give me genuine pleasure.

The situation in the Commission is one very common to attempts to associate scholarship and politics. Our case had its peculiar differentia, which I can explain to you at length when I see you.

Am putting the lines touches on my thesis, which I hope to get to press very soon.

Cordially yours,
G. K. Guller

Ann Arbor, Mich.
920 Greenwood Ave.,
Dec. 5, 1914

My dear Buck:

I have determined definitely to be at Chicago, and so will discuss the paper if you still wish me to do so. If you have not yet secured a substitute, kindly put me in connection with Mr. Burpee, and give me also your intention as to subject.

The Michigan Historical Commission is going to attend the Association in a body, I understand. They may attend this section meeting. If so I shall be more than glad to be there with a message.

May I hear from you by return mail, and as I say, be put into connection with Mr. Burpee.

Sincerely yours,
Fuller
G. V. Fuller

December 8, 1914

Dr. George N. Fuller

920 Greenwood Ave.,

Ann Arbor, Mich.

Dear Fuller:-

As you will see by the enclosed preliminary program, your name is on the list for a discussion of Burpee's paper. I am very glad, indeed, to hear that you will be present, and take part in this discussion, although I am at a loss to see just how you could present a "message" of special significance to the Michigan Commission on the subject assigned.

I am writing Burpee today for copies of his paper and will send you one as soon as it is received.

Sincerely yours

December 15, 1914

Dr. George N. Fuller

920 Greenwood Ave.,

Ann Arbor , Mich.

My dear Fuller:-

I am sending you enclosed a copy of Burpee's paper which you are to discuss at the conference of historical societies. It is too long and he will cut it down somewhat, but this will give you an idea of his treatment of his subject. In view of the length of the program, it will be necessary to restrict the discussion to eight minutes for each speaker.

Sincerely yours

February 8, 1915

Mr. George N. Fuller
920 Greenwood Ave.,
Ann Arbor, Mich.

Dear Mr. Fuller:-

I am sending you enclosed a copy of the stenographic report of your remarks in the discussion of Professor Burpee's paper at the Conference of Historical Societies. I will appreciate it very much if you will make such changes or corrections as you may desire and return it to me at your earliest convenience. Leland has asked me to compile the report of the conference as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours

Amos Cutler

Feb. 11, 1915

My dear Bud:

Replying to yours about the Chicago Will
- I sent a month ago to Selwood a very care-
fully phrased résumé of what I said
or intended to say, - haven't he sent that
to you? - apparently not, - if you can not
see it from him I will overhaul the copy
you sent me - which is a corner. Who was
that Amos? Amos exceedingly busy & so
set-off with this note. Yours, Fuller.