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418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois,

July 20, 1914.

Dr. T. C. Pease,
2 North Hall,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Pease:

In our work on Illinois political statistics, we have decided to include precinct returns, whenever they are available for the period prior to 1830. Some of these I acquired from the election returns in Springfield, but there are doubtless many more in the county archives. Could you furnish me from the notes in your possession information as to what counties have files of election returns of date prior to 1831, and also any information which you may have obtained as to how complete their files are.

I rather expect to make a trip to St. Louis soon, in the interests of my Illinois in 1818 volume, and if so, I would probably want to do work in Madison, St. Clair, and Randolph Counties, and I might return by way of Johnson, Gallatin, and Edwards Counties.

I should like further to have what information you have in your notes as to the archives of those counties prior to about 1820. Could you send these notes down to me, without inconvenience?

Sincerely yours,

July 21, 1914

Dear Buck:

Today I sent you by American Express the notes of the six counties you asked for. I included any particulars they ^{surveys} contained as to historical material, newspapers, etc. When you are through with the notes I would like to have them again, as they contain some illustrative material that I want to use in the introduction to my report.

I enclose a sheet that gives all the data I have on election returns up to 1831. You will note that I have listed seven counties whose notes are now in the hands of the typist. I expect to get them back about Thursday and in case they offer any additional material I will let you have it immediately.

If I can be of further service to you in any way of course you will let me know.

Sincerely,

Theodore G. Pease

2 North Hall
University of Chicago.

P.S. of course you know that some early election stuff may very possibly be hidden in the County Commissioners records in counties where none appears to be extant separately.

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois,

July 24, 1914.

Dr. Theodore C. Pease,
2 North Hall,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Pease:

I want to thank you for your very prompt and satisfactory response to my recent letter. The cards for the six counties arrived yesterday, and I have had some of them copied. They will be returned to you shortly.

Before I leave for Minneapolis, I may want to get some notes from the cards for the other counties, which were established before 1819. Only two or three of the counties, the notes for which you said were in the hands of the typist could possibly have election returns prior to 1831. If you find such I would be glad to have the information.

I spent last week in Springfield, following in your tracks in some of the State Archives. I will probably go back next week and then will go on to St. Louis, and to some of the southern county seats.

We will probably leave Urbana soon after the middle of August. I want to get a week's rest before starting in at Minneapolis.

Sincerely yours,

S.J.B.ENG

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Dear Pease:

I want to thank you for your very prompt and satis-

factory response to my recent letter. Enclosed for the air

condition arrived yesterday, and I have already some of them copied.

They will be returned to you shortly.

Before I leave for Minneapolis, I may want to tell you

some things from the correspondence. The matter is rather delicate

and I do not wish to discuss it in detail. Only the names of the companies

which you said were in the hands of the British could possibly

have a serious bearing upon the issue. If you find that I would

be glad to have the information.

I spent last week in Washington, following in your tracks

and some of the State archives. I will probably go back again

soon and then will be on my way to the States.

Very truly yours,

I will probably leave Urbana soon after the middle of

August. I want to get a week's rest before starting in on

Minneapolis.

Sincerely yours,

L. B. ...

July 25, 1914

Dear Buck:

I received your letter of the 22th Saturday. Needless to say I am very glad if I have given you the information you wanted when you wanted it. The notes of the counties I did not have when I answered your first letter indicate returns in Morgan County since 1829 in filing box 120, — since the county is one Senning batched I cannot say whether the "120" is the number of the box or the number of boxes in the series.

Macon also has returns from 1829 in ~~the~~ ^{boxes} nos 120-136 case 3. I have no record here of any other returns of the date you named.

Will you please let me know the time at which it will be best for me to come down and get the run of your work? I judge that you will be pretty much on the jump till August 20, so you had better fix on the time most convenient for yourself.

Sincerely yours

Shepherd C. Pease

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July 28, 1914.

Dr. Theodore C. Pease,
2 North Hall,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Pease:

Your letter of July 25 just received. I returned to you by express the other day the cards which you sent down. I had copies made of those cards which interested me.

I expect to send a man through the southern part of the state to secure some additional election returns, and at the same time I want to have him look up 1818 material for me. I will appreciate it, therefore, if you will send me at once such notes as you have on material in the following counties: White, Jackson, Pope, Monroe, Crawford, Bond, Franklin, Union, Washington, of date prior to 1820. I hope to leave here early Friday Morning, and wish that these might arrive here before I go.

The only time it would be possible for me to initiate you into the work here will be during the week beginning August 10. I will be here the latter part of the week, certainly, and probably the whole week.

Sincerely yours,

S. J. B. EWG

July 29, 1914

Dear Buck:

I sent off the notes you asked for two hours after I received your letter of the 28th this morning, but at that I am afraid they may not arrive ~~at the time~~ you specified. The typist had most of the notes on Bond County, and what I sent you ^{on it} was taken from a transcript I made some time ago for my own use; but I think ~~the~~ transcript was nearly complete. Jackson and Frankler have both been cleaned out by fire, and the only record they have of early date is the "Original Entry Book." Everything in that, of course, you can get in the Auditor's office. When you are through with the notes, I would like to have the cards marked in blue pencil returned to me. The others can wait.

If you are in St. Clair or Randolph County and find it convenient, I would appreciate very much a few notes on the condition of the court houses, pro proof venets, filing material etc. Johns

did not note these facts for the two countries.

I can be at Urbana the week of August 10, if that is the most convenient time for you to show me the ropes. Will you please drop me a line about that time indicating the exact date you will be ready for me?

Sincerely yours

Theodore C. Pease.

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313 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

October 28, 1914.

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

Dear Buck:

I have come to a point in my work on the county records at which I need some of the notes that I sent you last summer. Some of them I have received from Mr. Stevens, but I cannot learn the whereabouts of the others. Will you please let me know if you have any information concerning them. Those that are still missing, as nearly as I can make out, are on the counties of Washington, Crawford, Bond, Monroe, and White.

Let me know how things are going with you at Minnesota. By all that we have heard here, the western history *there* has started with a rush *there*.

Sincerely yours,

Theodore C. Lewis.

Dict. T.C.P./MS

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Yes you can at once
if desired.

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313 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

November 9, 1914.

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

Dear Buck:

I received your letter with the cards enclosed and with the letter from Professor Henderson, on Saturday. Thank you very much for your promptness in answering my letter. I really had no use for the cards for which I asked until this last week; in fact, it did not even occur to me to look for them.

I have looked over Professor Henderson's letter and will answer it in as much detail as I can. It is certainly gratifying to see the influence of the work done in Illinois extending to other states so rapidly. As for your indexes and files, we have been very far indeed from wastebasketing them as you suggest. On the contrary we are finding new use for them every day.

Sincerely yours,

Henderson C. Pearce

Dict. T. C. P./MS

September 9, 1915

Dr. Theodore C. Pease,
Urbana, Illinois.

My dear Pease:

I wonder if your report on the archives of Illinois is in proof as yet, and if so, if it would be possible for you to send me a set of the proof. In working on the "Illinois in 1818" volume, I find that my notes on the archives of some of the early counties are not always clear, and I believe that your report would be of great assistance to me. When do you expect the volume to be out?

Sincerely yours,

*His name is in the mailing list + 2
Bulletin + Report sent.*

Sept 14, 1915.

Dear Buck:

Your letter was forwarded to me here in Oak Park and reached me today. I am writing Miss Doherty to send you a ~~copy~~ ^{proof} of the county bibliographies if there is a reasonably clean one around the office. The book is now in press and in five or ten days I look for the first copies, one of which you shall have. I assume you want only the county sets of records. If you want the introductions also, write me here and I will see that you get a set I have around the house. I should warn you that changes have been made to the last proofs and that any quotations will have to be rechecked to the finished volume. With best wishes for the prosperity of "Illinois in 1818"

Sincerely yours

Theodor C. Pease

238 S. Kenilworth Ave
Oak Park, Ill.

September 21, 1915.

Mr. Theodore C. Pease,
238 S. Kenilworth Ave.,
Oak Park, Ill.

Dear Pease:

A bound copy of your book reached me to-day and I appreciate it very much the favor of this advance copy. I have had only a few minutes to glance it over but I am ver favorably impressed with it. I hope that it may serve as a model for a similar piece of work in Minnesota.

Sincerely yours,

SJB-P.

416 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Illinois
September 21, 1915

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

Dear Buck:

In taking possession the other day of your old letter file, I discovered the enclosed letter. I suppose that it has at present no importance but as it seems to be a piece of your personal correspondence, I am sending it to you anyway.

I have just had time, after the press of work on the archives volume, to look over the bulletins you so kindly sent me. Let me congratulate you on both the excellence of the medium and the material contained.

Sincerely yours,

Theodore C. Pease

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P.S. The other night I mentioned to Alford the fact that a good number of the Edwards Papers in the C.H.S. had never been printed, especially some routine official correspondence of the Territorial Period. He suggested that you might be interested

T C P.

September 23, 1915.

Dr. Theodore C. Pease,
416 Lincoln Hall,
Urbana, Ill.

Dear Pease:

I wrote you a day or two ago at Oak Park to acknowledge receipt of a copy of your volume. The letter will doubtless be forwarded to you. I am now in receipt of your letter of September 21st enclosing a letter from the file which I left at Illinois. This was one of the letters received when I was negotiating at the manufacture of the plate for the outline map of Illinois. If I remember correctly the work was given to another firm but this letter belongs in the office file so I am returning it to you.

I discovered a couple of years ago that the collection of Edwards Papers in Chicago contained a goodly number which had never been printed but I have never had time to look them over and check them up. If you have any notes on them, especially on documents between 1815 and 1820 I will appreciate it very much if you would let me see them.

Sincerely yours,

SJB-P.

Enc.

Sept 30, 1915

Dear Buck:

I have received your letter and inclosure of recent date. In a few days I shall send you a few notes on letters 1814-1818, which I originally collected for Professor Alvord. I don't know what we can do about copying them. If you wish only one or two, I can do the copying myself. If you want more, however, there are no funds, and Alvord's I have appealed so often to Schmelt to come to the rescue that I don't like to do it again. However if you wish to make the appeal on your own account, I will be very glad to direct your copyist

Sincerely

J. H. C. Pearo.

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Dear Buck:

I enclose some cards of material 1814-1818
that I originally collected for Professor Alford. I
am by no means sure that I have exhausted all
the material of interest to you in the ^{C.H.S.} library, but
I have exact notes on nothing else. There may be
material you will want in the New papers.

Sincerely

Theodore C. Pease

238 S. Kembleworth Ave

Oak Park, Ill.

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October 16, 1915

Dr. Theodore C. Pense
238 So. Kenilworth Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Pense:-

I have gone through the cards which you sent to me for material in the Chicago Historical Society, and Alvord has told me that you would look after such copies as I might need to have done there. I am sending the cards enclosed in two groups, with an indication as to which I would like to have copied.

Should you come across any other material in your work which seems to you to have a bearing on the period 1815-20, especially on such subjects as slavery, political and constitutional developments, social and economic conditions, etc., I should like very much to have my attention called to it. I am especially anxious to get hold of everything relating to the politics of the later territorial period.

Assuring you that your cooperation is fully appreciated,

I remain

Sincerely yours

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Oct 31, 1915

Dear Buck:
At the time you wrote me about the copies from the Chicago Historical Society I had received no authorization from Alvord to employ a copyist, and I did not receive it till Wednesday. I have found to breach in a new man who is accurate but slow. You can rest assured that your work is under way however and will be pushed as rapidly as possible. I have a few other Texas dates about 1820 that I had collected by my own volumes, and these I will have copied and sent you also.

Is Buck of Wisconsin any relative of yours? Saturday he played the greatest defensive game I ever saw any line man play. He was three quarters of his cousin's defense.

Sincerely

Theodore C. Pease.

November 2, 1915

Mr. Theodore C. Pease
238 So. Kenilworth Ave.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Pease:-

I have your letter of October 31, and am glad to know that the copying is under way. There is no particular hurry about it, however, as my assistant is taking the month of November off in order to prepare for her doctor's examination, and I would not be able to do much on the volume this month.

I will be very glad to ~~see~~ see the letters which you state that you have collected for your own volume. I do not expect to make any considerable use of material except for 1818, but I feel that I must be familiar with the material for a number of years on both sides of that date in order to understand the situation in 1818. The plan of my volume calls for, primarily, a static account of the state when it was admitted to the Union, but I expect to include a summary of the political situation at the close of the territorial period, an account of the admission of the state, of the first elections, and of the work of the first general assembly. I appreciate very much your assistance.

Sincerely yours

December 7, 1915

Dr. Theodore C. Pease
University of Illinois,
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Pease:-

Thank you very much for the transcripts of material on the Chicago Historical Society which have just arrived. I have had time to glance at them only hastily, but I am sure that there is considerable material in them which will be of use to us. I would be glad to have the other letter which you speak of at your convenience.

I suppose you will attend the A. H. A. meeting in Washington. If so, I shall want to have a talk with you.

Sincerely yours