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418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

March 11, 1914.

Dr. M. M. Quaife, Superintendent,
State Historical Society of Wisconsin,
Madison, Wisconsin.

My dear Mr. Quaife:-

The Editors of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review have asked me to prepare an article on historical activities in the Old Northwest and Canada for the first number of that Review. I have the report which was made to me as secretary of the Conference of Historical Societies from the Wisconsin Historical Society, and will make use of the information which it contains. I should like, however, some additional information, especially along the lines of plans for future work. Anything of this sort which you are ready to have made public at the present time, I would be glad to include in this article. I should like also to receive copies of all the bulletins of information and handbooks which have been published since January 1st, 1913. I have, of course, copies of the Proceedings and Collections.

I should like also to receive a copy of the program which was prepared for the annual meeting last fall. As I understood it, the meeting was not held, but I suppose the papers which were prepared for that occasion will be published in the forthcoming Proceedings. Can you give me information about the plans, and especially the forthcoming publications of the Wisconsin History Commission? I have all of its publication, I think, but would like to know something about its plans for the future.

Sincerely yours,

S. J. B./MS

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

March 16, 1914.

Dr. H. M. Quaife, Superintendent,
Wisconsin Historical Society,
Madison, Wisconsin.

My dear Mr. Quaife:-

I am in receipt of your letter of March 13th and appreciate very much the trouble which you have taken to give me so full a report of the present and prospective activities of the Wisconsin Historical Society. Your letter contains exactly the sort of information which I want, and I think there is only one thing with reference to the Wisconsin Society about which I am in doubt. The report sent to me as Secretary of the Conference of Historical Societies mentions among the publications of the Wisconsin Society for the past year Bulletins of Information number 64 to 70. I have never seen any of these bulletins, and do not know exactly what they are. If you have any copies available, I should like to receive them.

Permit me to add that I am very glad to learn of your plans with reference to calendaring your important manuscript material. I think that this is one of the best things that the Wisconsin Society can do. I am very much interested also in what you say about the final volume of the Fur Trade Series. We are planning a similar series for the Illinois Historical Collections and have just ordered photostatic reproductions made of large quantities of manuscript material in the Indian Office at Washington.

Very sincerely yours,

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

March 21, 1914.

Dr. M. M. Quaife, Superintendent,
Wisconsin Historical Society,
Madison, Wisconsin.

My dear Mr. Quaife:-

I am in receipt of Bulletins of Information No. 64 to 70 inclusive, for which please accept my thanks. Two of these I find of very considerable interest. The list of periodicals and newspapers currently received at the Library will probably be of considerable use to us in a campaign which we have under way for the extensive collection of Illinois newspapers in our University Library.

The check list of publications is very convenient. I thought that I was quite familiar with the publications of the Wisconsin Historical Society, but I discovered a number listed in this pamphlet which I had never heard of before. My file of the Collections is complete, and I have the Proceedings from 1904 to date. I should like very much, however, to secure the earlier volumes of the Proceedings, and will appreciate it if you will send me such of them as are still in stock. I should like also to have Nos. 15, and 16 of your Library catalogs and lists; Nos. 9, 17, 12, 15, 21, 24, 25, 27, 31, 43, 54, 59, and 62 of the Bulletins of Information; Handbooks 1 to 4 inclusive; and Nos. 4 to 7, 13, and 37 of the addresses and separates.

I have always been very much interested in Wisconsin history and in the work of the Wisconsin Historical Society, and I should like to make my file of the publications of the society as complete as possible.

Very sincerely yours,

M. M. QUAIFE
Superintendent

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN
(TRUSTEE OF THE STATE)

MADISON

March 27, 1914.

Dr. S. J. Buck,

Urbana, Illinois.

Dear Doctor Buck: Replying to your letter of March 21, 1914, we have no copies of the Proceedings for distribution for the years 1878, 1880, 1881, 1888, 1891. Copies for the other years down to 1904 may be had for \$1 per volume. We can not supply the Bulletins prior to No. 16. The others for which you ask are being forwarded to you. Separate No. 37 is out of print but Nos. 4 to 7 and No. 13 can be supplied at the rate of .35 per number.

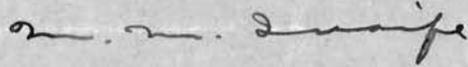
Perhaps a word of explanation as to the policy of the Society in the matter of supplying its members with its publications would be in order in this connection. When an individual becomes an annual member of the Society, he becomes entitled to the current publications issued during the term of his membership. As a matter of courtesy, however, he is usually supplied with two or three volumes of the more recent issues of the Society. For example, one who became an annual member now, would probably be given volumes 19 and 20 of the Collections. Life members are entitled to receive all of the Collections from the beginning so far as we have them in stock, and ^{they} may be given, at the option of the Superintendent, back numbers of the other issues of the Society. The theory underlying this distinction as between annual and life members is that the life member has cast his lot with us permanently, while the annual member may and frequently does terminate his connection after

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a shorter or longer period of membership. A person may become a life member of the Society, free from all further dues and obligations, by the payment of \$20.

I shall be glad to send a copy of Bulletin No. 65 to Mr. Windsor.

Very sincerely yours,



Superintendent.

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THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN

(TRUSTEE OF THE STATE)

MADISON

M. M. QUAIFE
Superintendent

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

April 1, 1914.

Dr. M. M. Quaife, Superintendent,
Historical Society of Wisconsin,
Madison, Wisconsin.

My dear Quaife:-

I am in receipt of your letter of March 29th, containing a statement of the policy of the Wisconsin Historical Society in the matter of supplying publications to members. I was under the impression that Dr. Thwaites made a practice of supplying back numbers of publications to such members of the society as were actually engaged in historical research, and that is the ground upon which I made the request of you for copies of the Proceedings. I am glad, however, to have my attention called to the practice with reference to life members, and I hope in the course of a month or so to take out a life membership in the society.

I have received also the copies of the Back papers, and your bill for the work has been approved and sent forward. The copies are very satisfactory, and we appreciate very much your kindness in having them made for us.

I am obliged to you also for the copy of your first Wisconsin History Bulletin, of which I shall make mention in my article on historical activities.

Sincerely yours,

S. J. B./MS

October 30, 1914.

Dr. M. M. Quaife, Superintendent,
Wisconsin Historical Society,
Madison, Wisconsin.

My dear Dr. Quaife:

I am sending you enclosed a check for \$20.00 which payment as I understand it, will entitle me to a life membership in the Wisconsin Historical Society. In your letter of March 27 you informed me that "life members are entitled to receive all of the Collections . . . and they may be given at the option of the Superintendent, back numbers of the other issues." Should you decide to exercise your option in my favor, I should like very much to receive copies of the Proceedings as are still available prior to 1904, also numbers 4-7 and number 13 of the separates. I already have a complete file of the Collections.

At the Conference of Historical Societies in Chicago next December, one of the subjects of discussion will be "Restrictions on the use of historical material." Mr Lawrence J. Burpee of Ottawa, Canada, has consented to open the discussion of this subject with a fifteen minutes paper. I should like very much to have you take part in the discussion which will follow. If you are willing to do so, I will see to it that you are furnished with a copy or an abstract of Mr. Burpee's paper a week or so before the meeting. The

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discussion will be limited to eight minutes.

I read your article in the last issue of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review with great interest. I had occasion several years ago to make the acquaintance of Ashe and was highly interested by his romancing.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary of the Conference of
Historical Societies.

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN
(TRUSTEE OF THE STATE)
MADISON

October 23, 1914

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

Dear Mr. Buck: I am very glad to be able to number you henceforth as one of our life members. It will not affect you personally in any way, but in order to have the thing straight, I wish now to amend an error which I made in my letter to you concerning the privileges of life membership. We do not undertake to provide the new life member with a complete set of the Collections since some of the volumes are so rare as to make it impossible for us to provide them. We do provide the life member with as many of the volumes of the Collections as the state of our supply seems to render reasonable. I mention this now merely to set the matter right with you, although I note that you say you already have a complete set of the Collections. We can send you some of the volumes of the Proceedings prior to 1904 and will make up a list. I am not clear whether your request for nos. 4-7 and no. 13 of the separates refers to the bulletins of the Society or to the separates from the Proceedings. If the former, we are unable to supply them; if the latter, we can still supply you with them.

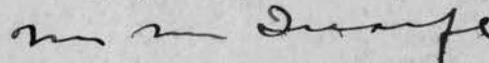
With reference to the discussion at Chicago I have just supplied Mr. Burpee with most of my ammunition on the subject. If he should do me the honor to use it, I do not know that I would have much, if anything, new to say. In view of this, perhaps I had better decline. If, however, you think that I

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might do the stunt as well as, or better than any other, I shall of course be glad to offer anything that may occur to me. I will be glad if you will let me know what your final decision may be.

You will perhaps be interested to hear that we had quite an interesting and successful annual meeting yesterday. The address was by Worthington C. Ford on the subject of the Treaty of Ghent and after --- quite timely in view of the present European situation.

Sincerely yours,


Superintendent

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THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN

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M. M. QUAIFE

Superintendent

MADISON

October 26, 1914

Dr. Solon J. Buck,

Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Doctor Buck: I have this day sent to you by prepaid
express the following Proceedings:

21st meeting.	38th meeting
22nd "	40-51st meeting
23rd "	
25th "	
26th "	
28th "	
29-31st meeting	
32nd meeting	
34th "	
36th "	

These are all that are available at the present time.

Sincerely yours,

M. M. Quaife
Superintendent

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THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN

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M. M. QUAIFE

Superintendent

MADISON

November 16, 1914

Prof. S. J. Buck,

Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Professor: Please accept my congratulations upon the acquisition of the new title and responsibility. I think I told you when you were here in Madison something of what I thought of your opportunity at Minnesota. This new development should make that opportunity all the greater.

Sincerely yours,



Superintendent

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Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul

November 24, 1914

Dr. M.M. Quaife

Superintendent Historical Society

Madison, Wis.

Dear Mr. Quaife:-

I owe you a very humble apology for not having acknowledged previously the receipt of the volumes of the Proceedings requested. The separates which I asked for, numbers 4-17 and number 13, were separate from the Proceedings, and I should be very glad to receive these at your convenience.

I have put you down on the program for the discussion of Mr. Burpee's paper, and feel sure that you will be able to contribute to the discussion. The others who will discuss the paper are Paltsits and Fuller.

I appreciate very much your congratulations upon my appointment. I agree with you that Minnesota offers a big opportunity for development of historical work and I shall do my best to make the most of it.

I am planning to spend about three weeks in December and January studying the historical work in Wisconsin, Illinois, and Iowa in order to get suggestions which may be applied in Minnesota. I hope to spend several days in Madison, and am sure that you will assist me in finding out what I want to know. I will let you know later just when I will be there.

Sincerely yours

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN

(TRUSTEE OF THE STATE)

M. M. QUAIFE

Superintendent

MADISON

November 27, 1914

Prof. S. J. Buck,
St. Paul Minnesota.

Dear Professor: We will be glad to see you when you find it convenient to visit Madison and to afford you any assistance in our power.

We are able to supply nos. 4-7 and 13 of the separates from the Proceedings, and they will be sent to you under separate cover. I think I told you I had been writing rather fully to Burpee about the subject of his paper. In case he does not use what I would otherwise be inclined to say about it, I will be glad to contribute my ideas at the Chicago meeting.

Sincerely yours,



Superintendent.

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December 15, 1914

Dr. M.M. Quaife

State Historical Society of Wisconsin

Madison, Wis.

My dear Mr. Quaife:-

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

Dr. M.M. Quaife

State Historical Society

Madison, Wis.

My dear Dr. Quaife:-

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

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN

(TRUSTEE OF THE STATE)

REUBEN G. THWAITES

Superintendent

MADISON

February 12, 1915

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

My dear Mr. Buck:— Yours of the 8th inst., with enclosure, came duly to hand. Doctor Quaife is still absent from the city, and I do not expect his return before the 22nd or 23rd of the month. I trust this will not be too late for him to make such corrections as he may wish, in the report of his remarks.

Yours very truly,

Annie A. Penrose

Assistant Superintendent

Quaife
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March 13, 1915

Dr. M.M. Quaipe

Madison, Wis.

My dear Dr. Quaipe:-

Leland is urging me to get the report on the Conference of Historical Societies into his hands as soon as possible. I should like, therefore, to receive as soon as possible the stenographic report of your discussion of Purpee's paper with corrections. If it does not reach me before long, I shall be obliged to use the report, of which I have another copy, without corrections.

Sincerely yours

April 19, 1915

Dr. M.M. Quaife

Madison, Wis.

My dear Dr. Quaife:-

I am preparing for the June number of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review an article on "Historical Activities in the Old North West" during the past year, similar to the one published in the Review for June 1914.

Any information which you can furnish me on the work in Wisconsin, which I would not readily find in your publications will be deeply appreciated. I should like to know especially about plans for future work, acquisition of materials, documentary or monographic publications in preparation.

Sincerely yours

August

Dr. M. M. Quaife,

Madison, Wisconsin.

My dear Mr. Quaife:

Could you send us, for my use, as an interlibrary loan the following books:

Laws of Indiana Territory, as revised by
John Rice Jones and John Johnson,
Vincennes, 1807.

Laws of the Territory of Illinois, revised
and digested by Nathaniel Pope, Kaskaskia,
1815, 2 volumes.

I am making a study of the legislation of the First General Assembly of the State of Illinois, and expect to receive in a day or two from the Library of Congress a copy of the Illinois Laws of 1819. I should like to have these other volumes in order to make comparisons.

Sincerely yours,

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THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN

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September 1, 1915

M. M. QUAIFF

Superintendent

MADISON

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

My dear Mr. Buck:— Your letter reaches this office during the absence of Doctor Quaife from the city. I am sorry to say that we have in our library neither the Laws of Indiana Territory for 1807 nor those of Illinois for 1815.

Yours very truly,

Annie A. Russell

Assistant Superintendent

Quaife

September 2, 1915

Miss Annie A. Nunn,
Madison, Wisconsin.

My dear Miss Nunn:

I have your letter of September 1 in reply to my letter to Dr. Quaife.

I think there must be some mistake about the Laws of Indiana Territory for 1807 and Pope's Digest of the Laws of Illinois Territory published in 1815. I have a fairly distinct recollection of having seen both of these volumes in your library, and in my Bibliography of Illinois Territorial and State Laws, in Volume 9 of the Illinois Historical Collections I have credited the library of the Wisconsin Historical Society with both of these volumes (pages 394, 395; Nos. 1212, 1216).

If it is not too much trouble, I will appreciate it very much if you will have a careful examination made, to ascertain definitely whether or not these volumes are in the library. If I have made an error in crediting them to your library, I want to correct it in a possible future edition of the Bibliography. If you do find the volumes, I will appreciate it very much if they can be loaned to the library of the Minnesota Historical Society for my use.

Sincerely yours,

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THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN
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MADISON

M. M. QUAIFFÉ
Superintendent

September 3, 1915

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

My dear Mr. Buck:--- Your letter of the 2nd inst. at hand.

The assistant in charge of the Document Department (Mrs. Evans who is head of the Department is away upon her vacation) assures me that she has looked in every possible or probable place for Pope's Digest of the Laws of Illinois Territory, and fails to find the volumes. Her second search, however, does reveal the 1807 Indiana Territory Laws, and this volume we are sending you by express today, with valuation of \$25. Kindly see that it is so valued when you return it.

Her carelessness in the first instance naturally makes me somewhat doubtful of her report at this time, but she seems to have made an exhaustive search, and you had better correct your Bibliography in that respect.

Yours very truly,

Annis A. Runne

Assistant Superintendent

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September 7, 1915

Miss Annie A. Funne,
Madison, Wisconsin.

My dear Miss Funne:

The copy of the Indiana Laws of 1807 arrived today, and I want to thank you for having the book located and sent to me. Should it be convenient, I would appreciate it if you would have Mrs. Evans, when she returns, make another search for Pope's Digest, and let me know the result.

Sincerely yours,

September 29, 1910.

Dr. M. M. Quaife, Superintendent,
Wisconsin Historical Society,
Madison, Wisconsin.

My dear Dr. Quaife,

I am returning today the Laws of the Indiana Territory, 1807. This is being sent by parcel post, insured at a valuation of twenty-five dollars.

We appreciate very much your courtesy in loaning us this book.

Very truly yours,

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