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DR. O. L. SCHMIDT  
MALLERS BUILDING  
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February 7, 1914.

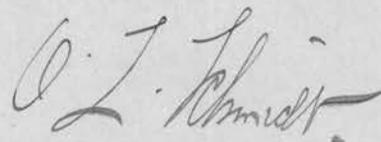
Dr. Solon J. Buck,  
Lincoln Hall,  
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Dr. Buck:-

I have been wanting to write you for some time in regard to arrangements for your salary in writing "Illinois in 1818" and also in regard to your expenses on the late Washington trip. Inasmuch as these have been duly allowed it will be a matter of arrangement between us as to the payment of the salary, while in regard to the expenses of the trip that will have to conform to the custom at the State House in regard to prices they allow there for board etc. On the other hand we can apportion it ~~for the railroad~~ on the costs of the railroad trip. Perhaps you can forward me your expense account on the usual requisition paper which I would send to Mrs. Weber for proper filing. But on the altogether I would some time like to see you in Chicago and wish to invite you to come up for two days at my expense so that we can talk over the plans of the future.

With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,



418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

February 10, 1914.

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt,

1615 Mallers Building,

Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Dr. Schmidt:-

I have your letter of February 7th, asking me to come up to Chicago to talk over the plans for the centennial publications. My work is such that it would be difficult for me to get away before Friday, so I am planning to arrive in Chicago about 11 a. m. on Friday, and will be at your service the rest of that day and the following day. If for any reason this time is not convenient to you, kindly let me know.

Very sincerely yours,

S. J. B./MS

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DR. O. L. SCHMIDT  
MALLERS BUILDING  
5 S. WABASH AVE. CHICAGO

February 11, 1914.

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

My dear Dr. Buck:-

I am very glad to hear of your coming to Chicago and will be very pleased to have you for dinner at my house at 7 in the evening - 3328 Michigan Avenue - informal. Also if you can call at Room 1205 First National Bank Building at about one o'clock on Friday and if not otherwise engaged I wish you to take lunch with me.

Sincerely yours,

*O. L. Schmidt*

P.S.

I have been wanting to write you for several weeks with the following request: Kindly send one of your books on the Granger Movement with your card to each member of the Illinois Centennial Commission, excepting of course President James, Professors Greene, Garner and myself who probably all have your book. Now I want you to send the bill for these to me as I would send them myself if it was not for the fact that I want your card in the book as coming from you. I enclose the addresses of the members of the Board which kindly return. Also send a book to Miss Theresa Gorman who is the stenographer. I think that you will realize what I am aiming at - I wish to make you better known to all the members. On the enclosed slip there is a title of a book or pamphlet that I recently bought. There is quite a little Illinois matter in this. Have you got it in your bibliography?

O. L. S.

DR. O. L. SCHMIDT  
MALLERS BUILDING  
5 S. WABASH AVE. CHICAGO

February 17, 1914.

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

My dear Dr. Buck:-

When in Lincoln Hall yesterday I thought of you but was considerably in a hurry and consequently could not call on you. Aside of that I had some very sorry information. Saturday afternoon on leaving you I called up the Hertzberg Bindery about the Kingman book which was to have been delivered to me ~~bound~~ long ago. You remember that I told you of having an instinctive feeling that something had gone wrong with the book. Sure enough they told me that it was lost - that they had been looking for it for two months and could not find it and wish to pay me for what the book cost me. You can readily imagine my feelings. It seems that I inquired for the book some 6 or 7 weeks ago and they had been looking for it. It probably was bound and delivered to somebody and is stored away and not appreciated. I do not know what to think or what to do about the matter.

Sincerely yours,

O. L. Schmidt

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

February 16, 1914.

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt,  
1615 Mallery Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Dr. Schmidt:-

I am sending you enclosed duplicate bills for the expenses of my trip to Washington, together with an itemized statement of travelling expenses and a receipt for lodging. I enclose also ~~abstract~~ from Miss Gorman, containing the names of the members of the Centennial Commission, which you asked me to return to you. I have asked the Harvard University Press to send copies of my Granger Movement to all of the members of the Commission who do not already possess copies, and also to Miss Gorman and to Mr. Call. I appreciate very much your kindness in making it possible for me to send out these copies.

Cordially yours,

S. J. B./MS

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

February 19, 1914.

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt,  
1615 Mallery Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Dr. Schmidt:-

I am very sorry to learn of the loss of the Kingman book, and hope that it may still turn up. I fear I should be tempted to make a good deal of trouble for the Hertzberg people about this, as the book is very probably the only copy in existence; at least a very extensive search on my part failed to locate a copy until you wrote me about yours. The price which you paid for the book would be no criterion whatever as to its value, and the bindery company should be made to pay heavily for it.

Professor Alvord tells me that the committee decided to present a new statement to the Governor, based, so far as historical publications are concerned, on the estimate which I submitted to you and Professor Greene. I am strongly in hopes that the Governor will see fit to approve the project on this basis.

Very sincerely yours,

S. J. B./MS

DR. O. L. SCHMIDT  
MALLERS BUILDING  
5 S. WABASH AVE. CHICAGO

February 23d, 1914.

Professor Solon J. Buck,  
Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Ill.

Dear Professor Buck:-

In conversation with Mr. W. A. Meese of Moline, Ill., the other day I spoke of the Kingman book. He told me that he had a copy of the book in his library. Consequently you might possibly have a copy made and avoid the possible complete disappearance of the pamphlet.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "O. L. Schmidt". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed closing "Sincerely yours,".

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

February 25, 1914.

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt,  
1615 Mallers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Dr. Schmidt:-

I am in receipt of your letter of February 23rd, and am very glad indeed to know that you have located another copy of the Kingman book. At the first opportunity I will take up with Mr. Mease the question of having a transcript made from it. I received a check last Saturday from the Auditor for the expenses of my Washington trip. I want to thank you for sending the bill through with such despatch.

In accordance with your request I am sending you enclosed a bill for the copies of The Granger Movement which were sent to the members of the State Centennial Commission.

Very truly yours,

S. J. B./MS

File with  
carbon of letter to  
Dr. Schmidt

State of Illinois,

Illinois State Centennial Commission.

To Solon J. Buck, Dr.

February 16, 1914. To expenses in connection with work on

"Illinois in 1818" as per statement attached \$72.35

Itemized Statement of Traveling Expenses—Attach to Voucher Certified for Payment by Head of Department.

DATE	TRANSPORTATION		FARE	Sleeping Car and Extra Fares	Bus, Cab, Carriage and Car Fare	Hotel and Meals	INCIDENTALS		TOTAL
	FROM	TO					ITEM	AMOUNT	
1913 Dec 31 1914 Jan 1	Carbana	Washington	18 45						19 30
					.50	85 (dinner) 60 (b.b.f.) 80 (lunch) 95 (dinner)			2 85
2					25	35 (b.b.f.) 50 (lunch) 75 (dinner)			1 85
3						35 (b.b.f.) 50 (lunch) 65 (dinner)			1 50
4						35 (b.b.f.) 45 (lunch) 85 (dinner)			1 65
5						35 (b.b.f.) 50 (lunch) 60 (dinner)			1 45
6						35 (b.b.f.) 50 (lunch) 75 (dinner)			1 60
7						35 (b.b.f.) 70 (lunch) 65 (dinner)			1 70
8	Washington	Carbana	18 45	3 00	50	50 (b.b.f.) 65 (lunch) 90 (dinner)			24 05
9				1 00	.05	60 (b.b.f.) 80 (lunch)			2 45
Oct 24	(lodging as per receipt attached)					14.00			14 00
			96 90	9 00	1 30	30 15			72 35
			4 00						
			1 30						
			90 15						
			72 35						

I certify that the above account is correct and just; that the detailed items charged within are taken and verified from a memorandum kept by me; that the amounts charged for subsistence were actually paid, and the expenses were occasioned by official business or unavoidable delays, requiring my stay at hotels for the time specified; that I performed the journey with all practicable dispatch, by the shortest route usually traveled, in the customary reasonable manner, and that I have not been furnished with transportation, or money in lieu thereof, for any part of the journey herein charged for.

SECTIONS 3 AND 4 OF "AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE ORDINARY AND CONTINGENT EXPENSES OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT, UNTIL THE EXPIRATION OF THE FISCAL QUARTER AFTER THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE NEXT REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY." IN FORCE JULY 1, 1907.

SEC. 3. Wherever in this act appropriations are made to officers, boards of commissioners, trustees and heads of departments, which are respectively appointed by the Governor, all sums disbursed from such appropriations for such officers, boards of commissioners, trustees and heads of departments, respectively, so appointed by the Governor, shall be paid upon compliance with the following provisions, viz:

(a) Pay rolls for said last mentioned officers, boards of commissioners, trustees and heads of departments, shall be certified to by such officers, boards of commissioners and trustees, respectively, or by the head of a department appointed by the Governor, as the case may be, and approved by the Governor.

(b) Bills for traveling expenses for such last mentioned officers, boards of commissioners, trustees and heads of departments, respectively, so appointed by the Governor, shall be itemized and made out on blanks as follows:

Date.	TRANSPORTATION.		Fare.	Sleeping Car and Extra Pares.	Bus, Cab, Carriage and Car Fare.	Hotel and Meals.	INCIDENTALS.		Total.
	From	To					Item.	Amount.	
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Such bills for traveling expenses shall be certified to by the person making the charge, as follows:

I certify that the above account is correct and just; that the detailed items charged within are taken and verified from a memorandum kept by me; that the amounts charged for subsistence were actually paid, and the expenses were occasioned by official business or unavoidable delays, requiring my stay at hotels for the time specified; that I performed the journey with all practicable dispatch, by the shortest route usually traveled, in the customary reasonable manner, and that I have not been furnished with transportation, or money in lieu thereof, for any part of the journey herein charged for.

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 .....

All such bills for traveling expenses shall show items by dates, and charges for transportation shall show from what point to what point traveled and the amount of the same, and charges made therein for hotels, meals and incidental expenses shall be shown by dates, such bills to be certified to by such board of commissioners, trustees and heads of departments and approved by the Governor.

(c) All other bills for such last mentioned officers, boards of commissioners, trustees and heads of departments, respectively, so appointed by the Governor, shall be paid only on itemized accounts accompanied by receipted vouchers, and approved by the Governor.

SEC. 4. The Auditor is hereby authorized, and it is made his duty, to refuse any warrant or warrants when any of the provisions of this act are not strictly complied with.

*File under Schmidt*

Deutsch-Amerikanische  
Historische Gesellschaft von Illinois

(German-American Historical Society of Illinois)

DR. O. L. SCHMIDT, PRESIDENT

ROOM 1608 MALLERS BUILDING

5 South Wabash Ave.

CHICAGO, March 5th, 1914.

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

Dear Sir:-

As stenographer and secretary of Dr. O. L. Schmidt I remember that the Doctor wrote to you about the loss of the Kingman booklet, and for that reason I take the liberty of writing to you.

The binder, in whose shop the booklet was lost, called me up and asked me to try and help to get him a description of the booklet so that he could make a more specific effort to try and get a duplicate of the Kingman booklet.

I did not read the booklet, nor did I have a good view of same, as it was in my hands only when calling for it at the binder's before sending it to you and returning it from Dr. Schmidt's office to the binder. Now, if you remember any specifics about the booklet that might be of service to describe it, the book-binder would be more than grateful if you could send them to me for him.

I know that it is a great deal I am asking of you, but as the book-binder is very anxious to get all possible information, and the Doctor would be more than pleased to get the book or another copy of same returned to him, I feel it is my duty to assist the book-binder as much as possible.

Thanking you in advance for any information you might be able to impart to me,

Very truly yours,

*Max Baun*

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

March 5, 1914.

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt,  
Mallers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Dr. Schmidt:-

I am in receipt of your note of March 4th,  
enclosing check to cover the bill for the copies of  
The Granger Movement sent to members of the Centennial  
Commission. I want to thank you once more for making it  
possible for me to send these copies.

Very truly yours,

S. J. B./MS

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

March 7, 1914.

Mr. Carl Baum,  
Room 1608 Mallers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of March 5th, requesting information about the Kingman booklet. The title of the pamphlet reads "Letters written while on a tour to Illinois and Wisconsin in the summer of 1838, by John Kingman." It was printed in Hingham (Massachusetts, I suppose), by Farmer in 1842, and contains 48 pages. This is about all of the information which I can give you about the book, Dr. Schmidt wrote me not long ago that Mr. William A. Meese, of Moline, Illinois, possesses another copy of this pamphlet, and you could doubtless get a more complete description from him. The book is exceedingly rare, and it seems to me that the best way to go about looking for another copy would be to write to Kingham and try to locate the publisher or his descendants, or to make an effort to locate some of the descendants of the author, who doubtless lived in that neighborhood. I hope the book binders will be successful in replacing the copy which they lost.

Very truly yours,

S. J. B./MS

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

March 11, 1914.

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt,  
1615 Mallers Bldg.,  
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Dr. Schmidt:-

I am preparing an article on historical activities in the Old Northwest and Canada for the first number of the *Mississippi Valley Historical Review*. For this purpose I should like to know more about the German American Historical Society of Illinois, and I presume that you can either furnish me the information I desire, or refer me to the proper person. I want to know what meetings have been held by the Society, and what publications issued since January 1st, 1913; also what additions may have been made to its manuscript collections, if any, and something about its plans for the future.

By the way, if there any copies of the Yearbook available for distribution, I should like very much to have one for my private library.

Very sincerely yours,

S. J. B./MS

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

March 18, 1914.

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt,  
1615 Mallers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Dr. Schmidt:-

I want to thank you for your letter of March 12th containing information about the German American Historical Society of Illinois and also for having a copy of the Yearbook sent to me.

Very truly yours,

S. J. B./MS

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

March 20, 1914.

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt,  
1615 Mallers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Dr. Schmidt:-

I am sending you enclosed a report on my work for the Centennial Commission, and a bill for services during the quarter ending April 1st. This is, I believe, in accordance with our understanding.

Sincerely yours,

S. J. B./MS

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

March 20, 1914.

To the Publication Committee  
of the Illinois Centennial Commission.

Gentlemen:-

I beg leave to submit the following report of my activities in connection with the preparation of the volume, Illinois in 1818, for the quarter ending April 1st, 1914.

I spent the first week of January in Washington, searching in the archives of the federal government for material to be used in preparation of the volume. A large amount of valuable material was discovered, and arrangements have been made for securing transcripts of much of this material. Since then I have devoted a part of my time irregularly to the examination of books, pamphlets, etc., and the accumulation of notes and material to be used in connection with the volume. Arrangements have been made by the University of Illinois to secure photostatic copies of the Illinois newspapers in the Library of Congress prior to 1825. This collection of material will be of very great assistance to me in the preparation of the volume. The State Historical Library has also agreed to pay for transcripts of material in the government archives at Washington bearing upon this period of Illinois history, to the extent of \$200.

Respectfully submitted,

S. J. B./MS

DR. O. L. SCHMIDT  
MALLERS BUILDING  
5 S. WABASH AVE. CHICAGO

March 21st, 1914.

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

Dear Dr. Buck:-

I forwarded your bill immediately to Mrs. Weber. Kind-  
ly excuse my sending the enclosed check <sup>so late</sup>. I had made a note of it but  
have been so in the mailstrom of work that I have not found any time  
since your visit here for most important affairs.

I believe this was the sum mentioned.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

O. L. Schmidt

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

March 24, 1914.

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt,  
1615 Mallery Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Dr. Schmidt:-

I received the check for \$15, for which please  
accept my thanks. This more than covers the expense of  
my trip to Chicago.

Sincerely yours,

S. J. B./MS

DR. O. L. SCHMIDT  
MALLERS BUILDING  
5 S. WABASH AVE, CHICAGO

April 7th, 1914.

Professor Solon J. Buck,  
Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Ill.

Dear Dr. Buck:-

There will be a meeting of the Centennial Commission  
April 16th. Will you kindly write me a very short report of work  
accomplished on the 1818<sup>"</sup> Book.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "O. L. Schmidt".

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

April 10, 1914.

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt,  
1615 Mallers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Dr. Schmidt:-

I am in receipt of your note of April 7th, requesting a short report on work accomplished on the Illinois in 1913 volume. I sent you a report on March 20, 1914, which will doubtless serve your purposes in connection with the meeting of the Centennial Commission. I enclose a copy of this report so that you will have one in case the original has been mislaid.

Trusting that this will be satisfactory, I remain,

Very truly yours,

S. J. B./MS

DR. O. L. SCHMIDT  
MALLERS BUILDING  
5 S. WABASH AVE. CHICAGO

April 17th, 1914.

Professor Solon J. Buck,  
Lincoln Hall,  
Urbana, Ill.

Dear Professor Buck:-

I saw Senator Hay and Representative Burns yesterday. Both of them stated that they had not received your book, although Representative Burns said that he might have overlooked it on account of being very busy with election affairs a few weeks ago. Consequently please send another book to Senator Logan Hay, Springfield, Ill., and also one to Mrs. Jessie Palmer Weber, Librarian of the Illinois State Hist. Library, and another one to Hon. John S. Burns, Election Commissioner, City Hall, Chicago. *Send me tell.*

Did you receive any acknowledgements?

Sincerely yours,

*O. L. Schmidt*

April 21, 1914

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt,  
1615 Mallery Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Dr. Schmidt:-

I received your letter of April 17th stating that Senator Hay and Representative Burns had not received copies of my Granger Movement. Their names were both on the list which I sent to the publisher, a carbon copy of what I have at hand. I have written to the publishers again, however, requesting them to look into the matter, and in any case to see to it that they receive copies of the book. I ~~did~~ not have a copy sent to Mrs. Weber in this connection, as I understood that a copy had previously been sent to her as the editor of the Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society. I have now, however, asked the publishers to send her another copy. So far as my recollection goes I received acknowledgments from none of the people except Senator Magill and Professor Garner.

Mr. Greene has told me about the action taken by the Centennial Commission at its last meeting, and I am very hopeful that arrangements can be made for the publication of the historical series. While I think it would have been excellent if the State could have put the whole project through, still I believe it will be much better to do the historical series as it should be done and then to attempt a larger project and not be able to put it through satisfactorily.

Sincerely yours,

S. J. B./MS

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

April 24, 1914.

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt,  
115 Mallers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Dr. Schmidt:-

Professor Greene has just informed me that the Council of the American Historical Association has appointed you chairman of the Conference of Historical Societies to be held in connection with the meeting of the Association in Chicago next December. I am secretary of this Conference, and I am very strongly in hopes that you will accept this appointment.

Last year the Council appointed a program committee, of which Dr. Sheare of the Newberry Library was the Chairman, and he and I arranged the program for the Conference. This year the Council did not appoint a committee and Professor Greene, as secretary of the Council, says that the understanding is that the president and secretary will act as the program committee. I have a number of ideas as to topics which might be dealt with in the program, but there is plenty of time and we can doubtless take the matter over some time when I am in Chicago.

Sincerely yours,

S. J. B./MS

DR. O. L. SCHMIDT  
MALLERS BUILDING  
5 S. WABASH AVE. CHICAGO

April 27th, 1914.

Professor Solon J. Buck,  
Lincoln Hall,  
Urbana, Ill.

Dear Professor Buck:-

Your letter of April 24th in regard to the American Historical Association meeting has been received. Many thanks for your good wishes. Any time that you can come up kindly do so as my guest, but let me know in due time as for the next six weeks I will be exceedingly busy and may not always have the chance to spend an evening with you.

Sincerely yours,

*O. L. Schmidt*

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois

May 13, 1914

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt,  
1615 Mallers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Dr. Schmidt:-

I am sending you enclosed a bill for services in Washington in connection with the reproduction of documents for my volume. The bill for the documents themselves was made out to be paid by the State Historical Library and sent to Dr. Greene, but the appropriation by the Library for this purpose will not go very far, and I wondered if it would not be satisfactory for the Commission to pay all of the incidental expenses connected with searching for the documents and supervising the work of reproduction. This particular lot of documents is now in my possession, the understanding being, I believe, that when I am through with it, it is to be turned over to the State Historical Library.

I understand that there is to be a meeting of the publication committee in Urbana before very long, and hope that I will have an opportunity to see you at that time.

Sincerely yours,

C. W. A./MS

DR. O. L. SCHMIDT  
MALLERS BUILDING  
6 S. WABASH AVE., CHICAGO

May 15th, 1914.

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

My dear Professor Buck:-

I have forwarded the bill to Mrs. Weber and see no objection to its being paid.

I am glad to hear of another copy of the Kingman book.

I hope to be in Urbana next week.

Sincerely yours,

*O. L. Schmidt*

DR. O. L. SCHMIDT  
MALLERS BUILDING  
5 S. WABASH AVE. CHICAGO

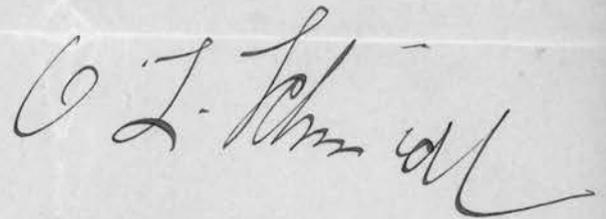
June 19th, 1914.

Professor Solon J. Buck,  
Lincoln Hall,  
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Professor Buck:-

I am glad to announce to you that Mr. Hertzberg, the bookbinder, brought to me another copy of Kingman - A Tour through the West. He had given McClurg's the order and the latter firm in some way got another copy.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "O. L. Schmidt". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Sincerely yours,".

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois,

June 29, 1914.

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt,  
Mallers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Dr. Schmidt:

I am enclosing herewith my quarterly report of work on the "Illinois in 1818" volume, also a bill for the quarter ending July 1st. I hope to be able to collect the greater part of the material for the volume before leaving for Minnesota. I will have some time there to work it over, and can use parts of the Christmas and Easter vacations for securing additional material.

I feel pretty sure that the volume can be ready to go to press by September 1, 1915, which will bring it out in good season.

Sincerely yours,

S.J.B. EWG

DR. O. L. SCHMIDT  
MALLERS BUILDING  
5 S. WABASH AVE. CHICAGO

June 30, 1914.

Professor Solon J. Buck,  
Lincoln Hall,  
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Professor Buck:-

Enclosed please find check.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

*O. L. Schmidt*

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Ill.,

July 6, 1914. .

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt,  
Mallers Building,  
5 S. Wabash Ave.,  
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Dr. Schmidt:

Your note of June 30th was received. Many  
thanks for the enclosure.

Sincerely yours,

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois

July 11<sup>th</sup> 1914.

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt,  
Mallers Building,  
5 S. Wabash Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Dr. Smith:

Perhaps it will be well for me to make an informal report to you as to what I am doing, or planning to do, upon the "Illinois in 1818" volume. I have engaged the services of a typist who is making copies of documents and material in the early Illinois newspapers. These would have to be copied for the volume even if I were going to remain here. Next week I am planning to go over to Springfield to work for a few days in the state archives. I will undoubtedly find material there which I will have to have copied, and I am planning to make some arrangements with Mrs. Weber to secure the services of a typist there.

I am putting in practically all of my time in getting together the material for this volume and expect to continue to do so for a month or six weeks at least.

Very sincerely yours,

S.J.B.-EWG

DR. O. L. SCHMIDT  
MALLERS BUILDING  
6 S. WABASH AVE. CHICAGO

July 13th, 1914.

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

My dear Professor Buck:-

Your letter of July 11th received. I see no objection  
to your plans and will approve them.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "O. L. Schmidt". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Sincerely yours,".

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois,

July 24, 1914.

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt,  
Mallers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Dr. Schmidt:

I am sending you enclosed bills for my traveling expenses in connection with my recent trip to Springfield. I secured considerable valuable material, and had no difficulty in inducing Miss Gorman to make copies of some of it for me. She also agreed to do such copying as I might need from the Archives, right along from now on. I am planning to return to Springfield next week, and then go on to St. Louis, and possibly to some of the southern Illinois county seats.

The weather is terrific here, but I find I can keep as comfortable by working as in any other way.

I am planning to ship our household goods from here soon after the middle of August, and expect to spend a week in Madison resting, before I go on to Minneapolis.

Sincerely yours,

S.J.B.EWG

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

July 28, 1914.

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt,  
Walters Building,  
Chicago, Illinois,

My dear Dr. Schmidt:

I am sending you enclosed the bill  
of Miss Ora Blackmun for typewriting in connection with  
the Illinois in 1818 volume.

I am getting together a lot of good material,  
and I hope to be able to do a good deal in the way of  
working it up after I go to Minnesota.

Sincerely yours,

S. J. E. KTG

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois,

August 11, 1914.

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt,  
Mallers Bldg.,  
5 S. Babash Ave.,  
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Doc Schmidt:

I am sending you enclosed a bill for traveling expenses incurred on my recent trip to Springfield and St. Louis. I finished up some work in the Archives at Springfield, Friday and Saturday, spent Sunday with some friends, <sup>near St. Louis</sup> and put in ~~two days~~ <sup>all</sup> of last week working in the Mercantile Library and the ~~St. Louis~~ <sup>Missouri</sup> Historical Society Library.

At the Mercantile Library, I found a file of the Illinois Intelligencer, published at Kaskaskia from 1816 to 1819, which is probably the most valuable single source of material for my work. This newspaper was the only one published in the state at that time, and this file is the only one known to be in existence. I took quite extensive notes, and also made a list of many articles, communications, editorials, etc., which ought to be copied in full. It would cost, I presume, from one hundred and fifty to two hundred dollars to secure collated copies of this material, but it seems to me that it will be essential, not only for my work but for the first two volumes of the centennial history.

I talked with Mr. Alvord about it, and he feels that some

arrangements should be made to secure these copies. We both feel, also, that photostatic reproductions of this newspaper file should be made, so that there will be something left, in case the file itself should be destroyed.

I expect to pass through Chicago some time next week, probably toward the end of the week, and would like very much to see you to talk over this and other matters, if it would be convenient to you. I cannot say now just when I can get away. We have begun to pack, and as soon as we are packed, and a few odds and ends are finished here, I intend to go to Madison for a couple of weeks' vacation before beginning my work at Minneapolis.

Sincerely yours,

S.J.B. EWG

DR. O. L. SCHMIDT  
MALLERS BUILDING  
5 S. WABASH AVE. CHICAGO

August 14, 1914.

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

My dear Professor Buck:-

Your favor of August 11th received. I have forwarded the bills and vouchers to Mrs. Weber. I will not be in the city next week and hence I ~~will~~<sup>am</sup> be sorry not to be able to see you. I will be in town again Monday August 24th. I am going up to St. Paul for one week and was wishing that you were already in Minneapolis. I had intended to make inquiry there for you.

As far as copying the Illinois Intelligencer by photostatic process is concerned I would be very much in favor of it. It seems that we could get the money somewhere. Would it be cheaper if we had copies at the same time made for the Illinois Historical Society and the Chicago Historical Society?

I do not wish you to delay your trip as I know that you must be in a hurry to get to your new home, but if you are kept a little longer in Urbana I will be very much pleased to see you on your way up north the week after next.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

O. L. Schmidt

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

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

September 24, 1914.

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt,  
Mallers Building,  
5 S. Wabash Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Dr. Schmidt:

I am sending you enclosed a bill from Mrs. Pierce for collation etc. from the photostat copies of material in the State and War Departments made for the State Historical Library. These prints I left with Professor Alvord to be turned over ultimately to the Library. I have typewritten<sup>t</sup> copies of the more important documents in them which I shall need for my work.

I have just received from Washington a lot of prints from documents in the House files. The bill from the Library of Congress for the making of these prints will be sent to the Library and the bill for collation etc. to the Commission, in accordance with our understanding.

I am enclosing a statement of my services for the Commission and bill for the quarter ending October 1. I find that my work here will take most of my time for the next few months, so I do not intend to send in any bill for the next quarter. I shall continue the work however, when I find the time.

Sincerely yours,

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

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

September 24, 1914.

To the Publication Committee  
of the Illinois Centennial Commission,  
Gentlemen:

I beg to submit the following report of my services in connection with the preparation of the Illinois in 1818 volume for the quarter ending September 30, 1914.

During July and the first part of August, practically all of my time was devoted to this work. I spent several weeks in Springfield and St. Louis searching for and collecting material. In St. Louis I found a file of the Illinois Intelligencer, the only newspaper published in the state in 1818, and made a calendar of the important material which it contains. I hope to arrange to secure copies of this material later on.

While in Madison, Wisconsin, during the latter part of August, I went through the manuscript collection of the Wisconsin Historical Society and made note of all the material contained therein which would be of use in the publication of the volume.

Respectfully submitted,

October 13, 191

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt,  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Schmidt:

I am sending you enclosed bills of Mr. L. F. Stock, \$4.00 and Dr. N. W. Mereness, 42.00, for services in the Washington Archives. This, I think, completes the bills for that work at present. My regular class work takes up most of my time just now, but I have several graduate students who are planning to write Masters theses this year in the field of Illinois history and I expect that their work will be of assistance to me in organizing the material for the "Illinois in 1818" volume. I received the check recently for my services for the three months ending September 30.

Sincerely yours,

DR. O. L. SCHMIDT  
MALLERS BUILDING  
5 S. WABASH AVE. CHICAGO

October 15th, 1914.

Prof. Solon J. Buck,  
c/o University of Minnesota,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

My Dear Professor Buck:-

Your letter with bills received. I will forward them  
at once to Mrs. Weber.

I am glad to hear that you are getting some of your people to  
work on Illinois history. I think this will be valuable to you from  
a number of standpoints.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

*O. L. Schmidt*

DR. O. L. SCHMIDT  
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5 S. WABASH AVE. CHICAGO

November 6th, 1914.

Professor Solon J. Buck,  
c/o University of Minnesota,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

My Dear Professor Buck:-

Will you kindly give me a very brief synopsis of the program that you have outlined for the Committee on Local Historical societies. The Local Committee for arrangements had a meeting the other day and I was informed by Professor J. A. James that all meetings would be held at the Auditorium Hotel. I think that this is an excellent plan but possibly we could have <sup>one</sup> of our meetings at the Chicago Historical Society, as for our Committee it might be particularly appropriate. It was not deemed advisable to mention this in the present announcement but perhaps we could do so by special announcement at the time of the meeting. As I fully agree with the latter plan there is no hurry about it, and if you agree we can later on arrange a meeting there with refreshments, possibly, so as to make the meeting more social.

I hope that you are enjoying your work in your new sphere and that your expectations are in every way satisfied.

Sincerely yours,



DR. O. L. SCHMIDT  
MALLERS BUILDING  
5 S. WABASH AVE, CHICAGO

November 19, 1914.

Prof. Solon J. Buck,  
c/o University of Minnesota,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

My Dear Professor Buck:-

I see that there will be a meeting in New York next Saturday a week for the presentation of reports. Will you be there?

As it happens I will be in New York on Friday and consequently will attend a dinner given in the evening by some of the ~~the~~<sup>ex</sup> presidents of the Association. It will be virtually impossible for me to stay for the Saturday meeting but you would favor me very much by letting me know of your plans for your Section of Local Historical Societies so that I can give evidence of my being interested in the work of the Committee.

I hope that you will be able to be there.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "O. L. Schmidt".

Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul,

November 20, 1914.

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt.

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Schmidt:-

I have not replied before to your letter of November 6th, because I have been without a stenographer for several weeks and have also been swamped with work.

I enclose a copy of the program for the conference of local Historical Societies, as submitted to Professor Thompson, the chairman of the program committee.

I am endeavoring to secure Libby for the third man to discuss "Research in State History, etc."

With reference to the place of meeting of the conference, I agree with you that it would be very desirable to have the meeting in the Chicago Historical Society. I am sure that all of the delegates will want to see the rooms of the Chicago Society, and this would be the best opportunity. I presume that the conference will be held in the

afternoon, and I would suggest that it be followed by a tea or something of that sort, for not only the delegates, but also all the members of the American Historical Association. I believe that the committee can be induced to break their rule in this case, and I would be glad to do anything that I can to assist in the matter.

You have possibly learned already of my appointment as Superintendent of the Minnesota Historical Society. Upham takes the position of Archaeologist made vacant by the death of Winchell. I will retain one course and Seminar in the University, but will spend most of my time at the rooms of the Historical Society in St. Paul.

I have not got the work of the Historical Society really under way as yet. This appointment will probably interfere to some extent, with my plans to spend next summer on the volume for the Illinois Centennial. I am in hopes, however, to put more

time on this volume during the year than would have been the case, had I continued to do full work at the University. I shall certainly get it out at the earliest possible moment.

I am looking forward to having a talk with you about this and other matters in Chicago during the holidays.

Sincerely yours

DR. O. L. SCHMIDT  
MALLERS BUILDING  
5 S. WABASH AVE. CHICAGO

November 21, 1914.

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

My Dear Professor Buck:-

Thank you for your letter which arrived to-day and also let me congratulate you to your new position.

I am very glad to hear of this and still hope that it will not interfere with the writing of "Illinois in 1818".

I will write you on my return from New York and when we see the complete programme we can consider the Chicago Historical Society as a place of meeting.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "O. L. Schmidt". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Sincerely yours,".

DR. O. L. SCHMIDT  
~~MALLERS BUILDING~~  
5 S. WABASH AVE. CHICAGO

November 23, 1914.

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

My Dear Professor Buck:-

Letter of November 22nd received. Am glad to hear of your trip and hence hope to see you here a little longer than just during the American Historical Association meeting so that we will have a chance to talk things over.

Sincerely yours,

O. L. Schmidt

per: *Hart*

Not reread.

November 30, 1914

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt,

Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Schmidt:-

I am sending you enclosed copies of the circular and blank form which I have just mailed out to about three hundred Historical Societies in the United States and Canada. A copy has been sent to Mrs. McIlvaine for the Chicago Historical Society, and I am sending this to you merely for your personal information.

I see that the Preliminary Program as published provides for the meeting of the Conference at the Auditorium Hotel. I still think it would be desirable to hold the session in the Historical Society Building if it could be arranged.

Sincerely yours

January 7, 1915

Dr. Otto I. Schmidt

5 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Schmidt:-

I have just received two copies of the stenographic report of the conference of Historical Societies and am very much pleased with the careful work done by the reporter. Some time at your convenience I should like to receive a copy of the paper which you read in order that it may be incorporated in the final Proceedings.

While I may weed out some of the chaff in the discussions, still I think it was very important to have this stenographic report and I feel that the Conference is under great obligation to you for making provision for it.

Sincerely yours

JAN - 9 1915

DR. O. L. SCHMIDT  
MALLERS BUILDING  
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January 8th, 1915.

Prof. Solon J. Buck,  
c/o The Minnesota Historical Society,  
St. Paul, Minn.

My Dear Professor Buck:-

Your favor of January 7th received. I am glad to hear that the stenographic report was satisfactory. I believe I received the bill for this work and consider it satisfactory.

I will get to work on the paper and have it with you before the end of the month.

Sincerely yours,

*O. L. Schmidt*

JAN 26 1915

DR. O. L. SCHMIDT  
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5 S. WABASH AVE. CHICAGO

January 26, 1915.

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

Dear Professor Buck:-

I am sorry that I cannot yet send you my paper on the Chicago Historical Society. I have been unusually busy and besides have had headaches continuously so that in my few spare moments I could not do any work, but I hope to get at it this week so as to be able to send it to you by next Sunday or Monday at the very latest.

There is nothing new at Springfield on account of the deadlock in the legislature as to the speaker. I dare say this difficulty will be settled very soon and then I will have to get to work on the appropriations.

Inasmuch as there will be a meeting of the Centennial Commission either next week or a week after, kindly send me a report of your work up to date and with statement of prospective date of completion of the manuscript.

With best regards,

Sincerely yours,

O. L. Schmidt

February 8, 1915

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt  
5 S. Wabash Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Schmidt:-

I regret to say that your letter of January 26, coming in just at the time of our annual meeting, was alaid aside and did not come to my attention again until today.

I hope that the enclosed report of my work for the Centennial Commission will be in time for presentation at the meeting.

There is no very great rush about getting in your paper on the Chicago Historical Society, as the report will probably not go to press for several months. I should be glad, however, to have it whenever you get around to send it.

Sincerely yours

REPORT OF WORK FOR THE ILLINOIS CENTENNIAL COMMISSION ON  
"ILLINOIS IN 1818" FEBRUARY 8, 1915.

A large quantity of material in the form of notes, references, and photostatic copies, has been collected for use in connection with this volume. During the last four months, my time has been almost entirely occupied by other duties so that I have been able to give very little attention to this work. I hope, however, to take it up again very soon and to carry it on continuously during the spring and summer. It is my intention and expectation that the volume will be ready for the press by January 1, 1916.

Respectfully submitted

FEB 10 1915

DR. O. L. SCHMIDT  
MALLERS BUILDING  
5 S. WABASH AVE. CHICAGO

February 9, 1915.

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

Dear Professor Buck:-

I thank you for your letter of February 8th. Our Commission meeting was last week but it was not necessary to have a report as the attendance was small and the report to the Assembly was the only subject acted upon.

I am sorry that I have not been able to forward you my paper but I have been very busy and my head has been behaving so poorly that my own necessary business has been sadly neglected. I hope to get at it though this or next week.

I notice from your report to the Illinois Centennial Commission that January 1, 1916, is mentioned as the date for having the "Illinois in 1818" ready for the press. Please do not fail to use every effort to get it ready even before that time as we want to keep the publication work active<sup>ly</sup> before the Commission.

Sincerely yours,

O. L. Schmidt

March 13, 1915

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt

Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Schmidt:-

Leland is urging me to get the report of the Conference of Historical Societies into his hands as soon as possible, and I should like therefore to receive your paper on the "Chicago Historical Society" at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours

March 30, 1915

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt

Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Schmidt:-

I am in receipt of your letter of March 29, and am very sorry to learn that you have not been able to put your article on the "Chicago Historical Societies" into shape for publication. I should hate very much to leave this out entirely from the report of the conference. Would you not be willing to send it to me just as it is and let me shape it over so far as is necessary. If you desire it, I could send a copy to you for approval before printing.

I am very sorry to hear of Mrs. Weber's illness and hope that she will soon be all right. It must be particularly unfortunate to be without her services during the legislative session.

We are also very much occupied with legislative matters at present, and I will not be able to do anything personally on the Illinois in 1818 volume until the legislature adjourns. Fortunately our session is limited by the middle of April. <sup>2</sup>law and will come to an end about Three of my graduate students in the University, however, are working on topics along the line of the book and their

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work will be of material assistance to me when I come to put the whole thing together. I am hoping to secure the assistance of a very competent young woman who is about to take her Doctor's degree in the University, and if I can get her services, I hope to make rapid progress during the summer.

Sincerely yours

MAR 30 1915

DR. O. L. SCHMIDT  
MALLERS BUILDING  
5 S. WABASH AVE. CHICAGO

March 29, 1915.

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

My Dear Professor Buck:-

I am very sorry that I have not been able to rewrite the Chicago Historical Society article. I am afraid that I will have to let it go by default. I am too busy in various ways to get a moment's time. I will have to be in Springfield two days this week for our appropriations as even our publication appropriation must be taken care of.

Mrs. Weber was struck with appendicitis in San Francisco and had to be operated. She is getting along well but will not be able to return to Springfield before the end of April.

How is your work on the "Illinois in 1818" book doing?

Sincerely yours,

O. L. Schmidt

APR 3 1915

DR. O. L. SCHMIDT  
MALLERS BUILDING  
5 S. WABASH AVE. CHICAGO

April 1, 1915.

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

My Dear Professor Buck:-

I thank you very much for your letter of March 30th. If not able to get any time by next Monday, I will send you my address. I will be very glad possibly to accept your offer and of course will gladly pay any sum necessary for typewriting, etc.

I have had a number of inquiries in regard to the completion of the manuscript of "Illinois in 1818" and have answered that it would be finished a little later than had been planned. Consequently I am glad to hear of you being able to take up the matter again and I also wish to add that if any assistance would aid you in finishing the work I would be very glad to help you privately. I fully appreciate your position as I know where your first duty lies. The Publication Committee has brought up the question of Professor Alvord being the editor of the Historical Publications and that hence he would also be the editor of the "Illinois in 1818" but I have deferred any action on this.

Kindly consider this information confidential. Have you any opinion on it?

Sincerely yours,

O. L. Schmidt

April 5, 1915

Dr. O.L. Schmidt

Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Schmidt:-

I am in receipt of your letter of April 1, in which you state that the question has arisen as to Professor Alvord being the editor of the Illinois in 1818 volume. In view of the fact that he is the editor of the other publications, it seems to me quite fitting that he should also have the general editorial supervision over this work, and I personally would have no objection whatever. My relations with Professor Alvord have always been very cordial, and I am sure that he would not interfere with the carrying out of the work along the plans which I have worked out. Indeed, I should be very glad to have the manuscript receive editorial criticism and revision at his hands before it finally goes to the press.

Sincerely yours

APR 12 1915

DR. O. L. SCHMIDT  
MALLERS BUILDING  
5 S. WABASH AVE. CHICAGO

April 10, 1915.

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

Dear Professor Buck:-

I have written Professor Alvord in regard to the editorship. Kindly also remember that I am not only willing but anxious privately to give you every possible aid in hurrying the book along as I would like to make a record, especially for your<sup>self</sup> in the matter.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

O. L. Schmidt

April 16, 1915

Dr. O.L. Schmidt

Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Schmidt:-

Replying to your letter of April 10, I will say that I am planning to take advantage of your kind offer to assist in pushing the work on the Illinois in 1818 volume, and I appreciate very much your generosity in making the offer.

I am still hoping to receive your paper on the Chicago Historical Society in time for inclusion in the report of the conference.

Sincerely yours

May 13, 1915

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt

Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Schmidt:-

I am sending today to Mr. Leland the manuscript for the "Proceedings" of the conference of historical societies in Chicago. I regret very much that I have not received your paper on the Chicago Historical Society for inclusion in the "Proceedings". I felt that I ought to send the manuscript on to Leland, however, as I understand he wishes to send the Report to the press about June 1, and will need some time for putting it together and making revisions. If you can possibly do so, I would suggest that you send your paper directly to Mr. Waldo G. Leland, Secretary of the American Historical Association, 1140 Woodward Building, Washington, D.C. and he will put it in its proper place in the "Proceedings".

If you are still unable to give the paper the revision which you consider that it ought to have, may I suggest that you send it to me, and I will go through it and put it in as good shape as I can and then send it on to Leland. I sincerely hope that your paper may be included in the printed "Proceedings" for I am sure many people will be interested in knowing more of the activities and plans of the Chicago Historical Society.

Sincerely yours

DR. O. L. SCHMIDT  
MALLERS BUILDING  
5 S. WABASH AVE. CHICAGO

May 20, 1915.

Professor Solon J. Buck,  
Superintendent of the Minnesota Historical Society,  
St. Paul, Minn.

My Dear Professor Buck:-

I was in Springfield four days last week on account of the meeting of the Illinois State Historical Society. We had a very satisfactory meeting, but on my return I was just overwhelmed with work, particularly as this week we are to make one more attempt to get some legislative action for a historical building in Springfield.

We are sending out letters to all the members and trying to influence the legislators. Hence I have been kept busy with this and must put in some more work.

I am going to do my level best to get at the Chicago Historical Society article this week and get it into some shape. I am sorry to put you to all this trouble.

By the way - if ever you run across a good subject for a lecture for the Chicago Historical Society, please remember that we are looking out for them with remuneration to the author and that our articles now are published by the University of Chicago Press. Hence they are constantly in the market.

Sincerely yours,

*O. L. Schmidt*

May 26, 1915

Dr. O.L. Schmidt

Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Schmidt:-

I am very glad to learn that you are going to attempt to get your article on the Chicago Historical Society into shape. It will probably be best to send it directly to Leland in Washington, as he now has the rest of the copy. I think the report of the conference is going to be exceptionally valuable. Both Woodburn's and Burpee's papers have attracted considerable attention, and then the fact that we had the discussions taken down by a stenographer made it possible to prepare a much more valuable report than usual.

Woodburn's paper was recently published in the Indiana Magazine of History and an abstract of Burpee's paper has just appeared in the Annals of Iowa.

I should certainly be extremely glad to give a lecture before the Chicago Historical Society and will keep the subject in mind. It ought to be possible to develop something interesting as a by-product of the work on Illinois in 1818 volume.

I received the circular letter and statement sent out to members of the Illinois State Society. I sincerely hope that you will be successful in your campaign for a

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building. Of course, there is little that I can do to help you, but I am writing to Mr. Norman G. Flagg of More, the only member of the Illinois legislature with whom I am personally acquainted, to ask him to do what he can to advance the project. Mr. Flagg, himself, is a member of the society, however, and I have no doubt but what he would do everything in his power without any suggestion from me.

Sincerely yours

June 19, 1915

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt

Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Schmidt:-

You will doubtless remember a conference of representatives of state historical work in the northwest which was held in Chicago last summer and which you attended, I believe. While I was not present, myself, I was very much interested in the movement and together with Mr. Alvord, arranged for a similar meeting in Chicago last December in connection with the American Historical Association meeting. There was so much going on then that all we could work in was an informal breakfast and little was accomplished. I was requested at that time to call another meeting in Chicago in June and after corresponding with Alvord and Quaife, I fixed upon June 24 at the Sherman House for such a meeting.

In view of your interest in the history of the region and historical work in general, we should all like very much to have you join us at this meeting. The detailed arrangements are in Mr. Alvord's hands and will be announced later.

The others who are invited to attend the meeting are Alvord, Harlan (director of the Historical Depart-

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ment of Iowa), Libby, Lindley, Moore, Paine, Quaife, Shambaugh, and Woodburn. I do not suppose that all of these will attend, but if we can get six or eight together, it ought to be possible to have a valuable conference.

Among the subjects suggested for discussion are: 1. Cooperation in securing calendars and transcripts of material for Mississippi Valley history in the archives of eastern missionary and religious organizations; 2. Uniformity of style in historical publications. I presume that the question of the publishing of material for Mississippi Valley history in the French archives will also come up. Leland has sent me a long letter to be read at the conference, setting forth his views on this subject. Have you any other topics to suggest?

Sincerely yours

June 22, 1915

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt

Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Schmidt:-

I had expected to hear from Alvoré before this about final arrangements for our conference in Chicago. The time is getting so short, however, that it is necessary to announce the details. Those of us whose trains arrive in Chicago in time will take lunch together at the Sherman House at twelve thirty on Thursday, June 24. The conference will begin at the same place at two o'clock, and arrangements can then be made, if desired, for dining together. I hope you will be able to lunch with us any way even if you cannot spare the time to attend the conference.

Sincerely yours

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June 24, 1915

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Schmidt:-

I am extremely sorry to have missed you in Chicago yesterday. The clerks at the Sherman House appeared to have been unusually stupid. I did not have a room there but left my name at the desk with instructions to send any one to the Delft room. Mr. Alvord left similar instructions and the clerk put a card in his box and information where he was to be found; in the middle of the afternoon Mr. Alvord went up to the desk and discovered your note there.

There were six present at our conference which lasted all of the afternoon and each one present expressed the opinion that it was a very profitable meeting.

I am going to write up an account of the conference in a few days and will send you a copy.

Sincerely yours

DR. O. L. SCHMIDT  
MALLERS BUILDING  
5 S. WABASH AVE. CHICAGO

June 28, 1915.

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

My Dear Professor Buck:-

I was exceedingly sorry not to be able to greet you at the hotel last Thursday. I got the impression that you had gone elsewhere for luncheon and would meet in Room 668 and went up there myself, as I thought that the telephone might be out of order.

The man at the desk gave me the name - Dolft -, but even this ought to have suggested Delft to me, as I knew there was such a room in the house.

I had told the page to go particularly to the basement rooms and call for Professor Alvord, as I knew he was stopping ~~in the~~ hotel and

Well, I am glad to hear that the meeting was a success and I hope that the next time we will not miss one another when there is a chance of meeting.

Sincerely yours,

O. L. Schmidt

had been in the house  
at meeting with me.

July 19, 1915

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt,

5 North Wabash Avenue,

Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Dr. Schmidt:

I enclose a copy of a letter which I have just written to Professor Alvord. This will give you the information that I am at work upon the "Illinois in 1818" volume, and also indicate some of the difficulties I am encountering. I am sure you will do everything you can to assist me in getting the necessary material. Much of this material will be essential for the preparation of the Centennial History itself.

Sincerely yours,

July 19, 1915

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July 23, 1915.

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

Dear Dr. Buck:-

I thank you for your letter of July 19th and the information in regard to ILLINOIS IN 1818.

I also wish to thank you for the Minnesota Historical Society Transactions. I rapidly scanned the Rune Stone story as I know something about this question.

In regard to the book -"Illinois in 1818" I will write Professor Alvord to see if we can have copies made of the Intelligencer of St. Louis and then see how much we can have copied of the material at the State Historical Society.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

*O. L. Schmidt*

July 27, 1915

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt,  
5 South Wabash Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Dr. Schmidt:

I am in receipt of your letter of July 23. Mr. Alvord wrote me a doleful letter about the financial situation, with reference to the Centennial Commission and the State Historical Library. I hope that matters will soon be straightened out. In a later letter from him he suggested that I ask the State Historical Library to loan the Laws and Journals which I need, and I am sending a request to that effect to Mrs. Webber to-day.

The report of the Rune Stone which you found in the volume of our Collections was printed some three or four years ago and distributed as a separate. The present publication, therefore, is merely an assembly into a volume of this and other previously printed papers, together with some new material. The volume was in press before I took charge of the work of the Society, so that I am entitled to no credit and burdened with no responsibility for it. I might add that personally I think that Professor Flom's work on the Rune Stone has demonstrated that it is a fake.

Sincerely yours,

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August 3, 1915.

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

Dear Professor Buck:-

Our Centennial Commission was reorganized yesterday with Senator Smith of Springfield as president and Mrs. Weber as Secretary. I have again been elected as chairman of the Publication Committee. We are to go ahead with our work, but have no money. No voucher will be honored by the Auditor till the present injunction suit has been settled. Nevertheless I wish you to proceed with your work, and I will assume all the expenses within the scope planned.

Prof. Greene and I do not think that the Illinois Statutes should be sent to you. Mrs. Weber is to make an index so that you may see what is contained in them and then copies of the desired material can be made by Miss O'Gorman, our stenographer in Springfield.

If you must make a trip, if necessary to see the St. Louis papers, do not hesitate to make your trip there. I have written Prof. Alvord to ascertain expenses of making photostatic copies of the St. Louis papers.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

*O. L. Schmidt*

August 4, 1915

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt,  
5 South Wabash Avenue,  
Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Dr. Schmidt:

In accordance with our understanding of some time since, I engaged Miss Frances Relf to assist me on the "Illinois in 1818" volume, beginning July 1, with the understanding that she should receive \$75.00 a month for her services. She has worked one month now, and has accomplished a good deal in the way of collecting and organizing the material. I believe that with her assistance I will be able to make considerable progress this fall. I do not wish, however, to incur greater expenses than seem reasonable to you, and would like to know how long you consider it would be feasible to retain her services. If I remember correctly, you very kindly offered to handle these expenses yourself, provided there should be none of the Commission's appropriation available for the purpose.

Sincerely yours,

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August 5, 1915.

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

My Dear Professor Buck:-

I am very glad to hear of progress through your letter of August 4th. Continue with Miss Relf's services, and let me know monthly.

Sincerely yours,

*O. L. Schmidt*

*check for \$ 75.00 incl.*

August 6, 1915

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt,  
5 South Wabash Avenue,  
Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Dr. Schmidt:

I am in receipt of your letter of August 3, and am glad to learn that the Centennial Commission is to go ahead with its work despite the financial situation.

I think that you are quite right in refusing to trust the rare Illinois Laws and Journals to the mails or express companies, and the solution which you have adopted will probably be satisfactory. I do not want to make another trip to St. Louis unless it is absolutely necessary, as it is difficult for me to be away from here for any considerable length of time. I have reference notes to the important material in the files of papers there, and could indicate what should be copied. I am inclined to think, however, that it would be much better to have photostatic copies made of the whole file. I am not sure but what typewritten copies of all of the material called for by my references would cost as much as the photostatic reproduction of the entire file. Should it be decided to make transcripts, I would, of course, have to cut down the amount to reasonable limits.

Sincerely yours,

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August 9, 1915.

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

My Dear Prof. Buck:-

Your letter of August 6th received. [I think it would be advisable for you to write Prof. Alvord in regard to the photostatic work, unless you can have this done directly. I do not remember having received any figures as to costs, but I will be willing to donate \$ 100.00, perhaps some more, if absolutely necessary.

If this is sufficient, just go ahead. You may so write Professor Alvord. >

Sincerely yours,

O. L. Schmidt

August 10, 1915

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt,  
5 South Wabash Avenue,  
Chicago, Ill.

My Dear Dr. Schmidt:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your check for \$75.00 to pay for Miss Relf's services during July.

I am making an effort now to borrow some of the Illinois laws and journals from the Library of Congress. Mrs. Weber sent me a transcript of the topic headings in the Index to the Laws of 1819; but I fear that it will be rather unsatisfactory to handle the matter in this way. It is my intention to give a full account of the activities of the First State Legislature, and it would be very difficult, therefore, to decide without a careful examination of the volume, what should be copied.

Sincerely yours,

August 13, 1915

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt,  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Schmidt:

This letter will be handed to you by Mr. Herbert A. Kellar, who is moving to Chicago and whom I should like to have meet you.

Mr. Kellar assisted me while he was a graduate student at the University of Wisconsin a few years ago in securing data for my bibliography in the Illinois Historical Collections. Since then he has been an instructor in history at the University of Texas and an assistant in Leland Stanford University. Last year when I took up the historical society work, we secured Mr. Kellar to help out in the department at the University of Minnesota. He also did considerable work for the Minnesota Historical Society during the year, and especially prepared a long report on the Minnesota archives for the Public Archives Commission of the American Historical Association.

He has now accepted employment with the McCormick family to collect materials relative to, and investigate the career of Cyrus McCormick, the inventor. He will doubtless have occasion to work at the Chicago Historical Society. You will find him an attractive young man, and I am sure you will be interested to know him and the work which he will be doing.

Sincerely yours,

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OSHKOSH, WIS.,

Aug. 15, 1915.

Dear Dr. Buck:-

Could you possibly go to Spring  
field for the necessary work on the Laws of 1819?  
This would ~~possibly~~ then be the quickest  
solution of the problem.

With a Stenographer  
you might be able to do the work very  
quickly. Miss O'Grady would help -  
that are her instructions in regard to Contract  
for Miscellaneous work.

Sincerely yours,  
G. L. Schmidt

August 18, 1915

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt,  
5 South Wabash Avenue,  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Schmidt:

I am in receipt of your letter of August 15 from  
Cahkosh.

I am afraid it would not be possible for me to  
get away at present in order to do the work you speak of  
in Springfield. We are just putting through the press  
the third number of the Minnesota History Bulletin. Next  
week the family expect to move from our flat into a house,  
and that will take some of my time.

I have written to the Library of Congress, and am  
in hopes that I can borrow the Laws of 1819 from it. If I  
cannot borrow the book there or elsewhere, I am inclined to  
think that I could get Mr. Kellar to do the necessary work  
for me in Chicago where copies are available. Mr. Kellar  
is a very competent young man who has just gone from here  
to Chicago, and to whom I gave a letter of introduction to  
you which he will doubtless present in the course of time.

If Miss O'Gorman has any time to devote to such  
work, I should like very much to have her make a transcript  
of some unpublished journals of the Last Territorial Legis-  
lature. Mr. Alvord and I looked at these last summer and

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decided that they ought to be copied. I have written him about it recently, but have received no response. He writes me, however, that he expects to have the file of the newspaper in the Mercantile Library at St. Louis reproduced very soon.

Sincerely yours,

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August 21, 1915.

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

My Dear Professor Buck:-

I am sure <sup>Mrs G</sup> Mr. Gorman will do what you wish. Please just specify or have Professor Alvord do so, and I will send the request to Mrs. Weber, who knows about the arrangement.

Your plan in regard to Mr. Keller I think would be very good. So let him get to work and send me the bill.

Sincerely yours,

O. L. Schmidt

September 3, 1915

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt,

Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Schmidt:

Miss Frances Relf has now completed another month of work on the "Illinois in 1818" volume, for which she was to receive \$75.00. I have been in hopes that the financial situation in Illinois would be cleared up by this time, so that she might be paid out of the funds of the commission, but I understand that such is not the case.

Alvord writes me that the newspapers in St. Louis are being reproduced, and that he is arranging for Miss Gorman to do the desired copying in Springfield. The Library of Congress has agreed to loan me its copy of the Laws of 1819, and I am hoping to secure some of the other books needed from the Wisconsin Historical Society.

~~In~~ Using the transcript of the original schedules of the Census of 1818 which Miss Gorman made for me last year, Miss Relf and I are making a study of the location and elements in the population of Illinois on that date, which I believe will be an unique piece of work and of considerable value.

Sincerely yours,

September 9, 1915

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt,

Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Dr. Schmidt:

This is to acknowledge the receipt of your check  
for \$75.00, which I have turned over to Miss Relf.

Sincerely yours,

DR. O. L. SCHMIDT  
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September 10, 1915.

Prof. Solon J. Buck,  
Superintendent of the Minnesota Historical Society,  
St. Paul, Minn.

My Dear Professor Buck:-

My letter with enclosure for Miss Relf has surely  
been received by you by this time.

Do not send receipt.

I am glad to see that things are under way, and as it ap-  
pears that the Illinois Centennial Commission will get its money,  
I hope that soon everything will be moving finely.

Professor Alvord is considerably cheered up about the si-  
tuation.

Very sincerely yours,

O. L. Schmidt

Sept. 13, 1915.

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt,  
Mallars Bldg.,  
5 So. Wabash Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Schmidt:

I am in receipt of your letter of September 10th and I am very glad indeed to hear that the Illinois Centennial Commission *will* ~~make~~ <sup>get</sup> its' money. As stated in a previous letter, we have succeeded in borrowing from the Library of Congress and the Wisconsin Historical Society a number of the books needed. We have not as yet secured, however, copies of the Senate Journal of the first general assembly, 1818, or of the House and Senate Journals of the second session, 1819.

The other day I came across some notes which I had made in the Illinois State Historical Library some time ago to the effect that the library possess two copies of the House Journal of the second session, 1819, one of which is incomplete, lacking the last eight pages. Do you not think that it would be perfectly proper for Mrs. Weber to loan the incomplete copy to me, <sup>in view of</sup> ~~due to~~ the fact that the library possess another complete copy? I am asking Mrs. Weber for this and we she will probably take it up with you.

Sincerely yours,

SJB-P.

October 7, 1915

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt  
5 South Wabash Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Schmidt:-

From a letter which I received from Professor Alvord today, I gather that the financial situation so far as the Centennial Commission is concerned, has not been cleared up as yet. So I am obliged to fall back on you again for Miss Relf's salary for the month of September, seventy-five dollars.

We are now getting the census of 1818 into shape and when completed, it will, I believe, contain a great deal of valuable information about the people who lived in Illinois when it became a state. In searching in the county histories and elsewhere, we have secured data about a very large proportion of the men whose names appear on the census roll.

Miss Relf expects to take the examination for her doctor's degree at the University in December, and consequently, will want to take the month of November off in order to prepare for the examination. I have suggested to Professor Alvord that her name ought to appear with mine on the title page of the volume. I am afraid that she

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will have to do the greater part of the work if it is to be completed in a reasonable length of time. The management of the Minnesota Historical Society and its library, looking after the plans for the new building, and my University work, all taken together, keep me extremely busy. I am devoting some time, however, to the Illinois in 1818 volume, and am supervising Miss Relf's work carefully.

Sincerely yours

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October 9, 1915.

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

My Dear Professor Buck:-

I was glad to hear from you again and also that things are progressing. I do not at present quite see how we can add Miss Relf's name to the authorship, but I will talk it over with Professor Alvord.

I understand fully well the amount of work you have, and still do not forget that we have got to make a showing with "ILLINOIS IN 1818" before very long.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

O. L. Schmidt

P.S. In regard to the finances of the Centennial Commission, it is well understood now that there will be a special session before very long, and then, of course, we hope that everything is properly arranged.

Check for \$75. for Miss Relf incl.

October 13, 1915

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt  
5 So. Wabash Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Schmidt:-

This will acknowledge the receipt of  
your check for seventy-five dollars which has been  
turned over to Miss Relf.

We have just received from Professor Alvord  
photostatic prints of the file of the Illinois  
Intelligencer in the Mercantile Library to the end of  
1818. These will be extremely valuable.

Sincerely yours



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Nov. 9, 1915.

Dear Professor Buck:-

Please excuse the delay. We  
were very busy. Gov. Demme has been very kind to  
us as he will put the Commission bill on the call  
for the ~~next~~ Special Session - Nov. 22.

Check for Mrs. Relf encl.

Sincerely yours,

O. L. Schmidt

November 11, 1915

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt

Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Schmidt:-

I am in receipt of your letter of the 9th containing check for Miss Helf.

I am very glad, indeed, to learn that a special session is to be held and that the subject of the commission's bill will be included in the call.

Sincerely yours

X

November 3, 1915

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt

Chicago, Ill.

My dear Dr. Schmidt:-

Miss Relf has completed another month's work for which she is entitled to receive seventy-five dollars. She has been obliged to drop the work temporarily in order to prepare for her doctor's examination, which she expects to take about December 1. After that is over, she will be available once more, and I am hoping that the financial tangle in Illinois will then be straightened out so that she can be paid by the commission.

I was in Chicago a week ago last Saturday to attend another conference of directors of historical work in the northwest. I had hoped to have a talk with you about the Illinois work, but was told at your office that you were out of town. The meeting was called very suddenly by telegraph for the purpose of completing final arrangements for the coöperative compilation of a calendar of material relating to the northwest in the archives of the state department at Washington. Alvord was unable to attend

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but sent word that he would agree to any arrangements  
which we might make, and a definite decision was  
reached to undertake the work.

Sincerely yours