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January 6, 1915

University Club

St. Paul, Minn.

Gentlemen:-

On my return from an absence of several weeks, I found awaiting me an invitation from the Harvard Club of Minnesota and the University Club of St. Paul for the evening of Tuesday, December 29, to meet the Harvard Musical Club. I regret very much that my absence from the city made it impossible for me to be present, and still more that I failed to receive the invitation in time to reply before the event.

Sincerely yours



# THE MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

WILLIAM H. LIGHTNER,  
President.

EVERETT H. BAILEY,  
Treasurer.

WARREN UPHAM,  
Secretary and Librarian.

JOHN TALMAN,  
Newspaper Librarian.

St. Paul, Minn. Nov. 5, 1914.  
Prof. Solon J. Buck, Department of History,  
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis,

Dear Professor Buck: Please accept the inclosed invitations for our Society's meeting next Monday evening, — also extend the same to other friends. I hope that you and the friends will be present.

Learning of your interest to take up work for this Society, I shall very heartily do all that I can to aid and make the way clear. On the first day of this month I completed nineteen years of my service here as Secretary and Librarian. It may be better for me to transfer my service to our Society by taking up, so far as I can, the Department of Archaeology laid down after eight years by Prof. N. H. Kinchell at his death last May. May I have the honor and pleasure to nominate you at this meeting for Life Membership? Such membership is requisite formally to become eligible to election as Secretary.

Very truly yours,  
Warren Upham,  
Secretary.

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St. Paul, Minn. Nov. 10, 1914.  
Prof. Solon J. Buck, Department of History,  
University of Minnesota, Minneapolis,

Dear Professor Buck: Thanks for your letter of November 6, relating to your membership. In our Council meeting of last evening, with an adjourned meeting this forenoon, you were unanimously elected to Life Membership, being nominated by Professor Ford and myself. The due of this membership is \$25, with no further dues through life.

You were also elected Superintendent and Secretary, in the terms of the following Resolutions, presented by Vice President Noyes, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That Warren Upham be elected Archaeologist, at a salary of \$2,000 per annum; and

Resolved, That Solon J. Buck be elected Superintendent and Secretary of the Minnesota Historical Society in place of Warren Upham, at a salary of \$2,000 per annum, with the understanding that he will devote some portion of his time to work at the University of Minnesota, for which he will receive from that body a salary of \$1,000 per annum;

Resolved, That these appointments take effect as soon as Dr. Buck can arrange to take charge.

Although the supply of the last Biennial Report is nearly all gone, many having been used in the campaign for the new Historical Library Building, I send you, in another envelope, one of the dozen or fifteen now remaining. Believe my hearty congratulations on your taking up this work, and I wish to add you in getting hold of it well as soon as your other duties at the University permit.

Sincerely yours,  
Warren Upham, Secretary



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St. Paul, Minn. Nov. 20, 1914.

Dear Dr. Buck: Herewith I hand you the formal receipt of your payment of the Life Membership due in full, and I am very glad that you are so enrolled.

This letter is written to make a record of it for convenient reference in the Society's Letter Book.

Very truly yours,  
Warren Upham.

ELLIS B. USHER

WELLS BUILDING

MILWAUKEE, WIS.

April 21, 1914,

My dear Prof. Buck:-

My book on Wisconsin is out and if you would like them at any time, I should be glad to lend you the galley proofs of the work, on condition that you "jump on it" when it deserves it, and give me the benefit of your criticisms.

I am quite conscious of its short comings but if I live long enough and have time I may want to try a real history sometime.

I have tried to write this book for its purpose, a subscription.

Very truly yours,  
Ellis B. Usher.

Prof. Solon J. Buck,  
U. of Ill.,  
Urbana. Ill.

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois

April 24, 1914

Mr. Ellis B. Usher,  
Wells Building,  
Milwaukee, Wis.

My dear Mr. Usher:-

I am in receipt of your letter of April 21st with reference to your book on Wisconsin. I am not quite clear whether you mean that the book has not been published, or that it is simply in proof. If the book is published, and you will give me the name of the publisher, I will have it purchased by our library, and then will be glad to examine it and give you such comments upon it as may occur to me. If, on the other hand, you wish me to examine it in proof with the idea of possibly making changes in it before it goes to press, I will be glad to do what I can along this line. I am pretty busy, however, and it might take some time for me to get through it. I ought to add that I am not very familiar with the general field of Wisconsin history, although there are one or two special topics connected with it upon which I have done considerable work.

My Bibliography of Travel and Description in Illinois in Illinois has just been issued by the State Historical Library, and you will doubtless receive a copy of it in a few weeks. If you do not, kindly let me know and I will see to it that one is sent to you.

Sincerely yours,

S.J.B./MS

ELLIS B. USHER,  
NEWSPAPER EXPERT, WRITER,  
AND COUNSELOR.  
PROMOTER OF PUBLICITY.

WELLS BUILDING  
ROOMS 1136 AND 1137  
TELEPHONE MAIN 2548

MILWAUKEE.

April 27/1914.

My dear Prof. Buck: - Yours at hand. The history is out. It was published by a subscription concern The Lewis Publ'g Co., 542 S. Dearborn St Chicago, and was written to suit that purpose. They do not print more copies than they have orders for but some subscribers may have failed them if they can let your library have one.

You had spoken as if you would like to see it and I have a set of galley proofs that I can lend you if you would like to have them. They are not as handy as a book but they are an improvement on manuscript. If this is a busy time you can have them later. I didn't expect

I shall be glad to see your book  
on Illinois!

to impose upon you to critically correct it. I  
thought only, that you might be willing to make  
some general criticism after you had gone  
over it, for I have thought, if it appeared to be  
worth while, that I might some time try to put  
it into more scientific shape.

I am not proposing to burden you with it,  
and I should appreciate real criticism, if you  
have time and care to read it. Of that  
you can be the judge and take your time.

Prof. Solon S. Quack  
418 Lincoln Hall,  
Urbana, Ill.

Very truly yours,

Ellis B. McKeen.

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MILWAUKEE.

My dear Prof. Buck:-

May 27, 1914

I am in receipt of your favor of the 26th inst. I have received a perfect copy of your book for which I am much obliged. It will be a useful addition to my library, which I appreciate very much. I will send the other copy back.

If you get the history, I want you to know that my work is comprehended in the first three volumes. As such things are done the publishers have done a good job and the subscription list is above the average in quality.

Very truly yours,  
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MILWAUKEE.

May 19, 1914,

My dear Prof. Buck:-

I am enclosing a very brief and inadequate mention of your book, (but it must make up to you in circulation what it lacks in quality, for the letter goes to 19 Wisconsin dailies, and it was a hurried day with me.

The copy of the book that I received is imperfect, <sup>one</sup> ~~leaf~~ ~~page~~ being mutilated. I don't want to ungraciously "look a gift horse in the mouth," but if I might have a whole copy I would appreciate it, and I'll send this one back, if desired, for the printers might not to have pay for it.

Thanking you for kindly remembering me, I am very truly,  
Ellis B. Usher,

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois

May 26, 1914

Mr. Ellis B. Usher,  
1136-7 Wells Building,  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

My dear Mr. Usher:-

I want to thank you for the very favorable notice of my bibliography contained in your letter to the Wisconsin papers and especially for sending me the clipping containing it.

I am very glad indeed that you called my attention to the fact that the copy of the book which you received is imperfect. There have been a number of other instances of this sort, and we are going to take up the matter with the printers, R. R. Donnelley & Sons Co., Plymouth Place and Polk Street, Chicago. They have been asked to send you another copy, and when you receive it, I would appreciate it if you will return the other copy to them.

The Lewis Publishing Company wrote me that they might possibly have a set of your history of Wisconsin which would be available for our library, and in case they do, we will undoubtedly purchase it. I shall look it over as soon as it comes in and will write you about it in the course of time.

Sincerely yours,

S. J. B./MS

October 20, 1914.

Mr. Ellis B. Usher,  
Wells Building,  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

My dear Mr. Usher:

I received some time ago a copy of the Evening Wisconsin Reference Book containing history sketches written by you and I presume I am indebted to you for the volume. It was sent, of course, to Urbana but was forwarded to me here. I appreciate very much your thinking of me in this connection and I shall be glad to write a note about the book for the Mississippi Valley Historical Review.

I resigned my position at the University of Illinois last June and am in charge at present of the work in American History at the University of Minnesota.

Sincerely yours,

ELLIS B. USHER

WELLS BUILDING

MILWAUKEE, WIS.

Oct. 21, 1914.

My dear Prof. Buck: - Yours of yesterday at hand. You were correct in suspecting me of suggesting to the Wisconsin that a copy of the Newspaper Reference Book be sent to you.

I wanted you to see it because I think it is the first attempt to gather all the biographies of our United States Senators, Governors and Lieutenant Governors, in one volume, and to have them definite and accurate. Also the earliest settlers of Milwaukee, of record, and complete biographies of the

mayors of this city.

I have, doubtless, overlooked some facts, and it would be too much to suppose that I have escaped errors, but I exercised every precaution that opportunity afforded, and I believe the arrangement is the first of its kind. I know of no other place where the history of Milwaukee has been assembled from the recently published, as well as the old records, or where all of the officials have been gathered into one book.

I hope, of course, that it

may prove a genuine piece of historical work in its limited field, and shall be glad of your criticisms.

I had noticed your change of base in the *Am. Hist. Review*, and as I assume that it is a promotion, I congratulate you, and I have an idea that Minnesota is a good field.

Very truly yours,

Prof. John R. Beck  
Department of History,  
University of Minnesota,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Ellis A. Moberg

Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul.

November 30, 1914.

Mr. Ellis B. Usher,

Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

My dear Mr. Usher:-

I should have thanked you before for sending me the item from the Madison Democrat of October 24th, in which you noticed my transfer to the University of Minnesota.

You will doubtless be interested now to learn of my appointment last week as Superintendent of the Minnesota Historical Society. Mr. Upham, who has been secretary for nineteen years, takes the position of Archaeologist made vacant by the death of Professor Winchell. I will continue to give one course in the University, but will devote the most of my time to the Historical Society work.

Sincerely yours

September 29, 1914.

President George E. Vincent.

My dear President Vincent:

I am sending you enclosed a copy of a draft of an act for the reorganization of the historical activities of the State of Minnesota which I have drawn up at the suggestion of Dean Ford. I am not sufficiently familiar with the situation in Minnesota to know whether such a plan as this is feasible here or not, but it seemed to me to be desirable to present a more or less ideal plan as a basis from which to work.

The draft is modeled to some extent on an act which was passed in Michigan a number of years ago. In that State, the Historical Society was induced to turn over all of its collections to the State Commission. The Society continues its existence however, as a separate organization and its proceedings are published by the Commission.

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

President Vincent.--3.

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

Sincerely yours,

The University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Sept. 30, 1914.

Mr. Solon J. Buck,

University of Minnesota.

My dear Mr. Buck:

Thank you for your letter of September 29th with the draft of the proposed organization of the Minnesota Commission of Archives and History.

This seems to be an admirably logical and coherent plan. Just how far it can be adapted to the conditions in Minnesota remains to be seen. It is well, however, to have a clearly formulated basis for discussion.

Sincerely yours,

*George E. Vincent*

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October 6, 1914.

President George E. Vincent,  
University.

My dear President Vincent:

I am sending you enclosed a revised draft of the proposed act for the reorganization of the Minnesota Historical Society, as worked out by Dean Ford and myself. The principal changes from the other draft are in the first and second sections.

Mr. Ford expects to send a copy of this draft to Mr. Ames, I believe.

Sincerely yours,

The University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Oct. 8, 1914.

Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
University of Minnesota.

My dear Mr. Buck:

Thank you for your letter of October 6th  
with the enclosed draft of the proposed act for the  
reorganization of the Minnesota Historical Society.  
I shall be interested in the outcome of this proposal.

Sincerely yours,

*George E. Vincent.*

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The University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis

MEMORANDUM FROM MR. VINCENT TO Mr. Buck:

Jan. 26, 1915.

I am sending you herewith a letter from Kelly Miller of Howard University together with a newspaper clipping on "The Negro Americana Begun at Howard University." Please send me any suggestions you may have in regard to this.

GEORGE E. VINCENT

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January 30, 1915

President George E. Vincent  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mr. Vincent:-

I am in receipt of your memorandum of January 26, enclosing a letter and clipping from Kelly Miller of Howard University with reference to the collection of Negro Americana undertaken by that institution. I am returning the letter and clipping to you herewith.

From the statements made it would seem that a considerable start has already been made upon this collection, and I hardly think that I can make any suggestions which would not already have occurred to the people in charge of the work.

The Library of Congress in Washington could furnish to Howard University a complete set of their printed cards for books and pamphlets relating to the American negro. Want lists for such as the institution does not have could be sent to dealers in second hand books and also the many and voluminous catalogues issued by such dealers could be searched for such material.

Manuscript material can generally be secured only by following up certain specific clues and it is practically impossible to give any definite suggestions along this line.

Sincerely yours

JUL 29 1915

The University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

July 28, 1915.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,  
State Historical Society,  
The Capitol, St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Dr. Buck:

Thank you for sending me the reprint of your paper  
on "Historical Activities in the Old Northwest". This is  
a complete and illuminating survey of the field. Accept my  
congratulations.

Sincerely yours,

*George E. Vincent*

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The University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

December 16, 1915.

Professor Solon J. Buck,  
University of Minnesota.

My dear Professor Buck:

You are hereby appointed an official representative of the University of Minnesota at the Second Pan American Scientific Congress, which meets in Washington, D. C., December 27th to January 8th. The Headquarters of the Congress will be in the Pan American Union Building, Washington, D. C. I am asking the Secretary to send you a copy of the official program.

It is understood that you will attend such meetings of this Congress as are convenient and seem worth while and that no expense to the University will be involved.

Sincerely yours,

*George S. Vincent*

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December 18, 1915

President George E. Vincent  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear President Vincent:-

It gives me great pleasure to accept the appointment as an official representative of the University of Minnesota at the Second Pan American Scientific Congress. I expect to be in Washington from December 27 to 31, and will endeavor to attend some of the meetings.

Sincerely yours

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

March 16, 1914.

Mr. C. G. Wallenius, Secretary,  
Swedish Historical Society,  
2408 Orrington Avenue, Evanston, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of March 14th and wish to thank you for the information it contains about the Swedish Historical Society of America. You state that you have published only a Yearbook during the past year. I should like very much to receive a copy of this Yearbook in order that I may say something about it in my article on "Historical Activities" for the Mississippi Valley Historical Review. In case you have already sent a copy to the Editor of the Review, it will not be necessary to send another copy to me, as that will be turned over to me. I hope that your movement toward raising a building fund will be successful.

Very truly yours,

S. J. B./MS

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

February 10, 1914.

Miss P. W. Washington,  
1140 Woodward Building,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Madam:-

I am sending you enclosed a bill from Mr. Shearer,  
Chairman of the Committee on Program for the Conference of  
Historical Societies for postage, also a bill of Mr. Silver  
for stenographic and clerical assistance to the Secretary.

Very truly yours,

S. J. E./MS

418 Lincoln Hall

Urbana, Illinois,

August 13, 1914.

Miss P. W. Washington,  
1140 Woodward Building,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Madam:

I sending you enclosed a bill for services  
in revising the mailing list of the Conference of  
Historical Societies.

Sincerely yours,

Enc.

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

March 11, 1914.

Mr. W. H. Cathcart, Secretary,  
Western Reserve Historical Society,  
Cor. Euclid Ave. & Fairmount St.,  
Cleveland, Ohio.

My dear Sir:-

You have doubtless received before this an announcement of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review. The Editors of this periodical have asked me to prepare for the first number, to be published in June, an article on the historical activities in the Old Northwest and Canada. If you will furnish me with a statement of the activities of your society since January 1st, 1913, I shall be very glad to make use of it in preparing this paper. I should like to know especially what publications have been issued, what meetings have been held, what papers have been read at the meetings, and what additions have been made to your manuscript collections. I would appreciate also any statement which you can give as to the plans of your society for the future, especially along the lines of publication or the acquisition of additional material.

Sincerely yours,

S. J. B./MS

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CHICAGO , January 5, 1915.

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

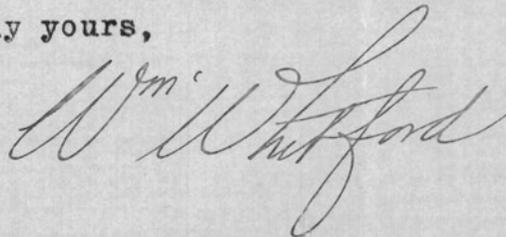
My dear Sir:-

I am sending you today by express  
two copies of the transcript of the proceedings of  
the Conference on Historical Societies which I trust  
you will receive promptly.

At the request of Dr. Schmidt, the  
Chairman, I have sent the bill for the work to him.

You will doubtless recall that Professor  
Barker, University of Texas, read the larger portion  
of his discussion from manuscript. I have written him  
to send the manuscript to me. As soon as it is re-  
ceived, I will forward it to you. I addressed a letter  
to him at Galveston. I suppose that is correct.

Very truly yours,



January 15, 1915

Mr. William Whitford  
25 East Washington St.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

I received from you some time ago two copies of the transcript of the proceedings of the Conference of Historical Societies and so far as I am able to tell from a hasty inspection of them, I believe that they are very satisfactory.

I have received the manuscript of Professor Barker's discussion.

Sincerely yours

OCT 18 1915

Cable Address: Marquis, Chicago

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WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA

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**A. N. MARQUIS & COMPANY**  
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Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

Kindly furnish data for a brief personal sketch of yourself for insertion in Who's Who in America, a new edition of which is now in course of preparation.

Who's Who in America, founded in 1899, now has a world-wide reputation. It is everywhere recognized as an authoritative reference book, and is in general use in the governmental departments of this country and many foreign countries, and in homes, offices, libraries, editorial rooms, colleges and universities, and in every place where up-to-date, authentic information is desired about important personages of the times.

The names are selected with regard to fitness only, and not a line of paid matter is inserted in the volume. By filling out and returning the enclosed blank form you will not only greatly assist in enhancing the value and usefulness of the book, but will also confer a favor on the editors.

The book contains simply a plain statement of facts. Every sketch is sent (by mail) for approval before it is printed.

Trusting that you will extend the courtesy of sending an early answer,

Very truly yours  
*A. N. Marquis & Company*  
A. N. Marquis

OCT 30 1915

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Oct. 27 1915.

Prof. Solon J. Buck,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:-

Please carefully revise the enclosed personal sketch which has been prepared for insertion in the forthcoming edition of *Who's Who in America*.

You are doubtless aware that *Who's Who in America* is now in use in all departments of the Government at Washington; in department offices of practically every state in the Union; in the diplomatic and consular offices, both in this country and abroad; in all editorial rooms and libraries that make any pretense of keeping up with the times; in many schools and colleges, and in thousands of homes and business offices.

Bearing these facts in mind, and also the further fact that the volume is everywhere regarded as an authoritative reference book, it hardly need be stated that too much care cannot be taken to insure accuracy, in every detail, of your own personal sketch.

The price of the book is \$5.00 per copy, and we would be pleased to have you indicate the number of copies desired (if one or more), so that we may place a proper limit to the size of the edition.

It is essential that the sketch be returned, even if no change is made in it.

Kindly let us hear from you at your early convenience.

Very truly yours,

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CHICAGO, U. S. A.

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December 1, 1915

Manager New Willard Hotel

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Will you kindly reserve for Professor C. W. Alvord of the University of Illinois, Urbana, and for myself one room with two single beds and bath from December 27--30. As I understand it from the slip recently received from the office of the American Historical Association, the rate for this room will be \$5.50 with a discount of twenty-five per cent to us as members of the association.

Please let me know as soon as possible whether or not you can make this reservation.

Very truly yours

DEC 6 1915

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CABLE ADDRESS NEW WILLARD



*THE NEW WILLARD,*  
*PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, FOURTEENTH & F STREETS*  
*WASHINGTON, D. C.,*

F. S. HIGHT, MANAGER.

Dec. 4, 1915 19

Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
Minnesota Historical Society,  
Saint Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

In response to your favor of the first instant, beg to advise that all our double rooms at the \$5.50 rate have been taken up. We can, however, furnish you with a double room two single beds and bath, at the rate of \$6.00 per day, subject to the 25 per cent discount allowed to members of your Association.

Thanking you for your favor and awaiting your further advices, we beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

THE NEW WILLARD

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Assistant Manager.

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December 7, 1915

Mr. C. H. Keyser

Assistant Manager New Willard Hotel

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of December 4, stating that all of your double rooms at the \$5.70 rate have been taken, but that you can reserve ~~one~~ as a double room with two single beds and bath at the rate of \$6.00 per day, subject to the twenty-five per cent discount allowed to members of the American Historical Association, I will be glad to have you make this reservation and notify me accordingly.

Very truly yours

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December 17, 1915

Manager New Willard Hotel

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

On December 1, 1915 I wrote you for reservations for the meeting of the American Historical Association December 27 to 30. You replied that your rooms at the price which I stipulated were all reserved, and stated that a room was available at a higher price. I wrote you again on December 7, requesting you to make such reservation, but have heard nothing further from you. I will appreciate it very much if you will let me know at once whether or not this reservation has been made, as I understand there may be some difficulty about securing quarters in Washington during this period. If, for any reason, you have been unable to make the reservation I asked for, will you kindly secure something else for us either in your hotel or elsewhere.

Sincerely yours

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

March 20, 1914.

Mr. F. L. Windsor, Librarian,  
University Library.

My dear Mr. Windsor:-

I have just received from the Wisconsin Historical Society a copy of their Bulletin of Information number 65, which lists periodicals and newspapers received at the library. The list of Wisconsin newspapers totals 305, and 163 papers published outside of the state are taken by the library. In looking over the list I note that the Wisconsin Historical Society goes considerably further than had been suggested in the discussion with reference to the collection of newspapers by the University of Illinois Library. For example, two papers are taken from a large number of the small towns in the state. Of the Wisconsin papers taken, 31 are dailies, 2 are semi-monthly, 6 are semi-weekly, and the remaining 265 are weeklies. I understand that some objection has been made to the proposal that the University of Illinois attempt to collect Illinois newspapers on a large scale on the ground that the material is of little value, and that the bulk would be too large to be handled satisfactorily. The experience of the Wisconsin Historical Society would seem to indicate that the thing can be done. I understand that the Kansas Historical Society makes a practice of taking all newspapers published in the state of Kansas. I have asked Dr. Quaife to send you a copy of this bulletin in order that you may look over the list.

Sincerely yours,

S. J. B./MS

Wis. Gov

416 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

February 10, 1914.

Governor McGovern,

Madison, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:-

In accordance with the directions of the Conference of Historical Societies, of the American Historical Association, at its meeting in Charleston, S. C., December 29, 1913, I am sending you enclosed a copy of a set of resolutions adopted by the Conference.

Very truly yours,

S. J. B./MS

Secretary.

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

February 10, 1914.

Wisconsin State Historical Society,

Madison, Wisconsin.

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Secretary.

Wise, U. Alumni

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois

May 26, 1914

Mr. John S. Lord,

Chairman Reunion Committee,

1334 First National Bank Building,

Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Lord:-

I want to thank you or whoever is responsible for it on the excellent circular letter which reached me about a week ago. It would take a good deal to keep me away from Madison during commencement week of this year, and I am looking forward to a very good time. I am somewhat puzzled by your paragraph on costume, but hope that arrangements can be made after I arrive in Madison. I take it that your request for sizes applies to caps, and if so you may put me down for a number seven. If I can be of any assistance, do not hesitate to let me know. I shall probably be in Madison as early as the 14th, if not before.

Cordially yours,

S. J. B./MS

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  
DECENNIAL CLASS REUNION FUND

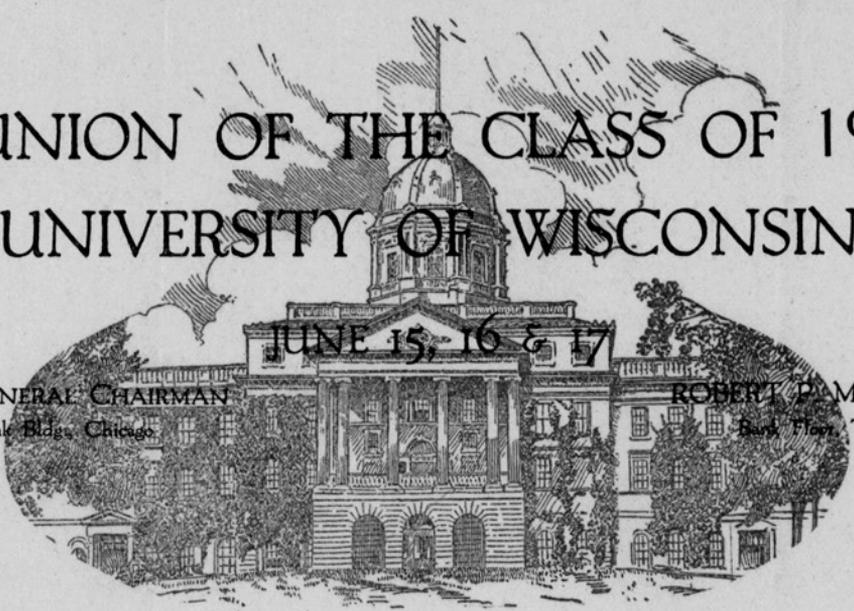
We, the undersigned, members of the Class of 1904,  
hereby agree to subscribe to the Decennial Class Reunion Fund  
the amount set opposite our respective names on the terms stated:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Cash</u>	<u>Or</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>In Annual Installments</u>
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R. R. Caskey - - - - -	10.00			
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To Members of the Class:

As you will remember, Our Class made certain pledges at our Reunion last year for the raising of a fund for student loan purposes. At that time the Class was highly enthusiastic and interested in the project and pledged at least \$1000. cash, but I have been delayed in presenting the plans to the Class. In order to make this fund an increasing one, we have decided to do what we can before commencement, so that we can get the co-operation of the Class of 1905, which is holding its tenth reunion this year. It is contemplated that each class will contribute to this fund when it holds its tenth reunion. The Class of '04 has started a big thing so help to make it a fitting memorial for Wisconsin's Jubilee Class.

I enclose a subscription list for you to sign and also a memorandum of what the boys here in Chicago have done, who have been approached. We expect to reach every member of the Class soon.

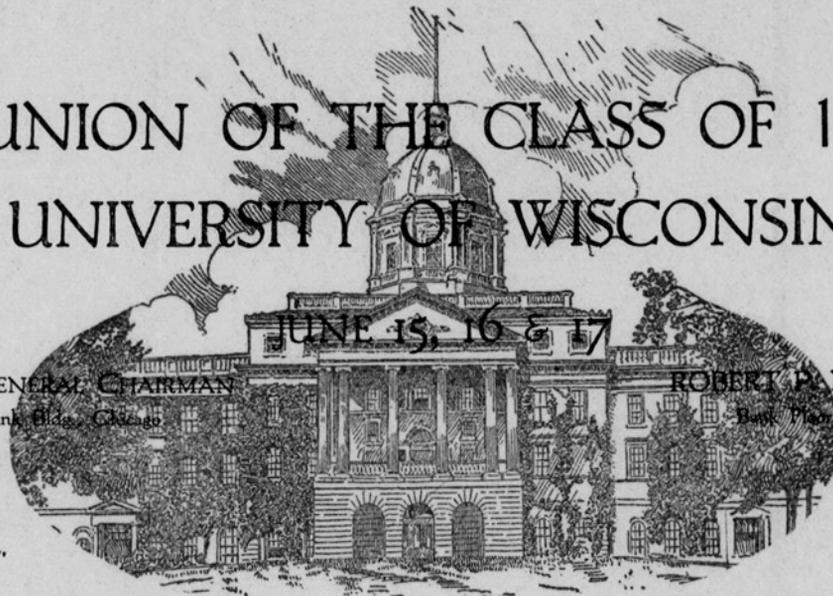
Our present plan is to turn this subscription list over to a committee, who will take charge of this fund and its disbursement and they will arrange about the collection of the money.

Try to let me hear from you before commencement if you can, so that the subscription list can be turned over to some properly constituted body and also let the Class of '05 know what they have to do. We are not now trying to collect any money. This will probably not be done until the fore part of next Fall, but we will gladly accept payment of any subscriptions now.

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I shall be in Madison on June 14th and 15th and mail will reach me at Alumni Headquarters, 821 State Street. Please address me there if your letter will not reach me in Chicago this week, but be sure to let me hear from you sometime, even if later on.

We have about \$120.00 cash on hand left over from our Reunion, a small portion of it being collected upon the assumption that we would put out a souvenir of our Reunion, but as we have been unable to devise means of getting out a respectable souvenir without spending considerable more money most of us have felt that it would be putting the money to a better use if we turned it into the student loan fund as a class memorial. I shall be pleased to have your views upon this matter and that of any other members of the Class, who wish to express their opinion.

Very truly yours,

*John S. Lord*  
General Chairman

Address:  
1819 Harris Trust Bldg.

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June 17, 1915

Mr. John S. Lord

1819 Harris Trust Bldg.,

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Lord:-

I very much regret that your letter of June 9 to the members of the class of 1904 failed to reach me until a day or two ago. It went to my University office and as the university work closed a week ago, I did not go near that office for a number of days. My subscription, which I enclose on your blank, is too late, therefore, to be used as suggested in your letter, but I want it to go in just the same.

Sincerely yours

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Chicago, June 21, 1915.

Mr. Solon J. Buck,

The Minnesota Historical Society,

St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Mr. Buck:

I thank you very much for your letter of June 17th, enclosing your subscription to the Decennial Class Reunion Fund.

The subscriptions are coming in quite well and I believe we will be able to make a very respectably showing.

Thanking you for your co-operation, I am

Very truly yours,

*John S. Lord*

JSL:M).

Wisconsin Twin City Alumni Association

936 Andrus Building

Minneapolis, Minn.

March 13, 1915.

Dear Badger:--

WHOOPIE! IT'S HERE!

WHAT? That Annual Wisconsin Banquet.

WHERE? Minneapolis Athletic Club,  
10th floor Radisson Hotel, Minneapolis, Minn.

WHEN? Saturday, March 27th, at 7 P.M.

WHAT'S DOING? Big Feed, talk by Prof.  
"Steve" Gilman, and two of the cleverest stunts ever  
pulled.

WHY SHOULD I GO? Because you have good  
red Wisconsin blood in your veins and want to make this  
the best banquet ever.

HOW SHALL I LET YOU KNOW I'M COMING?  
Return the enclosed card. Send us your check if  
possible.

Cardinally yours,

COMMITTEE

John L. Erdall

Clark R. Fletcher

October 20, 1914.

Editor of the Wisconsin Alumni Magazine,  
Madison, Wisconsin.

Dear Sir:

It might be of interest to some of your readers to know that I have resigned my position at the University of Illinois and accepted an Assistant Professorship of History in the University of Minnesota. My address here is 719 Seventh St. S. E. I sent this information last summer in connection with a request for a change of address, but I find no evidence of it in the Alumni news in the October issue which has just come to hand.

Very truly yours,

Bradley Polytechnic Institute

Peoria, Illinois

7/22/14

Dr. S. J. Buel,  
Urbana, Ill.

Dear Sir,

For some time I have been working on a local study - The development of Peoria as an industrial center. While at the University of Chicago recently, Professor Barrows suggested I should get in touch with you. I have therefore taken the liberty of writing.

My plan includes a section on the geographic factors, another on the early history of this region, to the time when certain industries begin to appear as permanent factors, and others dealing either with the succeeding periods of history, or with the different industries - whichever method the data may seem to make desirable.

I shall appreciate any suggestions as to method or material which you may feel inclined to make. I have your excellent volume on "Travel & Description."

I already have a pleasant acquaintance with Professor Greene, whose parents I knew in Japan; with Dr. Alvord, who was at Chicago when I took my degree; and with Dr. Garner, who assisted in history here before he went to Columbia for his degree. I hope I may

add you to the list, & that I may be able to visit the University as well as Springfield in the search for materials.

This study began in a consideration of the factors which have made Peoria a great distilling center, but it has seemed best to broaden it into an industrial history of Peoria.

Thanking you in advance for any assistance you may be able to render,

I am,

Sincerely yours,

C. T. Weyckoff.

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418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

July 25, 1914.

Dean Charles T. Wyckoff,  
Bradley Polytechnical Institute,  
Peoria, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of July 22, and I am very glad to know that you are planning to do some work on the history of the Peoria region. I do not know that I can be of very much assistance to you, but will be very glad to make a few suggestions.

I think the treatment of succeeding periods of history is preferable to giving the different industries, because it enables one to bring out the influence of one industry on another, and to picture conditions as they existed in succeeding periods. This is, of course, the historian's point of view, while the economist generally prefers a topical arrangement.

As to material, you could doubtless find considerable on the early history of Peoria in the photostatic reproductions of papers from the Indian Office in Washington, which are being accumulated rapidly at the University. You could find additional material of value on the early period in the books and manuscript collections of the Wisconsin Historical Society in Madison.

I have severed my connection with the University of Illinois, and expect to take charge of the work in American History at the University of Minnesota ~~next~~ fall. I am not, however, giving up all my interest in Illinois history, and hope to see some definite results from your work on the Peoria region.

I showed your letter to Professor Alvord, and I am sure that he would be glad to assist you, in finding things at the University, or in any other way.

Sincerely yours,

S.J.B. EWG

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Nov 19, 1914

Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
University of Illinois,  
Urbana, Ill.

Dear Mr. Buck:

Pres. George A. McFarland of the State Normal School at Valley City, N. Dak., writes me that he will need a good man for History to begin January fifth. The position will pay on the basis of \$1800 and possibly as much as \$1950 for the ten and one half months' service. Three months of the year will be passed leaving seven and one half months. He wishes a man who is interested in the pedagogical side of History rather than in History for itself.

I should like to have you as my candidate for this position and I shall be very much pleased to recommend you for the place if you want it. I should, of course, expect you to comply with our regular terms. If you do not desire to be ~~of a~~ a candidate probably you have some friend who would be glad to be an applicant. If so I shall appreciate it if you will have him write me at once as I need a man for this place.

PY/LMC

Very truly yours,

*Paul Yates*

Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul

November 24, 1914

Mr. Paul Yates

Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of November 19th, addressed to me at the University of Illinois, with reference to a position in History at the State Normal School in Valley City, North Dakota.

The best man that I can think of who might be available for this position at the present time is Dr. Frank E. Melvin. I knew Dr. Melvin well when he was an assistant in History in the University of Illinois, and can vouch for his ability as a teacher and also for the scholarly character of his work. He has some personal peculiarities, but I do not believe that these would interfere with his success in this position.

Dr. Melvin can be reached in care of the History Department University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia.

Very truly yours