



[Solon J. Buck Papers.](#)

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418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

February 21, 1914.

Mrs. Jessie Palmer Weber,
Secretary, Illinois Historical Society,
Springfield, Illinois.

My dear Mrs. Weber:-

I am sending you enclosed a paper entitled "Senatorial Disputes Resulting from the Apportionment Act of 1841," written by Miss Kathleen M. Clyne, who is now the librarian of the Legislative Reference Library in the Capitol. Miss Clyne was a student in my seminar a couple of years ago, and worked out at that time most of the information contained in this paper. She has since at my suggestion written it up in connected form and sent it to me for my revision, with the idea that I would submit it to you for consideration for the Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society if it seemed to me to be worthy of publication. I have been through the manuscript very carefully, made considerable revision in it, and had it recopied. It is not as complete and thorough as I wish it were even now, but I believe that it contains a good deal of information which might be of interest to your readers. If you do not care to use it in the Journal, please return the manuscript to me.

Sincerely yours,

S. J. B./MS

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

March 12, 1914.

Mrs. Jessie Palmer Weber, Librarian,
Illinois State Historical Library,
Springfield, Illinois.

My dear Mrs. Weber:-

Will you kindly add to the list of names of those to whom copies of my Bibliography are to be sent the name of Mr. Louis P. Lochner, Secretary of the Alumni Association, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin.

Very truly yours,

S. J. B./MS



E. B. GREENE, Urbana, President.
CHARLES H. RAMMELKAMP, Jacksonville, Vice President.
OTTO L. SCHMIDT, Chicago, Secretary.
JESSIE PALMER WEBER, Springfield, Librarian.

March 17, 1914.

Mr. Solon J. Buck,
418 Lincoln Hall,
Urbana, Ills.

My dear Mr. Buck:

Your letter of the 12th inst at hand and contents carefully noted. We have added the name of Mr. Louis P. Lochner, Secretary of the Alumni Association, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin, to the list of those to whom your Bibliography is to be sent.

I also beg to advise that Miss Clyne's paper has been received.

Yours very truly,

Jessie Palmer Weber

Secretary Illinois State Historical Society.

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois

May 7, 1914

Mrs. Jessie Palmer Weber, Librarian,
Illinois State Historical Library,
Springfield, Illinois.

My dear Mrs. Weber:-

Professor Alvord tells me that in a letter to him you said that there are many items in the State Historical Library for which I have not given credit in my bibliography. I will appreciate it very much if you will supply me with a list of such items, indicating the number of the item in the bibliography, and the particular edition which you have, if there be more than one. In view of the fact that I checked the bibliography in proof with your catalog, I do not understand how there can be many such items, provided, of course, they were properly entered in the catalog at that time.

I regret that my class work at the University makes it impossible for me to attend the meeting of the State Historical Society.

Sincerely yours,

S. J. B./MS

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois

May 13, 1914

Mrs. Jessie Palmer Weber, Secretary,
Illinois State Historical Society,
Springfield, Illinois.

My dear Mrs. Weber:-

Enclosed you will find a check for \$2.00, one dollar of which is in payment of my dues to the Society as called for by the enclosed notice. The other dollar is for the payment of dues by Mr. John A. Dent, 1104 W. Illinois Street, Urbana, who wishes to be enrolled as a member. I will appreciate it very much if you will send to Mr. Dent copies of all the publications of the library and society which you still have in stock.

Sincerely yours,

S. J. B./MB



OTTO L. SCHMIDT, Chicago, President.
JESSIE PALMER WEBER, Springfield, Secretary.



May 21, 1914.

Mr. Solon J. Buck,

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Ills.

My dear Mr. Buck:

Your favor of recent date at hand and we have sent to you receipt for the year 1914 for your dues and also receipt for Mr. John A. Dent, for whom you remitted \$1.00.

We have sent to Mr. Dent by express, prepaid, such of the publications of the Society and Library as are available, all others being out of print, and have placed his name on our mailing list for future publications as issued. We are glad to have him become identified with the Society.

Yours very truly,

Jessie Palmer Weber

Secretary Illinois State Historical Society.

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Ill.,

June 19, 1914.

Mrs. Jessie Palmer Weber,
Illinois State Historical Library,
Springfield, Illinois,

My dear Mrs. Weber:

Will you kindly send a copy of my
Bibliography, Volume IX of the Illinois Historical
Collections to Mr. Otto A. Rothert, 132 E. Gray St.,
Louisville, Kentucky.

Mr. Rothert is the author of a history of Muhlen-
berg County, Kentucky, and is very much interested in
Western history. I am sure that he will greatly
appreciate a copy of this book.

In case you should not have a copy available,
kindly let me know.

Sincerely yours,

S. J. B. EWG

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Ill.,

June 19, 1914.

Mrs Jessie Palmer Weber,
Illinois State Historical Library,
Springfield, Illinois,

My dear Mrs. Weber:



E. B. GREENE, Urbana, President.
 CHARLES H. RAMMELKAMP, Jacksonville, Vice President.
 OTTO L. SCHMIDT, Chicago, Secretary.
 JESSIE PALMER WEBER, Springfield, Librarian.



June 22, 1914.

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

My dear Professor Buck:

We have never received from R R Donnelley & Co any additional copies of the Illinois Historical Collections, Volume 9? The order was to send out the mailing list and send to us the remainder which has been the custom but on account of the fact that Mr. Alvord instructed me to "hold Up" on account of the differences of opinion, I have not until today written urging that the remainder be sent us promptly. However as the bill is being paid and everything seems to be settled, I am writing and wiring them also to this effect. They must have, according to their own account, 147 copies. The Library Board requires me to keep 50 and these I must have,

We have calls every day for this volume and I have none at all to meet the demand. If you will send one to Mr. Rothert I think it will be well as I do not know when we will have them.



E. B. GREENE, Urbana, President.
CHARLES H. RAMMELKAMP, Jacksonville, Vice President.
OTTO L. SCHMIDT, Chicago, Secretary.
JESSIE PALMER WEBER, Springfield, Librarian.

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Of course, the edition is practically exhausted
but we must at least have our Library copies.

Yours very truly,

Jessie Palmer Weber

Librarian Illinois State Historical Library.
Secretary Illinois State Historical Society.

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois,

July 6, 1914.

Mrs. Jessie Palmer Weber,
Secretary, State Historical Society,
Springfield, Illinois,

My dear Mrs. Weber:

Would you care to publish in the journal of the Illinois State Historical Society a notice of Rothert's History of Muhlenberg County, Kentucky? This work appears to me to be far above the average of county histories. In case you can use such a notice, I would be glad to prepare it. I have a copy of the book.

You may have heard that I have recently accepted a position in the University of Minnesota. I expect to remain in Urbana until September 1st., however.

Very sincerely,

OTTO L. SCHMIDT, Chicago, President.

JESSIE PALMER WEBER, Springfield, Secretary.



July 8, 1914.

Mr. Solon J. Buck,
418 Lincoln Hall,
Urbana, Ills.

My dear Mr. Buck:

I have your letter of July 6th and I beg to say I will be very much pleased if you will prepare a review of Rothert's History of Muhlenburg, Ky., for the Journal. I have the July Journal ready for the printer but I think this could be added if you could prepare it within a short time. If not it can appear in the October Journal.

I have heard with regret that you have accepted a position in the University of Minnesota. I feel that you have done so much work on Illinois history that it will be a great loss to us to have you leave the State. Of course, your work will be valuable in any Western University but I am sorry that Illinois is to lose your services. I am glad to know that you will continue your work with the Centennial Commission. I will be glad at any time of contributions to the Journal and hope you will continue to take an interest in it.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly, *Jessie Palmer Weber*

Secretary Illinois State Historical Society.

418 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois,

July 12, 1914.

Mrs. Jessie Palmer Weber,
Secretary, State Historical Society,
Springfield, Illinois,

My dear Mrs. Weber:

I shall probably not be able to prepare the review of Rother's work on Mahlenberg County in time for the July number of the Journal as I am very busy just at present, but I will endeavor to get it in in time for the October number.

I am planning to spend part of next week in Springfield, collecting material for my volume, Illinois in 1818. I expect that it will be necessary for me to obtain copies of material in the archives of the Secretary of State's office. For this purpose I will doubtless need the services of a typist. I am hoping that you will be able to assist me in making some arrangements along this line.

I want to thank you for the kind words in your recent letter, and I want to assure you that I have appreciated very deeply your cooperation with me at various times in my work.

Sincerely yours,

S.J.B. EWG

Board has directed me to keep as a reserve, that I can not send him the books unless especially allowed to do so by the Library Board.

Mr. Miner thinks, and so do I, that it will be good advertising for the Library, and especially do I think it is due you that the volume is placed in the hands of those persons who are most interested in such work. I wondered if you, yourself, had not two or three copies you could send to Mr. Miner. I have had requests from scholars, and one from the Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science of Philadelphia, asking for



My dear Mr. Buck,

I have had a letter from Mr. Miner of the Torch Press, Cedar Rapids, Iowa in which he asks for about three copies of Ills. Hist. Collections, vol. 9. your Bibliography. He wants these for customers, bookdealers I think. He offers to give us credit for them in books or other material which we order from him. The fact is we have so few of these books left, no more than the Library

book for a review. These I send
but I do not see how I can
supply them to book dealers.
Mr. Miner is a splendid
man, not to be classed
with the ordinary "old book man"
but other dealers may ask for it,
and it is so nearly exhausted
that I can not supply the
demand, at the same time
I would like to accommodate
Mr. Miner, and would like
to have the book get all the
publicity possible. I wrote Mr.
Miner, and told him I

would also write to you.

Very truly yours,

Jessie Palmer Weber

July 30, 1914.



OTTO L. SCHMIDT, Chicago, President.
JESSIE PALMER WEBER, Springfield, Secretary.



On August
Fifteenth,
Nineteen Fourteen.

Dear Mr. Buck:

I have your letter of the Twelfth and I will be very glad to ask Miss Gorman to copy Page Five of the Letter of June 29, 1826, Ninian Edwards to Henry Eddy and we will send it to you as soon as we can.

I hope you will have the Review of Professor Rothert's History of Muellenberg County, Kentucky, for our October Journal. Do you know of any other good material which we can obtain for the October Journal or for later numbers? I hope you will continue to help me along this line and I am very grateful to you for many favors.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely, *Jessie Palmer Weber.*

Doctor S. J. Buck,
418 Lincoln Hall,
Urbana, Illinois.

418 Lincoln Hall

Urbana, Illinois,

August 17, 1914.

Mrs. Jessie Palmer Weber,

Illinois State Historical Library,

Springfield, Illinois.

My dear Mrs. Weber:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 15th. In case the copy of the page of the letter from the Eddy Collection has not yet been sent, please address it to Professor Alvord, as I expect to leave here within a couple of days. Will you kindly change my address in your mailing list to Library Building, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis. I am going to Madison for a couple of weeks and expect to reach Minneapolis about September first. It will be impossible for me to do anything with Rotherts' Books until after I reach Minneapolis. I will then be able to send you one or two others. things, you may be able to use in the Journal.

Sincerely yours,

April 19, 1915

Mrs. Jessie Palmer Weber
Springfield, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Weber:-

I am preparing for the June number of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review an article on "Historical Activities in the Old North West" during the past year, similar to the one published in the Review for June 1914. Professor Alvord has furnished me with information about the work on the Illinois Historical Collections, but it has occurred to me that you could probably furnish additional information of interest and value. I should like to know especially about the acquisition of materials, historical meetings, and plans for future work.

Information about any changes in the plans of the Centennial Commission of any new developments with reference to the Centennial Celebration, also about the prospects for a new building, are particularly desired.

Sincerely yours

June 14, 1915

Mrs. Jessie Palmer Weber

Springfield, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Weber:-

I wonder if you have seen the journal of Mrs. Lodisa Trizzell, published under the title "Across the Plains in California in 1852, from the little Wabash river in Illinois to the Pacific Springs in Wyoming" in the April 1915 number of the Bulletin of the New York Public Library. It occurred to me that the first chapter of this journal entitled "From the Wabash to St. Louis" might well be reprinted in the Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society. Very few people will be likely to see it in the Bulletin.

One of the graduate students in the University of Minnesota has written a thesis under my direction on the subject "The Indians of Illinois from 1815 to 1820." The first of the three chapters of this thesis is an excellent study of the negotiations with the Indians at the close of the War of 1815, and would make a suitable article for the Journal. If you would care for this, please let me know and I will take the matter up with the student. I am

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not sure, of course, that she would care to publish
a part of her work in this way , but do not believe
that she would have any objection.

Sincerely yours

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E. B. GREENE, Urbana, President.
CHARLES H. RAMMELKAMP, Jacksonville, Vice President.
OTTO L. SCHMIDT, Chicago, Secretary.
JESSIE PALMER WEBER, Springfield, Librarian.



June 17, 1915.

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

My dear Professor Buck:-

I thank you very much for your nice letter of June 14th and the most helpful suggestions which it contains.

I will be grateful to you if you will ask the student who has written the thesis on the Indians of Illinois, 1815-1820, to allow us to use at least a portion of her paper for the Journal of the Historical Society.

I will look up the other article and will ask the permission of the New York Public Library to re-print a portion of it in the Journal.

It is very kind of you to remember the Illinois Society and I shall be grateful to you for suggestions at any time.

With kind regards and best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Jessie Palmer Weber

P. S.- Please give my regards to Mr. Upham.

July 27, 1915

Mrs. Jessie Palmer Webber, Librarian,
State Historical Library,
Springfield, Illinois.

My Dear Mrs. Webber:

In the preparation of my volume, Illinois in 1818, for the Centennial Commission, I find my work greatly hampered by lack of some of the most important official material. We have in our State Library the Laws of Illinois Territory, 1815-18, and also the Laws of the Second General Assembly, 1820-21. Unfortunately there does not appear to be a copy of the First General Assembly, 1819, anywhere in the Twin Cities, and as you will see, this volume will be quite essential for my work. I am unable also, to find any Illinois Legislative Journals for the early period.

Would it be possible to make any arrangement for loan of a copy of the Laws of 1819 and of the Territorial and State Journals between 1815 and 1820, to the Minnesota Historical Society for my use in the preparation of this volume? If this could not be done, would it be possible for the Library to have photostat copies made of these volumes? Such copies, if made, could doubtless be sold after I am through with them for all or more than it would cost to have them made.

Sincerely yours,

JUL 30 1915



OTTO L. SCHMIDT, Chicago, President.

JESSIE PALMER WEBER, Springfield, Secretary.



July 29, 1915.

Prof. Solon J. Buck,
Supt. Minnesota Hist. Soc.,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Doctor Buck:-

I have your letter of July 27th and am hastening to reply. I will send you such Journals and Laws of the Territorial Period of Illinois as we have ourselves printed. These of course will be a loan as they are very rare and we can not give them to your Library, although I was quite sure that we had sent them to the Minnesota Historical Society at the time they were issued.

I will take your letter to a meeting of the Centennial Commission and Library Board to be held in Chicago on Monday next at which time I will meet Dean Greene and Dr. Schmidt and I will consult them as to lending you the Laws of '19 and the Journal of 1819 and so on. We have refused to lend these to the University of Illinois and I am not at all sure as to what their decision in the matter will be. If we can have copying done on any particular subject, we will be glad to do so for you.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

Jessie Palmer Weber

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OTTO L. SCHMIDT, Chicago, President.

JESSIE PALMER WEBER, Springfield, Secretary.



August 5, 1915.

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

My dear Dr. Buck:-

I took your letter to Chicago as I told you I would do and talked the matter over with Dr. Schmidt and Professor Greene. They decided that we cannot lend, that is send out of the city, the earlier Laws and Journals of the State. Dr. Schmidt said he thought you would find what you need in the Library of Chicago Historical Society and that it might be more convenient for you to work there than in Springfield. I will have copies made of the Table of Contents of these books and we will be glad to do copying for you on the topics which you may wish to have. They thought the Photostat work would be too expensive.

We have no journals of the Territorial Period of Illinois with the exception of the first territorial Legislature of 1812, the copy of which we sent you recently. The index to the Laws of 1819 is very voluminous and if we copy it entirely it will take quite a long while. We may copy the topic headings first and send them to you and you may be able to indicate the subjects about which you would like to have the copying of the complete laws.

Very truly yours, *Jessie Palmer Weber.*

August 9, 1915

Mrs. Jessie Palmer Weber,
Illinois State Historical Library,
Springfield, Illinois.

My Dear Mrs. Weber:

I am returning to you under separate cover the two publications of the Library which you were kind enough to send.

What I had in mind was rather the contemporary publications during the period from 1815 to 1820. We have in our library a copy of the Territorial Records of Illinois, 1809-1818. We do not have the bulletin entitled Laws of the Territory of Illinois, 1809-1818. There is a copy in our State Library, and I have, I think, a personal copy in my office at the University.

I thank you very much for the trouble which you have taken to copy topic headings from the Index to the Laws of 1819. I fear that this method of securing the needed material would be rather unsatisfactory, however. It is my intention to recount in my volume all of the activities of the First State Legislature of Illinois. That being the case, it is difficult, of course, to exclude any of the topics in the list.

I find from my Bibliography in Volume 9 of the Illinois Historical Collections that there are at least five copies of the Laws of 1819 in existence, and I think

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it best to make an effort to secure the loan of one of these copies before proceeding further with the making of typewritten transcripts. The books in question are in the libraries of the University of Illinois and the Chicago Historical Society, the Newberry Library and the Library of Congress. In case I am unsuccessful, I will take up the matter with you again.

Very truly yours,



E. B. GREENE, Urbana, President
CHARLES H. RAMMELKAMP, Jacksonville, Vice President
OTTO L. SCHMIDT, Chicago, Secretary
JESSIE PALMER WEBER, Springfield, Librarian



September 17, 1915.

Dear Sir:-

Will you be good enough to send to the Secretary of the Illinois State Historical Society, the names of persons whom you think able and willing to present addresses or papers on historical subjects at the next annual meeting of the Historical Society to be held in Springfield in May, 1916.

Please also make any suggestions which may occur to you of topics or subjects upon which you think it advisable that addresses or papers be presented at the annual meeting.

The Secretary of the Society will welcome aid and suggestions along these lines and earnestly solicits your assistance and cooperation.

An early reply will be appreciated.

Very respectfully,

Jessie Palmer Weber

Secretary, Illinois State Historical Society
Chairman, Program Committee

Sept. 13, 1915.

Mrs. Jessie P. Weber,
State Historical Library,
Springfield, Ill.

Dear Mrs. Weber:

The other day I came across some notes taken in your library some time ago to the effect that the library possesses two copies of the Illinois House Journal of the second session of the first general assembly, 1819, one of which, however is incomplete, lacking the last eight pages. Do you not think that it would be perfectly proper for you to loan this incomplete volume to me ~~due to~~ ^{in view of} the fact that the library possesses another complete volume?

The Library of Congress loan us its' copy of The House Journal of the first session and we secured a copy of The Laws of 1819 from the Wisconsin Historical Society. I have just written to Dr. Schmidt and in my letter I mentioned this matter to him.

The January number of your ~~bulletin~~ ^{journal} has just arrived and I am very much interested in Mr. Stevens article on the Shaw-Hansen election contest, especially as the papers, which Mr. Stevens used, were discovered by me in the Archives.

Mrs. Jessie P. Weber, - 2.

I am working over the Thesis, a part of which I
Promised to send you for the Journal and hope to have it ready
to submit in a few days.

Sincerely yours,

SJB-P.

October 7, 1915

Mrs. Jessie Palmer Weber
Springfield, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Weber;-

On September 13 I wrote you requesting the loan of one of the two copies of the House Journal of the second session of the first general assembly of Illinois 1819, which according to my notes is in your library. In view of the fact that the work which I am doing is for the Illinois Centennial Commission, it seemed to me that the library ought to be willing to loan this duplicate. The libraries of congress and of the Wisconsin Historical Society have been very generous and have loaned me all of the early Illinois laws and journals which they possess. Unfortunately, neither of these two institutions appear to have a copy of this particular journal. Dr. Schmidt has expressed a desire to have the work on my volume pushed as rapidly as possible and I should like to know at your early convenience whether or not the desired volume can be loaned.

Sincerely yours



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E. B. GREENE, Urbana, President.
CHARLES H. RAMMELKAMP, Jacksonville, Vice President.
OTTO L. SCHMIDT, Chicago, Secretary.
JESSIE PALMER WEBER, Springfield, Librarian.

October 13, 1915.

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

My dear Professor Buck:-

I am sending you by registered mail the defective copy of the House Journal of Illinois for the Second session of the First General Assembly, 1819.

This volume lacks from page 184 to 192 which closes the volume and shows the adjournment of the Legislature. By that I mean that all pages after 184 are missing.

I will be glad if you will return it to the Library as soon as you can conveniently do so.

With kind regards,

Very truly yours, *Jessie Palmer Weber*

October 16, 1915

Mrs. Jessie Palmer Weber

Springfield, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Weber:-

This is to acknowledge the receipt of the copy of the House Journal of Illinois 1819, which you so kindly sent at my request. This will be returned to you as soon as we have secured from it the material desired. In the meantime, it will be perfectly safe in our fire proof Capitol building.

Sincerely yours

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OTTO L. SCHMIDT, Chicago, President.
JESSIE PALMER WEBER, Springfield, Secretary.



November 13, 1915.

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

My dear Dr. Buck:-

I am sure you have noticed by the papers that our Centennial Commission has had a severe blow in the decision of the State Supreme Court that it was not properly constituted. We hope to have the matter settled speedily in the Special Session of the General Assembly which is to convene November 22nd. We are all hoping for a short business-like session. Meanwhile I think there is no trouble at all about the publication work for the Centennial Commission as the Legislature will undoubtedly re-appropriate the money for this work. How is the "Illinois in 1818" volume coming along?

I am writing to ask you if you can let me have your article for the Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society. I know you are very busy and I am sorry to add to your burdens but I am counting on this and hope to have it.

When you left the University of Illinois I heard some interesting rumors about you and I have been wondering if I would not receive cards or announcement of great interest.

Hoping that you are well and are enjoying your new work,

Sincerely yours,

Jessie Palmer Weber

November 15, 1915

Mrs. Jessie Palmer Weber
Illinois State Historical Society
Springfield, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Weber:-

Thank you for the information about the Centennial Commission. I certainly hope that the special session of the legislature will do the right thing. The work on the Illinois in 1818 volume is progressing, but not as rapidly as I could wish.

I took up the matter of getting Miss Brown's paper in shape for your Journal some time ago, but have so far found it simply impossible to get the time to finish it. I am in hopes, however, that I can get it to you before very long.

The "interesting rumors" of which you write were entirely without foundation.

Sincerely yours