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October 24, 1916

Mr. Clarence S. Brigham
Librarian American Antiquarian Society
Worcester, Mass.

My dear Mr. Brigham:-

I have just received notice of my election to membership in the American Antiquarian Society, and have written a formal note of acceptance to the recording secretary.

I have no doubt that it is to you that I am indebted for this honor, and I want to assure you that I realize fully that it is an honor and I appreciate it very much. If there is any way in which I can be of service to you or to the society at any time let me know.

Sincerely yours



American Antiquarian Society

WORCESTER, MASS.

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July 21, 1917.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Dr. Buck:

You are very much to be congratulated on the "Illinois in 1818", which volume I looked over with much interest when it came to the Library today. There were several references regarding early newspapers which attracted my attention. The "Illinois Emigrant" was established in June 1818 by Eddy & Kimmel. Who was this Kimmel? I notice that you have him down as Peter Kimmel, quoting a letter from him to Pope of Dec. 22, 1817. But when the firm of Eddy & Kimmel dissolved in May 1820, the notice of dissolution was signed by Henry Eddy & A.W. Kimmel. We^d should like very much to know when Peter Kimmel transferred his interests to A.W. Kimmel and also what was the christian name of A.W. Kimmel. I think that I obtained all of the names of the early Illinois publishers, and most of the exact dates of the changes of title, etc., but lack the above facts.

Yours very truly,

Clarence S. Brigham

Librarian

CSB/B

July 28, 1917

Mr. Clarence S. Brigham
American Antiquarian Society
Worcester, Mass.

My dear Mr. Brigham:-

I am in receipt of your letter of July 21, and am very glad to know that you are finding something of interest in Illinois in 1818. There are many things about the volume which are not as I would have had them.

With reference to the Illinois Emigrant, I am not sure that I can be of much assistance to you. Peter Kimmel was the father of A. W. and Singleton Kimmel, and it was the father who conducted the correspondence with Pope and secured authorization for printing the United States laws. I am inclined to think, however, that he left the newspaper in charge of his sons and Henry Eddy. Whether his name ever appeared as one of the proprietors or not, I cannot say.

Much to my regret, the editorial staff cut and slashed and rearranged the footnotes to Illinois in 1818 to such an extent that they are of little value to me or anyone else. Possibly, if the original manuscript with complete footnotes has not been destroyed, I can secure further information on this point for you. I am writing to Professor Alvord about it.

Transcripts of the correspondence from the State Department archives are in Mr. Alvord's office in Urbana, but I do not believe that they would throw any further light on the problem.

Sincerely yours



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July 31, 1917.

Shon J. Buck, Sup't.,
Minn. Historical Society,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Dr. Buck:

Your letter regarding the "Illinois Emigrant" is received. It would seem to me that the point at issue whether Peter Kimmel, or A.W.Kimmel, was the original member of the firm of Eddy & Kimmel might be settled by looking at the issue, sometime in the early twenties, when the firm was dissolved. This would probably settle whether the Kimmel in question was the original publisher, or not. Could you furnish me with any suggestion whereby I might learn the full name of A.W.Kimmel? Could I not obtain it from some town records?

Yours very truly,

Clarence S. Brigham

Librarian

CSB/B

August 25, 1917

Mr. Clarence S. Brigham
American Antiquarian Society
Worcester, Massachusetts

My dear Mr. Brigham:-

I owe you an apology for not having replied before to your letter of July 31 concerning the "Illinois Emigrant". I have been on the jump constantly for the last few weeks and have had to let many matters slide.

I have endeavored to locate some further information about the Kimmels, but without success. Nearly all of the material which I used in the preparation of my Illinois book is now in Urbana. Some time ago, I wrote to Professor Alverd about your query, and you may have heard from him before this; if not, I suggest that you write to him for I am quite sure that he has the facilities there for securing the desired information. The large collection of Eddy papers, which are in his office, ought to throw some light upon the problem.

I regret very much that I have not been able to be of more assistance in this matter, for I fully appreciate the value of the bibliographical work which you have been doing in the newspaper field.

Sincerely yours



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American Antiquarian Society

WORCESTER, MASS.

Aug. 29, 1917.

Solon J. Buck, Ph.D.,
Minnesota Historical Society,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Dr. Buck:

I have received a very fine letter from Professor Alvord's Secretary, in which copies were made for me of several of the Kimmel letters. These show that Allen W. Kimmel was the original publisher of the paper, together with Henry Eddy, and that Peter Kimmel, the father, was interested in the paper only because of his family relationship. In at least two instances he aided his son in the paper's business concerns, once in purchasing paper for them, and once in collecting their debts.

Yours very truly,

Clarence S. Brigham,

Librarian.

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