



[Solon J. Buck Papers.](#)

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March 25, 1916

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

My dear Mrs. Weber:-

I am sending you herewith a paper ✓
entitled "Lincoln at Galesburg" by Joseph F. Evans
which you may consider worthy of publishing in the
Journal. This was brought in to me by one of our
members who is a personal friend of Mr. Evans. Mr.
Evans, himself, it seems is a United States Customs
agent in St. Paul. I read the sketch somewhat
hastily and, while much of it appears to have no special
value, the personal recollections of the Galesburg debate
may be worthy of preservation. The article will need
revision in spots to make it grammatical. I understand
that Mr. Evans would like a number of separates in case
it is published. Please let me know at your early con-
venience whether or not you desire to use it, and in case
it is unavailable, I would like to have the manuscript
returned to me.

I have not forgotten about the promised article on

Mrs. J. P. W. 3/25/16--2

the "Pacification of the Indians of Illinois at the close of the War of 1812", but have been so swamped with work that I could not find time to give the article the necessary revision. You will receive it before long, however.

Sincerely yours

April 15, 1916

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

My dear Mrs. Weber:-

Enclosed I am sending you a paper on ✓
"The Pacification of the Indians of Illinois after the War
of 1812" by Lizzie M. Brown which I promised some time ago.
I think Miss Brown has made a real contribution and I trust
you will find a place for this in your Journal. If so,
a number of separates should be struck off for Miss Brown.

A couple of weeks ago I sent you a paper containing
reminiscences of the Lincoln-Douglas debate in Galesburg,
etc. Did you receive this and if so, do you desire to use
it in the Journal? If not it should be returned to me in
order that I may return it to the writer.

Sincerely yours

MAY 1 1916



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

April 28, 1916.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

I am greatly obliged to you for the two papers which you sent me recently "The Pacification of the Indians of Illinois after the War of 1812" by Miss Lizzie M. Brown; the other the "Reminiscences of the Lincoln Douglas Debate" in Galesburg. I am very glad, indeed, to have these two articles and will use them in the Journal.

I am glad to hear that you will be in Illinois during the Summer and that you have done such excellent work on the Illinois 1818 volume.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

Jessie Palmer Weber,

Secretary Illinois State Historical Society.
Secretary Illinois State Centennial Commission.

July 15, 1916

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

My dear Mrs. Weber:-

About three months ago I sent you a paper containing reminiscences of the Lincoln-Douglas Debate at Galesburg by Joseph F. Evans, and on April 28 you wrote me acknowledging the receipt of the article and stating that you would use it in the Journal.

Yesterday the man who turned over the article to me, one of our members, called me up and inquired as to when it would be published. I will appreciate it very much, therefore, if you will let me know in what issue of the Journal you are planning to include it and approximately when that issue may be expected to appear.

Sincerely yours

JUL 19 1916



E. B. GREENE, Urbana, President.
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OTTO L. SCHMIDT, Chicago, Secretary.
JESSIE PALMER WEBER, Springfield, Librarian.

July 17, 1916.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

I have your letter of July 15th and I beg to say in reply that the Lincoln-Douglas Debate article by Joseph F. Evans will appear in the January 1916 Journal now in print but not yet ready for distribution. I think it is a very interesting article and we will be very glad to furnish some extra copies to parties interested as soon as the number is ready.

I shall be glad, indeed, of further contributions to the Journal. I think Miss Relf's article will be of great interest.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

Jessie Palmer Weber

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

November 6, 1916

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

My dear Mrs. Weber:-

I have your letter of November 4 and appreciate your courtesy in sending me a half dozen extra copies of the January Journal. I think that this will be as many as I will need.

As soon as I hear from Miss Brown, I will inform her of the situation and find out how many extra numbers she desired.

Sincerely yours

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E. B. GREENE, Urbana, President.
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JESSIE PALMER WEBER, Springfield, Librarian.

November 4, 1916.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

I have your letter and will be very glad indeed, to send Miss Brown extra numbers of the Journal but regret to say that it is impossible to have separates struck off as the type for the Journal has already been distributed.

I am sending you under separate cover a half dozen January Journals and will be glad to send you additional ones if you desire them.

With kindest regards,

Yours very truly,

Jessie Palmer Weber.

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

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November 2, 1916

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

My dear Mrs. Webber:-

I am in receipt of a copy of
your Journal addressed to Miss Brown, and am
writing her to make sure of her address before for-
warding it. She is somewhere in North Dakota.

I am wondering if it is still your practice to
have a number of separates struck off of the articles
in the Journal. If so I should like half a dozen or
so, and I am sure that Miss Brown would be glad to
have some.

Sincerely yours

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February 5, 1917

Mrs. Jessie Palmer Weber
Secretary Illinois Centennial Commission
Springfield, Ill.

My dear Mrs. Weber:-

About six weeks ago Professor Greene informed me that Dr. Schmidt had approved a voucher for payment for my services and expenses in connection with the "Illinois in 1818" volume. A week or so ago I informed him that I had heard nothing more from this, and he suggested that if the check did not come in a few days I write to you about it.

I will appreciate it very much if you will take the trouble to look into this and let me know about when I may expect to receive the check.

Sincerely yours

February 6, 1917

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

My dear Mrs. Weber:-

According to a communication which appeared in the Illinois Intelligencer in 1818, the territorial legislature passed an act regulating elections, the preamble of which read something as follows:

Whereas, voters have hitherto been obliged to vote by ballot, and the ignorant as well as those in embarrassed circumstances are thereby subject to be imposed upon by electioneering zealots;-- And whereas it is inconsistent with the spirit of a republican government since the opening for bribery and corruption is so manifest, which should ever be opposed and suppressed in such a government, for remedy whereof.

I am unable to find any such account in the laws of 1815-16, 1816-17, or 1817-18, copies of which we have here. It must be, therefore, in either the laws of 1812 or in Pope's Digest, (1813-14). There are no copies of either of these books available here or in Urbana. I will appreciate it very much, therefore, if you will at your very earliest convenience, have them searched for this law and if you find it, will send to Miss Hodsdon at Urbana, for use in revising the proof of my "Illinois in 1818" volume the following: (1) The year in which the law was passed, and exact date if available. (2) The work in which it is found and the inclusive pages. (3) An exact literal copy of the preamble.

I am sorry to have to put you to so much trouble in this matter, but I am quite sure that you will be willing to cooperate.

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If you are unable to find the act in question, please let me know.

Sincerely yours

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JESSIE PALMER WEBER, Springfield, Librarian.

February 10, 1917.

Dr. Solon J. Buck, Superintendent
Minnesota Historical Society,
Saint Paul, Minn.

My dear Doctor Buck:

Replying to your favor of recent date I beg to advise voucher in amount of \$600. was sent to the Governor's office for approval on December 26th, 1916. However, the Auditor's office has not been issuing warrants for several weeks and yours is held up with the rest but you will receive your warrant as soon as the funds in the State treasury are sufficient to meet current bills.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Sincerely yours, *Jessie Palmer Weber*

Secretary Illinois Centennial Commission.

FEB 16 1917



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



February 14, 1917.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

In regard to the quotation relative to elections which you wished to have verified and which you thought might be either in the laws of 1812 or in Pope's Digest 1813-1814, I beg to say that Miss Osborne has very carefully gone over the laws mentioned and cannot find the quotation. We are enclosing to you an Act Regulating Elections (Laws of 1812), which is the only thing we can find relating to elections. Miss Osborne has put in a great deal of time and I think has done the work thoroughly. I am sorry we are unable to verify this for you.

I would like very much if you would make some suggestions as to speakers that I might invite to the annual meeting of the Historical Society in May. I am much obliged to you for former assistance and especially grateful to you for suggestions along any line or contributions to the Journal. Again regretting that I cannot find the quotation.

Sincerely yours,

Jessie Palmer Weber.

Secretary Illinois State Historical Society.

Secretary Illinois Centennial Commission.

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Passed by the

Legislative Council & House of Repre-

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I L L I N O I S T E R R I T O R Y

At their FIRST SESSION held at Kaskaskia, in 1812.

Printed by authority from the Governor.

BY MATTHEW DUNCAN,

Russellville. Ky.

1813.

CHAP. XIII.

An act regulating Elections.

Sec.1. Be it enacted by the Legislative Council and House of Representatives and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same. That the next general election for representatives to serve in the general assembly shall commence on the first thursday in September one thousand eight hundred and fourteen to be held biennially thereafter, and that the election for members to serve in the legislative council shall commence on the first thursday of september one thousand eight hundred and sixteen and be held quadriennially thereafter at which respective times all qualified voters shall have a right to vote for representatives to serve in the general assembly and members of the legislative council consistently herewith

Provided, That all votes shall be by ballot which shall be put into a box to be prepared for that purpose where they shall remain unopened until the close of each days election and then they shall be fairly counted out by the Sheriff and Judges.

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Sec.2. Be it further enacted, that all elections for a delegate to Congress shall be by ballot and shall be conducted as all other elections.

For
delegates.

Sec.3. When any writ of any occasional election shall be issued by the governor in case of the death or removal from office of any representative or member of the legislative council or delegate for congress the same shall be directed to the Sheriff of such county respectively for which such representative or member of the legislative council or delegate for congress shall have been elected who is dead or removed from office shall have been elected and the Sheriff on receiving the writ shall forthwith give due and public notice throughout the county ten days before holding such election and the same shall be holden within twenty days after the writ of election is received by the sheriff and conducted in like manner aforesaid.

Writ of election to be handed to the shff.

Sheriff to give notice ten days.

Sec.4. Be it further enacted, by the authority of the same. That in all other respects all elections shall be governed by the law of the Indiana territory entitled "A law regulating elections." approved the seventeenth day of September one thousand eight hundred and seven.

Former law reformed.

Geo. Fisher,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Pierre Menard,

President of the council.

Approved,

December 25th, 1812.

Ninian Edwards.

February 16, 1917

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

My dear Mrs. Weber:-

I want to thank you and Miss Osborne for your trouble in connection with my recent request for a quotation from the Illinois laws.

The act of 1812 of which you sent me a copy provided for elections by ballot. In 1818, the viva voce method of voting was in use, and some time during the interval, an act must have been passed making the change. This is evidently the act, the preamble of which is quoted in the communication in the Intelligencer. As there is no such act in the laws from 1815 to 1817 inclusive, I think it must have been passed in 1813 or 1814, and I had supposed that all of the acts of these sessions were included in Pope's Digest. It is quite possible, however, that the particular act in question was never printed excepting, perhaps, in the newspaper.

I note from the report on the archives of Illinois in the Report of the American Historical Association for 1909, page 396, that the original "enrolled laws of Illinois" from 1812 on are in one of the vaults of the secretary of state's office. If you could have someone look through these laws for the territorial period and see if the act in question is there, the favor would be very greatly appreciated.

I am sorry to have to make you so much trouble, but there seems to be no other way to get at it, and the point is a rather important one. The book is in the revised galley stage at present, and so there is little time for corrections.

Sincerely yours

P. S. With reference to speakers for the meeting of the Illinois State Historical Society, I do not believe that I know of anyone working in the special field of Illinois history about whom you do not have fully as much information as I. For outside speakers on more general subjects, I would suggest Professor Cox of Cincinnati, Professor Paxson of Wisconsin, or Professor Sioussat of Vanderbilt University at Nashville.

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OTTO L. SCHMIDT, Chicago, President.

JESSIE PALMER WEBER, Springfield, Secretary.

February 19, 1917

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

In looking for something else I came across the quotation which you desired. It was in the first volume of Pope's Digest and I do not know how Miss Osborne overlooked it in her search. I am sending you a copy; there is only a difference of one word and a slight difference in punctuation, etc. I am also sending a copy of this to Miss Hodsdon as requested. I am sorry that we have been so slow in this but I am sure it is in ample time.

With kind regards,

Yours very truly,

Jessie Palmer Weber.
Secretary.

February 23, 1917

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

My dear Mrs. Weber:-

I want to thank you for the information from Pope's Digest which you sent me the other day. I am very glad, indeed, that you found this and think that it will be in time to be used in the volume. I assure you that your cooperation is appreciated.

Very truly yours

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March 17, 1917

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

My dear Mrs. Weber:-

Some time ago you wrote me to the effect that the voucher for payment of my services in connection with the "Illinois in 1818" volume had been approved, but was being held up because of shortage of funds. I wonder if you could give me any idea as to when I am likely to receive this money. Such information would be very much appreciated, as it would enable me to make plans accordingly.

Sincerely yours

MAR 28 1917



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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March 27, 1917

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
Minnesota Historical Society,
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Doctor Buck:

Your letter of the 17th inst., which came in my absence from the office, has this day been taken up with the State Auditor's office and I am advised that you may expect warrant about the middle of April. For the past three months the treasury of the State has practically been exhausted and all bills have been held up until the taxes come in the first of April.

With kindest regards and regretting that you have been inconvenienced in this matter, I am,

Yours very truly,

Jessie Palmer Weber

Secretary Illinois Centennial Commission.

March 31, 1917

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

My dear Mrs. Weber:-

I want to thank you for your letter of March 27 containing information as to when I may expect to receive the warrant from the state auditor.

I hope you are planning to attend the meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association in Chicago.

Sincerely yours

June 20, 1917

Mrs. Jessie Palmer Weber
Secretary Illinois Centennial Commission
Springfield, Illinois

My dear Mrs. Weber:-

Mr. Greene writes me that I may expect to receive a copy of Illinois in 1818 in a day or two and that you have charge of the mailing list.

I understand that the edition of this volume is comparatively small, and I am wondering to whom the copies are to be sent. I suppose all the members of the Illinois State Historical Society, and all of the institutions with which the library has exchange relations will receive copies, will they not? Doubtless you will also send review copies to the American Historical Review, the Mississippi Valley Historical Review, the Iowa Journal of History and Politics, The Nation, The Dial, and the New Republic. I should also very much like to have a review copy sent to The Bellman, 126 So. Sixth St., Minneapolis. This is a weekly of national reputation which has an excellent review department conducted by Mr. Herould, the University librarian.

If I remember correctly, Mr. Alvord once prepared a brief list of prominent historians in the country, to whom complimentary copies of the Illinois Historical Collections were sent. It would be very agreeable to me if copies of my book were to be sent to the people on this list. At any rate I should like very much to have copies sent to Professor Fred-eric J. Turner, Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass., and to Professor G. S. Ford, Committee on Public Information, Washington, D. C. I am not sure but what Mr. Ford is a member of the society, but you probably donot have his new Washington address. A copy should most certainly be sent to Miss Frances Relf, 89 S. Victoria St., St. Paul, in view of the extensive service which she rendered in the preparation of the volume. Assistance in collecting material for the volume was also rendered by Miss Ora Blackmun, 611 Leverett St., Fayetteville, Ark.

If possible I would like very much to secure by purchase or wtherwise, abght eight additional copies for presentation to members of the executive council of the Minnesota Historical Society. In vaw of the fact that the society allowed me to spend a considerable portion of my time on this work, after I became its superintendent, I feel that I ought to take this

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means of showing to some of the officers of the society the results of this work.

I am looking forward eagerly to the receipt of the first copy, as I have seen none of the illustrations and have no idea what the volume is going to look like.

Sincerely yours

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Ho Ed another week

July 18, 1917

Mrs. Jessie Palmer Weber
Secretary Illinois Centennial Commission
Springfield, Illinois.

My dear Mrs. Weber:-

I am in receipt of the eight copies of Illinois in 1818 and want to thank you for sending them to me. I take it that copies will be sent direct to Professors Turner and Ford, and Miss Relf, as requested in my letter of June 20. I should like to know whether Professor Edward Channing of Harvard University is on your mailing list for this volume. I would greatly appreciate having a copy sent to him. If this is not possible let me know and I will send him one of my copies.

In view of the assistance rendered by Mr. Wayne E. Stevens and Mr. Ralph Linton in the preparation of the first chapter, as acknowledged in my preface, complimentary copies ought to be sent to them. Mr. Stevens is now in the Officers Reserve Training Camp at Fort Snelling, but should be addressed at 428 Walnut St., S.E., Minneapolis. Mr. Linton's address is 64 Glenwood Av., Jersey City, New Jersey.

Sincerely yours,

July 24, 1917

Mrs. Jessie Palmer Weber
Secretary Illinois Centennial Commission
Springfield, Illinois

My dear Mrs. Weber:-

Under separate cover I am returning ✓
to you by parcel post, insured, the incomplete copy
of the Illinois House Journal for 1819, which you
loaned me for use in connection with my work on Ill-
inois in 1818.

I assure you that your coöperation in sending
this to me was fully appreciated, and trust that
it will reach you safely.

Sincerely yours

SEP 24 1917



OTTO L. SCHMIDT, Chicago, President.

JESSIE PALMER WEBER, Springfield, Secretary.

September 21, 1917

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

My dear Doctor Buck:

The enclosed letter explains itself. I
have advised the writer that I have referred same to
you for your attention.

With kindest regards and best wishes,

Sincerely,

Jessie Palmer Weber

Secretary, Illinois Centennial Commission