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THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA

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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT EDITOR

April 30, 1918

Dear Dr. Buck:

I am looking forward with great pleasure to attending the meetings in St. Paul next week, and to seeing you and your new quarters.

Cordially yours,

Dan E. Clark

September 27, 1918

Committee on Public Information  
10 Jackson Place  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

I am scheduled to teach a section of the War Aims Course given to the S. A. T. C. at the University of Minnesota, and I will appreciate it very much if you will send me a selection of such of your publications as would be of assistance to me in preparing for this course.

Please send them to me at my home,  
428 Walnut St. S. E., Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Very truly yours

B/P

GEORGE CREEL, CHAIRMAN  
THE SECRETARY OF STATE  
THE SECRETARY OF WAR  
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COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 3, 1918.

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

Dear Sir:-

This answers your communication of September  
27th. We are sending you one set of S.A.T.C.  
pamphlets. If additional copies are required  
please advise us.

Yours very truly,

COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

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EHS:HG

Re Coffman  
Coffman (Mrs.)  
Coffman (Mrs.)  
Coffman (Mrs.)

May 7, 1918

My dear Dean Coffman:-

President Burton has informed me that you (and Mr. ~~Soreuld~~) have been appointed ~~official~~<sup>a</sup> delegates to represent the University at the dedication of our new Historical Building.

I take pleasure in enclosing herewith tickets for seats (for yourself and Mrs. Coffman) in the reserved section at both afternoon and evening sessions; also <sup>a</sup>complimentary tickets for the supper tendered by the society to the delegates and invited guests. In case you should be unable to use any of these tickets, their return would be appreciated.

Sincerely yours

Dean L. D. Coffman  
1115 E. River Road  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

April 10, 1919

Dean L. D. Coffman  
College of Education  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Coffman:-

Herewith I am sending you the letter of Miss Lizzie M. Brown about which I spoke to you the other day. You will note that she is rather ambitious, but if she is as successful in teaching as she claims to be, she ought to make good in a city high school.

Miss Brown took her master's degree at the University in 1915, writing her thesis under my direction.

Sincerely yours

B/P

APR 17 1919  
The University of Minnesota  
College of Education  
Minneapolis

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

April 14, 1919.

Mr. Golon J. Buck  
Minnesota Historical Society  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Buck:

I have handed Miss Brown's letter to Mr. George Selke, Secretary of the Appointments Committee who will no doubt ask her for additional information. There is a shortage of teachers this year and it is possible he may be able to find a better location for her.

Cordially yours

*Lowell Coffman*

Miss Condon took one course--History of Minnesota--  
with me at the University of Minnesota last year. My  
records show that her work was on the border line between  
"fair" and "good". My impressions of her are too indefinite  
to enable me to make any further statement about her.

September 3,

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Associate Professor of History  
University of Minnesota

August 12, 1918

Mr. Robert D. W. Connor  
1133 Woodward Building  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Connor:-

Doubtless you have been informed by Greene that he has appointed us with Quaife as a committee of the National Board for Historical Service "to consider work of state historical societies in preserving and organizing war records."

I had supposed that Leland was working along these lines with the idea of issuing some sort of a handbook or manual, but apparently he has dropped it. I have written to him, however, for suggestions and for any information or material which he may have accumulated.

It happens that we have been devoting considerable thought to the subject in Minnesota recently with the object of working out a plan for statewide organization, and in this connection we have collected considerable information about the activities and plans of other states, all of which will be available for the committee.

I will appreciate it very much if you will write me as definitely as possible what you think this committee ought to attempt to accomplish and what in your opinion would be the best procedure.

Sincerely yours

SJB-AW

June 21, 1918

Mr. E. Merton Coulter  
Marietta College  
Marietta, Ohio

My dear Mr. Coulter:-

Some time ago Mrs. Paine wrote me that you turned over the paper which you read at the recent meeting of the M. V. H. A. to a reporter on the St. Paul Dispatch, with the understanding that it would be returned to the registration desk, and that it was not so returned.

I immediately wrote a letter to the managing editor of the Dispatch with reference to this, but have received no reply. I wonder if you have heard anything further about this paper or if you have another copy. If not, let me know and I will make a further effort to extract it from the Dispatch people.

As a member of the Board of Editors, I am anxious to make sure that all of the papers are gathered in in order that they may be available for publication in the Review or in the Proceedings.

Sincerely yours

JUL 25 1918

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  
MADISON

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

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University Club,  
Madison, Wis.,  
July 19, 1918.

Prof. Selou J. Buen,  
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Mr. Buen:—  
Your letter of June 21, addressed  
to me at Marietta, Ohio, reached me  
some time ago, and I must ask your  
pardon for not answering sooner.

I have been unable to run down  
my copy of my article which I gave the  
Dispatch man. However, I have recovered  
a Carbon copy of it, and have it at hand  
now. Please let me know as soon  
as convenient what disposition to make  
of it. (I am leaving Madison about Aug. 1.)

Sincerely yours

E. Norton Coe

July 23, 1918

Mr. E. Merton Coulter  
University of Wisconsin  
Madison, Wisconsin

My dear Mr. Coulter:-

I am very glad, indeed, to learn that you have located a carbon copy of your paper, for I have grave doubts of the possibility of our extracting the other copy from the Dispatch people, I have had such experiences with newspaper men before.

The copy should be sent to Professor C. W. Alvord, 426 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois, who as managing editor, collects all of the papers at his office.

I trust that you are enjoying yourself in Madison. It is an ideal place to spend the summer.

Sincerely yours

B/P

April 31, 1919

Professor Isaac J. Cox  
University of Cincinnati  
Cincinnati, Ohio

My dear Cox:-

In getting out the M. V. H. A. Proceedings for 1917-18, I am planning to print by title with reference to the place of publication such of the papers read at the joint session in Philadelphia, December, 1917, as have been printed.

I am writing, therefore, to inquire whether or not your paper entitled "The Mission of General George Matthews on the Florida Frontier" has been printed or is to be printed, and if so, where? If you will give me this information at your earliest convenience, it will be greatly appreciated, as I am trying to get the Proceedings out before the St. Louis meeting.

Sincerely yours

B/P

APR 28 1919

UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY—McMICKEN HALL

Apr. 25, 1919.

Dear Buck:

I haven't published the paper on "General Matthews" anywhere nor is the copy yet ready for the printer. I have been too busy with Mexico and other things this year for any work on that paper. I hope to get it ready for the Ohio Valley Review some time soon.

Hoping to see you in St. Louis I remain, with best wishes,

Very truly yours,  
J. G. S.

✓  
Not read

January 15, 1919

Mr. Lewis F. Crawford  
President of the Board of Regents of  
North Dakota  
Sentinel Butte, North Dakota

My dear Mr. Crawford:-

Professor Alvord has asked me to put the M. V. H. A. Proceedings into shape for publication, and I am in hopes to get them ready for the press in the near future.

The material which he sent on to me does not include your paper entitled "The History of the Early Range Industry in the Upper Missouri Valley", but does include a letter from you dated May 11, in which you stated that you wished to make some additions to the paper before sending it in. I trust that you will supply me with a copy of the paper in the near future, or if you have other plans for its publication, will inform me about them so that it may be printed at least by title in the Proceedings.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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May 11-1918.

Sentinel Butte, N. Dak.

Mr. C. W. Alvord,  
Urbana, Ill.

My dear Mr. Alvord,-

In answer to yours of recent date will say that I regretted that conditions arose that made it impossible for me to attend the meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Society in St. Paul.

I have a little revision of my paper to make- or rather some other data that I wish to embody- before sending it to you.

War work has taken so much of my time that I have not been able to give the undivided attention to my subject that I had hoped.

I presume, however, that there were enough on the program who were present to occupy the time pretty well.

With kindest personal regards,

I am,

Sincerely yours,

Lewis F. Crawford

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LEWIS F. CRAWFORD, PRES., SENTINEL BUTTE  
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Sentinel Butte, N. Dak.  
February, 11-1919.

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

My dear Mr. Buck,-

In answer to yours of January 15- relative to my paper, "The History of the Early Range Industry in the Upper Missouri Valley", I beg to say that owing to many causes I have been unable to get all the material that I wished before offering the paper to the public.

The more one works on a subject the more timid one is with the ~~xxxxxxx~~ results. However, I am still getting some new material from the old trail men, and hope at no distant date to give to the public something worth while.

If you desire you pay publish by title and I shall give the results of my efforts some time later.

By way of apology I may say that our crops have been very small in this territory and one who is operating on a large scale finds onesself almost swamped with work. The shortage of help also has contributed in no small degree to my own inability to give the continuous attention to any investigational effort that might be undertaken.

With kindest personal regards,

I am,

Sincerely yours,

*Lewis F. Crawford.*

February 17, 1919

Mr. Lewis F. Crawford  
Sardinia Butte, North Dakota

My dear Mr. Crawford:-

I want to thank you for the information contained in your letter of February 11.

When you find time to put the paper into shape, I would suggest that you submit it to the editor of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review, Professor C. W. Alvord, 431 Lincoln Hall, Urbana, Illinois.

I want to thank you for the copies of "The Two Swords" which you enclosed with your letter. I had seen this in the North Dakota Quarterly, but I am glad to have it in separate form.

Sincerely yours

B/P

April 7, 1919

Mr. Robert S. Crawford  
Secretary Alumni Association  
118 Historical Library  
Madison, Wisconsin

My dear Mr. Crawford:-

You will be interested to know that largely through the efforts of J. H. Curtis, '10, and A. E. Logan, '07, we have recently organized a U. W. Club in St. Paul which is holding informal luncheons from time to time. We started with the luncheon every week, but finally decided to hold them regularly only once a month, with extras when special out of town speakers might be available.

This noon we had a very interesting talk by Regent Ben Faast of Eau Claire. We have had talks from Judge A. A. Bruce and Dean Guy S. Ford, Wisconsin men in the University of Minnesota faculty.

We are hampered by the fact that we do not have a complete and up-to-date list of U. W. people in St. Paul. Can you furnish us with such a list? You can also be of assistance to us by letting me know of any members of the faculty or prominent alumni likely to be in the Twin Cities whom we might be able to secure for luncheon talks. We do not expect to confine our speakers to Wisconsin men or Wisconsin subjects, but would be glad to have as many such as possible.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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April 9, 1919.

Mr. Solon J. Buck, Supt.,  
State Historical Soc.,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Mr. Buck:-

Thank you for your letter of the seventh. Enclosed is list of Wisconsin graduates in St. Paul. We have starred the names of members of the General Alumni Association. We shall appreciate your co-operation and the co-operation of other members in St. Paul in persuading graduates of the University who are not members of the General Association to become actively connected with the organization, in order to maintain their interest in the institution, to keep in touch with other graduates and to render that help which is becoming more and more needed from the co-operative efforts of graduates and former students of educational institutions. With all personal good wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

*Robert Crawford*

C:M  
Enc.

April 10, 1919

Mr. Robert Crawford  
Secretary Alumni Association  
118 Historical Library  
Madison, Wisconsin

My dear Mr. Crawford:-

I want to thank you  
for the list of Wisconsin graduates in St.  
Paul. This will be of material assistance  
to us in enlarging the membership of our  
lunch club.

I am glad to know  
also which of these people are members of  
the Association and will be glad to urge the  
others to join.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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FRANKLIN SQUARE, NEW YORK, N.Y.

April 30, 1919.

My dear Buck:

I have sent you a copy of "Source Problems  
in United States History", and hope you will find  
place for it in your classes. In any event, I shall  
be glad to have your opinion of it.

With all best wishes for the present and the  
immediate future, I am

Sincerely yours,

*F. S. Crofts*

Dr. S. J. Buck,  
University of Minnesota,  
Minneapolis,  
Minnesota.

June 3, 1919

Mr. F. S. Crofts  
Harper Brothers  
Franklin Square  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Crofts:-

This is a somewhat belated acknowledgment of the copy of Source Problems in United States History which you sent to me some time ago. I can't truthfully say that I have read the whole book, but I have looked it over with interest, have dipped into it here and there, and am favorably impressed by it.

As the only classes which I have are advanced ones in the history of the West and history of Minnesota, I cannot, of course, make use of this book as a text.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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FRANKLIN SQUARE, NEW YORK, N.Y.

October 7, 1919.

Dr. S. J. Buck,  
University of Minnesota,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Buck;

While you were honeymooning I wrote and expressed an interest in your proposed biography of Ignatius Donnelly. I can quite appreciate the fact that you were too busy to answer at the time. Now that you have settled down to work once more you might take a few minutes to tell me how the work is progressing.

I mentioned in a former letter <sup>that</sup> we published ATLANTIS and it has still a fair sale. For this reason we should be interested in the Donnelly biography.

Sincerely yours,

*F. S. Crofts*

HARPER & BROTHERS

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FRANKLIN SQUARE, NEW YORK, N.Y.

November 1, 1919.

Dr. S. J. Buck,  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Buck;

I expect to be in Minneapolis  
Thursday, November 13th and hope to see you  
at that time.

Sincerely yours,

*F. S. Crofts*

November 4, 1919

Mr. F. S. Crofts  
Franklin Square  
New York N. Y.

Dear Crofts:-

I have your note of November 1, and will be glad to see you on the thirteenth. At that time I will endeavor to explain why I failed to reply to your two inquiries about Donnelley.

It happens that Thursday is one of the days on which I have no class at the University, and consequently usually put in the whole day in St. Paul. If you will let me know how long you are going to be here and just when you will be free from other engagements, I will endeavor to arrange to meet you, either at the University or at my home.

If no other arrangements can be made, you can reach me by phone at the Minnesota Historical Society, Cedar 3898.

Sincerely yours

B/P

SUN 1 0 1918

MOLINE, ILLS.,  
1304-16 Ave.,  
June 8, '18.

Dear Doctor:--

Doctor Guilday forwarded to me your letter of May 20 containing some criticism of my review of "ILLINOIS IN 1818". The editor does not see fit to print the names of his reviewers and he is of course free to do so: I was not endeavoring to hide behind the mask of anonymity.

But ad rem: I read the book very carefully and was fully aware of its scope as indicated by the title and plan. You dwelled rather complacently and lengthily on the "antics" - if the word may stand - of the early Baptist and Methodist preachers and therefore I felt and do feel that the French settlers who had been the first on the ground, and who had always stood for pure and unselfish religion, for law and order and true Americanism, deserved more than a mere mention. Their parishes in the American Bottom were still in existence. Handicapped in their work, their priests kept at it without recourse to sensational methods, and their quiet unobtrusive but refining influence had contributed a great deal toward softening the harshness, if not the savagery, of frontier life. This much at least deserved to be made a matter of record.

When I wrote that you showed no "intentional bias", I can assure you that I meant just what I said, without implying anything further.

As for my statement that "the author is rather inclined to slight their (the French Catholics?) influence", I qualified it by calling attention to the fact that this introductory volume was to be followed by others. In the meantime I deemed it well worth while to call attention to the event which directly led up to Illinois statehood, and brought it about much earlier undoubtedly than would otherwise have been possible: the help extended by Father Pierre Gibault and his co-settlers to Clark.

Of course, the idea that all honest and tempered criticism is "narrow and unscientific" is in itself a most unscientific contention. And I am entirely willing to be taken further to task if I have done any injustice to your work.

With the assurance of my profound esteem I am, dear Doctor,

Yours very truly,

Rev. Dr. J. B. Coleman.

March 14, 1918

Mr. Arthur Deamer  
Superintendent of Schools  
Fargo, North Dakota

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your card of March 6 requesting information about Miss Lizzie Brown.

I have no personal knowledge of Miss Brown's ability as a teacher. She had a year of graduate work in the history department of the University of Minnesota in 1914-15, and at the same time acted as my assistant in the general course in American History. In this work she did no teaching, but merely read the papers and looked up the records.

Her graduate work, including the preparation of her thesis, was carried on under my general direction. Both as a student and as an assistant Miss Brown made a very favorable impression upon me, and I am confident that she is competent to fill any position as teacher of history in any high school or academy.

Very truly yours

MAR 25 1919

LAKE ERIE COLLEGE  
PAINESVILLE, O.

March 23, 1919

My dear Mr Buck

I am sending you a copy of the abstract I promised to write for the Proceedings long ago and which I forgot not only once but twice. Mr. Boucher writes me that you are almost ready to go to press so that I have not waited even to have my copy typed. Will you please have that done for me and ask the typist to send me a bill? I'm dreadfully ashamed of having put you and Mr Boucher to so much inconvenience.

Miss Tilton asks me to send you the name of the person who read the paper for me. She is entirely at a loss. I sent the paper to John Hicks but Mr. Liorissat wrote me that "another nice young man" had read it. Perhaps Mr. Boucher will remember.

With humble apologies for my manifold deficiencies I am

Very Sincerely yours

Maudie L Edwards

December 9, 1919

Professor M. E. Elmer  
Department of Sociology  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Elmer:-

I want to thank you for the copy of your pamphlet on Armourdale which you were kind enough to send to me. I looked it over with much interest and suggested to our librarian that he write to the University of Kansas for a complete file of the series for the library of the Minnesota Historical Society.

Sincerely yours

B/P

NOV 5 1918  
THE ENCYCLOPEDIA AMERICANA  
LYON BLOCK, ALBANY, N. Y.

GEORGE E. RINES  
EDITOR

ALBANY, November 2nd, 1918.

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

Dear Doctor Buck:

In a letter received from our general manager,  
Mr. H. L. Hayward, he suggests that you would be interested  
in assisting us in the preparation of our new edition by  
contributing an article on Populism.

I enclose the article taken from the former edition  
on the People's Party which I would be glad to have you revise  
limiting this to a sketch of the party as a party and then write  
us a short article - say 1000 words - on Populism making one  
article supplement the other.

If you will render us this service we will  
greatly appreciate it.

Yours very truly,

*George E. Rines*  
Editor

*Granger cases*  
*Grangers*

GER/H

Enc.

*Farmers alliance*  
*Patrons of H.*  
*Populist Party*  
*Peoples Party*  
*Greenback party*

**People's Party, The, or Populist Party,** an American political party with National and State organizations, originally formed at a national convention held at Cincinnati, Ohio, in May 1891. The People's Party was the outgrowth of various smaller organizations like the Greenback Party, the National Farmers' Alliance, the Grangers, and other bodies composed of workingmen and the agricultural classes. It became the third political party in size and strength, next to the Republican and Democratic parties, and since 1891 has been no small factor in American politics. The original convention platform demanded:

The free and unlimited coinage of silver; the abolition of the national banking system; the issue of fiat money in sufficient quantity to transact the business of the country on a cash basis, and the loan of such currency to the people at not more than two per cent per annum on non-perishable agricultural products, national ownership of all means of public communication and transportation; a graduated income tax; popular election of United States Senators; the adoption of the initiative and referendum in legislation; and the prohibition of alien ownership of land.

In 1892 the second National Convention of the People's Party met at Omaha, Neb., on 2 July, to nominate candidates for president and vice-president, and adopted substantially the same platform as that promulgated at Cincinnati. The nominees were James B. Weaver of Iowa, for president, and James B. Field of Virginia, for vice-president. At the subsequent election in November the ticket received 22 electoral votes and a popular vote of 1,055,424. In the next presidential campaign, that of 1896, the party nominated William Jennings Bryan, for president, and Thomas E. Watson of Georgia, for vice-president. The platform adopted at the National Convention was as follows:

1. We demand a National money, safe and sound, issued by the General Government only, without the intervention of banks of issue, to be a full legal tender for all debts, public and private; a just, equitable, and efficient means of distribution, direct to the people, and through the lawful disbursements of the Government.
2. We demand the free and unrestricted coinage of silver and gold at the present legal ratio of 16 to 1, without waiting for the consent of foreign nations.
3. We demand that the volume of circulating medium be speedily increased to an amount sufficient to meet the demands of the business and population, and to restore the just level of prices of labor and production.
4. We denounce the sale of bonds and the increase of the public interest-bearing debt made by the present Administration as unnecessary and without authority of law, and demand that no more bonds be issued, except by specific act of Congress.
5. We demand such legislation as will prevent the demonetization of the lawful money of the United States by private contract.
6. We demand that the Government, in payment of its obligations, shall use its option as to the kind of lawful money in which they are to be paid, and we denounce the present and preceding Administrations for surrendering this option to the holders of Government obligations.
7. We demand a graduated income tax, to the end that aggregated wealth shall bear its just proportion of taxation, and we regard the recent decision of the Supreme Court relative to the income tax law as a misinterpretation of the Constitution and an invasion

of the rightful powers of Congress over the subject of taxation.

In this campaign of 1896 Bryan also received the nomination of the Democratic Party, and a majority of the People's Party also voted for the Democratic vice-presidential candidate, W. J. Sewall of Maine. Those who remained steadfast to the Bryan and Watson ticket were popularly known as "Middle-of-the-Road Populists." Bryan received 176 electoral votes, Sewall 149, and Watson 17. Various State conventions of the People's Party in 1898 adopted substantially the same declarations of principles, the salient points of which were: The free and unrestricted coinage of silver and gold at the ratio of 16 to 1, without waiting for the consent of other nations; the speedy increase of the circulating medium to an amount sufficient to meet the demands of a growing business, and no further issue of United States interest-bearing bonds. Other demands of these conventions were for postal savings banks, the government ownership of railroads, telegraph, telephones, and lighting plants; the construction and ownership of the Nicaragua Canal by the United States; the election of United States Senators by the direct vote of the people, and the adoption of the initiative and referendum. "Government by injunction" was denounced; also all funding bills calculated to extend the time for the payment of the Pacific Railroad debt. All conventions commended the action of the United States in making war upon Spain and promised the support of their party to the Government in its efforts to carry it to a successful issue. The North Carolina convention opposed "the domination of gold and monopoly" and favored the "overthrow of national banks and railroad influence in controlling legislation." The Nebraska convention demanded "more money and less misery for the people" and protested against the retirement of the greenback.

At the close of the campaign of 1896 much opposition arose among Southern Populists against a further alliance with the Democratic Party and spread northward. On 14 Feb. 1897 the first open rupture occurred at Grand Rapids, Mich., in a State convention, and resulted in two State organizations. On 22 Feb. 1897, at a meeting of the Populist Reform Press Association at Memphis, Tenn., a committee was appointed to endeavor to heal the differences, and call a conference, if deemed necessary. The Nashville Conference, held 3, 4 and 5 July 1897, was the outcome, but turned out to be a mid-road convention. A National Organization Committee, similar to the National Committee, was appointed with power to call a National Convention if deemed necessary. This committee called a convention, which was lightly attended, at Cincinnati, Ohio, on 5 Sept. 1898. In February 1900 a meeting of the regular National Convention was held at Omaha, Neb., resulting in a complete separation of the factions and a call for a national convention from each—the fusion at Sioux Falls, Ia., and the anti-fusion at Cincinnati, Ohio, both for 9 May. The Sioux Falls convention, in addition to the platform of previous conventions, vigorously denounced the imperialistic policy of the government, expressed sympathy with the Boers in their struggle with Great Britain, advocated public ownership of public utilities, and condemned the practice of the courts in issuing in-

junctions in labor disputes between employees and employers. William J. Bryan was nominated for President and later by the Democratic convention. Charles A. Towne of Duluth, Minn., was nominated for Vice-President after a lively contest to leave the second place vacant until action by the Democratic National Convention, and to accept the nominee. After the Kansas City Convention Mr. Towne declined the Populist nomination and the Populist National Executive Committee substituted Mr. Stevenson, the Democratic nominee. The Cincinnati Convention nominated Wharton Barker of Philadelphia, Pa., for President, and Ignatius Donnelly of St. Paul, Minn., for Vice-President, and adopted as its platform:

(1) Initiative and referendum; (2) public ownership and operation of those means of communication, transportation and production which the people may elect; (3) land for actual occupation only and alien ownership prohibited; (4) a scientific, or absolute paper money, based upon the entire wealth and population of the nation, not redeemable in any specific commodity, but a full legal tender for debts, taxes and public dues, issued by the government only in sufficient quantity to meet the demands of commerce, and free coinage of silver and gold at 16 to 1 until such currency system could be established; (5) graduated tax on incomes and inheritances; (6) election of president, vice-president, senators and Federal judges by direct vote of the people; (7) direct nominations.

Both wings of the People's Party maintained national committees in 1903-4 with a representative from every State in the Union, and in the summer of 1903, through the initiative of the fusion wing, a joint meeting of the two National Conventions was held at Denver, Colo., resulting in harmony, and in a united call for a meeting of both committees at Saint Louis, Mo., on 22 Feb. 1904 when plans for the approaching National campaign were discussed and it was positively decided to nominate independent candidates for the offices of President and Vice-President. At the National Convention, held later in the year, therefore, Thomas E. Watson of Georgia and Thomas H. Tibbles were selected to represent the party in the forthcoming election, at which they received a popular vote of 120,903. On 27 Dec. 1906 the Populist party in Kansas was officially disbanded.

Consult: McKee, 'National Conventions and Platforms' (1900); Reynolds, 'National Platforms and Political History' (1898).

JAMES E. MCBRIDE,  
*Secretary National Committee of the People's Party.*

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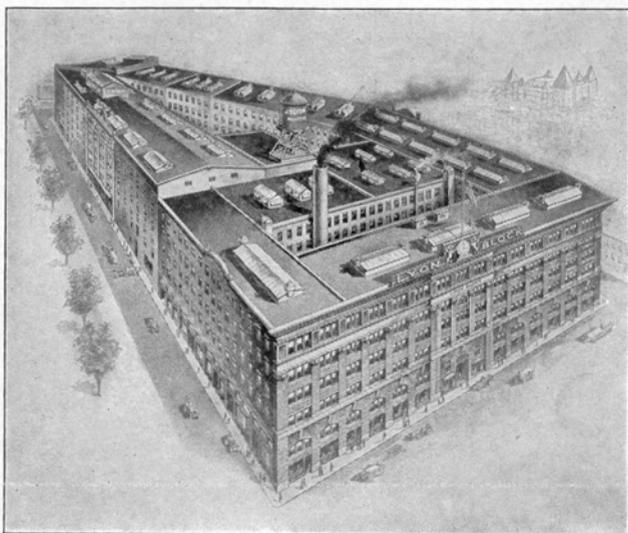
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Mr. George E. Rines, Editor  
The Encyclopedia Americana  
Lyon Block, Albany, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of November 2 requesting me to revise the article on the "Peoples Party" in the Encyclopedia Americana and to prepare another article on "Populism".

As I am expecting to receive a commission in the army within a few weeks for special work in connection with the archives of the War Department in Washington, it will probably be impossible for me to undertake anything of this sort. It is possible, however, that I may have some time available for such work after I reach Washington. Should you still desire me to undertake it, under these circumstances, I should be glad to know how much you would expect to pay for this work.

In looking through the old edition of the Encyclopedia Americana, I find a number of articles along somewhat the same line which are greatly in need of revision. I refer especially to those entitled "Farmer's Alliance", "Grangers", "Granger Cases", and "Greenback Party". I would suggest that instead of "Grangers" you ought to have a more general article on "The Granger Movement". The organization itself could then be treated under its *official* special name "Patrons of Husbandry".

Very truly yours

B/P

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GEORGE E. RINES  
EDITOR

ALBANY, November 13th, 1918.

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

Dear Doctor Buck:

Yours of November 9th received. All articles in the new Americana are being revised and the ones you mention will, of course, receive attention.

As it is doubtful whether or not you can give us any time in the future and as these articles must have prompt attention in order not to delay the work, I will ask you to drop the People's Party article from your list. If you think you will be able to prepare the article on Populism and send this to me by December first I should be glad to have you do so, but if there is any doubt about it kindly let me know, for it is important that I should know definitely that these matters will be taken care of.

The printers are now proceeding very rapidly with the work, and the copy must be ready when they call for it, so if you think you can write us the short article of 1000 words on Populism and send it to me by the first of December well and good. If not, I will, of course, have to look elsewhere, but kindly let me know whether or not I can expect this article. The compensation will be at our regular rate - \$10 a thousand words.

Yours very truly,

*George E. Rines*  
Editor

GER/H

November 16, 1918

Mr. George E. Rines, Editor  
Encyclopedia Americana  
Lyon Block, Albany, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

It will be impossible for me  
to undertake the preparation of the art-  
icle on Populism as requested in your  
letter of November 13.

Very truly yours

B/P

MAR 10 1919

INDIANA UNIVERSITY  
BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

March 8, 1919

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

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Dr. J. S. Buck,  
Minn. Historical Society,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Dr. Buck:

I have a letter from Mr. Graves and on the letter head, happening to notice your name, it occurred to me that I might interrupt your dreams. The Bolsheviks are coming and it is time to be on guard. Do you know of any prosperous farmer in the Northwest that would like to hire a good work-hand in the spring? If so, you would confer a great favor on me by letting me know. Personally I would prefer to work on a farm near a lake where the fishing is good. Incidentally we are plodding along down here on the hard and thorny path of righteousness. The way gets rockier and steeper the further we travel. Some people are naturally lucky, Dr. Harding, for instance, who was kicked out of here into a six thousand dollar job. Ever since he left I have been walking around here in a position for a kick but it has not been forthcoming, perhaps it will be soon.

Sometime during the coming time of leisure I want to send you the second volume of my History for your criticism. It is not as good as the first volume so you need not be expecting anything extra. Let me hear from you at your leisure, providing your letter does not have to be censored.

Very truly yours,

*Logan Esarey*

March 12, 1919

Dr. Logan Esarey  
Indiana University  
Bloomington, Indiana

My dear Dr. Esarey:-

Your letter of March 8 reached me just as I was on the point of writing to you. I had the library copy of volume 2 of your History of Indiana on my desk at that time as a reminder.

You were kind enough to send me a copy of volume 1 when it came out and I was planning to ask you if you could not let me have a copy of the second volume in order that my set might be complete. I have not had time to read much of it as yet, but what I have read strikes me as being very interesting.

By the way, do you have a personal copy of Illinois in 1818? If not, I should be glad to supply you with one. Would you care for bound copies of the Minnesota History Bulletin? Volume 2 will be bound up in a few weeks.

I take it from your letter that Harding has a permanent position in Washington. I knew that he was there with the Committee on Public Information and that he was to remain there for a time, but did not know that it was likely to continue very long. I am certainly glad of his good fortune, for I consider him one of the ablest and finest men in the historical profession, scandal to the contrary notwithstanding.

My acquaintance with farmers and my knowledge of opportunities for farm work in the northwest are rather limited, but I shall be glad to make inquiries for you if you really want to spend your summer on a farm.

You may be interested to know that I expect to take a two months vacation, including a trip on the lakes to Buffalo and an automobile trip through the East and back to Minneapolis. I might add that I do not expect to go alone. Enough said.

L. E. 3/13/19--3

I hope that you are planning to attend the Mississippi Valley Historical Association meeting in St. Louis, as I should like very much to have a chance to talk with you at that time.

Give my best regards to Professors Woodburn and Hershey.

Sincerely yours

B/P

March 31, 1919

Dr. Logan Esarey  
Indiana University  
Bloomington, Indiana

My dear Mr. Esarey:-

I am in receipt of a copy  
of volume 3 of your History of Indiana for  
which please accept my thanks.

I have read part of the book  
already, and shall read the rest at the first op-  
portunity. It seems to me that Indiana is to  
be congratulated on being one of the first states  
to have its history thus dealt with in a compre-  
hensive and scholarly, and at the same time, pop-  
ular and readable manner.

Sincerely yours

B/P

MAR 29 1919  
INDIANA UNIVERSITY

BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

March 26, 1919

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

I have your letter of March 21st. I thank you very much for the good word you wrote. I remember that you wrote in your previous letter concerning your Pioneer History of Illinois. I wish you would send me a copy so that I may review it in the Magazine of History and call the attention of Indiana readers to it. Work here is going along about as usual. With Harding gone it is about like running a six cylinder motor with five of the cylinders missing. Dr. Hershey is also gone which does not add anything to the attractiveness of the situation. You partly misunderstood my reference to a job with a farmer in the Northwest. That was just an over emphasis on my part. I am not sure whether I can get away for the May meeting at St. Louis or not. I should like very much to be there but as things now are I cannot be certain.

Very truly yours,

*If you hear of a vacant position  
which you think I could fill with  
some credit, please let me know.  
J.E.*

*Logan Esarey*

April 1, 1919

Dr. Logan Esarey  
Indiana University  
Bloomington, Indiana

My dear Dr. Esarey:-

Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of Illinois in 1818. I am surprised that the Illinois people did not send you a review copy when it came out. I should be very glad, indeed, to have attention called to it in your magazine.

I shall certainly keep in mind the fact that you are looking about for another position, and let you know of anything which comes to my attention. Would it not be a good plan for you to make a special effort to go to St. Louis in order to get in touch with men from various institutions and get a line on the situation?

By that time most of the legislative appropriations for Universities, historical societies and special war history work will have been made. Several of the states are planning extensive work in the collection of war records and the publication of war history material, and something worth while might develop in this connection.

Sincerely yours

B/P

APR 14 1919

Bloomington Ind.  
Apr 11 1919

Dear Dr Buck -

Enclosed find receipt - Thanks.  
Rec'd copy of Ill. in 1818. Have read over  
half of it and will finish it next  
Sunday. Glad to get it and will review  
it next Sun. I have used it quite a  
little for referen - my Western Dev -  
elopment and in my Ind. History classes  
but had never read it for the pleasure  
of the thing.

My classes are large - 70 in  
Ind. Hist. and I find little time for  
outside work. I fear it will be im-  
possible for me to be in St. Louis.

Very truly

Logan Esary

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## INDIANA UNIVERSITY

BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA  
November 6, 1919Supt. S. J. Buck,  
Saint Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of October sixteenth concerning the copying of the Harrison papers at Washington received. I am quoting you herewith a paragraph in answer to my query concerning prices:

"If we were to make additional copies--due to the fact that the negatives are on hand, we can furnish you any or all of the pages in any number you may desire at twenty-five cents each.

I would prefer that you take the matter up with Leet Brothers, 723 Fourteenth Street, Washington, D. C. directly. The total number of photographs is about one thousand. Concerning the character of the work and any information you desire I think it would be best to correspond directly with the photographers.

Very truly yours,

Logan Esary

I note that you do not care for this proposition but since the letter is written will just send it any how. Dr. Ford was here and conducted himself very creditably. However he left entirely too soon. Such haste cannot be justified among scholars.

November 28, 1919

The Farmers' and Mechanics' Savings Bank  
Of Minneapolis

Pay to William Anderson or bearer the balance of  
my account in trust for the Phi Beta Kappa society,  
number 286524, Two hundred thirty dollars, together  
with accrued interest.

October 23, 1919

Professor Carl Russell Fish  
University of Wisconsin  
Madison, Wisconsin

My dear Mr. Fish:-

I am delighted that you are willing to give us the annual address on January 12, and I think that the paper to which you refer will be just the thing for the occasion. Notestein tells me that he has read it and that it is a brilliant interpretation.

I wonder if you could not arrange to come up Saturday night or Sunday and stay with us until Tuesday night. I am sure that the Wisconsin Club will want to have a talk from you on the work of the American University Union. This can probably be arranged for Monday noon. Then I should like to arrange for you to talk on the same subject at a combined meeting of the three faculty dining clubs of the University on Tuesday evening. You could catch a train after this meeting which would get you into Madison in ample time for classes Wednesday morning. If you can be with us Sunday evening, I want to have the members of the history department and perhaps a few other people drop in to meet you.

Mrs. Buck instructs me to say that we will expect you to stay with us while you are here, and further that we would like very much to have Mrs. Fish come with you if she can do so. I think that she would enjoy a visit to the Twin Cities. Please tell her that "Finch" sends his best regards and trusts that "Dollie" is as irrepressible as ever.

Cordially yours

B/P

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My dear Buck

I am embarrassed when I see the date of your letter. The fact is my wife's father has died, and her mother insisted on for a period of percolation, and my attention has been taken up.

Both you & I and I will be glad to come up, probably on the night train from Madison on Saturday, arriving ~~Saturday~~ Sunday morning. Your program sounds rather interesting, and what do I hear of some athletic club or such like, that I hear of quite a few. Do give me

reasonable warning as to just  
what is expected, and any topics  
that may be preferred - not  
that I guarantee to talk  
upon them.

Dolly is quite as irrespon-  
sible as ever, and we look  
forward to a revision of  
the staff.

No time to other matters,  
nothing has as yet developed  
with regard to the W. H. S.

Very sincerely yours

Carl Russell Fish

Nov. 8, 1919.

November 29, 1919

Prof. Carl Russell Fish  
University of Wisconsin  
Madison, Wisconsin

My dear Mr. Fish:-

Mrs. Buck and I were very glad to know that Mrs. Fish is coming with you and that you are planning to arrive on Sunday morning. I should have answered your letter before but delayed in an attempt to find out if someone else had been writing to you about engagements here. I have been unable to discover anything, however, and am at a loss to know what is the "athletic club or such like" which you mention in your letter. Possibly the reference was to the projected Wisconsin Club luncheon which will be held in the St. Paul Athletic Club either Monday or Tuesday noon and at which we want to arrange for you to talk either about the work of the American university union or about English universities. On Tuesday night we want to arrange for you to talk on one of these subjects or perhaps a combination of the two at a joint meeting of the three faculty dining clubs of the University. This is all that we have definitely planned in addition to the M. H. S. address on Monday night. Of course we will arrange for opportunities for some of the University people to meet you and Mrs. Fish on Sunday and perhaps at other times.

Sincerely yours

SJB-AW

DEC 29 1919.

My dear Buck.

I am sorry that we shall have to change our plans somewhat. My wife is not singing professionally, but has been asked into singing for charity, and dates make it impossible for her to leave Brooklyn as planned. In fact to her grief it will be impossible for her to come to St Paul at this time at all.

This being the case I will leave Brooklyn on Sunday night reaching St. Paul on Monday morning. Or by the way do I descend at Minneapolis

"Dolly" is very sorry not to join the reunion of the casts, but I fear it is inevitable. Perhaps we can do it here next Commencement.

I hope I can see you at Cleveland

as there are many things to talk over. as  
you know we are in a deal of a mix-up.

Truly yours

and Russell Field

December 24, 1919.

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COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 15, 1918

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

My dear Buck:

Your telegram came yesterday morning. As there was to be a dinner last evening given by the Historical Board to bring together official historians I thought I should have an opportunity of talking over the matter with Paxson and also of seeing how they responded to the idea of central archives for the war records.

I was disappointed in the first because Paxson had been called to Philadelphia by the illness of his wife but I was gratified that the military men themselves brought up the subject of archives and their care, and the group represented by Col. Weeks and Col. Taylor, who have to do with the military history side as Paxson's superiors were very intelligent about the matter. In fact, Col. Taylor has a very rigid and almost military idea of just what building he wants and how it is to go. The Navy Aero-nautics Marine Corps people were rather vague but mildly interested and we got through a form of motion to have a committee appointed which would pull the committee together on this proposition at least.

I am inclined to think there is a real job here which you can do better than anyone else and in which you would be very helpful to the military historians and ultimately to all those who are, or ought to be, interested in the archives matter. This particular phase of the historical work, it seems to me, might well be got going and then the responsible person released to go back to his regular duties. You cannot, of course, get a formal guarantee from the War Department on such matters but a working arrangement with the chief man concerned might be secured much as I understand Coffman has a tacit agreement with regard to his work with the Surgeon General's office. You ought not to undertake this on less than a captain's commission with reasonably sure prospects of an early promotion to a majority, for I feel sure it is fully important as anything Paxson or Fling can do in the immediate future in their field.

S.J.B.

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October 15, 1918

If you decide to entertain the suggestion let me know and I shall be glad to write President Burton and to the Historical Society. In the meantime you are at liberty to use this letter if you see fit.

Sincerely yours,

*Samuel Stanton Ford*

October 18, 1918

Professor Guy S. Ford  
Committee on Public Information  
10 Jackson Place  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Ford:-

Your letter of the fifteenth has just arrived, and I am very glad indeed to have the information which it contains about the situation in Washington. Your statement about the illness of Mrs. Paxson explains why my communications to him have been answered by Colonel Weeks.

At the same time that I wired you, I sent the telegram to Paxson inquiring as to how long my services would be needed and how soon it would be necessary to report. In reply I received a telegram from Colonel Weeks on Tuesday to the effect that my services would be wanted presumably for the duration of the war, and that it would be desirable for me to report as soon as possible after the issuance of the commission.

In this telegram, he stated definitely that "on receipt of application, medical examination, and testimonial, a memorandum requesting a commission as captain for you will be sent forward", which is more definite than his previous statement that an application "will receive immediate consideration at our hands." Upon receipt of this telegram, I took up the matter with the officers of the society and with White and Johnston at the University, and received assurances that leaves of absence would be granted.

One of the things which I was asked to include with the application was a statement of my classification in the draft. The local draft board had placed me in Class 1 A, as exemption had been claimed on occupational grounds only, which falls within the jurisdiction of the district board. The questionnaire was in the hands of the district board which had not acted upon it as yet. What I did was to secure a statement of these facts from the local board. Doubtless a statement of the action of the district board could now be procured if it is necessary.

Wednesday morning I wrote informally to Paxson, telling him what I had done and asking him whether or not I could consider that everything was settled but the formalities, and go ahead with arrangements here. I pointed

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out that if I could safely go ahead with such matters as the leasing of the house and the sale of the car without awaiting the receipt of the commission, it would be possible for me to get away sooner, perhaps as early as November 1. If Paxson is still away from Washington, I suppose that this letter also will be passed on to Colonel Weeks.

If the thing goes through, the family will probably spend the winter with relatives in Arkansas. I should like very much to have the car in Washington, but do not feel that I could afford the expense of getting it there or of maintaining it, and I will probably need the money which it will bring for the purchase of uniforms, etc.

Your letter makes me much more eager to go, for it gives me a somewhat more definite idea of what the work will be than did Paxson's statement in which he spoke of my appointment "for the purpose of general duty with this section, with special responsibility for work in agriculture and transportation as they have affected economic mobilization and for the preparation of a guide to the war archives." I take it that the first part of this is camouflage for the work which is really desired.

I have so many friends in Washington now that I am sure I shall very much enjoy spending the winter there, and I am looking forward eagerly to the prospect of seeing you and Mrs. Ford again.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 22, 1918

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

My dear Buck:

My interpretation of the duties that you might have here was based on the situation and followed some conversation with Paxson and a word or two with Col. Weekes at the dinner the other evening. It is certainly the first thing they ought to put you at and I hope that my interpretation is one they are going to act on rather than putting you to work on agriculture and transportation. A guide to the war archives and general suggestions to departments as to preservation of archives is an immediate necessity.

Leland has a half finished manuscript which you could easily take over and work out. He is not yet back from his long summer vacation and I doubt whether in his condition of health he will be able to undertake more than the most routine tasks of his office.

Sincerely yours,

*Guy Stanton Ford*

November 5, 1918

Professor Guy S. Ford  
Committee on Public Information  
10 Jackson Place  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Ford:-

Mother received a card from Mrs. Ellis yesterday with reference to a room which might be available for me at the Haggerty's. I should like very much to have this room if possible, but I am very much up in the air as yet as to when I will reach Washington, and indeed, I am not sure that I am going to be called there at all.

On October 15, I sent in my application for a commission, and the next day wrote Paxson about it and asked him whether or not I could take it for granted that the matter was settled except for formalities and go ahead with arrangements here. He replied on October 19 to the effect that under no circumstances should I take any final action until I received the telegram from the adjutant general stating that I had been or would be commissioned. To this letter he added a postscript to the effect that some different procedure would be followed in obtaining my commission.

A letter from Colonel Weeks dated October 21 supplied definite information about this procedure. I was directed to obtain definite classification from the local draft board which informed me that if placed in class one A or in a deferred class on account of occupation, I would have to be inducted before receiving a commission. I was directed to have an induction blank filled out and returned to him whereupon he would take steps for the authorization of my induction and have me notified by the local draft board which would order me to Washington.

I was directed to have the draft board wire him as soon as my induction should be completed in order that he might start the papers for the commission.

Taking the matter up with the draft board, I found that my questionnaire had been sent on to the district board because the only claim for deferred classification which had been made was on occupational grounds. At the district board office I was informed

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that the questionnaire was in the hands of its "advisory board", and that it would probably take some time to get action on it. Inasmuch as the procedure would be the same whether I was given the deferred classification or placed in class one A, the representative of the district board suggested that I simply waive all claim for deferred classification and accept classification in one A. In order to facilitate matters I did this and thus got the papers filled out and mailed back to Colonel Weeks on October 24, nearly two weeks ago.

My letter to Colonel Weeks which accompanied them closed with the following paragraph:

"If you can give me any indication as to how long it will probably be before I am called for induction, and also how soon thereafter I will be required to entrain for Washington, I would greatly appreciate it. There are many arrangements which I must make here before I leave, and some of these cannot be attended to until I know definitely that I am to leave and approximately when I am to leave. However much time may be allowed me after induction I shall, of course, take no more of it than is necessary, and shall arrange to get to Washington just as soon as possible."

Since then I have heard nothing from Weeks or Paxson or from the local draft board. I have hesitated to write or wire Paxson or Weeks about it, for fear of seeming unduly impatient. You will readily see, however, I think that it is important for me to know just as soon as possible whether I am to stay here or to go to Washington. There are a lot of things here which I would handle differently if I were sure that I ~~am~~ going to remain here.

Now I wonder if you could without too much trouble, get into communication with Paxson, find out just what the situation is, and wire me at my expense if any definite decision has been reached. I certainly will appreciate it very much if you will do this and also if you find out that I am to be called to Washington, I should like to have you reserve the room at Mrs. Haggerty's for me if it is still available.

You will be interested to know that we held the first meeting last week of the Minnesota War Records Commission appointed by the governor on the authorization of the Public Safety Commission. I am chairman and the

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other members are Shippee, West, Hicks, Father Busch, Bohannan, president of the Normal School at Duluth, Mrs. Brick, librarian of St. Cloud, Henke, publicity director of the Public Safety Commission, Adjutant General Rhinow, and Lindquist, the governor's secretary.

Holbrook was appointed director to carry on the work of the commission in consultation with the executive committee of four members. If I go to Washington, Holbrook will have to serve as acting superintendent as well, and it will be necessary to find some one to help him with the War Records work.

The folks are planning to spend the winter in Arkansas if I leave, and consequently I have been trying to find a renter for the house. This will apparently not be very easy, as there seems to be very little demand except for small houses and apartments.

Sincerely yours

B/P

The University of Minnesota  
Graduate School  
Minneapolis

March 17th

1919

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

Dear Professor Buck:

Mr. Theodore C. Blegen  
SHEVLIN FELLOW in S. L. & A. has applied for a position as  
~~Scholar or Assistant~~ in this University.

Your name has been given as a reference. I should appreciate  
any information which you may be able to give in regard to the  
fitness of this candidate for the position named.

Sincerely,

Guy Stanton Ford.

Kindly let us have this at once for use  
of the Shevlin Fellowship Committee

March 21, 1919

Dear Guy S. Ford  
Graduate School  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Ford:-

I am in receipt of your form note of March 17 stating that Mr. Theodore C. Blegen has applied for the Shevlin Fellowship.

Mr. Blegen, as you know, has done considerable work under my direction for the Minnesota Historical Society, having been employed by the society during two summer vacations. His work has been done in a thorough and scholarly manner. He has the faculties of initiative and insight as well as industry.

I consider him to be a young man of very great promise and believe that he should be encouraged and given an opportunity to complete his work for the doctorate.

Sincerely yours

B/P

May 31, 1918

Mr. George W. Fox, M. N. A.  
U. S. Navy Air Station  
Chatham, Massachusetts

Dear Roy:-

I am sending you herewith a statement about you as requested by your father, which I hope will be of service to you. I don't suppose you expected me to say anything about your technical qualifications, as I have of course no personal knowledge of them.

I presume that you are having a very interesting experience, and I hope that you will secure the desired appointment or promotion.

Sincerely yours

May 31, 1918

Bureau of Navigation  
Navy Department  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

Mr. George W. Fox, M. N. A., U. S.  
Navy Air Station, Chatham, Massachusetts, has  
requested me to furnish you with a statement  
about him.

I have known Mr. Fox for about eight  
years, and believe him to be a man of high char-  
acter and unusual ability. He was a student  
at the University of Minnesota for a year or  
two, leaving the course in order to enter  
business.

Very truly yours

Associate Professor of History  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

ROY W. FOX  
1914 Lincoln Avenue  
ST. PAUL, MINN.

U.S.N. AIR STATION  
CHATHAM, MASS.

MR SOLON J. BOCK  
GREGG & WALNUT ST. S.E.  
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

DEAR SOLON:-

I'LL SCRAWL A NOTE, TYPICAL  
I SUPPOSE OF WHAT YOU MIGHT EXPECT  
OF A "SMOR" - JUST TO ATTEMPT TO  
SHOW MY APPRECIATION OF THE LETTER  
OF RECOMMENDATION YOU SENT FOR MY  
USE.

NEEDLESS TO SAY THE APPOINTMENT  
I AM AFTER IS WELL WORTH WHILE AND  
AS THE APPLICATION DEMANDED A LETTER  
OF RECOMMENDATION FROM A PROFESSOR  
OF COLLEGE AT WHICH I LAST ATTENDED.  
I WAS PRETTY NEARLY UP A STUMP AS  
I NEEDED IT IN A HURRY & COULDN'T  
GET AT THE ADDRESSES OF THE PROFESSORS  
I REALLY HAD WHEN I THOT OF YOU. A  
TELEGRAM AND DAD DID THE REST.

THE SERVICE IS DOING INONDERS  
FOR US FELLOWS - WE WILL ALL GET JUST AS  
MUCH OUT OF IT AS WE PUT IN.

AGAIN - MANY THANKS.

SINCERELY

ROY W. FOX.

SEP 10 1919

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DULUTH, MINNESOTA

Sept. 9, 1919.

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

Dear Sir:

In going over the case of State of Minnesota v. State of Wisconsin with Mr. Bailey this morning, he referred your letter of August 29, 1919 to us. In that letter you refer to possible meanings of the main channel of St. Louis River, as those words are used in the Enabling Acts of the States of Minnesota and Wisconsin. Your suggestion that the main channel does not necessarily indicate the line of deepest water is unquestionably supported by the authorities, and we conceive the rule to be that the words used have reference to the main channel of navigation, or, as some of the cases put it, the channel of commerce. The line of deepest water may be entirely unfit for navigation, and, if in fact navigation goes elsewhere than the line of deepest water, that line of navigation is the boundary line between the states, regardless of where the deepest water is, if we understand the law correctly.

In view of the fact that the part of the brief for which we are responsible has to do with the channel theory of the case, we were very much interested in the suggestion of your letter, and greatly appreciate your making that suggestion. If, in your work in connection with this case, you come across any documents which would support our theory that the main navigated and navigable channel is the line contended for by the State of Minnesota, we shall greatly appreciate it if you will refer us to such documents. We have the reports of the chief of engineers available here, and they constitute what is probably the main source of information in this connection, so far as the records go. But, if your research leads to anything along the line suggested we should be very glad to have the result of that research.

Yours very truly,

HH-M.

*Fryberger, Fulton & Spear.*

December 5, 1917

Dr. George N. Fuller  
Michigan Historical Commission  
Lansing, Michigan

My dear Fuller:-

In looking over my private collection of your publications recently, I found a number of duplicates, and thinking that these may be of some use to you, I am sending them by parcel post. I seem to have no copies, however, of numbers 6 and 7 of your Bulletin or of any numbers which may have been issued after 8. The last Annual Report of your Commission which I have is the second, for 1914.

I should be glad to receive the Bulletin lacking and any later Reports which may be available, as I want to keep my personal collection of such material as complete as possible.

I trust that I will have the pleasure of seeing you at Philadelphia during the holidays.

Sincerely yours

8.9.17  
Found this in my  
Kintall's folders.  
no record of having  
said them  
CS

October 8, 1918

Mr. George N. Fuller  
Michigan Historical Commission  
Lansing, Michigan

My dear Fuller:-

I received your letter of September 30 and was glad to know about the war work in Michigan.

I am also in receipt of an interesting and useful volume entitled Democracy and the Great War, for which I presume that I am indebted to you. This will come in handy in connection with my teaching of the War Issues Course to the S. A. T. C. at the University.

I have not, however, received my personal copy of the last issue of your magazine as yet.

At present the prospects are that I shall not attend the A. H. A. meeting in Cleveland. I have been pretty regular in my attendance during the last ten years, and I feel that with traveling expenses so high, I ought to pass up the meeting this year.

Sincerely yours

B/P

OCT 14 1918  
Michigan Historical Commission

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Minnesota Historical Society,  
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

October  
Eleven  
1918

My dear Mr. Buck:

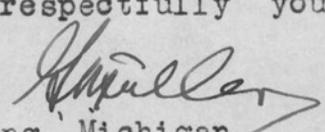
I can not account for your not receiving a copy of the July magazine. According to our records, two copies have been sent to you, the last marked "personal" on the envelope. However, I am having another sent.--Good luck to it.

I am very sorry you will not be in Cleveland, but I appreciate your reason. I should not go if it were far.

Our Dept. of Pub. Instruction must have sent you the little war pamphlet. An edition of 35,000 was issued and they have covered the States pretty well. The University has just ordered 4000 copies to use in the S.A.T.C. course in Ann Arbor.

Very respectfully yours,

GNF/NA

  
The State Capitol, Lansing, Michigan.

November 9, 1918

Mr. George N. Fuller  
Michigan Historical Commission  
The State Capitol, Lansing, Michigan

Dear Fuller:-

A copy of your July magazine finally reached me. Many thanks.

The prospects now are that I will be in Washington in the near future with a commission in the army for work on the archives of the War Department. In that case, it is probable that I shall be able to attend the meeting in Cleveland, and I hope that I shall have the pleasure of a talk with you at that time.

If I do go to Cleveland, I shall, if possible, arrange for a meeting of our Northwest conference to consider plans for future cooperative work in Washington and elsewhere.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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GEORGE N. FULLER, SECRETARY  
LANSING

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

November  
Fifteen  
1919

My dear Dr. Buck,-

I am in receipt of correspondence from you enclosed with yours of Nov. 13, and will give the items due attention.

Very sorry you will not be in Cleveland.

Kindly give me the address of the St. Louis Catholic Historical Review.

Very respectfully yours,

*G. N. Fuller*

GNF/PA

The State Capitol, Lansing, Mich.

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

October  
Thirty-one  
1919

My dear Doctor Buck:

We shall be pleased to complete your personal file, so far as we can.

Vol. 22 of the Collections is out of print, but we will keep you in mind. It is ready for reprinting as soon as we get some of the new matter out of the way.

Annual reports following No. 4 are in the January number of the Michigan History Magazine, where they will appear hereafter.

No. 10 is our last bulletin.

The Magazine, Vol. II, No. 4 and Vol. III, No. 3 can be supplied.

Vols. 2 and 4 of the University Series can be supplied. Vol. 5 will come from press by December.

All of these will go forward to you as early as possible, and we will send you personal copies to your house number henceforth.

Yes I have heard about Quaife's troubles. Don't it beat the devil! I hope he comes back with a blinger right between the eyes.

Have you read a little volume entitled, The degredation of democratic dogma (Macmillans)?

2--Buck

There ought to be some way of protecting the interests of scholarship from vandals. I have had my jolts for the overenthusiasms of the reformer, but I am good for several rounds yet. Quaife may have partly made his problem. One can not afford to be too stiffnecked, to the extent of jeopardizing his opportunity for larger service. But big jobs are on the lookout for idealists with backbone enough to fight, and I have no fear for Quaife. He is in my opinion a very high grade man. I like him. In fact I have not met a man in many years that has appealed to me more strongly from every angle.

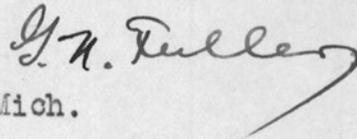
I am sorry you will not be in Cleveland. I will see you at Greencastle.

With kind regards.

Very respectfully yours,

GNF/NA

The State Capitol, Lansing, Mich.



October 28, 1919

✓  
Prof George N. Fuller  
Michigan Historical Commission  
Lansing, Michigan

Dear Fuller:-

I am in receipt of your letter of October 20 and want to thank you for the copies of Michigan laws enclosed. I am also in receipt of your letter of October 3, which was addressed originally to the Sherman Hotel. I was very glad, indeed, to receive this letter because I had been wondering why you did not take the trouble to reply to the call for the conference.

I regret to say that I shall probably not attend the meetings in Cleveland this winter, so that anything which you want to discuss with me will have to be taken up by correspondence unless it can go over until the M. V. H. A. meeting at Greencastle which I do expect to attend.

Doubtless you have already heard of the eruption in the Wisconsin Historical Society. I am wondering whether their plan is to separate the control of the editorial and research work from the other departments of the society, or to have Quaipe work under the direction of the new superintendent. In either case, it looks to me as if all might not be perfectly smooth sailing.

Recently I have been collecting my personal library from the various places in which it has been stored and getting it arranged in my new home. In doing so, I find certain gaps in files which I am anxious to fill in, particularly in the field of northwestern history. I appear to have a very complete collection of the publications of the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society and the Michigan Historical Commission, for all of which I am indebted to you. There are a few missing items, however, which you might be willing to supply.

Of the Collections, I have everything up to and including volume 39, with the exception of volume 22 which seems to have disappeared. I had supposed that my set was absolutely complete.

G. N. F. 10/28/19--3

Of the Annual Reports of the Commission, I have numbers 1, 2, and 4. Would very much like to receive number 3 and any later than 4.

Of the Bulletins of the Commission, I have numbers 1-10, and lack any later ones which may have been issued.

Of your Magazine, I lack volume 2, number 4, and such issues as may have appeared later than volume 3, number 2.

Of your University Series, I lack volume 2 and any which may have been issued after volume 3.

Some of the difficulties connected with keeping my personal files of publications complete are due to the fact that copies intended for my occasionally get mixed up with material intended for the Historical Society. Consequently I am trying to arrange to have my personal copies of all such publications sent to my home address hereafter, and I will appreciate it very much if you will have my address changed on your books to 611 Delaware St. S. E., Minneapolis. Correspondence will usually reach me most promptly, however, if addressed as before, to the Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul.

Sincerely yours

B/P

December 16, 1919

Dr. George W. Fuller  
Michigan Historical Commission  
Lansing, Michigan

Dear Fuller:-

In running through some correspondence awaiting reply, I find your letter of November 15 which should have been answered long ago.

The address of the St. Louis Catholic Historical Review is 209 Walnut St., St. Louis, care Rev. John Rothensteiner, Secretary of the Catholic Historical Society of St. Louis.

The shipment of publications of your commission reached me about a week ago, and I want to thank you for your assistance and for your courtesy in thus helping to complete my personal files.

Sincerely yours

B/P

DEC 22 1919

# Michigan Historical Commission

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PORT HURON

GEORGE N. FULLER, SECRETARY  
LANSING

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

December  
Eighteen  
1919

My dear Doctor Buck:

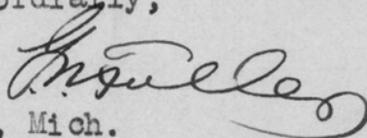
Thank you for address of the St. Louis Catholic  
Historical Society.

Sorry I am not to see you in Cleveland. Will  
try to be at Greencastle.

Cordially,

GNF/NA

The State Capitol, Lansing, Mich.



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THE GARY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Fifth Avenue, Adams & Jefferson Streets  
LOUIS J. BAILEY, LIBRARIAN GARY, INDIANA



October 23, 1919

Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
Ill. State Historical Library,  
Springfield, Ill.

My dear Mr. Buck:

I am anxious to secure a copy of your book  
entitled "Travel and Discription" 1765-1865,  
published by the Illinois State Historical  
Library 1914.

This book is Volume 9, Illinois State Historical  
Library and Volume 2 of the Bibliographic  
Series. If it is not possible to send a copy  
gratis will you kindly let me know if it will  
be possible to buy a copy of this book and give  
me the cost?

Very truly yours,

*Orpha Maud Peters*

Acting Librarian

OMP/FW

October 28, 1919

Miss Orpha Maud Peters  
Acting Librarian  
Gary Public Library  
Gary, Indiana

Dear Madam:-

Your letter of October 23 addressed to me in care of the Illinois State Historical Library, has been forwarded to me here.

The edition of my volume entitled Travel and Description was exhausted within a very few months after publication, and it has been difficult to procure copies for some time. It seems that numerous second hand book dealers all over the country are particularly anxious to have copies for their own use, since the work indicates in what libraries copies of various books of travel listed therein are to be found. As a consequence the work rarely appears in second hand catalogues, and when it does appear, a good round price is asked for it.

It happens that I reserved an extra copy for my own use at the time of publication, but I have not decided to part with this provided anyone wants it enough to be willing to pay five dollars for it. To make sure that there may be no misunderstanding, I want to state that the book is composed of three bibliographies; one listing books of travel, the second, county histories, and the third, state and territorial laws. It contains no popular reading matter whatever.

Very truly yours

B/P

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November 22, 1919

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

Replying to your letter concerning  
your volume "Travel and Discription"  
I regret to say that it will be im-  
possible for us to give the sum of \$5  
which you ask. I have seen the book  
and hope sometime we may be able to  
place it on your shelves but lack of  
funds makes it impossible to purchase  
it at this time.

Very truly yours,

*Orpha Maud Peters*  
Acting Librarian

OMP/FW

July 17, 1918

Professor Karl Geiser  
Oberlin College  
Oberlin, Ohio

Dear Mr. Geiser:-

Mr. Ralph H. Farmer, formerly a student of yours at Oberlin and now taking summer school work at the University of Minnesota, is being considered for the position of curator of the museum of the Minnesota Historical Society.

The work will require executive ability, as well as interest in and knowledge of history. We hope to make our museum a real educational force in the community, with frequent lectures, etc. A statement from you as to Mr. Farmer's qualifications for such work would be much appreciated.

Very truly yours

B/P

OCT 30 1918

October 29, 1918

Miss Ida F. Goldberg  
507 Marion St.,  
St. Paul, Minnesota

My dear Miss Goldberg:-

I am in receipt of your letter of October 25, and am forwarding it to Professor R. R. Price, Director of the Extension Division, University of Minnesota.

In collecting the fees for the course, I was acting merely as the agent of the Extension Division, and the money received has been turned over to the University. Arrangements for a refund, therefore, can be made only through the Division itself.

In case you do not hear from the Division in the near future, I would suggest that you take up the matter with Mr. Price direct.

Sincerely yours

B/P

July 13, 1918

Professor N. S. B. Gras  
Clark University  
Worcester, Massachusetts

My dear Mr. Gras:-

Dean Ford has decided to remain in Washington another year, and Mrs. Ford has asked me to assist her in finding a renter for their house.

It occurs to me that if you have not already settled upon something you might be interested in this. She would prefer to rent the house furnished and asks fifty-five dollars a month for it. It is a good sized house, with three rooms on the first floor, four on the second, and two on the third. The location is about the best in the University community, about ten minutes walk from the campus and with an outlook over the Mississippi river.

In case you are at all interested in this proposition, I would suggest that you write directly to Mrs Guy S. Ford, 517 Essex St. S. E., Minneapolis.

Sincerely yours

B/P

AUG 8 1918

4110 Fessenden St.  
Washington, D.C.

4 August, 1918.

Dear Dr. Buck:

Many thanks for your letter informing me of the possibility of renting Dean Yerd's house.

It seems at present that I shall remain in the War Trade Board, if I can secure leave of absence.

Washington is no summer resort, even though I did come here just for the summer. The prospect of delaying work at Minnerota is not at all a welcome one to me. Mais, c'est la guerre.

With best wishes for the summer's vacation, I am,

Sincerely yours,

W. S. Graves

FEB 15 1919

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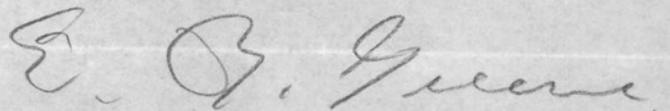
Office of the Secretary of the Council,  
315 Lincoln Hall,  
Urbana, Ill.

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that at the meeting of the Executive Council of the American Historical Association, you were appointed a member of the Public Archives Commission for the year 1919. The other members are Victor H. Paltsits, Chairman, H. V. Ames, E. C. Barker, R. D. W. Connor, John C. Fitzpatrick, C. N. Fuller, Peter Guilday.

I shall be glad to receive your acceptance of this appointment.

Sincerely yours,



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

P. S. In view of the fact that certain phases of the work of the Public Archives Commission are approaching completion, the Commission is requested to prepare a report for presentation to the Council at the close of the current year indicating the lines of service which may most appropriately be undertaken in the future.

E. B. G.

February 17, 1919

Professor E. B. Greene  
315 Lincoln Hall  
Urbana, Illinois

My dear Mr. Greene:-

I take pleasure in accepting the appointment to membership on the Public Archives Commission of the American Historical Association for the year 1919.

Sincerely yours

E/P

NOV 24 1919

Urbana, Illinois,  
315 Lincoln Hall,  
November 21, 1919.

Professor S. J. Buck,  
Minnesota Historical Society,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Buck:

Dr. Shearer has written me a letter expressing his desire to be relieved from the position of secretary of the Conferences of Historical Societies, though he may possibly be willing to continue for one more year, if we have difficulty in filling his place at once. Have you any suggestion to offer as to a possible successor? Have you any ideas as to what ought to be done to make the conference somewhat more effective? As you know the organization was somewhat modified a year or two ago, but the situation just now does not seem wholly satisfactory.

Sincerely yours,

*Ewart B. Rouse*

EBG:ARK.

November 29, 1919

Prof. Evarts B. Greene  
315 Lincoln Hall  
Urbana, Illinois

Dear Mr. Greene:-

I have your letter of November 21 and am sorry to hear of the prospective resignation of Shearer. I have felt that he had the initiative and ability to really make something of the Conference of Historical Societies if he would take hold of it in earnest and devote sufficient time to it. The reorganization which was worked out a year or two ago seemed to me to be a promising one but an enthusiastic secretary, willing to devote more time to it than Shearer probably could spare, seems to be necessary to make it go. Since it is necessary to choose a new secretary, I feel that the matter of any further changes in organization ought to be postponed until the secretary is selected for it is always easier for a man to carry out his own ideas than those of someone else.

I believe that this secretaryship should be a rather permanent position and that the holder should receive a small compensation for his services or at least have funds available for clerical assistance. If the plan of collecting dues from the various societies could be put into effective operation, that might furnish funds. As to possibilities for the position of secretary, the only one that occurs to me just now is Herbert A. Kellar of the McCormick Historical Library, Chicago. Kellar has almost unlimited initiative and industry. The principal trouble with him is that he sometimes spends too much time on details, but I think that will be a desirable fault in connection with this work. His address is 679 Rush Street, Chicago.

I have decided not to attend the A. H. A. meeting in Cleveland and so will miss the pleasure of meeting you and other Illinois friends. Having been to every meeting but one since 1906, I am sure that my absence this year will be excusable.

Sincerely yours

SJB-AW

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

DEC 5 1919

315 Lincoln Hall,  
December 2, 1919.

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

I am much obliged to you for your  
suggestion about Mr. Kellar.

Sincerely yours,

*Everts Blaine*

EBG:ARK.

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*Office of the Secretary of the Council,  
315 Lincoln Hall,  
Urbana, Ill.*

December 19, 1919.

Professor S. J. Buck,  
Minnesota Historical Society,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Buck:

What would you think of J. C. Parish for the secretaryship of the Conference of Historical Societies? I understand he is now at work again in the Iowa Historical Society.

Sincerely yours,

*Evarts B. Greene*

EBG:ARK.

December 23, 1919

Mr. Evarts B. Greene  
315 Lincoln Hall  
Urbana, Illinois

Dear Mr. Greene:-

I am sorry to say that my impressions of J. C. Parrish are too vague to justify my having any opinion as to his qualifications of ability to act as secretary of the Conference of Historical Societies.

I recognize the name as being that of one of Shambaugh's numerous assistants, and I presume that I met him when I visited the State Historical Society of Iowa five years ago, but I have no distinct recollection of him. I do not believe that he has attended many of the meetings of the American or Mississippi Valley Historical Associations.

Sincerely yours

B/P

May 20, 1918

Rev. Dr. Peter Guilday  
Catholic University of America  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Father Guilday:-

I desire to thank you for your courtesy in sending me a copy of the issue of the Catholic Historical Review containing a review of my Illinois in 1818 which I have read with much interest.

As the review is unsigned, I have no positive means, of course, of knowing who wrote it. The principal criticism contained in the review appears to be that the book does not give sufficient attention to the part played by Catholics. The writer of the review has apparently failed to observe that the work was restricted by its title and by its plan as explained in the preface, to a description of the situation in Illinois in and about 1818, together with an account of the steps by which it became a state.

It would obviously have been inappropriate for me to have included in the volume a discussion of the part played by French Catholics in the work of George Rogers Clark forty years before the period with which I was dealing. In view of this fact, it seems to me that the statement in the course of the long discussion of this subject contained in the review, that I showed "no intentional bias" is unjustifiable, as it implies that I did show an unintentional bias.

Again, in another part of the review, a statement is made that I am "rather inclined to alight their [the French Catholics] influence". In view of the fact that I carefully explained in the book that the influence of the French element was comparatively small, because of the fact that the ablest and most progressive of them had left Illinois prior to the period with which I was dealing, it seems to me that the reviewer should have presented some evidence to show that their influence was greater than I had indicated.

My historical work is, I firmly believe, unaffected by any prejudice in favor of either

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Catholics or Protestants, and the conclusions which I expressed were based upon the careful examination of all the available evidence. If any evidence of a contrary character is in existence, I should be very glad to have it called to my attention.

I have been heretofore very much impressed by the scholarly appearance of the Catholic Historical Review, and I regretted all the more, therefore, the somewhat narrow and decidedly unscientific character of the particular review in question.

Sincerely yours

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THE CATHOLIC HISTORICAL REVIEW  
CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

REV. PETER GUILDAY, PH. D.  
MANAGING EDITOR

June 4, 1918.

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

My dear Dr. Buck:

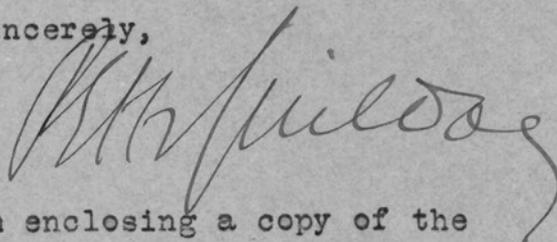
I have been absent from my office on account of war work and so have been unavoidably delayed in answering your esteemed letter of May 20th.

I am communicating the contents of your letter to the reviewer, and I feel positive that justice will be <sup>done</sup> ~~due~~ to your criticism of his review.

May I not add in justification that it was after due consultation here that the reviewer was chosen. I should be sorry to think that my advisers had led me astray.

Assuring you of my own profound esteem, I am, my dear Doctor,

Yours very sincerely,



P.S. On second thought I am enclosing a copy of the Western Catholic---it may throw light on the reviewer's position.

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1140 Woodward Building,  
Washington, D. C.

December 7, 1918.

My dear Buck:

I am taking the liberty of putting your name down for participation at Cleveland in a discussion entitled, "The collection of books, posters and other materials relating to the war by historical societies and libraries. This discussion will be held Friday afternoon, December 27, at a conference of historical societies in joint session with the Committee on Bibliography. The details of the programme have in the main been arranged by Dr. Shearer, but we have had to supply some minor points here. The inclusion of your name as one of the participants in the discussion is such an addition and I trust it will meet with your acquiescence.

Cordially yours,

*S. B. Harding*

Chairman of the Programme  
Committee.

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

December 23, 1918

Mr. Samuel B. Harding  
1140 Woodward Building  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Harding:-

I appreciate very much your  
courtesy in putting me on the program for the  
Conference of Historical Societies, but un-  
fortunately it will be impossible for me to  
attend the meeting in Cleveland this year.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

5413 Woodlawn Avenue  
Chicago, Nov. 25, 1919

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

My dear Buck:

I have become such a wretched correspondent that I no longer have the face to apologize for my shortcomings. It was bad enough that I should let pass unacknowledged the wedding announcement which you were kind enough to send to me, but to let your letter about Alvord go for so long is almost unpardonable. I hope you will understand, however, that the one was due to no lack of interest in the event or hearty good wishes thereon, and the other to no disinclination to do anything that can be done to improve Alvord's position.

It happens that Alvord was in to see me a couple of weeks before I received your letter and he talked pretty freely about this situation at Illinois. I did not hesitate to say that I thought it was a shame the way things had gone there and that he ought to get away. If the position at Madison were one in which his very great powers of organization, research, and writing would have free play, I should recommend Alvord against the field for the position; for I don't believe there is anyone in the country who is now doing better work in western history than he is.

But just after your letter came Ford was here and what he said about the situation at Madison makes me doubt the wisdom of recommending Alvord for the position. As I understand it, Quaiff is to continue in charge of the research and editing, and what the curators want is a man to do what Quaiff failed to do--meet people, jolly them along, and generally do the glad hand and grandstand act. Frankly I don't think that Alvord is especially good at that. And moreover he strikes me as wretched in health. I was positively shocked at the change in him since I saw him last, nearly two years ago. I don't believe it would be a kindness to him to put him into a new position of that sort, with his predecessor on the ground, and in Alvord's state of health. So I have not written as you suggested. If it should turn out that I am misinformed as to conditions at Madison, or if Alvord definitely wants any influence I may have, why it is wholeheartedly at his disposal. But until I hear further I shall do nothing.

With cordial good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

*Samuel B. Harding*

November 29, 1919

Mr. Samuel B. Harding  
5413 Woodlawn Ave.,  
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Harding:-

The good wishes transmitted by your letter of November 25 are much appreciated.

With reference to Alvord and the situation at Wisconsin, I have felt very much the same as do you; that is, I have had doubts as to the desirability of the position for Alvord. A good deal depends, however, upon exactly what is to be Quaife's status and on that I have no definite information.

I do not know whether Ford has heard from the Wisconsin people about the situation or is merely drawing conclusions from what has been published. At any rate, Alvord is extremely anxious to secure the position and I feel that he is the best judge as to his own interests. Should he receive it, I am sure that his influence would make itself felt in every part of the society's work. It is true that Alvord has not been in good health for the last few years, but he has accomplished more than most well men during that period, and he seems to be much better now. I am of the opinion, moreover, that Alvord is pretty successful in dealing with other people. I am sure that he would soon have the loyal support of the staff, which is something that Quaife never secured, and so far as I have been able to observe, he seems to get along well with the public in general.

Knowing that he wants the appointment very much, and believing that he has many excellent qualifications for it, I could not fail, in view of our personal friendship and my feeling of obligation to him, to do what I can to bring about his selection. I might add that Alvord definitely asked me to write to you among others and ask you to use your influence in his behalf. I should prefer, of course, that this fact and, for that matter, my part in the campaign also, be not generally known.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

December 8, 1919.

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

My dear Buck:

Your letter of the 29th clears up the Alvord matter, and you may rest assured that I will do all that I can. My only doubt was in regard to the advisability in case Alvord were not already interested. If he wants the position you may be sure that I will do everything in my power to assist him. He is not merely, in my opinion, the very best man in his field and one who has turned out a tremendous amount of stuff, but he is a prince of good fellows.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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*Samuel B. Harding*

October 28, 1918

Mr. Ralph V. Harlow  
Simmons College  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of a copy of your paper entitled "Economic Conditions in Massachusetts during the American Revolution" sent to me at the University of Minnesota.

I have examined this paper with much interest and desire to express my appreciation of your courtesy in sending it to me. It would seem to be a valuable contribution.

Very truly yours

B/P

February 21, 1919

Chairman Committee on Fellowships  
Graduate School  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:-

Mr. Paul Sydney Smith, a graduate student of the University of Minnesota, is applying for a scholarship or fellowship in Harvard University for the academic year 1919-20.

Mr. Smith took his master's degree in the University of Minnesota last June, writing his master's thesis under my direction and thus I had ample opportunity to observe his work and form an opinion of his qualifications.

He is a thorough student, works rapidly but accurately, and achieves excellent results. On the whole, I consider him to be a young man of very high promise and one who would, I am sure, profit to the utmost by the opportunities which Harvard offers to a graduate student in history.

Mr. Smith has a very attractive personality, has handled quiz sections in history successfully, and has, I am confident, the requisite qualities for the making of a successful teacher as well as scholar.

Very truly yours

B/P

June 12, 1918

Mr. William H. Hathaway  
Riverside High School  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Sir:-

At the request of Professor Alvord, I have been preparing the 1916-17 Proceedings of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association for publication, and included in the material sent me by Professor Alvord, is a letter from you to him dated November 22, with reference to a paper entitled "A Course in Socialized High School Civics" which you read at the meeting in Chicago in April, 1917.

In the letter you stated that the paper was about to be printed in the School Review. I will appreciate it if you will inform me at your earliest convenience as to the issue of the School Review, date, volume, and pages in which it appeared, in order that I can include this information in the Proceedings.

Very truly yours

W. H. HATHAWAY  
HEAD OF HISTORY DEPARTMENT  
~~EAST DIVISION HIGH SCHOOL~~  
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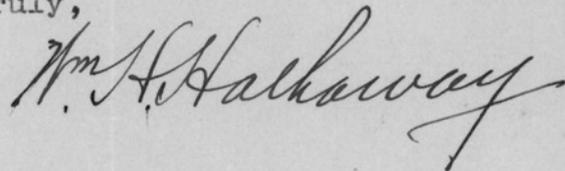
June 18, 1918

Mr. Solon J. Buck  
Saint Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of the twelfth:  
My paper, "A Course in Socialized Civics", which I read  
at the meeting of the Association at Chicago in April,  
1917, was published in the School Review, Vol. XXV,  
No. 10, December 1917, pp. 731-743.

Yours truly,



Riverside High School

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ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

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SAMUEL F. KERFOOT,  
PRESIDENT

May 13, 1918.

Sup't Solon J. Buck,  
Minnesota Historical Society

My dear Dr. Buck:--

I have a statement, or possibly a confession, to make concerning the failure of the Committee on Procedure, of which Professor Paxson was chairman, and yourself ranking member, to report. Professor Paxson sent me a list of suggestions for the committee to act upon, a copy of which I enclose. His letter, however, was directed to Hamline University instead of to my home address, and did not reach me until to-day (Monday). So far as I know the committee never met, and nothing suggested was done, though I was not present during all of the business session and action may have been taken of which I am not informed. I am very sorry indeed that Professor Paxson's suggestions were not carried out as he expected them to be. His letter was mailed abundantly soon, and should have reached me by Thursday, May 9.

Very truly yours,

*John D. Hicks*

May 30, 1918

Dr. John D. Hicks  
Hamline University  
St. Paul, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Hicks:-

I do not see as there is anything we can do now in the matter of the Committee on Procedure.

Paxson sent me a copy of the list of suggestions, and I wrote him in reply that they met with my approval and I had nothing to add. Later, he wrote that he was asking you to act as chairman of the committee in his absence. Vidette was the only other member of the committee here, and I do not see when I could have found time to have met with you.

As a matter of fact, I doubt if any meeting of the committee is really necessary. Some of the suggestions have already been put into practice, and all of them, if they meet with the approval of the other members of the committee, can be forwarded by Paxson to the interested parties and that will doubtless be all that is necessary.

Sincerely yours

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Mississippi Valley Historical Association  
Teachers' Section

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May 6

1918

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

I regret my inability to attend the annual meeting of the Association this year. You will notice by the printed program that the terms of Professor Viles and myself, as members of the Executive Committee, and of myself as Secretary of said committee, expire this year. Will you please bring the matter to the attention of the Nominating Committee and see that proper nominations are made?

Hoping you have a good meeting, I am, with best wishes,

Yours cordially,

Howard C. Hill

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February 5, 1918

Professor Homer C. Hockett  
Ohio State University  
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Hockett:-

You wrote me on December 7 to the effect that you were sending me a copy of your thesis, and just before Christmas I sent you a note acknowledging your letter and stating that the thesis had not come in as yet. I regret to say that it does not appear to have arrived at all.

I am very anxious, indeed, to have an opportunity to read this, and I hope that we may secure a copy for the library also. I wish it might be possible for us to receive automatically all the publications of your University in our fields, but so far we have not been able to bring this about. I suppose the trouble is that our exchange relations are rather with the Archaeological and Historical Societies than with the University.

We are now installed in our new building, but are far from being settled. I hope you may find it possible to attend the Mississippi Valley Historical Association meeting here May 9, 10, and 11, in connection with which we expect to dedicate the building.

Sincerely yours

February 15, 1918

My dear Hockett:-

A copy of the Western Influences on Political Parties has finally arrived, and I shall be very much interested in reading it at the first opportunity. Just at present, we are trying to get settled in our new building, and I have very little time for reading anything.

I hope that you are planning to attend the meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association in St. Paul, May 9-11. We intend to dedicate our building at the same time.

Many thanks for  
the book.

Sincerely yours

Professor Homer C. Hockett  
Ohio State University  
Columbus, Ohio

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Worthington, Ohio, Feb. 22, 1918.

My dear Buck:--

Upon receipt of your note I sent you another copy of my essay, which I am glad to know reached you. If the first copy should turn up, put it in the library or give it to some one who may be interested, as you see fit.

I am referring your suggestion about exchanges to our library, which has charge of our exchanges.

I wish I could plan to attend the M. V. H. A. meeting in May, but feel that I cannot undertake it. I am in position to do so little for the national cause in this time of crisis that I feel in duty bound to save what I can for war relief and kindred calls. I dare say our organization meetings will suffer considerably from such causes while the war lasts.

With cordial regards, I am,

Yours truly,

*Homer C. Hackett*

March 25, 1918

My dear Hockett:-

I think I have neglected to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 23 and also of the second copy of your book which finally reached me.

I have read a couple of chapters in the book and hope to read it all in the course of time. It seems to me that you have made a very valuable contribution to our knowledge of American history.

When you see my friends, the Kellys, remember me to them.

Sincerely yours

Professor Homer C. Hockett  
Worthington, Ohio

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DEPARTMENT OF  
AMERICAN HISTORY

*alk*  
3217 Wallace St., Philadelphia, Pa.  
COLUMBUS.

Nov. 9, 1919.

My dear Beech:-

It gave us real pleasure to hear of your marriage, and we extend our hearty congratulations and good wishes to you and Mrs. Beech, whom we hope it may be our good fortune someday to meet. Please overlook our tardy acknowledgment of your announcement, which came when everything was topsy turvey with us. We had sold our house, had been turned

out thru the sale of the house we had rented, and  
were living in our garage while building a cottage  
and making preparations to get away for  
my sabbatical. We are now very comfortably  
housed here, and I am delightfully engaged in  
my research.

I am glad for you to have the happiness which  
I am sure your new companionship  
will bring. Mrs. Hockett joins in kindest  
regards.

Sincerely your friend,

Hockett.

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March 4, 1919.

Professor S. J. Buck,  
University of Minnesota,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:

We are taking the liberty of sending you  
with our compliments a copy of a book which we have  
just published, which we think may interest you:

The Peace President. William Archer.

Very truly yours,  
Henry Holt and Company.

*G. H. C.*

March 12, 1919

Henry Holt & Co.,  
19 West 44 St.,  
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

I want to thank you for the complimentary copy which you were kind enough to send me of the Peace President by William Archer. I am very glad, indeed, to have this interesting book for my library.

Sincerely yours

B/P

May 28, 1918

Prof. W. E. Hotchkiss  
Director Business Education  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Hotchkiss:-

The oral examination of  
Mr. Warren L. Wallace for the master's degree  
will be held on Saturday, June 1, at three P. M.  
in room 218A of the Library Building. Mr. Wal-  
lace's minor is a combination of economics and  
European history.

Sincerely yours

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*B. W. Huebsch*  
*Publisher*

CABLES: YEARBOOK NEWYORK  
TELEPHONES: 5260-1 PLAZA  
June 22, 1919



Mr. Bouček  
Librarian State Historical Library  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir,

I am told that you have published or are preparing to publish a study of farmers' movements in the United States, and I should like to obtain a copy of this work. Dr. Levine is writing ~~the~~ <sup>a</sup> book that I am to bring out in which he will certainly want to refer to such works as yours and if the latter is already available I should like to bring it to Dr. Levine's attention.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "B. W. Huebsch". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

June 28, 1919

Mr. B. W. Huebsch  
32 West 58 St.,  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your inquiry of  
June 22.

I have written two books dealing with farmers' movements in the United States. One of these is The Granger Movement, published by the Harvard University Press in 1913. This other is entitled The Agrarian Crusade; a Chronicle of the Farmer in Politics, and is in press at the present time. It will be published probably in the fall by the Yale University Press as one of the volumes of its Chronicles of America Series.

This book is less detailed but more comprehensive in scope, dealing not only with the granger movement but also with later movements dating about 1896. I trust that this information will serve your purposes.

Very truly yours

B/P

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CABLES: YEARBOOK NEWYORK

TELEPHONES: 5260-1 PLAZA

June 30, 1919.



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

Dear Sir,

Thanks for your courtesy in giving the information contained in yours of the 28th. There is no doubt that your books will be helpful to Dr. Levine, to whom I am forwarding your letter, and that they will received due credit in the work in which he is now engaged.

Yours very truly,

*B. W. Huebsch*

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CORNELL UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF AMERICAN HISTORY  
CHARLES H. HULL

244 GOLDWIN SMITH HALL  
ITHACA, NEW YORK

March 17, 1919.

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

My dear Dr. Buck:-

You will doubtless recall some correspondence which we had about Dr. Earle D. Ross as a possible Historical Society Library worker. I believe he was with you last summer and should be very appreciative of your judgment, in case you care to write me, as to his qualifications for such work, both as to his merits and his defects. This, I do not desire for any public use but as one for a basis in advising Ross in regard to a question upon which he has solicited my judgment.

I will not communicate such letter as you may send in regard to Ross to any one but use it merely for myself. If, however, you prefer not to write, I shall quite understand the circumstance.

Very truly yours,

*Clarence H. Hall*

March 21, 1919

Professor Charles H. Hull  
244 Goldwin Smith Hall  
Cornell University  
Ithaca, New York

My dear Mr. Hull:

I am very glad to give you my impressions of Dr. Ross and his possibilities as a worker in the historical society field, ~~work.~~

I found him to be industrious, accurate, and possessed of considerable initiative in planning the details of his work, and I believe that he would make good in research, compilation, or editorial work, provided it did not require much contact with outsiders.

Ross appears to me to have certain very decided limitations. In the first place, he takes himself and the world too seriously. I rented him a room in my house last summer and took him back and forth from Minneapolis to St. Paul nearly every day while he was here, but I did not succeed in getting acquainted with him. He is utterly devoid of affability, and I doubt very much if he would succeed in any position which would require him to come into contact with the public. So far as directing the work of other people is concerned, I think he would be able to plan things effectively, but his attitude is such that I doubt if he would have the hearty co-operation of his subordinates.

On the whole, I am inclined to think that it might be best for Ross to stick to the denominational college where he would not be obliged to associate with frivolous and ungodly people, but unfortunately such positions usually allow little time for research work for which he has a decided bent.

Sincerely yours

B/P