



[Solon J. Buck Papers.](#)

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March 1, 1919

Committee on International Law Fellowships
2 Jackson Place
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

Mr. Paul Sydney Smith, a graduate student in the University of Minnesota, is applying for one of your fellowships 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 would be opened up by such a fellowship.

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

MAY 10 1918

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
THE GRADUATE SCHOOL
EVANSTON, ILLINOIS

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

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May 9, 1918.

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

My dear Buck:

I had fully counted on coming to the Historical Association meeting but find it necessary to go to Washington today in order to take up some work with the Adjutant General's department. My duties have to do with applying the rating scale in the advancement of army officers. I have been engaged in this work for some weeks during the year and find it very agreeable.

The program to be given in connection with the dedication of your new building is a most attractive one and I want to congratulate you on bringing this work to a successful completion. I presume, however, that you feel that it is now just fairly begun.

With best wishes, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

J. A. James
Dean.

J/N

April 21, 1919

Dear James A. James
Northwestern University
Evanston, Illinois

My dear James:-

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 "To What Extent was George Rogers Clark in Control of the Northwest at the Close of the Revolution" 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 26 1919

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
THE GRADUATE SCHOOL
EVANSTON, ILLINOIS

J. H. L.

April 24, 1919.

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

The article to which you refer is to be published in the Proceedings of the American Historical Association, and is now in press. As you recall I read two papers at successive meetings. One of them was published in the reports of the Mississippi-Valley Historical Association report, and it was thought best to give the other to the American Historical Association.

I trust that you are to be present at the meeting in St. Louis.

Sincerely yours,

J. A. James
Dean.

J/GH

The American Historical Review

J. FRANKLIN JAMESON,
MANAGING EDITOR,

1140 WOODWARD BUILDING, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Jan. 1, 1914

Dr. Solon J. Buck:

DEAR SIR:

Please find enclosed a check for \$ 4.25

in payment for your contribution to the Review for

January entitled Lindley's
Indiana.

No acknowledgment need be returned.

With thanks for your co-operation, I am,

Sincerely yours,

J. FRANKLIN JAMESON.

J.

June 11, 1918

Dr. J. F. Jameson
1140 Woodward Building
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Jameson:-

I am in receipt of your communication of June 5, asking me to review Hansen's Old Fort Snelling.

I had already started to read this with the intention of reviewing it for the Minnesota History Bulletin. Assuming that you will have no objections to the reprinting of the review with due acknowledgments, in a later issue of the Bulletin, I will be glad to send it in for the American Historical Review.

Sincerely yours

JUN 18 1918

The American Historical Review.

J. FRANKLIN JAMESON,
MANAGING EDITOR,

1140 WOODWARD BUILDING, WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 15, 1918.

My dear Dr. Buck:

Your letter of June 11 is received. We shall be very glad to have you notice for us Hansen's book, with the understanding that you are at liberty to have the review reprinted in the Minnesota History Bulletin at a later time. The volume goes to you herewith, and the customary circular to reviewers is inclosed.

Very truly yours,

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

The American Historical Review

WRITERS OF BOOK NOTICES for the *American Historical Review* are requested to consider carefully the following suggestions, with which the Board of Editors is in agreement:

1. Reviews of Books are addressed to an audience more special than that of the body-articles, consisting, in the case of each book, of those particularly interested in its special subject. While reviews consisting of minute criticisms are to be deprecated, it is hoped that reviewers will not hesitate to write for the special student rather than for the general reader, with a scientific rather than a literary intention, and with definiteness and precision in both praise and dispraise.

2. It is desired that the review of a book shall be such as will convey to the reader a clear and comprehensive notion of its nature, of its contents, of its merits, of its place in the literature of the subject, and of the amount of its positive contribution to knowledge. The Editors do not favor that type of review which deals with only a part of a book, or makes the book merely a text for a digressive essay. The interests of readers require that the pages headed "Reviews of Books" be filled with reviews in the literal sense; for original contributions, however brief, another place is reserved.

3. It is hoped that the reviewer will take pains, first of all, to apprehend the author's conception of the nature and intent of his book and to criticise it with a due regard

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In justice to the publishers of the *Review* and to the American Historical Association, and in view of the greatly increased cost of paper and printing, the editors have resolved to reduce somewhat severely the number of pages. Therefore they are obliged to notify reviewers that the limits of space suggested to them will need to be more rigidly observed hereafter.

J. FRANKLIN JAMESON,
Managing Editor

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to its species and purpose. It should, however, be remembered that the review is intended for the information and assistance of readers, and not for the satisfaction of the author of the book. Sympathy, courtesy, a sense of attachment, readiness to make allowance for a different point of view, should not therefore withhold the reviewer from the straightforward expression of adverse judgments sincerely entertained; otherwise, the Review cannot fulfill the important function of upholding a high standard of historical writing.

4. Reviewers are asked to take great pains to be exact in their quotations.

5. In order to keep pace with the historical literature as it appears, the Review must contain many book notices. It is therefore imperatively necessary that the reviewer keep within the limits of space indicated to him by the Managing Editor.* If the review exceeds that length it will usually have to be reduced, either by the writer or by the Managing Editor; the process is always disagreeable and the result often unsatisfactory.

6. With the book is sent a transcript of the title, in the form preferred by the Editors; the reviewer is asked to paste this at the heading of his review.

7. Typewritten reviews are preferred. If a review is written with a pen, a typewritten copy is prepared at the editorial office and sent to the reviewer for correction. Printed proofs are not sent.

8. All reviews are paid for on publication, at the uniform rate of three dollars a page.

9. Reviews may be signed or unsigned, as the writer may prefer.

J. FRANKLIN JAMESON,
Managing Editor.

*In the present case,

's book, words.

The American Historical Review

J. FRANKLIN JAMESON
MANAGING EDITOR

1140 WOODWARD BUILDING, WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 5, 1918.

DEAR SIR:

Would it be possible for you to write for
this journal a brief review (say 300 words) of

Hansen's Old Fort Snelling?

The favor of your consent would be highly appreciated.
A copy of the book would be sent to you. If the review
should reach me by August 5 it would be in
season for the October number. Our payment for
reviews is at the rate of three dollars a page.

Very truly yours,

J. F. JAMESON.

Dr. Solon J. Buck.

AUG 9 1918

The American Historical Review

J. FRANKLIN JAMESON,
MANAGING EDITOR,

1140 WOODWARD BUILDING, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Aug. 5, 1918.

Mr. S. J. Buck —

DEAR SIR:

The managing editor would be glad to receive,
as soon as may be convenient to you, the review of

Hansen

which you have kindly promised, and suggests that, for
insertion in the next number, it should reach him by

Aug. 12, at North Edge-
comb, Maine.

Very truly yours,

J. F. JAMESON.

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The American Historical Review.

J. FRANKLIN JAMESON,
MANAGING EDITOR,

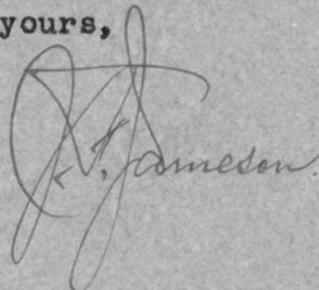
1140 WOODWARD BUILDING, WASHINGTON, D. C.

North Edgecomb, Maine,
August 22, 1918.

My dear Dr. Buck:

Thank you for your notes, and for your review of Hansen. I do not agree with you in considering a split infinitive to be a grammatical error. For I think that the late Fitzedward Hall showed that it has the warrant arising from use by many excellent writers (President Wilson could be counted as one). But I shall not alter your phrase, unless you conclude that I may. I should also feel a little disposition to cavil at the remark that the interest and usefulness of the book might have been increased by adding a bibliography of the material consulted. I must confess to a feeling that the notion that a book ought to have a bibliography is, in Mr. C. F. Adams's phrase, a college fetish. Bibliographies are properly enough required as an accompaniment of doctoral dissertations and other academic exercises, that the teacher may check the student's work; but I think that nine out of ten of them in published books are useless. The one type for which there is always a defense is the list raisonné, in which an effort is made to evaluate sources and authorities, as in some of the prize essays of the American Historical Association, beginning with Manning's, of 1904; but mere lists of books consulted, especially alphabetical lists, seem to me to add nothing significant to what one finds, where he wants it, in footnotes supporting particular statements. However, the matter is no doubt arguable. Anyhow, I thank you for the review.

Very truly yours,



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

August 26, 1918

Dr. J. Franklin Jameson
1140 Woodward Building
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Jameson:-

You are doubtless correct in your opinion that a split infinitive is not strictly a grammatical error, and I will appreciate it, therefore, if you will eliminate the reference to it from the review. I will appreciate it also if you will insert "critical" before bibliography in the last sentence and strike out the last four words.

To my mind a mere list of books is not entitled to be called a bibliography, and it was the other type which I had in mind when I wrote the sentence. I am sure that the book would be more valuable to us if the material available on the subject were listed, described, and evaluated in some systematic manner. Although much of the bibliographical information may be contained in the footnotes, it is always difficult to locate it there when wanted.

Sincerely yours

B/P

JAN 7 1918

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA
LINCOLN

January 5, 1918

My dear Buck:-

I am enclosing 48 cents in stamps to pay for printing the snapshots. Thank you so much. They bring back recollections of a very delightful trip.

I was sorry not to go to Philadelphia. You no doubt had a good time. They have shortened our vacations in order to close earlier in the spring. That's one reason I didn't go. There is another that you can guess.

Yours very truly,

Queeney Jones.

June 17, 1919

Mr. Charles Fabens Kelley
1951 Summit St.,
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Charles:-

Would it be convenient for you to have us make our visit to you early in July instead of in August as originally planned? We find that if we visit you on the way back before the middle of August, it will necessitate cutting down our time in New England, and moreover, we think that it might not be convenient for you to have us just as you are getting ready to leave for your vacation.

Consequently we are thinking now of leaving the boat at Cleveland on the night of July 4 and driving to Columbus July 5. After spending three or four days with you, we would then drive to New York by way of Wheeling, Hagerstown, Gettysburg, and Philadelphia. This will give us an opportunity to avoid doubling the road from Buffalo to New York, and will enable us to arrange our schedule for trips and visits in New England more conveniently.

I have already purchased my tickets to Buffalo, but doubtless can get a rebate on them if taken up in time. Will you let me hear from you as soon as you can conveniently, for we haven't much time left in which to make plans? I am very busy, of course, trying to get things into shape before we leave.

Sincerely yours

B/P

1951 Summit St.
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Solon, Come right along! We shall be delighted to have you and would much rather you came in July when we can be sure of you, than to run the risk of your plans miscarrying so as to miss us in August.

When does the joyful event take place?

With best wishes to you & Elizabeth from Marion Barbara &

Yours,
Charles.

Barbara is 2 yrs. old today

June 19th

June 28, 1919

Prof. Charles F. Kelley
1951 Summit St.,
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Charles:-

The great event takes place in
Duluth next Monday. We leave there on the boat
on Tuesday, reaching Cleveland the night of
July 4.

If the states which have automobile
transportation within their jurisdiction are pro-
pitious, we will arrive at Columbus sometime during
the afternoon or evening of Saturday, July 5.

We are both looking forward very much
to seeing you and Marion, and especially Barbara.

Just now I am swamped trying to get
the Lares and Penates packed up and get things
in shape at the office.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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Keweenaw Historical Society

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Houghton Michigan

January
twenty-second
1918

Dr. S. J. Buck,
Secy. of Minnesota Historical Society,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

The annual meeting of the Keweenaw Historical Society will be held in Houghton on Wednesday evening, March 13. For this meeting we are endeavoring to secure the services of an outside speaker for an address of about an hour's length on the History of the Northwest, with particular reference to Upper Michigan, and perhaps some comments on how a local historical society may be made more effective and of value to a community.

Would you be able to accept this engagement for us and if so, what consideration would you ask for your services?

Very truly,

J. A. Doelle
Secretary-Treasurer

February 1, 1918

Mr. J. A. Doelle
Keweenaw Historical Society
Houghton, Michigan

Dear Sir:-

I owe you an humble apology for not having replied before to your letter of January 23. My excuse is that we were in the midst of the work of moving the library and other property of the Minnesota Historical Society into our new building at the time when your letter was received, and it has been impossible for me to attend to my correspondence.

I appreciate very much the honor conferred upon me by your invitation to deliver an address at the annual meeting of the Keweenaw Historical Society, and I should like very much to accept the engagement. I regret to say, however, that I have so much work on hand, including arrangements for the dedication of our building and the annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association in St. Paul in May, that I do not feel that I would be justified in assuming any further obligations at present. Should you care to repeat this offer in some future year, I assure you that I would make a special effort to accept it.

May I suggest that you could probably secure the services for this year of Dr. Lester B. Shippee of the University of Minnesota. As you will see from the enclosed notice, Dr. Shippee gave us our annual address this year, and everyone spoke very highly of it. ✓

Very truly yours

FEB 6 1918

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Houghton, Michigan

February
fifth
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Prof. Solon J. Buck,
Supt. Minnesota Historical Society,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Kindly accept my gratitude for your letter of February 1, suggesting the name of Dr. Lester B. Shippee to give the historical address on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Keweenaw Historical Society on the evening of March 13.

I am writing him and trust to secure a favorable reply.

Sincerely,

J. A. Doelle
J. A.

MAY 8 1918

THE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE OF ST. LOUIS
3817 OLIVE STREET

ST. LOUIS, MO. May 6, 1918.

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

Dear Sir:-

As requested in the Bulletin of the Eleventh Annual Meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Society, I beg to inform you that I shall be present at the meetings.

Very truly yours,

Mary J. Klem.

January 29, 1919

Miss Mary J. Klem
3146 Keokuk St.,
St. Louis, Missouri

My dear Miss Klem:-

Professor Alvord, as managing editor of the publications of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, has asked me to take charge of the editorial work on the Proceedings of the Association at its meeting in St. Paul last May, and has sent on to me the papers which were collected by his office.

Among them I find your thesis entitled "Missouri in the Kansas Struggle" which appears to have been sent by you instead of the paper on the same subject which you read at the meeting. I take it that the paper was a summary or abstract of the thesis. It has not been the policy of the Association to print studies of this sort in its Proceedings, although it has occasionally allowed some expansion of the papers actually read.

Would it be possible for you to send to me in the near future, either the paper which was actually read here, or a condensation of or selection from the thesis in the form of a paper and not exceeding thirty-five pages in length? It would be impossible for us at any rate to include in the Proceedings the bibliography to your paper and the foot notes composed of long quotations. It might be possible for you to handle the matter by simply cutting out these parts and possibly some others, but I am inclined to think that you would probably prefer to do the cutting yourself.

Whatever you decide to do about this, will you not be so good as to prepare at once an abstract or statement of the points covered in your paper, of not to exceed a page in length? This should be sent by you as soon as possible, not to me but to Professor C. S. Bletcher at Washington University, for it is to be used by him in preparing for publication in the Proceedings a general account of the meeting and of the papers read at this session. I trust that you will cooperate with me in this work for the Association by letting me hear from you as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours

B/P

but I am teaching in the high school in the extreme southern part of the city and it is impossible for me to go to the University after school. I trust the delay will not inconvenience you.

Sincerely yours,
Mary J. Klem.

FEB 13 1919

3146 Keokuk St.,
St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 10, 1919.

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

My dear Mr. Buck,

I received your letter of the 29 of January concerning the publication of my paper and delayed answering in order to see Mr. Boucher. I expect to see him this coming Saturday and will then send you a copy of my paper reduced to the proper size. I am sorry I cannot attend to this matter more promptly

time.

If it is not too late and if you wish to publish my article in an abridged form, any part you may wish to omit will be perfectly satisfactory to me.

I am sorry I could not write to you before and I hope I have not caused you great trouble because of it.

Sincerely yours,
Mary J. Klem.

MAR 8 1919

3146 Keokuk St.,
St. Louis, Mo., Mar. 6, 1919.

Mr. S. J. Buck,
Minnesota Historical Society,
St. Louis, Mo.

My dear Mr. Buck,
I have been hoping to condense the paper on Missouri in the Kansas Struggle in time for publication in the Proceedings, but I have been sick the greater part of the past month. I have just returned to school and it will be impossible for me to do any outside work for some

June 12, 1918

Mr. Waldo C. Leland
1140 Woodward Building
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Leland:-

Can you give me any information about the papers read at the joint session of the M. V. H. A. and the A. H. A. in Cincinnati, in December, 1916? According to the program, papers were read by J. A. James, R. C. McGrane, James R. Robertson, and E. A. Smith.

I have been asked to edit the Proceedings of the M. V. H. A. for 1916-17, and I am trying to get them ready just as soon as possible. None of these papers were included in the material sent to me, and it occurs to me that perhaps you collected them with the idea of including them in the Annual Report of the A. H. A. I am under the impression that there was a sort of understanding that papers read at these joint sessions would be available for publication by the M. V. H. A., but I do not feel at all sure about this. As a matter of fact, it seems to me that it makes comparatively little difference where they are published, but if they are available and are not to be published elsewhere, I want to include them in the M. V. H. A. Proceedings, and if they are not to be so included, I want to indicate where they are to be found. It is quite possible that some of these papers may have already been published elsewhere. In case you should know of any such, I would appreciate the information.

I note that the writeup of the 1916 meeting of the A. H. A. in the April, 1917, number of the Review, contains mention of all four of these papers and abstracts of all of them except the one by Smith.

The program called also for a discussion by Charles E. Chapman, Homer J. Webster, David V. Thomas, and E. M. Coulter, but no reference is made to any such discussion in the account of the meeting.

Sincerely yours

JUN 20 1918

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1140 Woodward Building,
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June 17, 1918.

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Dear Buck:

It is a great comfort to realize that the American Historical Association is not the only organization that has some delay with its annual volume. We are quite set up because our Annual Report for 1916 is all in galley proof. None of the papers that you mention are included in it. The papers by James A. James and James R. Robertson were printed in the Mississippi Valley Historical Review for September and June, 1917, respectively. The paper by McGrane was returned to him at his request. I have no record of ever having had Smith's paper in my hands though an abstract of it was supplied. The Mississippi Valley Historical Association secured one more paper from the Cincinnati meeting -- that by Brooks, on Howell Cobb, which was printed in the Mississippi Valley Historical Review. I am sorry to be of no more service to you.

Greene will probably officially inform the Minnesota people that the Council has just tentatively voted to hold the December meeting in Cleveland. Of course the meeting may not be held at all, but if so, it will be in Cleveland rather than in Minneapolis.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary.

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

June 20, 1918

Mr. Waldo G. Leland
1140 Woodward Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Leland:-

Thank you for the information contained in your letter of June 17 with reference to the papers read at the joint meeting.

I had not heard before of the action of the Council with reference to the December meeting. On the whole, I think that the decision is a wise one.

Sincerely yours

July 22, 1918

Mr. Waldo G. Leland
1140 Westward Building
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Leland:-

I enclose herewith a clipping containing a communication from the War Industries Board to the newspapers of the country, requesting or ordering them to discontinue all free copies. ✓

Possibly this matter has been brought to your attention already, but it seems to me that the handling of this matter would naturally fall within the province of the National Board for Historical Service. Several of our papers have interpreted this ruling as requiring them to cut us off from their mailing list, and if this is done generally, it will mean that a large part of the most important material for the history of the present, including our participation in the Great War, will be lost to posterity. We cannot possibly add the expense of subscriptions to five or six hundred papers to the heavy expense of binding which we are already bearing.

A couple of days ago I wrote to Mr. Donnelley who signed this notice to the newspapers, requesting an interpretation of the ruling, such as to except copies sent to libraries for permanent preservation. At the same time I wrote to Quaipe, Harlan, Shoemaker, and Connelly, suggesting similar action on their part. This morning I am in receipt of a letter from Connelly in which he states that he took the matter up by telegraph through the Kansas congressmen and has been informed that the notice was merely a suggestion, not an order, and that the papers were still free to send copies to libraries if they saw fit to do so.

Unless we can get some more definite and satisfactory ruling on this point than this, I very much fear we will lose a large part of our papers. It seems to me that the best procedure would be for the War Industries Board to send another communication to all newspapers stating definitely that the discontinuance

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of free copies to libraries which make a practice of filing them for permanent preservation, is not desired. If this is not feasible, such a statement could be furnished to the librarians of the interested institutions, and they could communicate it to the newspapers.

It is possible that Mr. Donnelley may take such action without further urging now that the matter has been called to his attention, but our papers are beginning to drop off one by one and we should lose no time in handling the matter. I am sure that we can secure the support and assistance of both Minnesota senators and most of our congressmen in this matter, if needed.

Sincerely yours

B/P

September 8, 1919

Mr. Waldo G. Leland, Secretary
American Historical Association
1140 Woodward Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Leland:-

Will you please change my address
on your records to 611 Delaware Street S. E.,
Minneapolis? Correspondence should be addressed to
me in care of the Historical Society as heretofore
but I like to have my copies of publications go to
the house, so that there will be no danger of their
being mixed with publications intended for the library
of the Historical Society.

Very truly yours

SJB-AW

January 15, 1919

Dr. O. G. Libby
University of North Dakota
University, North Dakota

My dear Dr. Libby:-

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 "An Aboriginal Map of the Turtle Mountain Area", and he states in his letter that this paper was not received at his office. 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

THE UNIVERSITY



OF NORTH DAKOTA

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

GRAND FORKS
Post Address, University, North Dakota

January 17, 1919.

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

Dear Sir:

Yours of January 15 at hand. I am sorry the paper which I presented at the regular meeting was not in form for publication. The map was also very unsatisfactory and I have not yet been able to secure from the Indian an original map which I would like to publish. The Indian has since gone blind and is unable to draw a satisfactory representation of what he drew for me in charcoal on a piece of wrapping paper at his camp. This first rough sketch is now lost and, altho I furnished him with all the materials for a better map, for the reason given he has been unable to draw it. I think, therefore, that I shall withhold the paper from publication until such time as I can offer the map as he drew it. The paper without the map would be Hamlet without the prince.

Very truly yours,

G. Libby

OGL/T

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January 22, 1919

Dr. O. G. Libby
University of North Dakota
University, North Dakota

My dear Mr. Libby:-

I am in receipt of your letter of January 17, and can readily see that your reasons for not desiring to publish your paper at the present time are very good ones.

I should like very much, however, to have a brief abstract or statement of the points made in the paper, which could be used in the general account of the meeting. This account is now being prepared, and I hope ~~that you will~~ send a statement of this sort at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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January 29, 1919

Dr. O. G. Libby
University of North Dakota
University, North Dakota

My dear Dr. Libby:-

Your reasons for not desiring to send in your paper read at the St. Paul meeting of the M. V. H. A. would seem to be valid. I am going to ask you, however, to send me as soon as possible an abstract or brief statement about the paper for use in the general account of the meeting which is now being prepared.

It has been customary to include such abstracts in this general account whether or not the papers themselves are printed, and this seems to me particularly desirable in the case of a paper which is not to be printed.

I trust that you will send something of this sort to me just as soon as possible, for I am very anxious to get the Proceedings out before the St. Louis meeting. A brief paragraph will be sufficient.

Sincerely yours

B/P

FEB 3 1919

THE UNIVERSITY



OF NORTH DAKOTA

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

GRAND FORKS
Post Address, University, North Dakota

January 31, 1919.

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

Dear Sir:

Yours of January 20 at hand. I am enclosing a summary of the paper presented at the last meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association.

Very truly yours,

OGL/LH
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THE UNIVERSITY



OF NORTH DAKOTA

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

GRAND FORKS
Post Address, University, North Dakota

February 28, 1919.

Superintendent Solan J. Buck,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

I have not yet received your form of
contract for printing your volume of collection
which you indicated ^{would} you have sent to me.

Very truly yours,

G. Libby

OGI/LH

JUN 11 1919

THE UNIVERSITY



OF NORTH DAKOTA

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

GRAND FORKS
Post Address, University, North Dakota

June 10, 1919.

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

Dear Sir:

We are looking for an instructor in history for next year, some one to fill a vacancy caused by a leave of absence of one of our faculty. Can you recommend some one in the University of Minnesota for this place? The work is Elementary English and United States History, Medieval History, (more advanced work) and assistance in presenting the field of history teaching to a class of prospective teachers. The salary will be adjusted to the situation. We expect to pay more for a person of experience for a single year. Can you help us out in this emergency?

Very truly yours,

J. Libby

1624 - 19th N.W.
Wash.

OGL/T

June 13, 1919

Professor O. G. Libby
University of North Dakota
University, North Dakota

My dear Mr. Libby:-

I have just one suggestion to make for your vacancy in the history department at North Dakota, Dr. Wayne E. Stevens, at present a first lieutenant in the United States Army and in service with the Historical Branch in Washington.

Stevens was a graduate student in the University of Illinois while I was there, taking his master's degree under my direction. Later he received his doctor's degree (1916) and spent the year 1916-17 as an instructor in history at the University of Minnesota, teaching English History. His special field of work, however, is American history and his thesis, as yet unpublished, is a study of the fur trade in the Northwest.

In May, 1917, he entered the officer's training camp at Fort Snelling where he received a commission. He was then sent to Camp Cody and kept there in the intelligence department until the armistice began, when he was transferred to Washington. He is very anxious to get back into college work, but we have no opening for him at present in the University, with so many of our permanent men who have been away on leave refreshing next year.

I know Stevens intimately and can recommend him very highly, both as a scholar and a gentleman. I think you would be fortunate to secure his services. He will probably expect a larger salary than some others who might be available, but he would be worth it. In case you desire any more detailed information about him, I shall be very glad to furnish it. Stevens' address is 1624 - 19 St. N. W.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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September 3, 1918

Dr. Herbert Putnam
Library of Congress
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Putnam:-

We are in receipt of your
letter of inquiry concerning Miss Ora Blackman
who has given Dr. Buck as a reference.

Dr. Buck is out of the
city on a short vacation, and the matter will
be called to his attention immediately upon
his return which will be about the middle of
the month.

Very truly yours

Secretary to the superintendent

February 7, 1919

Mr. Charles Lick
S. E. Corner Sibley & Third Sts.,
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:-

On the forenoon of Tuesday, January 21, your taxi cab bearing license number 77607 skidded on the corner of Cedar and Central and collided with my car, which was stalled at the curb, seriously damaging one of the fenders on my car.

As you doubtless know, a fender which has been badly bent cannot be restored so that it will look as well as before the accident. I decided, however, to have this fender repaired as best it could be instead of replacing it with a new one. The cost of having this done by the Gray Motor Company was one dollar. I will appreciate it very much if you will send me a check for this amount at your early convenience.

Very truly yours

B/P

October 16, 1918

Mr. Harlan Liesenfeld
R. F. D. 1, Box 13
Confrey, Minnesota

Dear Harlan:-

The War Department has asked me to go to Washington for special work, and as I will probably be there for a year, I have decided to sell the car if I can get a reasonable sum for it. It occurred to me that you might know of someone down there who would be interested in the proposition.

The car was bought, as you doubtless remember, a year ago last August, and has been run about ten thousand miles. It is a seven passenger, four cylinder, Studebaker, series eighteen. The engine is in excellent condition, considerably better I think that it was when it was new, for I have had a number of things done to it which have increased its power.

I am not sure just exactly what the original price was, but it was about \$1050.00. I have not fixed any price for it as yet, but want to get as much out of it as I can, of course. I should be glad to have your opinion as to what I ought to be able to get for it.

I suppose this is a bad time of year to sell a car and I could perhaps get more in the spring, but doubt if it would be enough to make up for the cost of storage.

Sincerely yours

B/P

October 29, 1918

Mr. Harland Liesenfeld
R. F. D. 1, Box 13
Comfrey, Minnesota

Dear Harland:-

If I can raise enough money in other ways, I think I shall hang on to the car until spring. If I should want a car in Washington next summer and should not be able to get another one, I would doubtless regret having sold it, and if I decide that I don't want it, I will probably be able to get more out of it in the spring. Consequently I am planning to take advantage of your very generous offer to store it for me.

I should like very much to take it down myself and make you a visit before leaving, but don't believe that it will be possible, so I will let you know as soon as I hear definitely when I am to leave, and if you can arrange to come up after it, I will certainly appreciate it very much.

It is possible that the folks will go back with you and then go from there to Arkansas, if satisfactory arrangements can be made about railroad connections, baggage, etc.

Sincerely yours

B/P

November 11, 1918

Mr. Harland Liesenfeld
R. F. D. 1, Box 13

Dear Harland:-

The prospects are now that I will be leaving in about ten days. I am to be inducted and sent to Camp Grant as a private there to await the issuance of my commission.

I am going to be extremely busy winding things up here and will certainly appreciate it very much if you will come up and get the car. I don't know just how soon I can spare it, but probably about a week from today. Will let you know more definitely in a day or two, however.

Could not you and Hazel come up and spend a few days with us this week and then go back in the car? I doubt if it will be possible for the folks to go back with you as the railroad connections to Arkansas are not very good that way, and they will have two large trunks which will complicate matters.

Sincerely yours

B/P

November 14, 1918

Mr. Harland Liesenfeld
R. F. D. 1, Box 13
Comfrey, Minnesota

Dear Harland:-

The latest from Washington is to the effect that the issuance of new commissions has been suspended, and it is probable, therefore that my departure will be delayed at least, and it is possible that the whole thing may fall through.

Sincerely yours

B/P

June 2, 1919

Mrs. J. Liesenfeld
Comfrey, Minnesota

Dear Aunt Jessie:-

Under separate cover I
am sending you a file of Carry On which
I intended to send down by Harland, as I
thought that it would be of use to you in
connection with your club work. ✓

The first number of the
file is an extra copy and need not be re-
turned, but the others are part of our re-
gular library file and should be returned
when you are through with them. If con-
venient I can bring them back when I go
down to take the folks down.

Sincerely yours

B/P

EARLHAM COLLEGE
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

HARLOW LINDLEY
LOUIS T. JONES

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RICHMOND, INDIANA
EARLHAM POST OFFICE

3/6/1919.

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

My dear Friend:-

I remember in conversation with you some two years ago you were making some criticisms on Esarey's History of Indiana and I cannot call to mind just what they were. It seems to me it was concerning his lack of use of more recent historical material which had come to light. If you can call to mind what it was I shall appreciate it very much.

Thanking you I am,

Very sincerely,

Harlow Lindley

March 12, 1918

Professor Harlow Lindley
302 College Ave.,
Richmond, Indiana

My dear Lindley:-

It is so long since I looked over the first volume of Esarey's History of Indiana that I have only a vague recollection of what my criticism of it was.

My impression is, however, that I felt that he had not made as much use as he should of the material which had been brought out by Alvord in the volumes of the Illinois Historical Collections, particularly the volumes of the Virginia-series. It is quite possible, however, that the scope of his work would not permit of any considerable use of this material.

At any rate I do not want to be quoted on the subject without making a more thorough examination of the book.

Sincerely yours

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
STATES RELATIONS SERVICE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICE OF EXTENSION WORK
NORTH AND WEST

May 20, 1918.

Mr. C. V. Alvord,
416 Lincoln Hall,
Urbana, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Alvord:

Your letter of May 3rd did not come to my attention until my return to the office a few days ago. I am sending you herewith a copy of the paper, "The relation of the county farm bureau and the county agent to the collection of historical data relating to agriculture" read before the Mississippi Valley Historical Association at St. Paul last week. In connection with this paper I exhibited a chart, a reproduction of which I am attaching to the manuscript. Should this paper be used for publication in the review or proceedings of the association I think it would be well to include this diagram. May I not ask you to kindly send me a copy of any publication of this paper which the society may see fit to make?

Very truly yours,

W. A. Lloyd
In Charge, County Agent Work.

Encls.

PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT
A. C. McCLURG & CO.
330-352 EAST OHIO STREET
CHICAGO

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Jan. 5th, 1918

Prof. Solon Justus Buck,
University of Minnesota,
Minneapolis,
Minn.

Dear Professor Buck:-

We are issuing an edition for general sale of "Illinois in 1818" and in this connection we shall probably get out some circular matter and a certain amount of advertising. May we ask how we shall refer to you when we use your name as the author of the work? In the book you are referred to by your name only. It seems to us that it would be fitting to tell the public to some extent who you are and what you have done. If this were left to our discretion we would put it this way.-

Solon Justus Buck, Ph.D.
Professor of History
University of Minnesota

Will you kindly advise us regarding your wishes
in the matter?

Yours very truly,
A.C. McClurg & Co.

JEB

JEB-JC

January 8, 1918

A. C. McClurg & Co.,
330-352 East Ohio St.,
Chicago, Illinois

Attention J. E. B.

Gentlemen:-

I am in receipt of your letter of January 5 with reference to the title to be used in your literature advertising Illinois in 1818.

My exact title in the University of Minnesota is Associate Professor of History. Two thirds of my time, however, is devoted to the work of the Minnesota Historical Society, my title in this connection being Superintendent. If you are interested in knowing anything further about me, you can probably find the desired information in the last edition of Who's Who.

If you will be so kind as to send to me copies of any circulars with reference to Illinois in 1818 which you may issue, the favor will be greatly appreciated.

Some time ago I furnished to Professor Alvord, the editor of the volume, a list of corrections to be made in this edition. I should like to inquire whether it is now too late to make additional corrections.

Very truly yours

PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT

A. C. McCLURG & CO.

330-352 EAST OHIO STREET

CHICAGO

Jan. 11th, 1918

Prof. Solon J. Buck,
The University of Minnesota,
Minneapolis,
Minn.

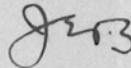
Dear Professor Buck:-

We are sending you a complimentary copy of the new edition of "Illinois in 1818." We have tried to make this a handier and more serviceable volume for general purposes than the first edition, although on account of our having to work with material which had not been prepared by us it was not possible to give it very much in the way of distinction.

All the changes of which professor Alvord notified us were made. We wish we had known there were others which you have in mind, but it is too late now so far as this edition is concerned.

It may be that some time in the future we will be called upon to reprint it. If so, we will be very glad to make any corrections deemed necessary by you and Professor Alvord.

Yours very truly,
A.C. McClurg & Co.



JEB-JC

February 23, 1918

A. C. McClurg & Co.,
330-352 East Ohio St.,
Chicago, Illinois

Gentlemen:-

I owe you an apology for not having acknowledged before this the receipt of a complimentary copy of the new edition of Illinois in 1818. My excuse is that we have been moving the library of the Minnesota Historical Society into our new building, and I have been unable to attend to my correspondence promptly.

I appreciated very much your courtesy in sending me the book and have examined it with interest. On the whole, it seems to me to be an improvement over the first edition. I appreciated also the advertising literature relative to the book which you sent me, including your Bulletin for February, and I have enclosed a copy of the circular in letters to people whom I thought might be interested in the publication.

Sincerely yours

JUN 20 1919

PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT

A. C. McCLURG & CO.

330-352 EAST OHIO STREET

CHICAGO

June 19, 1919.

*Mr. J. Buck
June 19, 1919*

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

Dear Sir:-

In reply to your letter of June 17th, we are sending you another copy of volume III "Centennial History of Illinois" to replace the imperfect copy which you say you are returning to us, we are

Very truly yours,
A.C. McClurg & Co.

J. P. ...

GRS: CW

June 28, 1918

Mr. Reginald C. McGrane
University of Cincinnati
Cincinnati, Ohio

My dear Mr. McGrane:-

At the request of the board of editors, I am preparing for the press the Proceedings of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association for 1916-17. Among the papers read at the joint meeting of the M. V. H. A. and the American Historical Association at Cincinnati in December, 1916, was one by you entitled "The Pennsylvania Bribery Bill of 1836."

In accordance with the arrangement between the two associations to the effect that papers read at these joint meetings are to be controlled by the M. V. H. A., I understand that this paper was sent to Professor Alvord, but later was returned to you because you did not consider it ready for publication. We are anxious to include in the Proceedings all papers which have not already been published elsewhere, and I am wondering, therefore, if you would not be willing to have this published now. If it has appeared in some other publication, I should like to have the title, date, etc., in order that we might include it by title, with reference to where it may be found.

In case you are unwilling to have it included in the Proceedings, but expect to have it published at some future time, it can also be printed by title in our Proceedings, if you will supply me with the necessary information.

I trust that I may hear from you about this at your earliest convenience, as the material is practically ready for the press.

Sincerely yours

B/P

JUL 11 1918

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY—MCMICKEN HALL

July 9, 1918
Laramie, Wyoming.

Dr. Solomon J. Bach,
Minnesota Historical Society,
St. Paul, Minn..

My Dear Mr. Bach:—

Your letter of June 28th was forwarded to me
at this place where I am at present teaching in the summer session of the
University of Wyoming.

It is impossible for me at present to send you a copy of the
paper read for Miss. Hist. Society at Cincinnati for it is at present at
my home; furthermore I have incorporated almost the entire article in a
book which I intend to publish within the near future—sometime this
fall. So I would suggest that you simply print the article by letter
in the Proceedings.

Sincerely yours,
R. C. McNamee

July 13, 1918

Mr. R. C. McGrane
University of Wyoming
Laramie, Wyoming

My dear Mr. McGrane:-

Thank you for your letter of
July 9 with reference to your paper read at the
M. V. H. A. meeting.

It will be all right to print
this by title only, with a statement that it is
to be incorporated in your book to be published in
the future. If you could give me the title under
which the book will probably be published, that
would enable me to make a more definite statement.
Would it be proper to refer to the book as "in press"
or had I better put it "in preparation?"

Sincerely yours

JUL 1 1918

THE UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING
THE DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
LARAMIE, WYOMING

July 16, 1918.
Laramie, Wyo.

Dr. Solon T. Bush,
Minnesota Historical Society,
St. Paul, Minn.

My Dear Mr. Bush:—

In reply to your note of the 12th inst. regarding
my paper read at the M. V. H. A. meeting I would say that I have incorporated
it in my book (now in press) entitled "The Crisis of 1837 and the

Sub Treasury Bill.

Hoping this will furnish you with the desired information,

Remain,

Sincerely yours,
R. C. McNamee.

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February 5, 1918. 9

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

My dear Dr. Buck:

I thank you for your kindness in sending me copy of the journal containing your paper entitled "Historical Preparedness." I am writing now to ask if you will not let us print this in the HISTORY TEACHER'S MAGAZINE. I think it is deserving of wide circulation not only among officers of historical societies but also throughout the larger constituency of history teachers and college professors who have so much influence in historical work.

Yours sincerely,

Albert S. McKinley
per M.A.

E/MA

February 11, 1918

Dr. Albert C. McKinley
McKinley Publishing Co.,
1619 Ranstead St.,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

My dear Dr. McKinley:-

I am very glad, indeed,
to give my consent to the printing of my
article on "Historical Preparedness" in the
History Teacher's Magazine.

While I do not feel
that I have made a particularly effective
statement in the case, I agree with you that
it is desirable to give as wide a circulation
as possible to the ideas touched upon in this
article.

Sincerely yours

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February 16, 1918.

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

My dear Dr. Buck:

I thank you heartily for your kindness
in consenting to the reprinting of your article upon "Historic
Preparedness."

Yours sincerely,

Albert G. McKinley
per M. A.

E/MA

January 3, 1918

The MacMillan Co.,
College Department
64-66 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:--

I desire to thank you for the copy of
Rhodes' History of the Civil War and Reconstruction
which you were kind enough to send me.

Although I am not teaching any course
at present in which this book could possibly be
used as a text, I shall look it over with great
interest at the first opportunity.

Very truly yours

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January 11, 1918

Prof. S.J. Buck,
Univ. of Minnesota,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:

We have at hand your letter of the 8th inst. acknowledging the receipt of Rhodes's "History of the Civil War". When you have had an opportunity to look the book over carefully we shall, of course, be interested to learn whether or not you will be able to make use of it.

Thanking you for your present letter, we remain,

very truly yours,

THE MACMILLAN COMPANY
College Department.

AB/EW

June 3, 1918

Mr. Peter V. Masica
Lds. El. (R) U. S. N. R. F.
Room 403 Elgin Hotel
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Masica:-

This will acknowledge
the receipt of five dollars for the pay-
ment of your dues to the Phi Beta Kappa As-
sociation.

I do not know just what
arrangements the secretary, Professor Freder-
ick W. Butters, has made for the purchase of
keys. I will refer your letter to him, how-
ever, and he will doubtless communicate with
you if necessary.

Sincerely yours

428 Walnut St. S. E.

June 5, 1918

Mr. G. L. Fort, City Assessor
City Hall
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:-

I enclose herewith a list of money
and credits filled out as requested.

As the blank was not left at my house
until June 1, it was not possible for me to re-
turn it prior to that day. I have since been de-
layed by endeavoring to find out whether St. Paul
railroad stock should or should not be included.
I have finally included it and will ask you to
strike it out if it is not properly assessable.

Very truly yours

428 Walnut St. S. E.

June 6, 1918

Mr. G. L. Fort
City Assessor
City Hall
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Sir:-

Yesterday I mailed you a statement of monies and credits assessable to me upon which I included \$360. for St. Paul railroad stock. Today I am informed by Mr. Armson of the State Tax Commission, that the Commission has ruled that this stock is not taxable in Minnesota in as much as the company pays a gross earnings tax of five per cent in this state.

I trust, therefore, that you will strike this item off from the list which I sent in.

Very truly yours

September 8, 1919

Minneapolis Automobile Club
Radisson Hotel
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Gentlemen:-

Please change my address on your
records from 438 Walnut Street, S. E. to 611
Delaware Street, S. E.

Very truly yours

SJB-AW

Morehouse

December 23, 1919

Sir Henry A. Miers, D. Sc., F. R. S.
The University
Manchester, England

Dear Sir:-

Miss Frances Morehouse, an instructor in the University High School at the University of Minnesota, informs me that she is being considered for a position in your University which would enable her to do advanced work in history there.

About six or seven years ago, while I was a member of the faculty of the University of Illinois, Miss Morehouse did graduate work in history at that institution and wrote her thesis for the degree of Master of Arts under my supervision. She impressed me at that time as an extremely capable and intelligent woman, and the thesis which she prepared, of which she is doubtless sending a copy to you, was an exceptionally good piece of work for a first year graduate student.

Since then I have not had opportunity for direct observation of her work, but everything which I have heard about her from others has been very favorable. While her work at Minnesota has been in the University High School, it has, I understand, included considerable supervision of University students who have been doing practice teaching in the High School in order to fit themselves for secondary school work after graduating. In this work I understand that Miss Morehouse has been especially successful.

I feel sure that she is competent to give a satisfactory course of lectures on the history of the United States to your students and also that she has qualifications which would enable her to derive the greatest possible advantage from the opportunities which would be opened up to her by the proposed arrangement.

Very truly yours

B/P

Associate Professor of History
University of Minnesota

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September 26, 1918

Mr. Bruce Whitney, Manager
Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York
First National Bank, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Sir:-

My life insurance policy, number 1077,982, on which I have just paid the premium, is I believe a twenty year endowment policy and the twenty years will be up in September, 1920.

I am under the impression that there are several alternative methods of settlement at the expiration of the twenty year period, and that it is necessary for me to make choice of one of these methods. Will you kindly inform me as to what these alternatives are, the relative advantages of each, and the date upon which my choice of method must be indicated?

Very truly yours

B/P

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FORM 3800

The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York,

Bruce Whitney,
Manager,
First National Bank Building.

Milwaukee, Wis., Sept. 28, 1918.

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

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 26th inst. your Policy 1077982 is not an Endowment, as you supposed, but an Ordinary Life policy which will have its twenty year dividend period on Sept. 20, 1920, if it is then in force.

Where your policy has cost you \$19.53 a year, an Endowment policy would have cost you about \$50. However, if the policy is in force at that time there will be a dividend declared, which can not be estimated in advance, and the only option that you have to take at this time is whether or not you will have these dividends added to your policy as paid-up insurance, without an examination. If this option is chosen the Company will add the dividend in the way of paid-up insurance, whether or not you are in good health, but require a selection made two years in advance. If the selection is made the dividend can not then be drawn in cash, but if it is not made, it may be drawn in cash or added to the policy as paid-up insurance, subject to a certificate of health at that time.

I can not give you the figures that would be available in 1920, so far as the dividend is concerned. The reserve of the policy itself at that time will be \$239, to which would be added the dividend then to be credited.

We are changing your address from the Univ. of Minnesota, to the Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul, as desired.

If there is any further information I can give you, I will be pleased to hear from you.

Yours very truly,

Bruce Whitney
Manager

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October 8, 1918

Mr. Bruce Whitney, Manager
Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York
First National Bank, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your letter of September 28 containing information concerning my insurance policy number 1077982 which you state will have its twenty year dividend period on September 30, 1920.

There are still a number of points which are not clear to me in this matter. As I understand it, the only option which I have to decide in advance is as to whether or not the dividends should be added to the policy as paid up insurance without an examination. I should like to know, however, as definitely as possible what are the options which will be available at the end of the twenty year period.

Am I wrong in supposing that I can either draw the reserve of the policy plus the dividends, thus closing the transaction entirely, or that I can, by not drawing the reserve, secure a certain amount of paid up insurance (how much?), or that I can, by continuing to pay the premium annually, secure a larger amount of insurance?

I suppose that information on these points is contained in the policy itself, but the policy is on deposit with the company as security for a small loan and consequently is not available for consultation.

Very truly yours

B/P

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The Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York,

Bruce Whitney,
Manager,
First National Bank Building.

Milwaukee, Wis., Oct. 5, 1918.

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

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter of the 2nd inst. the only option you have to decide in advance in reference to your Policy 1077982 is whether or not you choose to elect to have the dividends that will be credited Sept. 20, 1920, if then in force, added to the policy as paid-up insurance, without medical examination.

To my mind, this is an option that is not particularly desirable, unless you are in poor health at the present time, and could probably not pass an examination two years hence. In that event, it might be well to add the prospective dividends in this way, but if they are so added, you could not then draw them in cash.

You can at the end of twenty years draw the reserve of the policy, plus the dividends, thus closing the transaction, or you can secure a certain amount of paid-up insurance, which in your case would be \$427, upon which no further premium would have to be paid. The cash value of the policy itself at that time, if surrendered, would be \$239, from which would be deducted any loan then standing against the policy.

I can not quote you an estimate of what dividend will be earned two years hence, but at the present time, on a somewhat similar policy written twenty years ago, we are paying a dividend of \$198.43, and while this amount can not be taken as an estimate of what your policy will earn, it is probably somewhere near the same amount.

The better plan, according to my opinion, for you to follow at that time would be to continue your policy, paying the regular premium \$19.53 annually, and draw the dividend in cash, and then have your policy changed to the annual dividend plan in the future, in which event the future dividends, based on our present scale, would amount to approximately one-third of the premium, which would bring the cost of your \$1000 in-

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insurance down to something like \$13. a year.

There is no way you can secure a larger amount of insurance by paying the same premium annually, except by a new examination, and a new policy.

Believing this answers all of your questions, I am

Yours very truly,

Wm Whitney
Manager

BW/C

THE FIGURES QUOTED ARE BELIEVED TO
BE CORRECT BUT ARE SUBJECT TO
VERIFICATION BY THE HOME OFFICE

October 7, 1918

Mr. Bruce Whitney, Manager
Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York
First National Bank, Milwaukee, Wis.

Dear Sir:-

I want to thank you for your letter of October 5 giving me very full information and suggestions with reference to my policy, number 1077982.

I shall follow your suggestion and not elect to have the dividends added to the policy as paid up insurance without medical examination.

Sincerely yours

B/P