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W. A. McGonagle  
Woburn Building  
St. Paul, Minn.

copy

October 26th, 1925.

My dear Mr. Buck:

I beg to thank you for your favor of the 21st instant, enclosing copy of a report of the Executive Committee of the Minnesota Historical Society, under date of October 12th, 1925, and note the changed conditions that you are compelled to face on account of the re-organization of the State Department, and I have also noted with pleasure the diplomatic way in which you have practically secured your original program and have even obtained additional funds for the proposed new construction referred to in your letter.

I am very much pleased with the way that you are conducting the affairs of the Minnesota Historical Society and sincerely trust that you will be spared for many years to carry on the splendid work that you have done and continue the program which means so much to the people of coming generations. If at any time I can in any way assist you, kindly advise me and I will do my best to secure the results that you may desire.

With personal regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) W. A. McGonagle

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

67 Barton Ave. S. E.

March 12, 1925

McKinley Publishing Co.,  
1619-1621 Ranstead St.,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Gentlemen:-

Please sent me copies of the following maps.

Wall Outline Map of the Mississippi Valley,  
Northern Section

Desk Outline Maps, numbers 190a, 191a, and 192a.

Bill them to me.

Very truly yours

B/P

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA  
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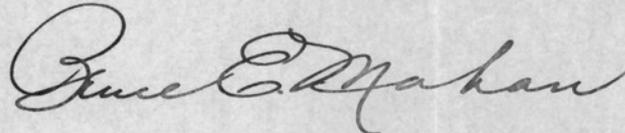
BRUCE E. MAHAN  
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

November 8, 1926

Dear Dr. Buck:

Dr. Shambaugh is responsible for sending you a copy of my book Old Fort Crawford and the Frontier, but I had suggested that I hoped he would do so. I was much pleased with your kind remarks about the appearance of the volume, and I am looking forward to seeing you at the Rochester meeting.

Very sincerely yours,



Dr. Solon J. Buck  
110 Library  
Columbia University  
New York

BEM:B

July 21, 1924

Professor Thomas M. Marshall  
Washington University  
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Marshall:

I assume that it is to you  
that I am indebted for a copy of the  
Platte Purchase by Dorothy Neuhoff. I  
am always interested in anything of this  
sort and am very glad to have a copy  
for my collection.

Sincerely yours

SJB-a

OCT 2 1926

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY  
SAINT LOUIS



HISTORY DEPARTMENT

Sept. 30, 1926

Professor Solomon J. Buck,  
Minnesota Historical Society,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Buck:

I failed to get your letter addressed to me at Austin, hence no reply. There is a fly in this Washington University ointment and I think that it is necessary to tell you about it. I beg of you to keep this absolutely to yourself, for if it were known here that I had written this letter, my job would not be worth a six pence.

Chancellor Herbert S. Hadley is on your National Advisory Committee for one reason only, and that is for personal advertisement. He does not want any Washington University man to take part in the endowment drive, because he

This is  
confidential  
S. J. O.

WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

SAINT LOUIS



HISTORY DEPARTMENT

thinks that it will interfere with the endowment possibilities of the University. That is the real reason why McFayden turned down the chairmanship. He was acting under executive orders.

I will talk with Stratford Norton at the earliest opportunity. Breckenridge Jones would make a good executive secretary, provided a live young man could be his assistant. Jones knows the moneyed people. If Mr. Sam. Blair, a young man in the Mississippi Valley Trust Company, could assist Jones, the work would be well done. Stephens of Missouri is not a very energetic person. Kerner's antagonisms are harmless; they came from the fact that he crowded Prentiss too hard. Outside of his

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department and over the state Kerner is strong. President Fair of the Kershville Teachers College is interested in history and has a considerable following. Professor McClure of the Warrsburg Teachers College is widely known and has a personal knowledge of individuals which would be of real assistance. He was a prominent member of the last Missouri Constitutional Convention.

I am delighted to know that the Baker volumes have fallen into your hands.

Yours sincerely,

Thomas W. Henshall

October 17, 1924

Mr. H. L. Menken, Editor  
American Mercury  
220 West 42 St.,  
New York City

Dear Mr. Menken:-

Don't you think that the development of American culture indicated by the enclosed "literature" ought to be commented upon? You could do it more effectively than anyone else.

Sincerely yours

B/P

OCT 25 1924



THE AMERICAN MERCURY

730 FIFTH AVENUE

NEW YORK

OFFICE OF THE EDITORS

*George Jean Nathan and H. L. Mencken*

October 23rd, 1924.

Dear Mr. Buck:

Thanks very much  
for the circulars of the Public  
Speakers Society. They are  
full of rich stuff and I shall  
try to make use of them.

My best thanks  
again,

Sincerely yours,

HLM/K

March 28, 1925

Mr. H. L. Mencken, Editor  
American Mercury  
220 West 42 St.,  
New York City

My dear Mr. Mencken:-

The enclosures  
may not be worthy of quotation in  
"Americana" but they certainly il-  
luminatethe American scene and  
they may amuse you. Do not bother  
to acknowledge this.

Sincerely yours

B/P

# GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY

GENERAL ADVERTISING DEPARTMENT

W. R. MILLS, GENERAL ADVERTISING AGENT.

ST. PAUL, MINN., July 30, 1925.

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

Dr. Solon J. Buck,  
Madison, Wisconsin.

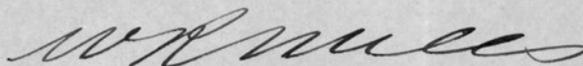
Dear Dr. Buck :

I greatly appreciate yours of the 28th, with reference to Mr. Ruckman. The opening I spoke to you about in the spring has been temporarily filled by a young writer who has not had any professional training as a historian, but who is a skilled writer, and this for the present takes care of our requirements. It may be, however, later on something might develop to make us keenly interested in Mr. Ruckman and his capacities. If he should happen to be in St. Paul at any time I will appreciate the opportunity of making his acquaintance.

It was a great disappointment to me when I was compelled to leave the Expedition at Fort Union, as I am sure it must have been to you. I understand the unveiling of the Stevens Monument was the most impressive event, and that the Expedition moved on to a tremendous climax after leaving Fort Union.

I certainly enjoyed the visit with you and Mr. Dillon on the train returning. Will drop in and pay my respects some day after you have returned to St. Paul.

Yours cordially,



WRM-S

COMMITTEE ON ENDOWMENT

Albert J. Beveridge, Chairman  
Selon J. Buck, Executive Secretary

110 Library Building  
Columbia University  
New York City  
February 25, 1926

Mr. W. R. Mills  
Great Northern Railway Company  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Mills:

Some time last Spring, as you may remember, we had some conversation about Mr. Oliver W. Holmes, who was then a graduate student in history at Columbia University, and who, I thought, might be available for some work that you wanted done.

I have just learned that Mr. Holmes is now in Montana and is going to be there until next Fall, when he expects to return to New York City. It occurs to me that in connection with your Columbia River Historical Expedition or other historical activities, you might have occasion to use some competent writer or investigator located in Montana. If so, I should be glad to recommend Mr. Holmes very strongly, as I consider him a man of exceptional ability along these lines. He would probably be available for a while, at least, for whole or part time work, either at Missoula or Helena or elsewhere in the region. His address is 828 Locust Street, Missoula, Montana.

I trust that the plans for your expedition are developing nicely. If I can be of any assistance, do not hesitate to call on me.

We are getting our work organized here, but it will be some time before our endowment fund is in sight.

Sincerely yours,

SJB DMW

# GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY

GENERAL ADVERTISING DEPARTMENT

W. R. MILLS, GENERAL ADVERTISING AGENT.

ST. PAUL, MINN., March 1st, 1926.

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
Executive Secretary,  
American Historical Association,  
110 Library Building,  
Columbia University,  
New York City.

Dear Dr. Buck:

I very much appreciate your letter of Feb. 25th giving me information concerning Mr. Holmes' presence in Montana and his availability for historical work in connection with the Columbia River Historical Expedition this summer.

Our plans for the 1926 expedition are coming along well and there is a possibility that we may need the assistance of somebody like Mr. Holmes, and should that definitely develop I will certainly take advantage of it. We also greatly appreciate your kind offer of assistance and will gladly avail ourselves of it. I do not know what we would have done without the hearty cooperation received from yourself, Miss Krausnick, and others in the Minnesota Historical Library. The encouragement we have always received there and the unlimited cooperation has been a tremendous factor in aiding us in our historical activities.

With cordial best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
W. R. Mills.

GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY

GENERAL ADVERTISING DEPARTMENT

W. R. MILLS, GENERAL ADVERTISING AGENT.

ST. PAUL, MINN., June 11, 1926.

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

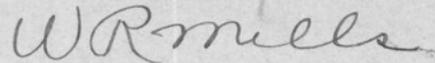
Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
110 Library, Columbia University,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Doctor Buck:

I certainly appreciate your letter of May 29, reply to which has been delayed owing to my absence from the city.

I note what you say concerning list of names of the members of the American Historical Association. We are selecting the names of those members located in territory where we might reasonably expect them to be interested in making the trip, and in accordance with your generous permission will use your signature on those invitations.

Sincerely yours,



W.R. Mills

June 24, 1926

Mr. W. R. Mills  
Great Northern Railway Co.  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Mills:

On getting back to my New York office, I find your letter of June 11 concerning the invitations to members of the American Historical Association.

I find also a letter from Mr. Thoburn, Research Director and formerly secretary of the Oklahoma Historical Society, who received one of the invitations and who suggests that one be sent to Mr. Charles F. Colcord, the president of their society. I enclose herewith a copy of his letter, from which you will see that Mr. Colcord should be addressed at Spirit Lake, Iowa. ✓

Sincerely yours,

SJB:W

# GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY

GENERAL ADVERTISING DEPARTMENT

W. R. MILLS, GENERAL ADVERTISING AGENT.

ST. PAUL, MINN., July 6, 1928.

IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO

Mr. Solon J. Buck, Executive Sec'y.,  
American Historical Association,  
110 Library, Columbia University,  
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Buck:

I certainly appreciate your courtesy in sending me the two letters received in response to the invitations sent out over your name, to accompany the Columbia River Historical Expedition.

We are getting a number of bookings, as a result of the invitations sent out over various names, and will have a nice party on the expedition. The calibre of the people who are accepting is high, and for the most part they are members of historical societies. We are pleased to get even letters of regret, as they indicate the fact that the invitations have made an impression on the recipients and directed their attention to the historic background of the Northwest, and this is in reality the intent of the entire expedition.

We surely appreciate your co-operation and that of Miss Krausnick and Mr. Babcock. I want you to see the historical museum we are going to have installed in a baggage car on the train. Mr. Babcock is doing some splendid things with it.

Sincerely yours,

*WR Mills*

W.R. Mills

May 4, 1925

Mr. R. F. Wilkins  
Minneapolis Journal  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Wilkins:-

Mrs. Buck will leave with you or at the Journal office for you some time today an envelope containing ten of our "Stories of Early Minnesota History."

I would be glad to hear from you at your convenience as to whether or not the Journal would care to use these stories and, if so, on what terms. Some revision will be necessary because of allusions to omitted stories, etc., but this can be done very quickly if the Journal wants to use them.

In order to protect the copyright, arrangements will have to be made with the Macmillan Co. who are to publish the book, but I have assurances from them that they will give their consent.

I have just got back from my trip and hope to have the friendship letter ready for you in a day or two.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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SOLOMON J. BUCK  
State Historical Bldg.  
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Professor Buck:

The art department of the federation is planning an informal reception for our writers, artists and composers at the midwinter meeting in Minneapolis, Wednesday afternoon at 3.30 February twenty fifth, at the Nicollet hotel.

Will you come and be one of our guests of honor? Please let me know if we may expect you. Kindly extend this invitation to your friends.

We have created considerable interest among the club women in Minnesota's gifted folk, and we want to give them an opportunity to know each other.

Mrs. A. A. Passer  
State Art Chairman M.F.W.C.  
Clivia, Minn  
The 13th of the 2nd of 1925.

Sincerely,

February 17, 1925

Mrs. A. A. Passer,  
State Art Chairman M. F. W. C.  
Olivia, Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Passer:-

Thank you very  
much for your kind invitation to at-  
tend the reception planned by the Art  
Department of the Minnesota Federation  
of Women's Clubs on Wednesday after-  
noon, February 25. As I have a class  
at the University of Minnesota at the  
hour specified it will be impossible  
for me to attend.

Sincerely Yours

B/P

May 24, 1926.

To the Executive Committee  
of the Minnesota Historical Association.

Gentlemen:

I should like to recommend that the salaries to be paid out of the private funds for the year 1926-27 be fixed as follows:

Asst. Supt. (T. C. B.)*	\$2,100.
Curator of Mss. (G. L. N.)	2,400.
Curator of Museum (W. M. B.)	2,000.
Edit. Asst. (M. E. W.)	2,100.
Edit. & Off. Asst. (A. B.)	<u>1,500.</u>
	\$10,100.

\*\$100 a month supplementary salary for July, August, and September, and \$200 a month for approximately two-thirds time for the rest of the year.

From reports that I have received from Mr. Blegen, it appears that the income from the private funds will be sufficient to care for these salaries, and I feel that the increases proposed are essential if we are to retain the services of some of the most competent and valuable members of the staff.

In view of the fact that the maximum for salaries of those members of the staff who are paid out of state funds has been fixed by the state Department of Administration and Finance at the salaries that they are now receiving, and the further fact that these salaries will practically exhaust the maintenance fund, it seems to be impossible to make any increases in this group for the coming year, much as such increases would be desirable in a few instances.

Respectfully yours,

SJB/JM

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June 5, 1925

Mr. Floyd C. Shoemaker, Secretary  
State Historical Society of Missouri  
Columbia, Missouri

Dear Shoemaker:-

My attention was recently called to a considerable quantity of manuscript material found in storage in Minneapolis and, on examination of it, I discovered it to consist of Missouri archival material. Much of it appears to be militia papers of the Civil War period, but there are also certificates of marriages running back to a considerably earlier date and letters received by the state registrar of lands or some such officer. I did not examine the material very carefully and it is possible that it consists of county rather than state archives, but unquestionably it relates to Missouri and ought to be there.

How the material came to be where it is is unknown by those who have control of it, but they are willing to allow me to ship it to you if you desire it. The only conditions are that no investigation be undertaken and no publicity be given to the matter; also that you pay the cost of transportation. The bulk amounts, I should think, to about a bushel and a half or two bushels, but I would recommend that it be shipped by express.

Please let me hear from you as soon as possible, as the material will have to be moved from where it is in the near future. I am under the impression that you have a considerable quantity of Missouri archival in your custody. Am I right?

Sincerely yours

B/P

JUN 11 1925

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MISSOURI  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
COLUMBIA

June 10, 1925.

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

I thank you for your good letter dated June 5. I shall be glad to have you send us the Missouri records at our expense. I shall observe your request regarding no investigation as to source and no publicity.

Sincerely,

*Floyd S. Shorwater*  
Secretary.

FCS:S

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MISSOURI

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

COLUMBIA

November 29, 1927

Dr. Solon J. Buck  
Department of History  
The University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Dr. Buck:

I thank you for your honored letter of November 23 and for the package of manuscript which reached us. I think I am inclined to agree with you in regard to your opinion of these papers but they probably deserve preservation, at any rate, I am keeping them and I shall have them collated some time next year. I shall be glad to see you at the Washington meeting of the Association and hear your opinion of the material.

Thanking you for the donation, I am

Sincerely,

*Floyd S. Shormaker*  
Secretary

FCS J

3437 Stevens Ave., So.,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Mar. 26, 1924.

Prof. S.J. Buck  
67 Barton Ave., S.E.,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Prof. Buck,

Last Monday I received a letter from Dean Johnston of the Arts College stating that I have been selected for the Class of 1890 Fellowship yielding \$150.00 and exemption from tuition for the academic year 1924-25. I made no application for this. Although paying \$75.00 less than a Departmental Scholarship, the fact that there are no duties attached to it would, in my opinion, make it worth considering. I wrote Dean Johnston about the History Scholarship as well as the possible Assistantship, and asked whether it would be possible to hold such a position requiring a specified amount of work together with such a purely honorary Fellowship as has been offered me. He replied that such an arrangement was not customarily made, although during the War and immediately afterwards it was sometimes done. It has since occurred to me that the Assistantship in connection with Dr. Folwell's work might be of such a nature that it could be held together with the Fellowship which has been offered me.

Dean Johnston wishes to know before April 1 my decision on the Class of 1890 Fellowship. I understand that my recommendation for a History Scholarship will be followed by an appointment on April 1. If there has been any further developments in regard to the Assistantship, I should appreciate such information before making my decision. Do you think that there would be any warrant for holding the Fellowship together with such an Assistantship? Also, any general suggestions or advice you might care to give will be given thankful consideration.

Respectfully yours,

*Edmund A. Moore*

March 28, 1924

Mr. Edmund A. Moore  
3437 Stevens Ave.,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Moore:-

I am in receipt of your letter of March 26 with reference to the Class of 1890 Fellowship. The proposed work for Dr. Folwell would not involve any formal appointment whatever, but merely an understanding that you would be employed by the hour, payments to be made out of an allotment from the research funds of the Graduate School. I have talked with Mr. White about this and so far as the History Department is concerned, there would, I am sure, be no objection to your doing this and holding the Class of 1890 Fellowship at the same time. The only question then is whether or not the Fellowship itself is contingent upon your agreeing not to do any work for compensation, ~~and~~ a question which, I think, will have to be settled by Dean Johnston.

The matter of the Folwell work cannot be definitely determined until the return of Dean Ford, which will be about April 14, as it is contingent upon the renewal of the appropriation from the research fund. I am confident that such renewal will be made, however, and, if you feel that you would like to undertake the work, I will be glad to recommend you for it.

As between the Class of 1890 Fellowship and the Department scholarship, it seems to me that the Fellowship is preferable. If you accepted the scholarship, you would have to resign it in order to take on the work for Dr. Folwell, while there is a possibility that you might do this work and hold the Fellowship at the same time.

I am writing to Dean Johnston to inform him of the attitude of the Department in this matter, and would suggest that you get in touch with him again and find out definitely whether or not the acceptance of the Fellowship would prevent you from doing the Folwell work.

Sincerely yours

B/P

725 - 7<sup>th</sup> St. S. E.,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Jan 31, 1926.

Dr. D. J. Buck  
110 Library Bldg.  
Columbia University.

Dear Dr. Buck,

The institutions  
at which I am applying  
for a Fellowship or Scholarship  
are:

Harvard  
Columbia  
Wisconsin  
Michigan  
Chicago

I hesitate to ask you to write  
letters of recommendation to

the Deans of the Graduate  
Schools of all these schools  
but if you will do this for  
me, using the same letter for  
all if you desire, I shall  
appreciate it greatly. Mr.  
Shippee has given me his  
letters to send along with my  
application blanks and  
Mr. Steffel and Dean Ford  
will, I think, do the same.  
If you will do the same I shall  
mail yours along with my blanks,  
but if you prefer to send them  
direct to the institutions at which  
I am applying that would be  
equally satisfactory. In any case  
I shall hold the applications  
until I may hear from you.  
Thank you very much for the trouble  
I am causing you.  
Sincerely,  
Edmund A. Moore

Room 110 Library Building  
Columbia University  
New York City  
February 5, 1926

Mr. Edmund A. Moore  
725 - 7th Street, S.E.  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Moore:

Enclosed herewith I am sending you the  
letters that you desired. I hope that they will  
serve the purpose.

With best wishes for your success, I

am

Sincerely yours,

SJB:W

Room 110 Library Building  
Columbia University  
New York City  
February 5, 1926

Dean Frederick J. E. Woodbridge  
Columbia University  
New York City

Dear Mr. Woodbridge:

Mr. Edmund A. Moore, a graduate student at the University of Minnesota, informs me that he is applying for a fellowship or scholarship in history in the Graduate School of Columbia University.

Mr. Moore has had two years of graduate work at Minnesota during which he took several courses and a seminar and wrote his master's thesis under my direction. Mr. Moore is an excellent student with very considerable ability in research and the organization of material. He has a pleasing personality and will be able, I think, to profit to the full by the advantages of a year or two of graduate work at Columbia. I take pleasure in recommending him for an appointment.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck  
Professor of History, University  
of Minnesota

SJB:W

JUN 18 1923

L. E. CONGER, PRESIDENT  
GEO. H. NEWBERT, TREASURER  
C. E. WILLIAMS, SECRETARY

TRUSTEES: { C. W. MCFARLAND  
LEWIS NELSON  
J. W. CHECK

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# Mora Public Schools

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

Mora, Minnesota

6/15/23

Solom J. Beck  
St Paul

Dear Mr Beck

enclosed please find  
our order # 5995 for sum of \$319.<sup>00</sup>  
payment of your bill for delivery  
of Mora High school commencement album  
\$25<sup>00</sup> + \$6<sup>95</sup> expense = \$31<sup>95</sup>

Deposit this in your bank same  
as check as it will be paid when  
it reaches Mora thro the channel

Sincerely yours  
C. E. Williams  
Secy.

P.S. I am sorry Capt. Bolstad did  
not take me into his confidence  
as Mrs. Williams and myself  
would have considered it a privilege  
to have entertained you while you  
were in Mora instead of having you  
go to a hotel C. E. W.

L. E. CONGER, PRESIDENT  
GEO. H. NEWBERT, TREASURER  
C. E. WILLIAMS, SECRETARY

TRUSTEES: { C. W. MCFARLAND  
LEWIS NELSON  
J. W. CHECK

# Mora Public Schools

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

Mora, Minnesota

6/15/16<sup>123</sup>

S. J. Buck  
Minneapolis  
Dear Sir:

I have mailed  
order to Solomon J. Buck St Paul  
Care of State Historical Society  
for the sum of \$31.95. Amnt due  
for delivery High School  
Communt address. Do not  
know whether you are Solomon  
J. Buck or not but if you are  
you can call for the letter  
but if you are not why of  
course no harm is done

Very yours  
C. E. Williams  
Secy.

June 18, 1923

Mr. C. E. Williams  
Mora, Minnesota *Public Schools*

My dear Mr. Williams:-

Thank you for the check for the Commencement address. It is much appreciated.

I should have been very glad to have been entertained by you and Mrs. Williams while in Mora, and it is my misfortune that I missed this pleasure. I am very glad, however, to have had the opportunity of making your acquaintance at least and hope that I may see you again some time.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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+ low schedule  
will.*

5754 Home Street,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.,  
Aug. 31, 1925.

Dr. Nelson J. Burt,  
University of Minnesota,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Dr. Burt:

I have my paper since  
coming home and want to thank you  
for your encouraging comment. My class  
work with you and Dr. Conder I found  
very stimulating and I am hoping  
that eventually I may go on with  
more research work. At the moment

it seems a bit distant for I have  
this week given up my college work  
and gone into a city high school where  
I am having youngsters - rows of them -  
in History and English. But I think they  
will be an interesting lot, they are  
mostly Jewish and very eager.

Next summer I hope I can finish  
my thesis at Madison.

Sincerely yours,

Pull Edson Mowry

AUG 25 1925

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

PRINCETON NEW JERSEY

*Department of History and Politics*

Waquoit, Mass.  
August 21, 1925.

Professor S.J. Buck,  
Minnesota Historical Society,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Buck:

I received your letter of July 26th, but I have been teaching at Columbia this summer and have been extremely busy.

I shall certainly let people know of your desire for a full time teaching position. I am sorry that things have worked out as they have with you because I thought that you had an ideal situation. It is a pity that you do not get more time for writing, but I can understand how much time it takes to edit such a good periodical. I shall be going to Branford next month, and there I shall have an opportunity to see many men probably.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

*W. C. Wheeler*

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Dear Buck:

Paxson has sent me his letter and your letter and asked me to write to you. We went into the matter very carefully and decided to go ahead with the endowment. I have no doubt that we can raise a large sum of money if the matter is handled rightly and I think you can handle it. I hope you will undertake it. The Council is in favor of pledging the money from our funds, if necessary. I can corroborate fully what Paxson says.

Yours very sincerely

Dana C. Munro

March 5, 1926

Mr. Allan Nevins  
The Evening World  
Pulitzer Building  
New York City

Dear Mr. Nevins:

Herewith I am sending you the extracts from the Boynton Journal about which I told you.

I will need this back in about a month as I have promised to read some of it before the American History Conference early in April.

I should be very glad to know what you think of the suitability of the Journal for publication, and to have any suggestions that may occur to you.

Sincerely yours,

SJB DMH

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June 24, 1926

Hon. A. J. O'Keefe, Mayor  
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Dear Sir:

I had already cast my vote for New Orleans as the place for the next meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association when your telegram was received, and I very much hope that it will be possible for me to attend the meeting as I have long wanted to make the acquaintance of your city.

Sincerely yours,

SJB:W

*blue slip*

67 Barton Ave. S. E.

December 10, 1923

Hon. Walter H. Newton  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Newton:-

If you can without inconvenience  
have copies sent to me of the Government Documents listed  
below, the favor will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours

B/P

Some Memoranda Concerning American Indians by Malcolm  
McDowell, Department of the Interior, 1923

Boundaries, Areas, Geographic Centers and Altitudes of  
the United States and the Several States, by Edward M.  
Douglas, United States Geological Survey, Bulletin 629.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 12th, 1923.

Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
67 - Barton Avenue,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mr. Buck:

I shall be very glad to try and get these documents for you, and if I am successful they will be mailed on to you within a week or ten days. At any date I shall write you further about the matter upon hearing from the Departments.

Very truly yours,

*Walter H. Newton*

WALTER H. NEWTON  
5TH DIST. MINNESOTA

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 17th, 1923.

Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
67 Barton Avenue, S.E.  
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mr. Buck:

I am mailing you under separate cover  
Geological Bulletin #689 requested by you several days.

I regret to advise you that the  
Department of the Interior has no copies of the pamphlet  
entitled "Some Memoranda Concerning American Indians",  
available for distribution at this time. However they  
state a reprint of the publication is under consideration  
and if printed a copy will be furnished to me.

If therefore this becomes available I  
will see that it is mailed to you.

Very truly yours,

*Walter H. Newton*

67 Barton Ave. S. E.

December 26, 1923

Hon. Walter H. Newton  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Newton:-

Thank you very much for the copy of the Geological Bulletin, number 689, which you sent in response to my recent request. This is a useful document and it will be very convenient for me to have a personal copy.

Sincerely yours

B/P

67 Barton Ave. S. E.

February 14, 1925

Hon. Walter H. Newton  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Newton:-

I wonder if you could, without inconvenience, secure for me a copy of the State Compendium for Minnesota for the fourteenth census. It am sure that it would be very usefyl to me.

You have very kindly supplied me with a number of documents in the past and I assure you that your help is much appreciated.

Sincerely yours

B/P

WALTER H. NEWTON  
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WASHINGTON, D. C.

MRS. W. H. HUNTER  
SECRETARY

February 17, 1925.

Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
67 Barton Ave., S.E.,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mr. Buck:

I am requesting the Director of the Census to  
send you a copy of the State Compendium of the fourteenth  
census, for the State of Minnesota.

Sincerely yours,

*Walter H. Newton*

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS  
WASHINGTON

February 18, 1925.

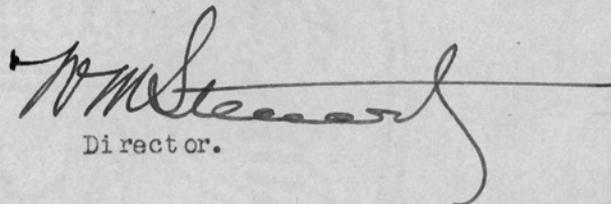
Hon. Walter H. Newton,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Newton:-

We have your letter of the 17th instant, requesting us to send Mr. Solon J. Buck, 67 Barton Avenue, S.E., Minneapolis, Minnesota, a copy of the 14th Census compendium for Minnesota.

Unfortunately the edition of this publication, assigned the Bureau for gratuitous distribution, is entirely exhausted. A copy may be purchased, however, from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, for 30¢.

Very truly yours,



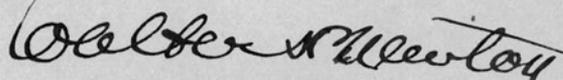
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RJ

My dear Mr. Buck:

I regret that the supply for general distribution of this compendium is completely exhausted. There has been a very heavy demand for this publication.

Sincerely yours,



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VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

Department of History  
and Political Science

College of Arts and Science  
NASHVILLE, TENN.

March 10, 1926.

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

Today I am sending you a copy of my monograph on the Populist movement in Iowa. It is in the form of a reprint from the January number of the Iowa Journal of History and Politics. In glancing through it you may chance to note I have made some use of items picked up from the Donnelly papers, which I consulted in your establishment.

I am glad to present you with this copy.

Sincerely yours,

H. C. Nixon.

Ans. in  
A. H. A. file.

January 28, 1926

Professor Frederick L. Nussbaum  
University of Wyoming  
Laramie, Wyoming

Dear Mr. Nussbaum:-

Thank you very much for sending me a reprint of your article on "American Tobacco and French Politics, 1783-1789." I had seen this and read part of it in the Political Science Quarterly, but I am very glad to have a reprint as it deals with a period in which I am much interested.

I leave for New York Sunday to take up the work on the endowment. Pray for me.

Sincerely yours

B/P

110 Library Building  
Columbia University  
New York City  
February 10, 1926

Miss Grace L. Nute  
Minnesota Historical Society  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Miss Nute:

In the course of my conversation with Mr. Ayer in Chicago, I mentioned the calendar of the American Fur Company papers, and he manifested an interest in it. If you have a copy to spare, I think that he might purchase it for the Ayer collection. As you know, he wants everything relating to the American Indians, and I think he might use the calendar as a basis for the selection of material to be photostated.

When I spoke of our transcripts of the missionary material in Boston, he manifested even more interest, and, in fact, stated definitely that he would like very much to get a copy for his collection of everything we are copying. I would suggest that you take the matter up with him and then arrange to have another carbon made hereafter. If he joins with us in this work, it ought to reduce the expense somewhat. I also told him that I would tell you that he wants to know about everything we discover relating to Carver and everything of importance concerning the Indians.

We are getting the office organized here and hope to have things running smoothly in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

SJB DMW

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Superintendent  
GRACE LEE NUTE  
Curator of Manuscripts

February 15, 1926

Mr. Solon J. Buck  
110 Library Bldg.  
Columbia University  
New York City

My dear Mr. Buck:

I was glad to get your letter of February 10 and to learn that your plans are taking shape. I have written to Mr. Ayer this morning offering him a carbon of the American Fur Company papers -- our last, by the way. Perhaps you will remember that I took up the matter with him once before and that he rather summarily ended the negotiations with the remark that any one would spoil his eyes reading the carbon. So I am not too sanguine regarding the outcome of this proposal. However, he may be in a better humor this time. I have stressed as much as I could the value that the calendar would have for a collection which purports to be fairly exhaustive on the American Indians. I have also told him of the Alexis Bailly papers which we borrowed from Mr. Hirschy. Ever since the papers have been here it has been on my mind that we should either make copies ourselves or interest some other societies. If another library could be induced to get a photostat copy, we should be relieved as to any anxiety regarding the fate of the papers if Mr. Hirschy insists on taking them back. I shall also take up the matter with the Wisconsin Historical Society.

I have told Mr. Ayer of our method of copying the papers of the American Board and have offered him the first carbon. I have also told him of Captain Fisk's report and of Mr. Larned's diary. He asked me once to give him information about over-land trips.

I hope that some of these items will be of sufficient interest to him that he will feel a

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renewed zeal in historical matters to the extent of adding a substantial bit to the endowment.

Everything is going well here. Mr. Blegen's little girl had a short relapse in her scarlet fever illness but was much better yesterday. If the papers are to be believed implicitly, you undoubtedly were a witness last week to the worst storm of a generation on the Atlantic seaboard. I do not envy you one of those New York blizzards. With best wishes, I am

Yours sincerely,

*Grace Lee Nute*

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COMMITTEE ON ENDOWMENT

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Solon J. Buck, Executive Secretary

110 Library Building  
Columbia University  
New York City  
February 19, 1926

Miss Grace L. Hute  
Minnesota Historical Society  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Miss Hute:

Soon after my arrival here, I wrote a letter to Mr. Ayer, urging him to accept membership on the National Advisory Committee of our campaign, and in the course of time, I received a reply from his secretary stating that he had gone to California and would not be back until Spring. I presume, therefore, that the matters about which you wrote him will not receive his consideration at present. I had forgotten that you had already taken up the matter of the American Fur Company calendar with him.

We are gradually getting things under way here, and I hope that our campaign will be running smoothly before long.

Sincerely yours,

SJB DEW

August 28, 1926

Dr. Grace Lee Nute  
Minnesota Historical Society  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Miss Nute:

Thank you for your suggestions concerning the enclosed letter. Since it is impossible for me to look into the matter myself at present, I am going to ask you to reply to Mr. Burpee and make such suggestions as you think appropriate. I have written him that I am doing this. I shall be glad also if you will bring the matter to my attention again when I get back, as I am very much interested in the project.

Sincerely yours,

SJB:W

# Minnesota Historical Society

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SOLON J. BUCK  
Superintendent  
GRACE LEE NUTE  
Curator of Manuscripts

October 16, 1926

Dr. Solon J. Buck  
110 Library Building  
Columbia University  
New York City

My dear Mr. Buck,

I am returning to you Miss Ratterman's outline as you requested. My general impression of it is that she has brought together a great many important facts and that if she has good organizing ability, she can write from a revised form of this outline a first rate thesis. My chief criticism, of course, is the rather poor organization; this is explainable from the haste with which she put it together after she learned that you were leaving town so soon. Her introduction should lead up to the chief point of her paper, monopoly. Such an approach could be made easily, too, since the French and the English régimes may be used to illustrate both monopoly and lack of it. In the main part of her outline, also, she seems to make all of her topics of more or less the same importance instead of bringing out the pivotal position of Suydam, Sage and Company, the change which the demand for raccoons brought about, and the far-reaching effects of the German struggle for a direct trade with American fur-dealers. Two of these points are absolutely new as far as I can determine and the third has never been stressed in accounts of the fur trade, and so she will do well to make the most of them.

I am disappointed in the amount of data she has drawn from the Ewing papers. Except for the importance of Suydam, Sage and Company, I have found all the other points in the American Fur Company <sup>papers</sup>. I hope in her thesis she will draw on the Ewing papers for details which are missing in the American Fur Company papers. Especially in the matter of agreements, charters, and negotiations of one sort and another she would do well to give details, for most of them are to be found only in these two bodies of papers.

I also hope that she will stress the part played by government annuities to the Indians; this is a subject which deserves attention. She seems to have underestimated, too, the significance of deer skins in the struggle for supremacy.

I am enclosing a copy of my paper on the American Fur

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Company papers. It gives my interpretation of some of the points which Miss Ratterman has taken up. I should appreciate very much any criticism that you may be able to give it.

Mrs. Buck tells me that my remedy for fleas was nearly disastrous to the feline member of your family. Virginia nearly died of laughter when Roger told her its name; Roger's information was, "My kitty is black and his name is Lawrence Stiefel."

Sincerely,

*Grace Lee Nute*

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