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UNITY CHURCH
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FREDERICK M. ELIOT, MINISTER
807 FAIRMOUNT AVENUE

February 7, 1927.

Dear Mr. Buck:

Sir Herbert Ames, for seven years the Financial Director of the League of Nations, and from 1911 to 1919 chairman of the Banking and Commerce Committee of the Canadian House of Commons, is to be in St. Paul for a brief visit at the end of this week.

I am trying to arrange a small luncheon in his honor, to be given at the Minnesota Club on Saturday, February 12, at one o'clock; and I hope you may be able to be present, to meet him and to hear him speak informally.

Sir Herbert represented the city of Montreal for seventeen years in the Canadian Parliament. During the war he was Honorary Secretary of the Canadian Patriotic Fund, which raised fifty million dollars for the relief of the wives and children of Canadian soldiers.

May I ask you to let me know whether you will be able to attend this luncheon? The cost of the luncheon will be one dollar and a half.

Faithfully yours,

Frederick M. Eliot

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

February 9, 1927

Rev. Frederick M. Eliot
807 Fairmount Ave.,
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Eliot:-

Thank you for the invitation to the luncheon in honor of Sir Herbert Ames on Saturday, February 12. I shall be glad to attend.

Sincerely yours

B/P

December 10, 1928

Reverend Frederick M. Eliot
807 Fairmount Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Eliot:

As I shall be unable to attend the meeting of the Informal Club this evening, I am sending you herewith my check for dues. ✓

I was scheduled to act as one of the hosts at a meeting last year but the meeting was called off for some reason, and so I suppose I should serve sometime this year. I shall be glad to do so with anyone who may be willing to join with me. I am not a member of the University Club but I suppose that makes no difference. Doubtless all that is expected of the host is that he will be present if possible and will pay his share of the bill.

Should you run out of topics for discussion it might be worth while to devote an evening to "The New Interpretation of the American Revolution."

Sincerely yours

SJB/H

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

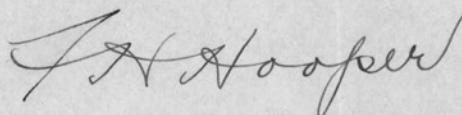
Dear Mr. Buck:

The Editors have begun work on a revision of the Encyclopaedia Britannica, and I write to ask your co-operation in connection with the article on MINNESOTA. You will recall that you wrote the article on that state appearing in the supplementary volumes published in 1923, and again in the supplementary volumes published in 1926. The article on MINNESOTA appearing in the 11th edition of the Encyclopaedia Britannica, published in 1910, was an unsigned one. We have had one of our office force revise and condense that article and unite it with the one contributed by yourself to our last supplementary volumes.

While it seems to us that this new article is an excellent one, we should like to have it gone over by some high authority like yourself who lives in the state and who is thoroughly competent to pass on its merits especially from a local point of view. We should esteem it a great privilege if you would allow us to send this manuscript to you to be looked over. Possibly you would think certain additions should be made, although in this particular we should have to ask that the article be not lengthened. We should be glad also if you approve the sketch to have you take the responsibility of it and allow us to publish it over your initials. This would enable us to keep your name in our list of contributors, a thing which we should be very glad indeed to do.

With best regards and with thanks for your kindness in the past,
I am

Sincerely yours,



AMERICAN EDITOR

April 9, 1938

Mr. F. H. Hooper, American Editor
The Encyclopaedia Britannica
342 Madison Ave.,
New York City

Dear Mr. Hooper:-

If you will send me the article on Minnesota referred to in your letter of April 3, I shall be glad to read it and then write you further concerning it. If it is the work of my former student, Mr. Oliver W. Holmes, who I understand is doing some articles of this sort for you, I should expect it to be well done; but even so I should be a little doubtful about the propriety of attaching my initials to it. This would depend somewhat upon the extent to which it is based upon the article that I wrote for the supplementary volumes.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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OFFICE OF THE
AMERICAN EDITOR

NEW YORK

April 11, 1928.

Professor Solon J. Buck,
Minnesota Historical Society,
Saint Paul, Minn.

Dear Professor Buck:

I am in receipt of your favor of April 9 in reference to the article MINNESOTA. The draft that we have was not written by Mr. Holmes but by another worker at this office who I think is fully as good.

I sincerely hope you will attach your initials to the article. The initials at the end of a Britannica article means that the owner of those initials makes himself responsible for the article. If you go over the article, verify such statements as you think need verification, and do whatever else you think necessary, don't you then make yourself responsible for it? That's the way we look at it. Are we not right?

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. H. Hooper".

AMERICAN EDITOR

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April 23, 1928

Mr. F. H. Hooper, American Editor
Encyclopaedia Britannica
742 Madison Ave.,
New York City

My dear Mr. Hooper:-

Your letter of April 11 was
duly received but the article MINNESOTA
for the Encyclopaedia Britannica has not
reached me as yet. If you sent it at
the same time as the letter, it would
appear to have gone astray.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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April 28, 1928.

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

Through an oversight I neglected to enclose with Mr. Hooper's letter of April 11 the article MINNESOTA for the New Edition of the Britannica, and did not discover it until your letter of April 23 was received.

I am now enclosing it, and hope the delay has not inconvenienced you.

Yours sincerely,

Ruth M. Crawford
Secretary to Mr. Hooper

RMC
Encl.

May 7, 1938

Mr. F. H. Hooper, American Editor
Encyclopaedia Britannica
342 Madison Ave.,
New York City

Dear Mr. Hooper:-

The article, "Minnesota," for the Encyclopaedia Britannica reached me a few days ago, and I have read it through carefully. In general it impresses me as very well done, but I observed a number of statements that seemed to me inaccurate or misleading.

I should be unwilling to take the responsibility for the article without checking it throughout and it is so closely packed with information that a very considerable amount of work would be required to do this. Many of the statements I should want to refer to the state departments concerned or to experts in various lines at the University, and all this would take time. Whether or not I can afford to do this will depend upon the compensation that I might expect to receive, and I should be glad to hear from you on this point.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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May 10, 1928.

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

As Mr. Hooper has not yet returned from London, I have referred your letter of May 7 to the Assistant Editor and he requests that I write to you saying that the Britannica will be very glad to pay you at the rate of \$12.50 per page for checking the article on MINNESOTA.

He sincerely hopes that you will be able to do this important work for us, as the Editors are most anxious to have not only the most up-to-date but the most accurate information it is possible to obtain. They also are desirous of retaining your name on the list of contributors to the Britannica, a list which for many years has contained the names of outstanding men the world over.

May we hear from you on this at your convenience?

Sincerely yours,

Ruth M. Crawford

Secretary to Mr. Hooper

RMC

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May 24, 1938

Miss Ruth M. Crawford
Secretary to Mr. Hooper
Encyclopaedia Britannica
342 Madison Ave.,
New York City

My dear Miss Crawford:-

I am willing to undertake the revision of the article on Minnesota for the Britannica on the terms indicated in your letter of May 10, and I am glad that this will make it possible for my name to be retained on the list of contributors.

Please let me know how much time I can have for this work and make it as long as possible.

Sincerely yours !

B/P

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May 18, 1928.

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

Mr. Hooper will be very glad to learn that
your name will be retained on the list of contributors.

Would July 15th as the date when we would
like to have the revised manuscript give you sufficient
time for the work? We hope you can send the article
to us by that date, if not before.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth W. Crawford
Secretary to Mr. Hooper

RMC

May 27, 1938

Miss Ruth M. Crawford
Secretary to Mr. Hooper
Encyclopaedia Britannica
342 Madison Ave.,
New York City

My dear Miss Crawford:-

I expect to be able to have the revision of the article on Minnesota completed by July 15 and hope that it may be done by the first of July.

Sincerely yours

B/P

LONDON, 80 REGENT ST.

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OFFICE OF THE
AMERICAN EDITOR

NEW YORK

July 20, 1928.

Mr. Solon J. Buck,
Colonial Club,
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Mr. Buck:

Mr. Hooper has requested me to acknowledge your letter of July 18 enclosing the manuscript of your article on MINNESOTA for the New Edition of the Britannica.

After he has had an opportunity to read it, he may wish to write to you again.

Galley proof of the article will be sent to you at your St. Paul address as soon as it is received from the printer.

Yours very truly,

Ruth M. Crawford
Secretary to Mr. Hooper

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October 26, 1928

Professor Solon Justus Buck
University of Minnesota
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

Will you be good enough to look over the enclosed draft of the descriptive paragraph which will appear after your name in our list of contributors? We shall be very grateful if you will make any corrections or changes in this which appear to you to be desirable.

Sincerely yours,

THE ENCYCLOPAEDIA BRITANNICA

L.P. Dudley
Editorial Department

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November 15, 1928

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

I am enclosing galley proof of your
article MINNESOTA.

Will you kindly read this over, see
that it is correct, and return it to us at your
earliest convenience?

Yours sincerely,

L. P. Dudley
L. P. DUDLEY
Editorial Department
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Encyclopaedia of the Social Sciences

EDWIN R. A. SELIGMAN, LL.D., EDITOR-IN-CHIEF
ALVIN JOHNSON, PH.D., ASSISTANT EDITOR

NEW YORK

September 18, 1928.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

We are very anxious to have you write for the Encyclopaedia the article on GRANGE. You will know better than anyone else how the material should be handled, but we are enclosing an office memorandum, indicating the place of the article in our scheme of related topics. We are also enclosing the office outline of the article on AGRARIAN MOVEMENTS IN THE UNITED STATES, which may be of some use to you. Also we very much want you to write brief biographies of

ALVORD, Clarence W., (1868-1928)	200 words
KELLEY, Oliver H.	250 260 words
DONNELLY, Ignatius (1831-1901)	200 190 words

The space will doubtless seem inadequate, but we hope it may suffice to cover the main points in their careers, and to give an indication of their position in social science and a succinct appraisal of their work. I am mailing you a Specimen Pamphlet which will give an idea of our treatment of bibliography and other details.

As everyone knows, it is much more difficult to write brief articles than long ones, and we feel diffident about asking a busy scholar like yourself to do this for us. But the character of the articles appearing in the first volume will largely determine that of the work as a whole, and it is, therefore, of crucial importance to us to make sure that these articles will be ably done.

We do not like to contemplate your refusal; but if, unfortunately, you find it impossible to write the article, we should greatly appreciate it if you would jot down, confidentially, the names of other scholars who could write the article for us. I write "confidentially" because sometimes we may want to reserve such names for other articles, and we want to avoid the misapprehension that we have considered them in connection with any articles and have passed them by.

If you can write this for us, we should like to receive the manuscripts at the earliest possible date. The final date for assembling the material is January 1st, 1929.

Sincerely,

Alvin Johnson

ALVIN JOHNSON

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September 25, 1928

Encyclopaedia of the Social Sciences
Fayerweather Hall
Columbia University
New York City

Attention Dr. Alvin Johnson

Gentlemen:-

I ought not to undertake anything else until I complete some of the things that I now have on hand, but the Encyclopaedia of the Social Sciences is so important a project that I cannot refuse your request. Consequently you may count on me for the articles referred to in your letter of September 18.

Sincerely yours

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EDWIN R. A. SELIGMAN, LL.D., EDITOR-IN-CHIEF
ALVIN JOHNSON, PH.D., ASSISTANT EDITOR

NEW YORK September 28, 1928

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

Dear Professor Buck:

I have received your letter of September 25th, and very much appreciate your willingness to cooperate. As you will readily understand, all the men whose contributions will be of the greatest value to us are, like yourself, so busy that it is very difficult for them to write for us. Fortunately, the great majority of them are straining a point to help us out.

Sincerely

Alvin Johnson

Alvin Johnson

Memorandum to Authors

Article: ALVORD, CLARENCE W. (1868-1928)

Number of words: 200

General Character:

Cross References:

NOTE:—These memoranda have been prepared after extended consultation and on the basis of a detailed study of each topic in its relation to the general plan. In many cases, however, points which the editors may have missed will occur to the writer. The editors will welcome all suggestions making for improvement of the work.

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FAYERWEATHER HALL, COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

NEW YORK

Memorandum to Authors

Article: KELLEY, OLIVER H.

Number of words: 250

General Character:

Cross References:

NOTE:—These memoranda have been prepared after extended consultation and on the basis of a detailed study of each topic in its relation to the general plan. In many cases, however, points which the editors may have missed will occur to the writer. The editors will welcome all suggestions making for improvement of the work.

ENCYCLOPAEDIA OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

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NOTE TO CONTRIBUTORS

Special Character of Articles:

It is greatly to be desired that each writer, before constructing the outline of his article, should consider two points very carefully: (1) all material for the Encyclopaedia should have a definite social-scientific reference; and (2) the point of view should be that of the social sciences as a group, rather than that of the special field in which the article falls.

A subject like Evolution is essentially biological; a subject like Power, technological; a subject like Materialism, metaphysical. Each has, however, an important bearing upon the social sciences. Articles on such subjects should throw into relief the social scientific values.

Such a subject as Utilitarianism will naturally be treated with a view to bringing out its values for ethics, jurisprudence, economics, sociology, social psychology, education, instead of concentrating on one aspect, as in an Encyclopaedia of Ethics or of Economics.

Frequently the general bearing of a topic comes out best when the treatment is genetic. This is notably the case with such articles as Absolutism, Ghetto, Jury. Many subjects that are commonly handled in a purely analytical fashion, like Sovereignty, Freedom, Capital, Credit, will yield important general values if analysis is supplemented by a sane genetic account.

Biographies:

It is not the purpose of the Encyclopaedia to duplicate the work of the biographical dictionaries, even within the social scientific field. The interest of the present work centers in a man's contribution to the science or to institutional development; his influence, direct or indirect. What is known of the influences shaping his mind and character is also important for the present purpose. The details of his personal life may profitably be omitted, except in the rare event of a definable bearing on the development of his mind.

Brevity:

The space of 8,000,000 words fixed for the Encyclopaedia as a whole can prove adequate only if the utmost economy of space is

observed throughout the work. The editorial staff, after assembling the topics that must be treated, has fixed space valuations for the several articles, which in almost every case will seem to the contributor quite too meager. Nevertheless, it will not be possible to increase the space for one article without reducing it for another which is equally cramped within its confines.

When an article overruns its limit the editorial staff will endeavor to cut it back with the least practicable disturbance to the author's ideas. Naturally, this work of cutting could be far more satisfactorily done by the author himself.

Bibliographies:

Each extended article needs a brief bibliography of the best accessible works. The author will sometimes find it desirable to accompany the bibliographical items with critical comment, but as a rule, this is not necessary. Bibliographies will be counted as part of the space assigned.

In bibliographies the chief works will be mentioned, but no attempt will be made to include all titles, unimportant as well as important.

The full title of each work should be given, the number of volumes, the date and place of publication. Articles in journals or handbooks and brief tracts (75 pages or less) will be set in quotes. The titles of books and periodicals will be set in italics.

For example, Smith, Adam, *Wealth of Nations* (London 1776); Bauer, John, "Some Aspects of Public Utility Accounting," *Journal of Political Economy*, vol. xi, (1908).

Corrections:

Contributors are urgently requested to cooperate with the editors in keeping the cost of corrections at the minimum. Much may be accomplished through the exercise of care in preparing manuscripts. Offhand citations of books, with the title given only approximately, are a frequent source of trouble.

When a considerable time elapses between the receipt of an article and the publication of the volume for which it is designed, the article will be returned to the author in manuscript for such changes as he may find necessary.

Duplicates of all manuscripts should be kept by the author, against the contingency of loss in the mails. The Encyclopaedia is not responsible for loss in transmission, or by fire, theft or other causes beyond its control.

Proofs will be supplied to the author in galley, for correction of printer's errors and for such emendations as may be absolutely necessary. In exceptional instances page proofs may also be supplied. All proofs should be returned to the editors (not to the printer) within three days from the time they are received.

In correcting proof employ the signs given in Webster's Unabridged Dictionary or any other standard dictionary. It is of the greatest importance that all such corrections be clear and legible.

Relation with Writers:

All arrangements for the assignment of articles will be made directly between the Encyclopaedia and the individual writer. Every article, no matter how brief, will be signed in full. The remuneration will be uniform—two cents a word—with a minimum of five dollars for the briefer articles. Contributions in foreign languages will be paid for on the basis of the word-count of the English translation.

Payment is due on acceptance. In the case of articles in foreign languages, payment will be upon translation, which in every case will be completed within six weeks of the receipt of the article.

All communications from contributors should be addressed to the Editors, Encyclopaedia of the Social Sciences, Fayerweather Hall, Columbia University, New York.

Return
to S. J. B.

5533 Kimbark Avenue
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Buck,

In speaking to Mr. Boucher today relative to the choice of a subject for a doctor's dissertation in American history, he suggested my writing to you concerning the possibilities of working in the field of Minnesota history. I had thought somewhat of such a theme as Colonial Efforts in Minnesota but am not sure whether there is sufficient material available in manuscript or other form, or whether anyone has taken that

subject. If you think that not a profitable or possible subject or if you have any other subject which you think preferable I shall be most grateful for your advice.

I took some work at Minnesota from Mr. Shippee two years ago and I am interested in knowing whether he will offer a course in Minnesota history during 1928-9.

Thanking you most sincerely for any help you find possible to give me I am,

Very respectfully yours,
Sister Eucharista.

October 14, 1927

Sister Eucharista
5533 Kimbark Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Sister Eucharista:-

I am very much interested to know that you are thinking of writing a doctor's thesis in the Minnesota field and I assure you that there are lots of possibilities for valuable work.

I take it that what you mean by "Colonization Efforts in Minnesota" is the various colonization schemes for the promoting of settlements. There is, I understand, a good deal of material on these colonies, but I am inclined to think that it might be better for you to take a somewhat broader subject, such as, the settlement of Minnesota during a given period, which might bring in the colonization schemes as part of the subject. Another possible way to broaden it out would be to enlarge the geographical area and take a study of colonization projects in the Northwest during a given period.

For either of these subjects, of course, your most important materials would be found only in the newspapers, manuscript, and archival collections of the Minnesota Historical Society; but you could doubtless do a good deal of preliminary work at Chicago if you are to be there this year, utilizing the general histories, county histories, articles in the Minnesota Historical Collections, etc., and also studying the background of immigration and settlement in the country as a whole, to help orient your subject in the general field of American history.

Mr. Shippee does not give the course in Minnesota History at the University. I ~~have~~ given it myself ^{to} the present time, but it is expected that next year, 1928/9, it will be given by Mr. Elegen, who is now a member of the Department of History at the University. It would certainly be desirable for you to take the course if you are going to work in this field.

Sincerely yours

B/P

67 Barton Ave. S. E.

September 11, 1928

Dr. A. C. Flick
Department of Archives and
History
University of New York
Albany, New York

My dear Dr. Flick:-

Some time ago our library received
volume 6 of the Sir William Johnson's Papers,
but no copy has come to me as yet. As you
know, I am very much interested in this work.
I have volumes 1-5 in my library at home and
hope to receive the remaining volumes.

(Albany Hist. Soc.)

There is no special hurry, but I
want to make sure before they are all distributed
that my name is not overlooked. I assure you
that your courtesy in sending me previous vol-
umes is very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours

B/P

September 28, 1928

Dr. A. C. Flick, State Historian
Albany, New York

My dear Doctor Flick:-

Again I am indebted to you for a volume of the Johnson Papers, volume 6. I have had time only to glance at it as yet but I am sure that it will be very valuable to me in my research work. These volumes always impress me as admirable examples of how editing should be done. It would be useful, of course, if they could be more extensively annotated, but I realize that the work involved would greatly delay the publication and, after all, the most important thing is to make the material available in such form that it can be absolutely relied upon.

Sincerely yours

SJB/B

March 7, 1927

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

Dear Mr. Ford:-

The map of Minnesota about which I spoke to you the other day is entitled "New Commercial and Census Map of Minnesota" and it is published by the National Map Co., 32 East Georgia St., Indianapolis, Indiana. The price is \$7.50 for the map mounted on cloth and with wooden rods at the top and bottom.

I should be glad if a copy of this map could be secured for use in connection with my course in Minnesota history.

Sincerely yours

B/P

March 21, 1937

Dean Guy Stanton Ford
Graduate School
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Ford:-

I was telling Shippee the other day about an unusually good student in my course in Minnesota history and he suggested that I send her name to you as a possibility for the Johnson scholarship. Her name is Dorothy Buchanan and she is a junior in the S. L. & A. College. She is distinctly the best student in the course and she has done consistent "A" work.

Sincerely yours

B/P

April 13, 1927

Dean Guy Stanton Ford
Graduate School
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Ford:-

To assist me in continuing the work of compiling a bibliography of Minnesota newspapers and inventory of extant files, I desire to request a renewal for the year 1927-28 of the grant of two hundred dollars from Graduate School funds. Most of the data for this work has been assembled, but a great deal of compilation, checking, and revision remains to be done before it will be ready for publication.

Mr. Bryce E. Lehman, who has assisted me in this work, will be available during the coming summer and, if the appropriation is available, considerable progress can be made.

Very truly yours

B/P

April 13, 1927

Dean Guy Stanton Ford
Graduate School
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Ford:-

On behalf of Dr. Folwell, I desire to submit a request for a renewal for the year 1927-28 of the five hundred dollar grant from Graduate School funds to assist him in the work on his History of Minnesota. It is hoped that the coming year will see the completion of the work.

Sincerely yours

B/P

April 25, 1927

Dean Guy Stanton Ford
Graduate School
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Ford:-

I shall be glad to attend the dinner
with the Committee on the regional survey of
the Northwest on May 3, 1927.

Sincerely yours

B/P

May 25, 1927

Dean Guy Stanton Ford
Graduate School
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Ford:-

Herewith I am sending to you a requisition and invoice for work by Mr. Lehman on our bibliography of Minnesota newspapers. He has done this work at odd times during the past school year while he has been a student in the Harvard Law School. The rate that he charges is absurdly low for his qualifications in the type of work, but he is willing to do it because of his interest in the project.

If the appropriation is renewed for next year, he expects to devote most of his time during July and August to the work, and it ought to be possible for us to bring it near to completion.

I believe there was some complication about the appropriation for the present fiscal year, but my recollection is that when I told you of Mr. Lehman's plans you indicated that you thought the bills could be taken care of.

Sincerely yours

SJB/B

September 30, 1927

Dean Guy Stanton Ford
Graduate School
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Ford:-

As you know the allotment of \$500 from the research funds of the Graduate School for assistance to Dr. Folwell in the completion of his History of Minnesota was renewed for the current year.

Last year Miss Alice Smith, an assistant in the Department of History at the University, served as Dr. Folwell's research assistant and received the allotment. She was also employed on part time in the War Records Division of the Historical Society, and received additional compensation out of other Historical funds for editorial work on Dr. Folwell's history, so that her total compensation for the year amounted to about \$1,500. In view of Miss Smith's exceptional ability and experience, it seemed very desirable to continue her as Dr. Folwell's research assistant and she has been carrying the work thus far this year. Unfortunately, however, the funds of the War Records Division will all be needed for the regular staff and for publication, and the sums available from other funds of the Society for special services will probably be considerably less than last year. It is going to be very difficult, therefore, if not impossible, to provide Miss Smith with enough money to live on unless some other work can be found for her. I thought last spring, as a result of conversations with Professor William Anderson, that she might perhaps be employed part time in work on the Northwest Survey, but the prospects there at present do not appear to be very good.

I understand that a \$225 scholarship in history is vacant at the present time, and I should like to suggest that if Miss Smith could be given this appointment it would help materially in retaining her services as Dr. Folwell's research assistant. She is planning to register in the Graduate School and carry about half time work this year, and hopes to be able ultimately to take a doctor's degree.

Miss Smith's purpose is to fit herself for high grade research and editorial work in the historical field and I think that she has exceptional ability along these lines. She is entirely dependent upon her own resources, however, and it will probably not be possible for her to complete the work for the degree unless she can combine it with remunerative employment. It is probable, however, that another year will open up an opportunity for employment by the Minnesota Historical Society on a basis that will enable her to continue her work at the University.

B/P

Sincerely yours

University of Minnesota
Graduate School
Minneapolis

October 6, 1927.

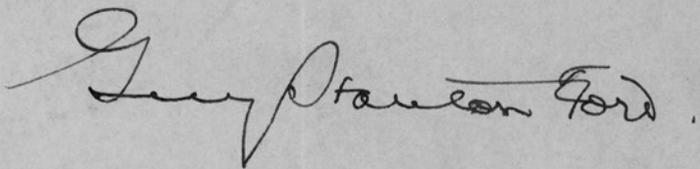
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

Professor Solon J. Buck,
Old Library Bldg.

Dear Professor Buck:

I am today sending to Dean Johnston a recommendation for the appointment of Miss Alice Smith for the \$225. assistantship in history. Although she has been on our staff the maximum period of years before, I am glad to use this scholarship in this case if it will make certain her services will continue as an assistant on the Folwell history.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Guy Stanton Ford". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name "Dean.".

Dean.

GSF.r /
Copy to Dean Johnston.

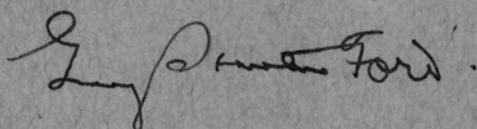
October 17, 1927.

Miss Elsie Brenneman,
Illinois State Normal University,
Normal, Illinois.

Dear MissBrenneman:

Dean Haggerty has referred to me, as chairman of the department of history, your letter about Miss Emily Baker, who desires to offer a course in the History of the West. As I understand your letter, she would do an undergraduate course No. 39, through extension but will attempt to make this of senior college grade by extra work, also through extension. We cannot in advance give any assurances that this will be accepted as a Senior college course. It would take very little time after she comes here to determine the quality and acceptability of this work as an equivalent for our corresponding course under Professor Buck. I suggest that if she does take this course in the way outlined, she do it with the understanding that we reserve judgment as to its acceptability until she has satisfied Professor Buck as to the quality, quantity and equivalence of the work done.

Sincerely,



Dean.

GSP.r
Copy to Prof. Buck.

May 4, 1928

Dean Guy Stanton Ford
Graduate School
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Ford:-

To assist me in continuing the work of compiling the bibliography of Minnesota newspapers and inventory of extant files, I desire to request the renewal for the year 1928-29 of the grant of two hundred dollars from the Graduate School funds. Considerable progress has been made this year in the work of compiling, checking, and revising the mass of data that has been accumulated, but a good deal more remains to be done before it will be ready for publication.

Mr. Bryce E. Lehmann, who has assisted me in this work, will probably be available again during the coming summer and, if the appropriation is made, the work can be pushed forward.

Sincerely yours

B/P

May 4, 1928

Dean Guy Stanton Ford
Graduate School
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Ford:-

Last year in requesting a renewal for 1927-28 of the grant of five hundred dollars for assistance to Dr. Folwell in his work on the last volume of his History of Minnesota, I expressed the hope that the work would be completed during the year. Much to my regret, however, it has not proceeded as rapidly as had been hoped, and Dr. Folwell is still preparing copy and calling for considerable assistance.

Under the circumstances, I do not feel like requesting the full amount for next year, but would like to suggest an appropriation of three hundred dollars, which, I believe, would provide him with the usual amount of assistance while he is completing his work on the volume.

Sincerely yours

B/P

May 9, 1928

Dean Guy Stanton Ford
Graduate School
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Ford:-

Some time ago Miss Appel, while working on her chapter on the S. A. T. C. for the war history, used some material on file in the President's office at the University. Recently she had occasion to consult one of the documents again in order to verify a point. The document was found somewhere in storage, in the basement of the Administration Building, I believe; but the assistant in the President's office who located it intimated that the files might not be kept much longer and stated that much material had already been weeded out and disposed of. This, together with a number of ^{other} incidents, makes me feel that something positive ought to be done to provide for the care of University archives. For example, several years ago, Mr. West turned over to me for the Historical Society a few old letters which were of interest mainly as curiosities. I asked him about the rest of the files from which these letters had been taken, and he said that they had been destroyed. From various things I have heard, I judge that considerable University correspondence and other papers are being destroyed when they cease to be of current value.

Dr. Folwell has spoken to me from time to time about the failure of the University to make adequate provision for the care and preservation of its archives and other material bearing upon its history, and I have gathered that Mr. Walter is interested in the problem. Would it not be feasible to ask the President to appoint a Committee on University Archives to study this problem and attempt to work out a solution? It seems to me offhand that an archives depository might be established in the library under the supervision of the librarian and that all the University offices might be asked to submit all material that they no longer want to keep to a standing committee which would decide whether it should be transferred to the archives depository or destroyed.

Another possible solution would be the transfer of the University's noncurrent archives to the Minnesota Historical Society, which, as you know, is authorized by law to accept and act as custodian of such archives of state departments and institutions. On the whole, however, it seems to me that the University, with its library facilities, might better retain the custody of its own archives.

B/P

Sincerely yours

AUG 17 1927

Columbia University
in the City of New York

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

August 14, 1927

My dear Buck-

I am engaged in the somewhat arduous labor of illustrating the volume of the Schlenker-Fox series, from which we shortly to come out, including Allan Nevins' The Emergence of Modern America (1865-1878). We will have forty pictures, though we require a number of plates for this book. I would like to see a good Gage picture. The Papeant of Lincoln vol. III has taken the only good picture I know of the Gage in action (from Leeds Weekly - Jan 31, 1874). Of course I can use this too, but would prefer something different. Do you know of anything in the same class?

I would greatly appreciate any help you can give.

Cordially yours

Allyn

Anything which strikingly illustrates the Revolt of the States will do.

August 18, 1937

Professor Dixon Ryan Fox
Department of History
Columbia University
New York City

Dear Fox:-

Your letter of August 14 arrives just as I am leaving for a vacation in the north woods, and consequently I am not able to give it as much attention as I should like to. I did ask the custodian of our picture collection to see what could be found but the report is that there is nothing there.

I do not know offhand of any pictures of specific grange activities except those reproduced in the Pageant of America. There are pictures of grange buildings and rooms, diagrams showing the location of the officials at meetings, etc., but none of these are so interesting as the one to which you refer. The History of the Grange Movement by E. W. Martin (pseudonym of J. D. McCabe), contains a number of pictures illustrating what might be called the granger's attitude toward those whom they considered their enemies. For example, on page 241 is a picture entitled "Evening Recreations of Railroad Gamblers" and pictures of similar type may be found on pages 296 and 305. Some of the other pictures in this work might interest you and you might find something still better in some of the other works listed in section on organization in the bibliography to my Granger Movement (pages 335-340).

I am looking forward to seeing some of the volumes in your series and trust that they will begin to make their appearance before long.

Sincerely yours

B/P

November 2, 1928

Professor Dixon R. Fox
Department of History
Columbia University
New York City

Dear Fox:-

I have just read with much interest your pamphlet entitled The Historical Essay and The Critical Review, a copy of which you were kind enough to present to the Minnesota Historical Society. It seems to me that this pamphlet would be very valuable to our beginning graduate students in American History, and would save us the necessity of telling a great many things over and over again to each of them. Would it be possible for us to purchase fifteen or twenty copies and, if so, from whom should we order them?

Sincerely yours

B/P

JUN 2 1928

27 Conant Hall,
Harvard University,
Cambridge, Mass.
May 30, 1928.

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

Dear Sir;

I have been appointed to assist in the two courses which you are giving at Harvard this summer and Mr. Chase suggested that I get in touch with you in regard to any arrangements which may have to be made. If there are any particular books which will require a larger number than the library already has, in connection with these courses, I should be glad to speak about this to Mr. Briggs. Prof. Merk has a large number of books on reserve for his course on the history of the west, but there are no duplicates there. Prof. Schlesinger did not offer his Social and Intellectual History this year.

I shall be here most of the time before the summer school opens and will be glad to render any assistance that I can.

Sincerely yours,

Paul W. Gates

June 13, 1928

Mr. Paul W. Gates
27 Conant Hall
Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts

My dear Mr. Gates:-

I was very glad to learn from your letter of May 30 that I am to have an assistant for my courses in the Harvard Summer School, and I appreciate very much your offer to aid in the matter of book reserves. I regret to say, however, that because of recurrent attacks of the flu this spring, followed by the removal of my tonsils a week ago, I have not been able to make any very definite plans with reference to my courses as yet. This week I am tied up by the Summer Convention of the Minnesota Historical Society, but I hope to make out some book lists next week. I presume, however, that many of the books that we shall use will be reserved for other courses.

I am planning to ask students in the course entitled "New Points of View" to buy copies of Mr. Schlesinger's book, and those in the other course will be asked to buy my Agrarian Crusade. I have already notified the Harvard Coop to this effect.

Sincerely yours

B/P

June 23, 1928

Mr. Paul W. Gates
27 Conant Hall
Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts

My dear Mr. Gates:-

Enclosed herewith you will find a tentative list of books to be reserved for my courses. Some of them will be needed for both courses and so I have put them all in one list.

In view of the shortness of the time and the possibility that you might not be there, I am sending another copy of this list to Mr. Mahady, the superintendent of the Reading Room, as suggested in a circular received from Mr. Chase. I doubt if it will be feasible to try to get enough duplicates of any of these books so that the entire class can read the same references. I expect to include many articles in periodicals, etc., in my references, but I have not put any of them in the list because I do not know the policy of the library with reference to reserving such material.

I expect to arrive in Cambridge not later than the morning of July 2, and shall have a room in the Colonial Club.

Sincerely yours

B/P

AUG 22 1928

27 Conant Hall,
Harvard University,
Cambridge, Mass.
August 1928.

Dear Prof. Buck;

I had hoped to have a chance to talk over with you certain aspects of my thesis and was disappointed that the time was so taken up the last week.

You spoke about writing either Blegen or Stephenson in regard to Col. Malmberg and as I do not have either address I am writing to ask you for them. Which do you think it would be more profitable to write to in regard to this? I have corresponded some with Marcus Lee Hansen who has been in Germany and England and he has been able to give me quite a bit of assistance concerning the activities of the Illinois Central in those countries.

I enjoyed working with you very much this summer and was only sorry that the time went so fast. I trust that the remaining papers to be corrected did not take up too much of your time.

Sincerely yours,

Paul W. Gates

August 23, 1928

Mr. Paul W. Gates
27 Conant Hall
Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:-

Your letter to Dr. Buck reached his office just after he had left for a two weeks' vacation. It will be called to his attention as soon as he returns.

The two addresses you desire are as follows:

Prof. George M. Stephenson
c/o Mr. Carl Sundkvist
99 E. Sixth Street
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dr. Theodore C. Blegen
c/o Nordmandsforbundet
Oslo, Norway

Sincerely yours

Mary E. Palmes
Secretary *AB.*

AB

September 10, 1928

Mr. Paul W. Gates
27 Conant Hall
Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Gates:-

Your letter came in during my absence and this is the first opportunity that I have had to reply to it. I understand, however, that the addresses of Blegen and Stephenson were sent to you and I presume that you have already written to one of them. Stephenson is probably on his way back to this country at present, as I understand that he is expected here about the middle of the month. I have no idea which of the two would be best able to help you and would suggest that you write to both of them.

I assure you that your courtes^{ies}~~ies~~ and efficient assistance in the summer school work was very much appreciated, and I was glad of the opportunity to make your acquaintance and learn about your work. I completed the reading of the papers on the train and sent in the grades immediately on my arrival here. Apparently they were received as I have had a letter from Miss Haven asking me to explain why she got a D in History 17.

I trust you will have an interesting and profitable year at Harvard.

Sincerely yours

B/P

GENERAL EDUCATION BOARD

New York

September 10, 1927

Study of Faculty Salaries in Colleges and Universities

DEAR SIR:

In December, 1919, Mr. Rockefeller gave the General Education Board fifty million dollars, stating that if the Board decided to use the principal and income in co-operating with institutions of higher learning in securing funds for the increase of teachers' salaries, he would cordially endorse its decision. The Board promptly made a study of the situation and used the fund for the purpose suggested, by making conditional appropriations to many colleges and universities. These conditional appropriations together with the sums required to obtain them aggregated \$125,000,000.

As a basis for distribution, the General Education Board, through one of its Secretaries (Mr. Trevor Arnett) made an inquiry regarding the salary scale and salaries paid in 300 endowed institutions. The information obtained was published in summary form in 1921 as *Occasional Paper No. 7* of the General Education Board. That document has been used by trustees, officers, and faculties of institutions of higher learning, and the Board has recently received requests for a revised edition which would indicate to what extent the serious situation then existing has been improved.

The data published in 1921 were obtained from administrative officers and comparable data will be secured for the academic year 1926-27. But it is felt that an adequate understanding of the situation cannot be obtained merely from a statement of salaries paid, and that to get a proper basis on which to deal with the matter equitably, one should also know to what extent teachers must and do augment their salaries. Since this information can be reliably furnished only by the teachers themselves, we are requesting them, if they will be good enough, to answer the inquiry on the attached sheet. *It is proposed to use the information in summary form only, mentioning the names neither of persons nor of institutions. The detailed data secured from members of the faculty of any college or university will not be furnished to that or any other institution or person under any circumstances, but will be held in strict confidence.*

It is planned to have the present inquiry include practically all institutions of higher learning in the United States.

The General Education Board hopes that members of faculties will co-operate in making this study valuable by answering the questions on the inclosed sheet and thus render a service to their colleagues and the teaching profession. The Board will appreciate the receipt of a prompt reply, for which a stamped envelope is inclosed, if possible, before October 15.

It is suggested that you give your name on the detachable slip at the foot of the inclosed sheet, and mail in a separate envelope. It will be used only to communicate with you in case some point in the reply is not clear, and will not be available to the tabulators or to anyone else.

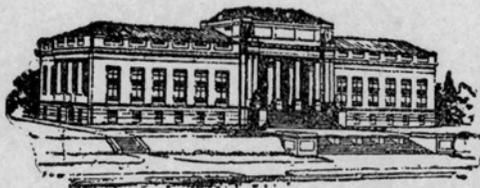
Sincerely yours,

Trevor Arnett

DEC 22 1928

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December nineteenth
1928

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

My dear Dr. Buck:

Yours of the twelfth instant received. I had noted your conflict of meetings in the preliminary program, but knew you could probably arrange some way out of the dilemma, either by substitute in our meeting or the other one, at least for part time. I can understand that you as president should be present at the other meeting.

Your change of statement of your paper to be presented is fine.

I hope you will be able to get into our Archives meeting for at least part of the time.

Very sincerely,

State Librarian,

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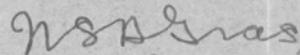
Professor Solon J. Buck
Department of History
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Professor Buck:

I was much interested when talking with you in the possibility of our considering the woman at Illinois whom you had in mind. When you have a moment's freedom, will you please write to me her name and address? I should also be glad to learn approximately the salary that she is now receiving.

With best wishes for your summer vacation,
I am

Very sincerely yours,



N. S. B. Gras

NSBG/MCP

September 10, 1928

Professor N. S. B. Gras
George F. Baker Foundation
Soldiers Field
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Gras:-

The woman that I mentioned to you is Miss Margaret C. Norton, and she has charge of the archives division of the Illinois State Library, Springfield, Illinois. I have no idea what her salary is.

We have just returned from a two weeks vacation at Battle Lake, which was restful but not long enough. I trust that you are taking a real vacation. I have found out by experience that it does not pay to work all the time.

It was very kind of you to take the trouble to show me about your institution this summer and I assure you that I appreciated it very much.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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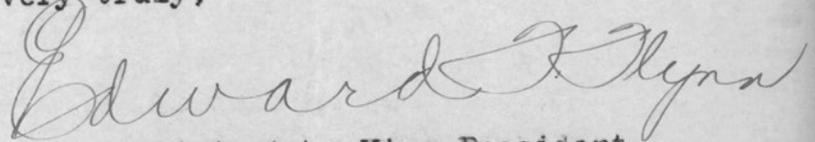
SAINT PAUL, MINN. August 23, 1926.

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

Dear Doctor:

Will you kindly send me copy of the talk you made at Grand Forks, and if you have not a copy will you write something and send to me as we wish to have copies of all the addresses that were made on the Columbia River Historical Expedition.

Yours very truly,



Assistant to Vice President
and General Counsel.

EFF:JMD.

Roma - Colosseo



Dear Buch:

Has history is writ large -
but what, in what little
Have had a wonderful three
months here, which end on
Friday at Naples. Said
Home on the 18th & hope
see you sometime soon again.
Merry Christmas & Happy New
Year to you, Mrs Buch & the
children -

Cordially,

Sydney Greubie



Dr. Solow J. Buch,

Minnesota Historical Society

Minneapolis, Minnesota

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JUN 25 1927

TELEPHONE HOLYOKE 6074-R

SYDNEY GREENBIE
SOUTH HADLEY
MASSACHUSETTS

June 25th, 1927.

Dear Buck:

What a short year! The return of summer brings me back to our venture. I understand from Gerlack that there is to be no expedition this summer.

Thanks for sending the Minnesota Historical Review to me. I always read it with a great deal of interest. By the way, I was in Europe when my wife received the invitation to join the American Historical Association. She said she sent it on to me, but I never received it. Since my return I have been so lost in my book I have had nothing else in mind. Can one receive a second call?

I see that Huntington of Philadelphia has left \$8,000,000 for research. That ought to fill your quota.

Best wishes to your associates, and to Mrs. Buck and yourself.

Yours sincerely,

Sydney Greenbie

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
Minnesota Historical Assn.
Minneapolis.

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July 11, 1927

Mr. Sydney Greenbie
South Hadley, Massachusetts

Dear Greenbie :-

I was very glad to hear from you again and also to know that you are thinking of joining the American Historical Association.

As you doubtless know I am no longer running the endowment campaign but I happen to have some of the blanks and I can assure you that your membership would be welcome at any time. Should you want to take out a life membership, I ~~would~~ suggest that you use the blue slip and put it in the form of a subscription of one hundred dollars to the endowment fund. If paid in full, you would then be enrolled as a life member; if paid in installments, life membership would not accrue until the last installment is paid, so that it would be well to take out an annual membership for the interval. Should you decide to take out an annual membership only, use the white slip and send it to the secretary's office in Washington. If you decide to put it in the form of a subscription to the endowment fund, send it to Professor Harry J. Carman, Executive Secretary of the Committee on Endowment, Weyerweather Hall, Columbia University. *encl.*

The Huntington bequest or foundation is a magnificent thing, but it is tied up with his library in California and will not, presumably, meet the needs that the American Historical Association endowment was designed to meet. You may be interested in the enclosed slip containing a New York Times editorial on the subject. ✓

I am very much interested in the announcement of your new book and shall read it as soon as it comes out. I don't know much about fishes but I know that fur affords an opportunity for an important and interesting study of American history.

The Buck family was enlarged by the arrival of one Stephen Farrington Buck, two weeks ago.

Sincerely yours

Guggenheim Memorial Foundation

- (1) My acquaintance with Mr. Blegen began in 1914, and since 1919 I have been in very close contact with him almost constantly. I consider him a man of the very highest character, with an exceptionally fine personality; in fact I may say that from almost every point of view I should rank him first among all the students who have worked under my direction in my twenty years of teaching experience. My high opinion of his abilities is indicated by the fact that, when I took a year's leave of absence from the Minnesota Historical Society recently, I arranged to have him serve as acting superintendent, and further by the fact that ~~It~~ was primarily instrumental in having him appointed last spring to a position in the Department of History of the University of Minnesota.
- (2) It seems to me that Mr. Blegen's scholarship and capacity for independent research have been amply demonstrated by the work that he has already published as outlined in his application papers. The doctor's dissertation to which he refers was written under my direction and I consider it a very valuable contribution to history; in fact I felt that it was quite worthy of publication when submitted, but he has been unwilling to bring it out without further investigation.
- (3) There is absolutely no question in my mind as to the ability of Mr. Blegen to make a further noteworthy contribution in the field of the history of immigration. I doubt if ~~there~~ there is anyone in the country better qualified for work in this ~~field~~ field, and the number of those whose qualifications

equal his are very few.

- (4) I fully subscribe to what Mr. Blegen has written concerning the importance of the proposed study. It is clear to me that we cannot understand the American people and their development without tracing their ideas, and institutions back to the European countries from which they or their ancestors came, and studying in detail the transition of European culture to America.
- (5) Perhaps I should add that in case Mr. Blegen receives the appointment, the Minnesota Historical Society will undoubtedly grant him a leave of absence for a year from his position as assistant superintendent. I know that it will be very difficult, if not impossible, to find a competent person to carry on his work, but we shall be willing to make the sacrifice in order that he may have the opportunities that the scholarship would afford him and also in order that work in a field of such interest to the society may be promoted.

Superintendent, Minnesota Historical Society and
Professor of History, University of Minnesota
Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul

December 23, 1927

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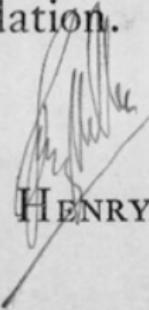
NEW YORK, N. Y.

JAN-3 '28

I beg to acknowledge, with the thanks of the Committee of Selection, the receipt of your confidential statement concerning an applicant for a Fellowship on this Foundation.

Name of Applicant:

Professor Theodore C. Blegen.



HENRY ALLEN MOE

Secretary

JOHN SIMON GUGGENHEIM MEMORIAL FOUNDATION
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February 8, 1928.

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

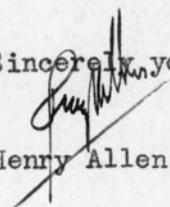
Private

Dear Dr. Buck:

I am writing this note to say to you, as far in advance as I can, that I judge that a grant to Dr. Theodore C. Blegen will be made; so that you will be able to turn over in your mind, pending the receipt of official notice, the question of replacing him for next year.

This note is entirely unofficial, and is not binding on the Foundation of course. I am simply trying to help you in the difficult situation you will have to face.

Sincerely yours,


Henry Allen Moe

M/G

February 13, 1928

Mr. Henry Allen Moe
John Simon Guggenheim
Memorial Foundation
Pershing Square Building
New York City

Dear Mr. Moe:-

It was very kind of you
to give me advance information
concerning the prospect of a grant
being made to Dr. Blegen for next
year. I have been revolving several
possibilities in my mind with refer-
ence to his position here and it
will be a great advantage to me to
be able to open negotiations.

Sincerely yours

B/P

OCT 30 1928

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Oct 27, 1928.

Prof. Salmon J. Buck,
Minnesota State Historical Society,
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Mr. Buck:

I have been spending the last four months in Washington and New York City. I made this trip primarily for the purpose of taking care of patents and marketing my new Folding Umbrella, but have spent a good deal of my time looking up material in the Library of Congress and in the New York Library. The Library of Congress is a very fine and handy to work so I will be doing the most of my work there from now on. I went into the manuscript room there and looked up sources on the Northwest region.

As I have been going over these sources I am beginning to feel that I could write a better thesis on the Administration of the Northwest Region than on the American

Indians. The two, however, are closely related and I can handle either. I expect to go around to various places here looking up and collecting material before I write it up in the final form.

I just closed an important business arrangement last week in regard to the manufacture and marketing of my Folding Umbrella, which is going to bring me some large financial returns and make it possible for me to carry on my work with an independent income. I have the final model and patents all taken care of. The arrangement I have for handling it is the best that could be made. The umbrellas are to be made in a large factory in Germany and sold by a large Company in New York. I will get a royalty on them for my patents. I am turning everything over to the Company in New York now so I have nothing more to do with it except take care of the royalty. There was a lot of work in getting this through, but I am expecting large returns from it.

I am going to New York again to-morrow but will make another trip to Washington inside of a couple weeks. I am expecting to get back to Minneapolis as soon as I get things settled here in regard to the umbrella, but will

continue my work in some library or university here in the East.

Sincerely,

Ernest B. Gustafson.

161 West 36th St.

New York City.

November 9, 1928

Mr. Ernest B. Gustafson
161 West 36 St.,
New York City

Dear Mr. Gustafson:-

I was very glad to hear from you and want to congratulate you on the success of your invention. It will be nice to have an income that will enable you to go on with research work without having to worry about money.

I think that either of the topics to which you refer is suitable for a thesis, so it will probably be best for you to follow your inclination in the matter.

Sincerely yours

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