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August 15, 1929

Mr. Clarence S. Brigham, Librarian  
American Antiquarian Society  
Worcester, Massachusetts

My dear Mr. Brigham:-

I am writing an article for  
the Dictionary of American Biography on Oliver  
Hudson Kelley, who was born in Boston on Jan-  
uary 7, 1826. We seem to have no material  
which will give me the names of Kelley's par-  
ents. Would it be possible for you to give me  
this information?

Sincerely yours

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Aug. 20, 1929

Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Buck:

We are most desirous to have you read a paper before an approaching meeting of the American Antiquarian Society. The meetings, as you know, are held at Boston on the third Wednesday in April and at Worcester on the third Wednesday in October. If you are willing to favor the Society to this extent, I wish that you would signify in what year and at which meeting you would be willing to read such a paper.

What we should like would be a paper of twenty-five or thirty minutes in length, on any historical subject connected with America. You could talk informally if you chose, and then the paper could be printed in the Proceedings, in enlarged form, to forty or fifty pages in length. Some of the most valuable papers in our Proceedings have been collections of documents or letters printed in extenso, (or calendared), and prefaced with an introduction. In that case, the paper read to the Society consisted of the introduction and the reading of extracts from the letters. The meetings are generally attended by between forty and fifty members, which represents one quarter of the total membership, but in printed form the Proceedings reach four hundred libraries, collectors and writers. Therefore, the reference value of the contribution is worthy of consideration.

Although you have been a member of the Society for quite a number of years, we have not had the pleasure of having a paper from you at any of our meetings. I realize that the distance of many of our members from Worcester makes it difficult to attend the meetings, yet we have generally had two or three speakers each year from outside of New England. We should also like to have you take the opportunity to inspect the Library which has been increasingly used by historians and writers during the last few years.

Yours sincerely,

*Clarence S. Brigham*

Librarian.

CSB.N

August 26, 1929

Mr. Clarence S. Brigham, Librarian  
American Antiquarian Society  
Worcester, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Brigham:-

It would give me great pleasure to read a paper before the American Antiquarian Society and have it published in your Proceedings, and I appreciate very much your kind invitation of August 20. Unfortunately, however, I cannot commit myself at present to the reading of a paper at any specified meeting. It will certainly not be possible for me to do so at the meeting next October but there is a possibility that I might be able to attend the meeting in April, although it is not a very strong possibility. I shall keep the matter in mind, however, and if at any time there seems to be a good prospect of my being able to attend the meeting I shall let you know.

Sincerely yours

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Aug. 26, 1929

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

Your query of Aug. 15, regarding Oliver H. Kelley, has been received. It is not often that we get queries for the DAB that we cannot give some help on, but this seems to be a poser. None of the sketches in this Library gives the names of his parents. The best chance of obtaining information would be to find one of his children or his family, still living. In the Washington Directory for 1912, his name appears, together with Rev. Charles Kelley, Fannie, Grace and Julia Kelley, all living at the same address. In the 1913 Directory, the entire family disappears.

If you had access to a file of the Prairie Farmer, (there is a file at the Minn. State Library), you might find an obituary of Kelley which would give either the names of his parents or at least the name of some member of his family who would have the information.

If you don't find this information and will write me again, telling me at the same time the exact date of Kelley's death, I will look into the matter further.

Yours sincerely,

CSB.N

*Clarence S. Brigham*  
Librarian.

September 3, 1929

Mr. Clarence S. Brigham  
American Antiquarian Society  
Worcester, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Brigham:-

Thank you very much for the trouble that you took with reference to the parentage of Oliver H. Kelley, and also for the suggestions contained in your letter of August 26. I am somewhat chagrined to have to report that the information desired was readily available in our library. I had taken it for granted that the assistant who helped me on the work had looked for genealogies of the Kelley family, but such appears not to have been the case. When I took hold of the matter myself, I quickly discovered a pamphlet by W. H. Kelley (a brother of O.H.) entitled Genealogical Gleanings relating to the Kelleys of Brentwood, N. H. (St. Paul, N. E.) which contained this and other pertinent information. O. H. Kelley's death occurred at Washington, January 20, 1913, which accounts for the disappearance of his name from the Washington Directory.

Sincerely yours

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WORCESTER, MASS., U.S.A.

Sept. 6, 1929

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

I was interested to hear that you had found the parentage of Oliver H. Kelley. I have never heard of a pamphlet on the Kelley family, St. Paul, no date, written by W. H. Kelley. Could you tell me from your copy where W. H. Kelley lives and what is his first name. I do not find him in any recent St. Paul Directory and should like very much to write to obtain his pamphlet.

I received your kind reply of Aug. 26, regarding your contributing a paper to one of our meetings. I hope that you will keep in mind that we much want you to do so in either April or October next year.

Yours sincerely,

*Clarence S. Brigham*

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September 9, 1929

Mr. Clarence S. Brigham, Librarian  
American Antiquarian Society  
Worcester, Massachusetts

My dear Mr. Brigham:

As Dr. Buck is away and will not return for about a week, I want to acknowledge on his behalf the receipt of your letter of September 6. Dr. Buck will doubtless write you as soon as he returns.

Very truly yours

TCB/H

*Dr. Buck 1892.  
d. 1900*

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September 20, 1929

Mr. Clarence S. Brigham, Librarian  
American Antiquarian Society  
Worcester, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Brigham:-

The title page of the pamphlet about which  
I wrote you reads as follows:

"Genealogical Cleanings relating to the  
Kelleys of Brentwood, N. H., and Kindred families  
of Edgerly, Shute, Robinson, Hancock, and Cleveland,  
by William Henry Kelleby, Corresponding Member N. E.  
Historic Genealogical Society, Saint Paul, Minn.  
1922."

I was mistaken in referring to it as with-  
out date. The author died in 1900, and I do not  
know the location of any of his family. The pam-  
phlet contains only forty-eight pages and we could  
make a photostat copy of it for you if desired.

Sincerely yours

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Feb. 13, 1931

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

Two years ago I wrote to you, hoping that you could read a paper before this Society at one of its two meetings, either in April or October. But at that time you said that you were unable to prepare such a paper, although you hoped to in the early future. Have you anything in view at present or any paper of a general historical nature that you think could be communicated to this Society and published in the Proceedings? We very much want to hear from our western members, especially as this emphasises the national scope of the Society, as well as gives us the pleasure of meeting members from more distant points. Of course I realise that it is somewhat of a jaunt to travel from Minnesota to either Worcester or Boston, but it is possible that you might have some other object in mind which you could accomplish at the same time.

What we especially want is a paper for the Boston meeting which comes on April 15. President Coolidge will preside at that meeting and there will be a rather interesting luncheon to follow. To me, it seems better to talk rather than to read a paper, since that apparently holds the attention of listeners a little better. In talking or reading, the time consumed would be thirty minutes, but in printed form, the paper could extend to from thirty to seventy pages.

Yours sincerely,

*Clarence S. Brigham*

Director.

CSB.N

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February 16, 1931

Mr. Clarence S. Brigham, Director  
American Antiquarian Society  
Worcester, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Brigham:-

I appreciate your repetition of your kind invitation to me to read a paper before the American Antiquarian Society, and I wish very much that I could accept. I expect to be in the East -- or at least a good deal east of here -- on March 21 and again near the end of April, but I have to be here for a meeting of the council of the Minnesota Historical Society on April 13. That makes it practically impossible for me to attend your meeting, unless I travel by airplane, which the state of my finances would hardly permit.

If, at some time in the future it seems likely that I could be with you for one of your meetings, I shall let you know.

Sincerely yours

B/P

March 4, 1931

Mr. R. W. G. Vail, Librarian  
American Antiquarian Society  
Worcester, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Vail:-

In the first place, I want to congratulate you on your new position. I am sure that you will find it extremely interesting and that it will offer many opportunities for the exercise of your talents.

In the second place, I want to ask if the Union List of Serials is correct in indicating that your library has no file of the Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society.

And finally, if such is the case, would you be interested in purchasing a file? Because of lack of space, I have decided to dispose of my file, which is complete, including the very rare first issue, with the exception of the indexes for volumes 10 and 18, all in the original covers as issued.

I have no very definite idea as to what such a file is worth. The Arthur H. Clark Company, in their catalogue no. 95086 issued in 1930, listed a file lacking the first issue at seventy-five dollars, with no information as to how many of the indexes were included. That price seems to me to be too high, and I would consider any reasonable offer.

If you are not interested in the file, your personal opinion as to what it might be worth would be appreciated.

Sincerely yours

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March 10, 1931

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

It was very nice to hear from you, and I thank you very much indeed for the word of congratulation on my new position. I am enjoying myself here immensely, as you might expect.

When we sent in our holdings to the Union List of Serials we were rather Scotch about it and did not list any of the more obvious publications which you would expect to find in any reference library, or in a historical library such as ours. For this reason we did not state that we have a complete set of the "Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society."

If I had this file on my hands, I would insert an unpriced ad in the Library Journal, and if I got any nibbles, would quote the set at fifty dollars, transportation charges collect. Complete runs are very desirable and save a great deal of grief on the part of a library which otherwise would waste a great deal of time in building up a set. I don't think I would sell it under fifty dollars. If the Library Journal ad fails, you could try the Publishers' Weekly, or perhaps offer the set to the Faxon Company in Boston.

With very best wishes to Mrs. Buck and to the older members of the staff who will remember me, I hope,

Sincerely yours,

Librarian

RWGV:T

March 14, 1931

Mr. R. W. G. Vail, Librarian  
American Antiquarian Society  
Worcester, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Vail:-

Thank you very much for your letter of March 10. I found it hard to believe that the American Antiquarian Society did not have a set of the Journal of the Illinois Historical Society. Your suggestions for the disposal of the set are very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours

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Jan. 30, 1932

Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
Pittsburgh, Penn.

Dear Mr. Buck:

I have written you once or twice in the past, hoping that you might be able to read a paper before this Society, as we have long wanted you to come on to one of the meetings. But the distance of St. Paul from Worcester was rather an obstacle. Now that you are at Pittsburgh, I hope that the situation will be different. Would you not be willing to read a paper on some subject connected with American history at the semi-annual meeting of the Society which will be held in Boston on Wednesday, April 20th next.

The paper as delivered should take from twenty-five to thirty minutes in the reading. Many members prefer to talk from notes, rather than to read, as they believe that this better holds the attention of their audience. Although I agree with this, either way would be entirely satisfactory to us. So far as the printing goes, the paper could take as many as seventy pages in length. Furthermore, it would be surely July first before we should get at the printing of the Proceedings of the April meeting.

I don't know whether you have a subject in mind, or even one perhaps that you have already partially prepared. Personally, I have always been in favor of printing documents, chiefly because of the value of publication. If we could print sixty or seventy pages of fairly important documents, then the contributor could read his introduction and any portions of the documents that he chose.

I happened to find in the Lexington, Kentucky, Independent Gazette in 1804, two installments of an unsigned "Letter from an Inhabitant of Kentucky", dated October 25, 1803, covering a journey from Cincinnati to Detroit and describing in detail the towns and country through which he passed. It really is an important document and if it never has been printed, it would be both valuable and interesting. The Detroit end of the journey is particularly well covered. The document would take about thirteen pages to print, although <sup>this</sup> I regret is somewhat short for an article in our Proceedings.

Yours sincerely,

*Clarence S. Brigham*, Director.

CSB.N

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February 24, 1932

Mr. Clarence S. Brigham, Director,  
American Antiquarian Society,  
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Mr. Brigham:-

I owe you a very humble apology for not having replied before to your letter of January 30. When I received it, I laid it aside hoping I might work out some plan by which I could give you a favorable response. The pressure of work has been so great that I did not get around to the matter until today.

I regret to have to say that it will not be possible for me to present a paper at your April meeting. The work of reorganizing an historical society and inaugurating a research project keeps me so busy that I cannot possibly take on any additional obligations this spring. I shall keep the matter in mind, however, and if I see any possibility of presenting a paper at some future meeting, I shall let you know. Our work here will undoubtedly unearth material that would be suitable for use in the manner which you suggest.

I am in receipt of a letter from Douglas McMurtrie in which he refers to his correspondence with you with reference to the newspapers in the Darlington Collection. I have intended to send you a list of these papers and will do so as soon as we can get it into shape.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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Clarence S. Brigham  
Director

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**American Antiquarian Society**  
WORCESTER, MASS.

Aug. 15, 1933

Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
Pittsburgh, Penn.

Dear Mr. Buck:

A year or two ago you thought that you would be able to read a paper before a meeting of this Society, either the Annual Meeting at Worcester in October or the Semi-Annual Meeting at Boston in April. How do you feel about the matter now? As it happens, we want a third paper for the next meeting which comes on October 18, so far having R. D. W. Connor of North Carolina and Marshall Saville of New York. In any event, we are anxious to have you read a paper at one of the meetings, not only for the pleasure of having you here, but also for the value of the paper in the printed Proceedings.

Yours sincerely,

*Clarence S. Brigham.*  
Director.

CSB.N

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August 18, 1933

Mr. Clarence S. Brigham,  
American Antiquarian Society,  
Worcester, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Brigham:

At last it seems that I can accept your very kindly repeated invitation to read a paper at a meeting of the American Antiquarian Society. So far as I can foresee now, it will be possible for me to attend the meeting on October 18.

I have two things in mind for the paper and I should be glad to know which of them seems to you the more desirable. One of them is a paper entitled "The Interpretation of American History," which I read in March, 1931, at the annual history conference of the University of Pittsburgh, but which has not been published. I am sending a copy of this to you herewith in order that you may look it over if you care to do so. I shall doubtless want to revise it somewhat before reading it again or before publication. Please return the copy when you are through with it.

The other thing that I have in mind is the reading of selections from the Journal of L. C. Boynton. This journal of 437 pages covers the period from 1835 to 1853. When it opens the writer was a student at Andover Theological Seminary (he was a native of Vermont), in 1838 and 1839 he taught school in New Jersey, and from 1840 to 1844 he had charge of two different schools in Virginia. He then returned to New England to study law and finally settled down in Uxbridge, Mass.

The journal contains a wealth of material about life and conditions in New England and Virginia but its main interest is in the writer's personality, which may be characterized as a survival of seventeenth century Puritanism and an example of undated and almost unadulterated egotism. Despite, or perhaps because of, the fact that the writer had no sense of humor, parts of the journal are hilariously funny, especially those that relate to the love affairs of the writer. I have read extracts from this journal on numerous occasions and have usually found the audiences very much interested. None of it has ever been published, however. I have hoped to bring it out in book form but have never been able to find the time to do the necessary cutting and editing. I could, if you like, make selections from this journal to occupy whatever amount of time on your program you may designate, and then perhaps more extensive selections could be published in your Proceedings.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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August 21, 1933

Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
Pittsburgh, Penn.

Dear Mr. Buck:

I was much pleased with your letter of August 18, suggesting that you would be able to read a paper at the Annual Meeting of this Society in Worcester on October 18 next.

I have read over the paper on "The Interpretation of American History", and although it is interesting, I will admit that so far as this Library is concerned, we should much prefer extracts from the "Journal of L. C. Boynton". The chief reason for this is that any paper, through the printed Proceedings, appeals to considerable of a reading audience, since we distribute nearly four hundred copies of the Proceedings. Therefore we are most anxious to have documents, or quotations and extracts of documents, rather than critical essays, as documents always give the Proceedings more of a reference value. This is especially shown in the call which we have for reprints. A bibliography or a series of documents gets twenty times more call than an essay.

As long as you are willing and have put it up to me to decide, I would say that the reading of selections from the Boynton journal would be entirely satisfactory to us. As you say in your letter, extracts from this particular journal can be made of much interest. Then when it comes to printing, we could use up to 70 or 80 pages of extracts. We published a similar document a few years ago, printing those portions relating to history, economics and social subjects, and omitting personal and family references and some unimportant digressions. I should like to know, if we follow out this idea, to what minimum the journal could be reduced for printing. Could it be reduced to a space of from 50 to 70 pages of our Proceedings, of which you already know the size?

So far as the reading is concerned, this should take about 28 minutes, according to the present prospect of the program. I will write you details about this later.

I am returning enclosed the paper on "The Interpretation of American History" and would say without question that it is an interesting summary of the development of historiography and that I have enjoyed reading it.

Yours sincerely,

*Clarence S. Brigham*

Director.

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**American Antiquarian Society**  
WORCESTER, MASS.

Aug. 23, 1933

Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
Pittsburg, Penn.

Dear Mr. Buck:

In writing to you yesterday I meant to have inquired about a foot-note in your "Illinois in 1818", p.172. I had always assumed that the "Illinois Emigrant" was published by Henry Eddy and by A.W. Kimmel (son of Peter Kimmel), for I thought that A. W. Kimmel's name appeared in the notice of dissolution of the firm. Yet your note would seem to show that Peter Kimmel, the father, was the member of the firm. My query is to find if you had copies of the three letters mentioned in your foot-note, the originals of which are in the U. S. State Department, or whether I should have to write to the State Department to have these letters examined.

What I really want to know is whether Peter Kimmel was specifically mentioned as the member of the firm, or did he merely promote the enterprise and allow one of his sons to be the firm member?

Yours sincerely,

Clarence S. Brigham

Director.

Answered by  
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F. CSB.N

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August 24, 1933

Mr. Clarence S. Brigham,  
American Antiquarian Society,  
Worcester, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Brigham:

I quite agree with you that the extracts from the Boynton journal would be more suitable than the essay for your purposes and I shall plan to read them at the meeting on October 18.

If all the material of value for social history in this journal were published, it would make a book larger than a whole number of your Proceedings. It will be quite possible, however, to select extracts sufficient to fill from fifty to seventy pages; and I should be willing to do this, with the understanding that I should be at liberty later to bring out a book including these extracts and additional material.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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Sept. 8, 1933

Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
Pittsburgh, Penn.

Dear Mr. Buck:

This is to remind you that the Annual Meeting of the Society comes on Wednesday, October 18 in Worcester, at 10:45 A.M. There is a short business meeting, followed by the reading of papers around twelve o'clock. Each paper should take from 25 to 30 minutes, certainly not over the latter time, as the luncheon to members is set for 1:10 and we have to finish promptly at 1 o'clock.

What would be a good title? I know that the paper was to comprise extracts from the Journal of L. C. Boynton, but couldn't we use some such title as "The Journal of a New England School Teacher", or "The Travels of a New England School Teacher, 1835-1853", or possibly a similar title which would include his name? These are only suggestions and whatever you said would suit me. Perhaps you could talk informally and then read selections from the Journal. My great endeavor is to make the papers interesting to listen to, as we realize that the paper can be read and studied in detail in the printed Proceedings.

If you came to Worcester the night before and did not prefer to go to the Hotel Bancroft, I should be glad to put up your name at the Worcester Club, which would be both convenient and more attractive.

yours sincerely,

*Clarence S. Brigham*

CSB.N

Director.

September 13, 1933.

Mr. Clarence S. Brigham,  
American Antiquarian Society,  
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Mr. Brigham:

I expect to be in Worcester for the meeting on October 18. I have not made any plans for the trip as yet, but if I find that it is convenient for me to arrive there the night before I shall be glad to take advantage of your offer to put me up at the Worcester Club. In that case, of course, I shall let you know in advance.

I do not want to use the words "school teacher" or "travels" in the title of the paper because the extracts that I shall read have nothing to do with his teaching and not a great deal with his traveling. Much of the interest in the journal lies in its revelation of the character of the writer and his reaction to his environment. He was undoubtedly an introvert. I would suggest as a title "The Introspections of a Belated Puritan." If you do not like the word "introspection," you might make it read "The Journal of a Belated Puritan, 1835-1863." I shall plan to talk for twenty-five minutes and to make it as interesting as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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Robert W. G. Vait  
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Clarence S. Brigham,  
Director

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**American Antiquarian Society**

WORCESTER, MASS.

Sept. 15, 1933

Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
Pittsburgh, Penn.

Dear Mr. Buck:

I was much pleased with your letter regarding the paper for October 18 and particularly for the title. I think that "The Journal of a Belated Puritan, 1835-1853" would be both suggestive and descriptive. I wish that all prospective speakers were as cooperative as you. Of course when we print the Journal, we can change the title to any form that you wish.

Yours sincerely,

Clarence S. Brigham<sup>n</sup>

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Robert W. G. Vail  
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**American Antiquarian Society**  
WORCESTER, MASS.

October 19, 1933

Mr. Solon J. Buck  
Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Buck:

I enclose herewith some notes  
which you made here yesterday and left  
behind.

We shall be very glad to give  
you any further assistance.

Very truly yours

*Dorcas E. Beece*

Secretary to Mr. Vail

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October 28, 1933

Mr. Robert W. G. Vail,  
American Antiquarian Society,  
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Mr. Vail:

It was very kind of you to have my notes completed and sent on to me. I was just about to write to you for them when they were received.

It was a pleasure to see you and Mrs. Vail again and to renew my acquaintance with the American Antiquarian Society.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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