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Minnesota Historical Society
St. Paul

November 28, 1928

An American
History Conference

Believing that it would be desirable to have occasional gatherings of the people in or within reach of the Twin Cities who have done or are doing advanced research work in American history, I have made arrangements for a dinner meeting at the Campus Club of the University of Minnesota on Thursday, December 6, at 6:30 P.M. No formal program will be presented but it is hoped that each person will be willing to tell the others something of his work and plans.

All to whom this notice is sent are requested to notify me or my secretary at the Minnesota Historical Society not later than Tuesday, December 4, as to whether or not they will attend the meeting. The price of the dinner will be about seventy-five cents.

Olson J. Buck

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It appears from postal card returns that more than a majority of members of the American History Conference prefer to have the proposed Carleton meeting go over until early October.

This suggested postponement is therefore made.

C. A. Duniway.

May 4, 1929.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Prof. S.J.Buck
219 Old Library
Minneapolis, Minn.



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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, LITERATURE, AND THE ARTS
MINNEAPOLIS

April 11, 1929

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

AMERICAN HISTORY CONFERENCE

The second dinner meeting of those interested in advanced research in American History will be held at the Campus Club of the University of Minnesota on Friday, April 19, at 6:30 P.M. Professor George M. Stephenson will lead the discussion. His subject will be, "Opportunities for research in Sweden on the history of immigration".

Please notify the secretary of the department before Tuesday, April 16 whether or not you will attend. The price of the dinner will be seventy-five cents.

Ernest S. Osgood.

MAY 2 1929

Carleton College
Northfield, Minnesota
April 25, 1929

Members of the American History Conference:

Those present at the last meeting of our group seemed interested in the suggestion that we might well hold another meeting before the commencement season, such a meeting to be arranged here at Carleton, date and other matters to be determined later.

The undersigned would like to ask for more definite expression of opinion from all members of the group.

Do you think that another dinner meeting, to be held on the Carleton campus, on some date late in May (how about the 24th?), ought to be undertaken? Or had it better go over to the early autumn?--considering the crowded state of everybody's programme at this season.

Will you please use the enclosed postal card for a prompt expression of opinion? We of Carleton will be happy to act in accord with the wish of the group.

C. A. Dunaway

FEB 5 1930

HAMLIN UNIVERSITY
SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

AMERICAN HISTORY CONFERENCE

1689 Hewitt Ave.,
St. Paul, Minn.,
February 4, 1930.

Dear Sir or Madam:

The second meeting of the above group for the year 1929-30 will be held at Shevlin Hall (the Women's Building), University of Minnesota, on Friday, February 14th at 6:30 P. M.

The group will assemble at the Dining Room. After dinner Dr. Grace Lee Nute of the Minnesota Historical Society and Hamline University will speak on "The Historical Significance of Indian Missions in Minnesota."

Will all who plan to attend - and it is hoped that as many members as possible will be there - please make reservations with the undersigned not later than Thursday noon? The charge for the dinner and the use of the parlor will be 85¢

Yours sincerely,

Clarence W. Rife
Phone: Midway 8184

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AMERICAN HISTORY CONFERENCE

1689 Hewitt Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota
May 3, 1930

Dear Fellow Member:

The third meeting of the American History Conference for this year will be held at Macalester College on Saturday, May 10.

Please assemble at Wallace Hall (Summit Avenue, one block west of Snelling) at 6:15 o'clock. Dinner at 6:30. To the newer members an opportunity will be given to explain briefly the research problems in which they are especially interested. Doctor Charles Ritchey of Macalester will then discuss the recently reopened Edward Duffield Neill collection and show the group an exhibit of some of its most interesting treasures.

Please make reservations with the undersigned not later than Friday morning. The charge for the dinner and secretarial expenses will be 80 cents.

Yours sincerely,

Clarence W. Rife

Phone: Midway 8184

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May 7, 1930

Professor Clarence W. Rife
1689 Hewitt Ave.,
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Rife:-

This is to let you know that I expect to attend the meeting of the American History Conference on Saturday. I presume that you sent a notice to Hill of the River Falls Normal School, as I think I spoke to you about him before. He is a candidate for the Ph.D. at the University, working under Shippee's direction.

I think that Holbrook should be included in the invitation. He attended the first meeting, but my recollection is that his name was afterwards dropped as he had dropped out of historical work temporarily. He is now engaged, however, upon a very interesting project, and if he comes it might be worth while to ask him for a brief report upon it. He can be addressed in care of the Historical Society.

Sincerely yours

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December 22, 1930

Prof. Clarence W. Rife
Hamline University
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Rife:

I find that the first meeting of the American History Conference was held at the University of Minnesota on December 6, 1928, the call having been issued by me. The program at that meeting consisted of brief reports by each person present on his or her interests or projects for research in American history. At that session Mr. Osgood was elected convener for the year.

The second meeting was held at the University on April 19, 1929, and at this meeting Professor George M. Stephenson spoke on "Opportunities for Research in Sweden on the History of Immigration." The next meeting was held at Carleton College in the fall of 1929, but I do not appear to have the exact date. That was the meeting at which you were elected convener and Mr. Blegen spoke on his research work in Norway in the field of Norwegian immigration.

Doubtless you have a record of all the later meetings.

Sincerely yours

P.S. Since dictating the above I have discovered that the meeting at Northfield was on November 1, 1929.

B/H

DEC 22 1930

HAMLIN UNIVERSITY
SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

December 20, 1930

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

Dear Doctor Buck:

Herewith I send the list. It will not reach you as soon as I promised it, but I met with some delay. You will notice that I have queried three names of those who attended the last meeting. I think Peiper from Duluth should be included as well as Harrington from River Falls. Both Auchampaugh and Hill would like to include them.

My membership in the M.V.H.A. has unfortunately lapsed but I shall renew it shortly.

Sincerely yours

Clarence W. Rife.

P. West. Rife

HISTORY and POLITICAL SCIENCE
Clarence W. Rife
Arthur S. Williamson
Grace L. Nute

AMERICAN HISTORY CONFERENCE

Membership and Attendance Roll, 1930.

	Feb 14	May 10	Oct 25
<u>University of Minnesota</u>			
L.B. Shippee		✓	✓
Herbert Heaton			✓
Wm Anderson			✓
G.W. Stephenson	✓		✓
E.S. Osgood	✓		✓
A. L. Burt			✓
Mrs. Tyler			✓
<u>Minn. Historical Society</u>			
S.J. Buck	✓	✓	✓
T.C. Blegen	✓		✓
W. Babcock			✓
Grace L. Nute	✓	✓	✓
<i>Bertha L. Neilson</i>			✓
<u>Macalester College</u>			
C.J. Ritchey	✓	✓	✓
<u>Hamline University</u>			
C.W. Rife C.B. Kuhlman	✓	✓	✓
C.B. Kuhlmann			✓
A.S. Williamson		✓	✓
<u>Carleton College</u>			
C.A. Duniway		✓	✓
Miss Keith Clark		✓	✓
Paul R. Fossum	✓		✓
J.F. Balzer		✓	✓
M.N. Deems		✓	✓
<u>St. Olaf College</u>			
Miss Karen Larsen	✓	✓	✓
C.A. Mellby			✓
W.C. Benson		✓	✓
<u>College of St. Catherine</u>			
Sister Eucharista	✓	✓	✓
<u>College of St. Benedict, St. Joseph, Minn.</u>			
Sister Grace	✓	✓	✓
<u>State Teachers College, Duluth</u>			
Philip G. Auchampaugh		✓	✓
E.H. Peiper			✓
<u>River Falls Normal Sch.,</u>			
James D. Hill, Box 214			✓
E.W. Harrington			✓

Gustavus Adolphus
 Conrad Peterson *no reply*

Concordia College, Moorhd
 H.C. Nordlie *no reply*

Other members
 F.F. Holbrook
 Miss Livia Appelle Oct. 25
Univ. of Minn. Press, Mpls.

Others specially invited
 Douglas Branch *May 10*
no longer here

Miss Mabel Wolff *May 10*
 (Summit School) *no longer in city*

Charles M. Gates *Oct 25*
 801 East River Road, Mpls.

Robert H. Bahmer *Oct 25*
 811 Beacon St. S.E., Mpls.

Carlton C. Qualey *Oct 25*
 801 Superior St., S.E., Mpls.

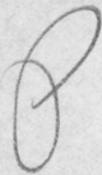
Herman Kahn
 443 Kent Ave., St Paul.

N.b. Attendance as a result of local invitation is not listed.

Meetings:
 Feb. 14, U. of Minn.
 May 10, Macalester
 Oct. 25, St. Olaf

C. W. Rife
 Dec 19/30.

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THE AMERICAN HISTORY CONFERENCE

After a discussion with a number of interested people of the desirability of closer and more frequent contacts among the people in the Twin Cities and vicinity who are interested in advanced research work in American history, the undersigned issued a call for a meeting of such people to consider the organization of an American history conference. It was the understanding of those who were responsible for the movement leading to the establishment of the conference that its membership should be confined to people who are actually engaged in, or who have been engaged in and are still interested in, advanced research work in the field of American history. By advanced research is meant work in advance of that for a master's degree. After the first meeting, it was agreed that the organization should be as simple as possible, and that the only officer necessary was a convener, who should be elected annually and should arrange for the meetings.

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Wm. Hunt C.

February 20, 1931

Professor C. J. Ritchey
1003 St. Clair St.,
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Ritchey:-

Shippee and I think that the following graduate students at the University, who are working for Ph.D degrees, should be added to the mailing list for the American History Conference:

Riggs
Miss Hazel ~~Reas~~, 634 - 4 St. S. E., Minneapolis
Miss Roma Shively, 741 Huron St. S. E. "
Mr. George A. Palmer, 1314 - 8 St. S. E. "
Miss Renata Pecinovski, History Department,
University of Minnesota

Sincerely yours

B/P

APR 27 1931

MACALESTER COLLEGE

SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

April 25, 1931

My dear Professor Buck:-

The American History Conference will meet at St. Catherine's College, Saturday, May 16, at 6:30 o'clock.

The members of the Conference will be asked to report their progress on research projects.

Please reserve the date. A second notice will be sent out about the eighth of May.

Yours very truly,

Charles J. Ritchey

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