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EDWARD CALDWELL  
580 FIFTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK

April 7, 1930.

Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
University of Minnesota,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

My dear Mr. Buck:

I recall with much pleasure the conference we had some years ago when you lunched with me at the University Club here in New York. At that time you told me of the Land Office Records at Springfield, Ill., and gave me the name of a woman custodian or librarian from whom you thought I might get much more satisfactory information than I had been able to secure from the office of the Secretary of State.

I have not until now had occasion to make further inquiry, and am chagrined that I cannot find her name although I remember definitely that I filed it away for future use. If you now recall the name I would thank you to let me have it once more.

I have recently enjoyed the book produced at your Press on "America in the Forties". It is a fine piece of work on the part of both the editor and the translator as well as a very much worth-while contribution to the history of the period. It ranks far above the average of such books.

With personal regards, I am

Cordially yours,

*Edward Caldwell*

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*Reilly in  
Edward's own file*

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June 6, 1933

Mr. Edward Caldwell,  
125 East 46th St.,  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Caldwell:

Thank you for sending me the copy of Books containing the account of "The Preston Payer Collection on the Mississippi River" presented to the Knox College Library. This appears to be a very valuable collection and should strengthen still further the library as a place for the study of Mississippi Valley history. I was much interested also in your organization, the "Friends of the Knox College Library," and its attractively printed publication. You and your associates are doing a very fine piece of work. It is much better, it seems to me, to collect for a library where others have access to the books than for a private collection, which may ultimately be dispersed.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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# The Campus Club

University of Minnesota

March 28, 1931.

Members of the Campus Club:

Your Board of Directors has received some complaints and heard considerable discussion of the amount of noise in the Club dining room during the luncheon period. Recently the suggestion has been made to us that some form of sound-absorbing material be applied to the ceiling to reduce the reverberation of noise in the room and make it a pleasanter place in which to have luncheon.

We have made careful inquiry into this matter. The present reverberation period in the room is about 3.5 seconds. This can be reduced, by the use of sound-absorbing material on the ceiling only, to .75 seconds. Any of several manufacturers will apply their material with a guarantee of this accomplishment. This would reduce the length of time required for the complete absorption of any particular sound by about 80%, which would mean a reduction of from 1/2 to 2/3rds of the total volume of sound in the room at any one time. Professors Erickson and R. T. Jones have assured the Board that the .75 second point will result in a satisfactorily quiet dining room.

Installation of such material would cost from \$400. to \$450. This is \$100 per year remaining on our present lease; it is not quite \$10. per month on the remaining lease, or not quite \$2. per present club member.

Your Board is keenly mindful of its obligation to the membership to accumulate a building fund as rapidly as is consistent with reasonable operation during tenancy of our present quarters. Our lease expires July 1, 1935, at which time it will be necessary to make other arrangements. Probably it will be necessary to build and furnish other quarters ready for occupancy in the fall of 1935.

When we were notified to vacate the old clubhouse in 1925 we were entirely without funds. The present furnishings were purchased with money raised by individual subscriptions. Since occupying our present quarters effort has been made to create a building fund sufficiently large to be a real start on a future building. This fund now amounts to approximately \$16,000.00 to which we hope to add not less than \$3,000 plus interest each year. Thus we should have not less than \$32,000 on July 1, 1935.

Your Board feels that nothing should be allowed to interfere with the program of accumulating a building fund. It has been voted, therefore, not to take funds from the treasury to finance the sound proofing of the present dining room.

We are impressed with the merit of the project, however, and suggest that the membership may want to finance it with private subscriptions. As already stated, an average of \$2. per member would cover the cost. The members of the Board and the chairman of the house committee are willing to contribute individually \$5. apiece, or a total of \$40. towards the project, provided other members contribute enough to cover the entire amount.

At a special meeting of the Board on March 12, 1931, it was voted to present this statement and the following card to the members for their individual consideration.

C. A. Moore,  
President  
R. S. Vaile  
Secretary

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Manager,  
Campus Club:

You may charge my account with the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ due May 1, 1931, to be used for sound-proofing the club dining room, providing the total amount subscribed is sufficient to cover the entire cost of such treatment. If more than enough is subscribed for the purpose, the balance shall be added to the permanent building fund.

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TORONTO, CANADA, December 21, 1931.

Dr. Solon Buck,  
University of Pittsburg,  
Pittsburg, Pa.

My dear Dr. Buck,

The CANADIAN HISTORICAL REVIEW is planning to give rather more attention than has been given in the past to the work of local historical societies in Canada. As a first step in demonstrating that interest we have published in our December issue a list of local societies with brief notes describing their activities. We are sending you a copy of this issue under separate cover. I am now planning to have an article in the June issue discussing the work which local societies might do. My present plan is to have the article made up of four sections written by different people, the approximate length of each section being 2,000 to 2,500 words, i.e., about five pages. I have asked one man for something on the importance of local history in the writing of general history. I have asked another to write more specifically on the kinds of activities which local societies might undertake, e.g., marking historical sites, collecting materials for local museums and local archives, etc., and I thought the other two contributions might be descriptions of what has been done in some places where the work of local societies has been successful and where their activities have been co-ordinated with the activities of the general societies and of professional historians. I have written to Professor Powicke in England, asking him if he could arrange for a short article of this kind about the English societies, and I have wondered whether you would consent to write something having reference to the United States. I do not know the situation in the United States well enough to be sure of my ground but I have understood that in two or three places the work of local societies has been organized quite effectively. Is this not true of North Carolina and of Minnesota? At any rate I felt that you would know the situation well enough to be able to show what has been done or attempted in several cases and that would be quite sufficient for such a brief article since it would make no pretence of giving a general survey of local societies. I should be very pleased if you would let me know what you think of the idea and gratified if you would consent to have a share in putting it into effect. Academic journals, as you know, cannot pay much if anything, but I can promise you an honorarium which will at any rate more than cover your expenses of typing, etc.

It is probable that I shall be at the meeting in Minneapolis in which case I would like to have the opportunity of having a talk with you.

Yours sincerely,

*George W. Brown*

George W. Brown,  
Editor

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December 24, 1931

Dr. George W. Brown, Editor,  
The Canadian Historical Review,  
The University of Toronto Library,  
Toronto, Canada.

My dear Dr. Brown:-

I have received your letter of December 21 and am very much interested in your plans with reference to the work of local historical societies in Canada. I regret to say that I am so far behind with obligations of that sort now that I cannot undertake to write the article you desire. As a matter of fact, the best person to do it is my successor at the Minnesota Historical Society, Dr. Theodore C. Blagen, who, as assistant superintendent, had much more to do with organizing and developing local historical society work in Minnesota than I had.

I expect to attend the meeting in Minneapolis and shall be glad to talk the matter over with you if you will get in touch with me.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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October 10th, 1933

Dr. Buck  
Historical Society of Western Kentucky

Dear Dr. Buck:

We hope that the afternoon of December 12th, Tuesday, at four thirty o'clock, will be a time pleasing to you for the lecture you have so kindly agreed to give to us in our Little Theatre. Tuesday, December 12th, is just before the Christmas recess. Should the date November 27th be preferable, would you let me know your choice?

Believe me

Faithfully yours

Elizabeth Demaree

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October 11, 1933

Dr. Elizabeth Demarest,  
Carnegie Institute of Technology,  
Schenley Park, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Miss Demarest:

The date of December 12th at four thirty o'clock for my lecture will be entirely satisfactory for me. If agreeable to you, the title of the lecture will be "Pittsburgh in the Nation's History."

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

67 Barton Ave. S. E.

The Carnegie Institution of Washington  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:-

If you will send me a copy of your Classified List of Publications, the favor will be much appreciated.

Very truly yours

B/P

December 2, 1929

Miss Cornelia M. Pierce, Secretary  
Carnegie Institution of Washington  
909 Tower Building  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Miss Pierce:

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of volume 2 of Mrs. Surrey's Calendar. It will be of very great use to me, especially in connection with a project that we have under consideration for the publication of many of the documents listed in the Calendar by the Clarence Walworth Alvord Commission of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association.

It seems to me that this Calendar is one of the most notable historical tools that has been produced in this country and I feel that the workers in the history of the Mississippi Valley are greatly indebted to the Department of Historical Research of the Carnegie Institution for its share in the project.

Sincerely yours

SJB/H

December 5, 1933

Miss Irene Stewart,  
Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Miss Stewart:

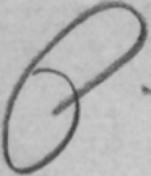
In connection with a paper that he is writing for my course on the history of western Pennsylvania, Mr. John W. Mechnick, a graduate student in the University, desires to consult the George Morgan letter books and some of the files of early newspapers in the Carnegie Library. If he can be permitted to do this, the favor will be appreciated by him and by me.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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## BIOGRAPHICAL DIRECTORY OF AMERICAN SCHOLARS

*The undersigned has undertaken to edit a "Biographical Directory of American Scholars," corresponding to the "Biographical Directory of American Men of Science." A circular concerning the fourth edition of this book is enclosed for the information of those who may not be familiar with it. A similar work covering the humanities may be of equal service.*

*Those to whom the enclosed blank is sent are requested to fill it in and at the same time to send the names of others who have contributed to productive scholarship by their publications or in exceptional cases by teaching or administration. The names are especially wanted of those with whom the correspondent has been associated personally or in his work, and who might be overlooked by the editor. They should be among the 10,000 Americans who have contributed most to the advancement of scholarship, not including workers in the natural and exact sciences.*

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(4) Editors of newspapers and periodicals will find it to be one of the works of reference that they will need most frequently.

(5) Libraries will find the book to be a necessary addition to their shelves.

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—From the Preface to the First Edition

A biographical directory requires revision if it is to maintain its usefulness. Nearly a third of the names in the present edition are new, and the sketches which appeared in the first edition have in nearly every case been revised. The amount of work required to prepare the revision has been as great as that given to the first edition. The thousand leading men of science have been again selected by the methods that were used before, and stars have been added to the subjects of research in the case of 269 new men who have obtained places on the list. The editor's object in selecting this group of scientific men has been to make a study of the conditions on which scientific research depends and so far as may be to improve these conditions. There are printed in an appendix the two statistical studies that have been made.

—From the Preface to the Second Edition

An edition of this biographical directory should be issued once in five years, and the preparations for a third edition were in progress when war was declared in 1914. The work was then postponed, being resumed in 1916, to be again interrupted in 1917 by the entry of the United States into the war. The first edition, compiled in 1904 and 1905 and published at the beginning of 1906, contained about 4,000 biographies; the second edition published at the end of the year 1910, about 5,500. In the present edition, published fifteen years after the first, the number is about 9,500. This increase may to some extent be due to a more complete collection of the material, but in the main measures the increase in the number of scientific men.

—From the Preface to the Third Edition

The fourth edition of the Biographical Directory of American Men of Science contains about 13,000 sketches and bears witness to the ever increasing number of those engaged in scientific work. There is no change in the general plan of the book. Efforts have been made to include all living Americans who have contributed to the advancement of science, the standards being nearly the same as fellowship in the American Association for the Advancement of Science or membership in the national scientific societies having research as a qualification. Stars are prefixed to the subject of research of 250 awarded positions among the thousand leading scientific men of the United States. The methods used in the selection are described in an appendix which also gives some facts concerning the distribution of scientific men in 1927.

—From the Preface to the Fourth Edition

of newly explored lands; the interaction of man with his geographic environment; cartographic presentation of the facts of commercial and economic geography.

**Adams, Prof. Edwin P(limpton)**, Princeton University, Princeton, N. J. \**Physics*. Prague, Bohemia, Jan. 23, 78. B.S., Beloit, 99; M.S., Harvard, 01, Ph.D., 04. Instr. *physics*, Princeton, 03-06, asst. prof., 06-09, *prof.*, 09- A.A.; Physical Soc; Philos. Soc; Math. Soc. Metallic conduction; Corbino effect in iron; theory of magnetism; relativity; the quantum theory.

**Adams, Dr. Elliot (Quincy)**, Nela Research Laboratory, Cleveland, Ohio. *Physical and organic chemistry*. Medford, Mass., Sept. 13, 88. B.S., Mass. Inst. Tech, 09; fellow, California, 12-13, Ph.D., 14. Research asst, research lab, Gen. Elec. Co, Schenectady, N. Y., 09-12; teaching fellow, California, 13-14, asst., 14-16, instr., 16-17; org. and physical chemist, color lab, bur. chem, U. S. Dept. Agr., 17-21; *physical chemist*, Nela Research Lab., 21- A.A.; Chem. Soc; Physical Soc; Optical Soc; Miner. Soc; Wash. Acad. Color and ionization of organic chromogens; transference in amalgams; ultimate rational units; absorption of chlorine by charcoal; photosensitizing dyes; color vision; residual rays; chemi-luminescence.

**Adams, Dr. E(lmer) W(ade)**, 1358 Atchison Ave, Whiting, Ind. *Organic chemistry*. Deer Park, Texas, Oct. 7, 97. A.B., West. Ill. State Teachers Col, 18; B.S., Illinois, 19, M.S., 20; Ph.D., Wisconsin, 24. Asst. prof. chem, Kansas State Teachers Col, 24-25; *research chemist*, Standard Oil Co. of Ind., 25- Summers, prof, West. Ill. State Teachers Col, 22, 24. Chem. Soc. Catalysis in the formation of acetals; the relation of structure, affinity and reactivity in acetals.

**Adams, Prof. Frank**, Berkeley Calif. *Irrigation*. Chicago, Ill., Sept. 19, 75. A.B., Stanford, 01; A.M., Nebraska, 06. *Irrig. investigator*, U. S. Dept. Agr., 00-06, 10-; *prof. irrig. investigations and practise*, California, 16- A.A.; Civil Eng; Agr. Eng; Calif. Acad. Irrigation with special reference to economics and agriculture.

**Adams, Prof. Frank D(awson)**, McGill University, Montreal, Que, Can. *Geology*. Montreal, Sept. 17, 59. B.S., McGill, 78, M.S., 84, hon. D.Sc., 02; Sc.D., Tufts, 14; Ph.D., Heidelberg, 92; LL.D., Toronto, 16; Queen's (Can), 19; Mt. Allison, 23. Asst. chemist and petrographer, Can. Geol. Surv., 80-89; lecturer *geol.*, McGill, 89-94, *Logan prof.*, 94-, *dean faculty of applied science*, 08-, acting prin., 19-20. Ed., 'Can. Record of Science,' 93-98. Advisory Council for Sci. and Indust. Research; Can. Conservation Commission. Lyell medal, London Geol. Soc., 06. Pres, Int. Geol. Cong., 13. For. assoc. Nat. Acad; A.A.; Geol. Soc. (v. pres, 09, pres, 16); Philos. Soc; hon. mem. Min. Eng; Min. and Metal. Eng; hon. mem. Am. Acad; cor. mem. N. Y. Acad; Wash. Acad; cor. mem. Phila. Acad; fel. Royal Soc. Can. (pres); Can. Min. Inst. (pres, 10); fel. London Geol. Soc; fel. Royal Soc; hon. mem. Inst. Min. and Metal. Gt. Britain; hon. mem. Stockholm Geol. Soc; hon.

mem. Russian Geol. Soc; hon. mem. Ekaterinburg Nat. Hist. Soc. Igneous rocks and crystalline schists; experimental geology; movements set up in rocks by pressure; geology of the Laurentian of Canada; geology of the Monteregian Hills; conservation.

**Adams, Dean George Edward**, Rhode Island State College, Kingston, R. I. *Agriculture*. North Kingston, R. I., May 12, 74. B.S., R. I. Col, 94, M.Agr., 16; Cornell, 97, 99-00. Asst. horticulturist, R. I. Exp. Sta., 94-01, *assoc. agron.*, 01-08; *prof.*, R. I. Col., 07-, *dean dept. agr.*, 17-, *director exten. service*, 25- R. I. statist. agent, U. S. Dept. Agr., 01-14. A.A.; Soc. Agron; Genetic Ass; Mass. Hort. Soc. Soil fertility.

**Adams, Prof. Geo(rge) I(rving)**, University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Ala. *Geology*. Lena, Ill., Aug. 17, 70. A.B., Kansas, 93, A.M., 95; Sc.D., Princeton, 96; Munich, 97; Yale, 11. Instr. nat. science, Kans. State Nor. Sch., 93-94; field asst, U. S. Geol. Surv., 98-99, asst. geologist, 00-04; chief hydrologist, Cuerpo de Ingenieros de Minas del Peru, 04-06; mine examinations, Peru, Bolivia and Chile, 06-07; geologist, div. mines, Bur. Science, P. I., 08-10; *prof. geol. and mining*, Pei Yang Univ, Tientsin, China, 12-15; Peking Govt. Univ, 15-20; *geol. and miner.*, Alabama, 20- Summers, asst, Univ. of Kans. Geol. Surv., 94-97. Decorated by Chinese Govt. Geol. Soc; Min. Eng; Miner. Soc; Wash. Geol. Soc. Economic and structural geology.

**Adams, Dr. H(arold) S(tanard)**, The Upjohn Co, Kalamazoo, Mich. *Chemistry*. Pittsfield, Mass., May 20, 88. A.B., Williams, 11; Ph.D., Chicago, 15. Asst. chem, Mass. Col, 11-12; instr. *physiol. chem.*, Chicago, 14-16; *physiol. chemist*, E. R. Squibb and Sons, 16-17, asst. supt., 17-19, production manager, 19-20; director research, Naugatuck Chem. Co., 20-25, sales development, 25-26; *production*, The Upjohn Co., 26- Chem. Soc; Chem. Eng. Biochemistry; pharmaceutical and chemical manufacturing; respiration of nerve tissue; physiological standardization; internal secretion; chemical process patents.

**Adams, Prof. J(ames) F(owler)**, P. O. Box 425, Newark, Del. *Botany*. Charlestown, Mass., March 5, 88. B.S., Mass. Col, 11; M.S., Pa. State, 14; fellow, Columbia, 17-18, Ph.D., 18. Asst. plant path, Mass. Col, 11; Pa. State, 12, asst. prof. bot., 14-18, *assoc. prof. plant path*, 18-20; *Exp. Sta. Del.*, 20-; *plant pathologist*, State Board Agr, Del., 25- U. S. Army Med. Sch., 18-19. Bot. Soc; Phytopath. Soc; Torrey Bot. Club. Plant pathology; cytology of Uredinales; rusts.

**Adams, J(ohn)**, 68 Fairmont Ave, Ottawa, Ont, Can. *Botany*. Antrim, Ireland, Jan. 20, 72. Queen's (Ireland); B.A., Cambridge, 00, M.A., 03. Asst. prof. bot., Royal Col. Science, Dublin, 02-14; *prof.*, Royal Vet. Col., 07-14; *asst. Dominion botanist*, Can., 14- A.A.; Bot. Soc. Plant morphology; ecology.

**Adams, Prof. John Mead**, University of California at Los Angeles, Los Angeles, Calif. *Physics*. Reading, Mass., June 6, 82. A.B., Harvard, 03, A.M., 05, Ph.D., 07. Asst. *physics*, Har-

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June 19, 1930

Mr. J. McKeen Cattell  
Editor of "School and Society"  
3939 Grand Central Terminal  
New York City

My dear Mr. Cattell:-

I am returning to you herewith your sketch of me for the Biographical Directory of Leaders in Education, with some corrections and revisions noted. I take it that the entries at the end are intended to indicate my major interests rather than the titles of books that I have written. In that case, I should prefer to make the substitution indicated as it represents more accurately my interest at the present time. ✓

Some of the following items would seem to be as important as some that are included: I was a member of the committee on nominations of the American Historical Association for 1926 and 1927, and chairman of the committee for 1927. (I doubt if this is worth including, however.) I have also been a member of the committee on bibliography of the American Historical Association, and chairman of a sub-committee on Bibliography of American travel since 1923; also a member of the committee on endowment of the same association since 1926, and executive secretary of the committee for 1926. Beginning in 1930, I am serving as chairman of a joint committee of the American Council of Learned Societies and the Social Science Research Council on materials for research.

Very truly yours

B/P

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DANA H. FERRIN  
SECRETARY



THE CENTURY CO.  
353 FOURTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK

June 7, 1929

Dr. S. J. Buck,  
University of Minnesota,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Buck:

We have just issued a little book by Edward M. Sait, entitled Democracy, which, it has come to mind, may possibly be of interest to you. On the chance that it will, I am taking the liberty of sending you a complimentary copy.

Sincerely,

*Dana H. Ferrin*

DHF:F

June 12, 1929

Mr. Dana H. Ferrin, Secretary  
The Century Company  
353 Fourth Avenue  
New York City

Dear Mr. Ferrin:

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of Democracy by Edward M. Sait. I have dipped into it enough to know that it is an interesting and stimulating book and that I want to read it at the first opportunity.

Sincerely yours

B/H

DANA H. FERRIN  
TREASURER

JUN 15 1931



THE CENTURY CO.  
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June 11, 1931

Dr. Solon J. Buck  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Dr. Buck:

You may be interested in having a copy of Humphrey's Economic History of the United States which we have just brought from the press, and in this hope I am taking the liberty of sending you one under separate cover. It, of course, goes with our compliments.

Sincerely,

*Dana H. Ferrin*

DHF:Z

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June 20, 1931

Mr. Dana H. Ferrin  
Treasurer, The Century Co.  
353 Fourth Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Ferrin:

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of Humphrey's Economic History of the United States. It happens, however, that I have already received a copy sent to me at the request of Mr. Humphrey. If agreeable to you, I will turn one of the copies over to Dr. Blegen, who is associate professor of history in the University of Minnesota and the editor of Minnesota History, the quarterly magazine published by our society. He will be glad to include a note about the book in the magazine.

I have not had time to read the book as yet, but I have glanced over it with much interest and am looking forward to reading it at the first opportunity.

Sincerely yours

SJB/L

JUN 25 1931

DANA H. FERRIN  
TREASURER



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June 22, 1931

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

It would be very good of you to hand the extra copy of Humphrey's "Economic History of the United States" to Dr. Blegen. I am sorry to have put you to this inconvenience.

Very sincerely,

*Dana H. Ferrin*

DFH:D

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Channing

417 WIDENER BUILDING  
HARVARD UNIVERSITY  
CAMBRIDGE, MASS

February 28, 1929.

Dear Professor Buck,-

Professor Channing desires me to thank you for the pamphlet, " Clarence Walworth Alvord, Historian" which you have so kindly sent him. He is placing it on the shelves of his study where he keeps the work of his "old boys".

Very truly yours,

*Eva G. Moore*

Secretary to Professor Channing

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March 2, 1931

Mr. Verne E. Chatelain  
State Teachers College  
Peru, Nebraska

Dear Mr. Chatelain:-

I wonder if you have seen an article by Paul W. Gates entitled "Disposal of the Public Domain in Illinois" in the Journal of Economic and Business History for February, 1931? While he has dealt with the subject for only a limited period, 1848-56, his methods and interpretation would probably be of interest to you in connection with your work on your thesis. Some reprints of the article have been made, and possibly you could get one by writing to Dr. Gates, whose address is 28 University Ave., Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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Peru State Teachers College

PERU, NEBRASKA

March 4, 1931.

Department of History and Other Social Sciences  
V. E. Chatelain, Chairman

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

Dear Doctor Buck:-

May I take this opportunity of thanking you for calling my attention to the article by Paul W. Gates in the Journal of Economic and Business History for February, 1931, in connection with my thesis? I had not seen the article, but will hasten to follow your suggestion and attempt to secure a copy or two from the author. It was kind of you to think of me and my problem in this manner.

The year is going nicely with me and I feel that I am getting something done, although with no sensational speed.

Very truly yours,

*V. E. Chatelain*

c/s

March 30, 1931

Mr. V. E. Chatelain  
Peru State Teachers College  
Peru, Nebraska

Dear Mr. Chatelain:-

I shall be very glad, of course,  
to respond to any request for informa-  
tion concerning your qualifications.  
I was interested to learn that there is  
such a position in the government ser-  
vice as that of Park Historian.

Sincerely yours

B/P

AUG 15 1931

Peru State Teachers College

PERU, NEBRASKA

Department of History and  
Other Social Sciences  
V. E. Chatelain, Chairman

August 13, 1931.

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

You may have learned that I have been named to direct historical research in connection with the national park system. The government is hoping to make each park the center of far reaching activities in local history, that is, the park or monument is to function very nearly as a local history society- collecting, editing and popularizing. This service is of course new, and I shall need much counsel and advice. May I take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation of your own part in this appointment? I feel that I owe it very much to you,

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and I would be ungrateful indeed, if I did not acknowledge the fact. I believe that much depends on how the thing is started, and I want to get your ideas whenever that is convenient.

Now may I express my own congratulations to you upon your appointment, and change to Pittsburg, with the splendid opportunity that it presents? Minnesota will lose of course, but it looks to be a big thing.

I shall be in Minneapolis next week, and will go on the Society's tour. It will be a real pleasure to see you again, and I hope that you have not already moved. I remain,

Very truly yours,

*V. E. Chatelain.*

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
WASHINGTON

SEP 28 1931

Dr. Solon J. Buck,  
Superintendent, Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dear Dr. Buck:

Recently you raised the very proper question with me as to what authority exists for historical work in the National Park Service. Since coming to Washington, I ran across a copy of the Act of 1916, which I am inclosing with this letter, which is the basic law upon which all of our work rests. Several subsequent acts have been past, and the work, personnel and salaries have been enlarged. The Washington office now has 66 people, not to mention those in the several parks and monuments who are included in what is called the Field Service. In fact every appropriation bill, passed for the support of the Interior Department, has some bearing on our situation.

I take pleasure in sending you, under separate cover, some material dealing with the National Parks and Monuments. I hope you will be interested especially in those things pertaining to the new Colonial National Monument, which includes old Jamestown, Williamsburg and Yorktown. I know your time is very much taken up, but it would be very pleasant to see you at the Sesquicentennial Celebration.

Very truly yours,

*Verne F. Chatelain.*  
Chief Historian.

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[PUBLIC—NO. 235—64TH CONGRESS.]

[H. R. 15522.]

An Act To establish a National Park Service, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there is hereby created in the Department of the Interior a service to be called the National Park Service, which shall be under the charge of a director, who shall be appointed by the Secretary and who shall receive a salary of \$4,500 per annum. There shall also be appointed by the Secretary the following assistants and other employees at the salaries designated: One assistant director, at \$2,500 per annum; one chief clerk, at \$2,000 per annum; one draftsman, at \$1,800 per annum; one messenger, at \$600 per annum; and, in addition thereto, such other employees as the Secretary of the Interior shall deem necessary: *Provided*, That not more than \$8,100 annually shall be expended for salaries of experts, assistants, and employees within the District of Columbia not herein specifically enumerated unless previously authorized by law. The service thus established shall promote and regulate the use of the Federal areas known as national parks, monuments, and reservations hereinafter specified by such means and measures as conform to the fundamental purpose of the said parks, monuments, and reservations, which purpose is to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wild life therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.

SEC. 2. That the director shall, under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, have the supervision, management, and control of the several national parks and national monuments which are now under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior, and of the Hot Springs Reservation in the State of Arkansas, and of such other national parks and reservations of like character as may be hereafter created by Congress: *Provided*, That in the supervision, management, and control of national monuments contiguous to national forests the Secretary of Agriculture may cooperate with said National Park Service to such extent as may be requested by the Secretary of the Interior.

SEC. 3. That the Secretary of the Interior shall make and publish such rules and regulations as he may deem necessary or proper for the use and management of the parks, monuments, and reservations under the jurisdiction of the National Park Service, and any violations of any of the rules and regulations authorized by this Act shall be punished as provided for in section fifty of the Act entitled "An Act to codify and amend the penal laws of the United States," approved March fourth, nineteen hundred and nine, as amended by section six of the Act of June twenty-fifth, nineteen hundred and ten (Thirty-sixth United States Statutes at Large, page eight hundred and fifty-seven). He may also, upon terms and conditions to be fixed by him, sell or dispose of timber in those cases where in his judgment the cutting of such timber is required in order to control the attacks

of insects or diseases or otherwise conserve the scenery or the natural or historic objects in any such park, monument, or reservation. He may also provide in his discretion for the destruction of such animals and of such plant life as may be detrimental to the use of any of said parks, monuments, or reservations. He may also grant privileges, leases, and permits for the use of land for the accommodation of visitors in the various parks, monuments, or other reservations herein provided for, but for periods not exceeding twenty years; and no natural curiosities, wonders, or objects of interest shall be leased, rented, or granted to anyone on such terms as to interfere with free access to them by the public: *Provided, however,* That the Secretary of the Interior may, under such rules and regulations and on such terms as he may prescribe, grant the privilege to graze live stock within any national park, monument, or reservation herein referred to when in his judgment such use is not detrimental to the primary purpose for which such park, monument, or reservation was created, except that this provision shall not apply to the Yellowstone National Park.

SEC. 4. That nothing in this Act contained shall affect or modify the provisions of the Act approved February fifteenth, nineteen hundred and one, entitled "An Act relating to rights of way through certain parks, reservations, and other public lands."

Approved, August 25, 1916.

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MAR 30 1931

Peru State Teachers College

PERU, NEBRASKA

Department of History and Other Social Sciences  
V. E. Chatelain, Chairman

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March 26, 1931.

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

Dear Mr. Buck: The other day I took the liberty of using your name as a reference in an application to the Civil Service Commission for the position of Park Historian. I'm much at there are only a few such positions in the country I may get nowhere at all. But I understand they involve the custody of historical records, research work, and publicity at certain "shrines," over which the National Government has control. Anything you can say, if opportunity presents, I would appreciate greatly. I received a copy of the Gates article on Illinois Land Operations, as well as a letter from him, which I find valuable. With best wishes,  
Very truly yours, V. E. Chatelain

UNITED STATES

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

WASHINGTON

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November 2, 1931.

Chatelain  
Dr. Solon J. Buck,  
Superintendent, The Historical  
Society of Western Pennsylvania  
Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Buck: Just a note to you to let you know that I appreciate your nice letter of October 23. I am glad that some one from your staff could go to Yorktown; we have gotten the remains from the celebration pretty well cleaned up now, and normal development will have a chance to go forward. In about a week our historians at Colonial National Monument will come in for a conference on basic historical procedure. It will be a time of great importance to me - for it will mean formulating some very vital parts of the general program not only for Colonial, but for all the parks.

Just now I am casting about to see what I can do in selecting the new custodian - superintendent - park historian for George Washington Birthplace National Monument. I would not like to have any broadcast made of the job yet - but if you have anyone in mind who could act as a high-class contact man with the public; - managing personnel properly, handling also the physical property there, and yet maintaining a sound historical scholarship - I would like to know of him. President Hoover will dedicate Wakefield February 11 according to present plans. - I leave about December 4 or 5 on a tour of inspection which will take me to Santa Fe, New Mexico and vicinity. I will be in Minneapolis for the American Historical Association. Very truly yours, Chatelain.

November 5, 1931.

Mr. Verne E. Chatelain Chief Historian,  
National Park Service,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chatelaine:-

I am afraid that I do not know of anyone just now that I can recommend without reservation for the combination position at the George Washington Birthplace National Monument but I shall be glad to keep the matter in mind. The combination of qualities that you desire is not very common, of course, and much would depend upon what the compensation would be. I have met a man here who is about sixty years old but looks under fifty, a retired lawyer, <sup>and</sup> an amateur historian, who has been recommended to me very highly by business men for a position with us. I should think he might meet all of your qualifications except, perhaps, that of sound historical scholarship, and in that he would probably be as good as anyone you could get who did not have professional training for historical work. Dr. Oliver of the History Department here, who knows him better than I do, recommends him very highly, and it is possible that we may be able to use him later on in field work or similar <sup>activities</sup>. Just at present, however, we are not in a position to give him employment.

I trust that you have an enjoyable trip to the West and I shall be glad to see you at the ANA meeting in Minneapolis.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck.

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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

July 21, 1933.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,  
Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey,  
Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Dear Dr. Buck:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of July 19. Just now there is nothing which I have in mind for Dr. Barnhart, of whom you wrote. I appreciate your suggesting him and will keep his name on file, hoping that something may develop.

I am very much impressed with Mr. Qualey and certainly enjoy working with him. He may drop out about September 1 to finish his doctoral work, since he feels that he must not stay away from it too long. Though I shall be sorry to lose him, if he decides to go I shall not stand in his way. Several other Minnesota men are in the program, doing very satisfactory work.

One of these times I hope to see you. With the approach of the transfer of all the Military Parks and Monuments under the War Department to the National Park Service I anticipate a goodly list of problems which maybe will have to be "loaned out" from time to time. The situation is positively appalling in its immensity, if you want my candid opinion. But usually where there's a will, there's a way.

I'm glad you liked our Wakefield folder. Why not come down for a trip into Virginia with me?

Sincerely yours,

*Vernon F. Chatelain*  
Chief Historian.

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67 Barton Ave. S. E.

October 25, 1929

The University of Chicago Press  
Chicago, Illinois

Gentlemen:-

Please send me lists and samples of your Goode base maps  
and graphs.

Very truly yours

B/P

FEB 5 1931

# A CENTURY OF PROGRESS

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Dr. Solon J. Buck,  
Secretary of the Minnesota  
Historical Society,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Dr. Buck:

I take pleasure in advising you that at the regular meeting of the Executive Committee of A Century of Progress, held January 30, 1931, you were appointed a member of the Historical Committee.

For your information, I am sending you a list of appointments to the Historical Committee, a copy of the resolution creating the Committee, and also a statement of the functions of Committees.

Please be good enough to signify your acceptance of this appointment by communicating with me.

Yours very truly,

"A CENTURY OF PROGRESS"

By *D. H. Burnham*  
D. H. Burnham,  
Secretary

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List of appointments

Copy of resolution

Statement of Functions of Committees.

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the Executive Committee that a Special Committee should be created to study the question of historical background and pageantry connected with the program of A Century of Progress;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that there be, and hereby is, created a Special Committee of the Association to be designated:

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

such Committee to consist of a Chairman and such number of members as may from time to time be appointed by the President; that the duties and functions of such Committee, subject to the standing resolutions of the Board of Trustees applying in general to all committees, shall be: To present ideas for dramatic historical pageantry in keeping with the theme of the Exposition, to prepare for the historical celebration at and in connection with the opening of the Fair, and to perform such other duties as may be desired, from time to time, by A Century of Progress;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman and members of such Committee shall be appointed by the President, by and with the consent and approval of the Board of Trustees or the Executive Committee as provided in the By-laws of the Association.

A CENTURY OF PROGRESS

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Appointed by the President at a meeting  
of the Executive Committee held January 30, 1931.

- James Alton James, Ph.D. - Chairman  
Professor of American History -and  
Dean of the Graduate School,  
Northwestern University,  
Evanston, Illinois.
- Dr. Solon J. Buck,  
Secretary of the Minnesota  
Historical Society,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.
- Professor Wm. E. Dodd,  
University of Chicago,  
Chicago, Illinois.
- Dr. Evarts B. Greene,  
Professor of American History,  
Columbia University,  
New York City.
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Washington, D. C.
- Professor Frederic L. Paxson,  
University of Wisconsin,  
Madison, Wisconsin.
- Professor Theodore C. Pease,  
University of Illinois,  
Urbana, Illinois.
- Chas. B. Pike, President,  
Chicago Historical Society,  
Chicago, Illinois.
- Dr. Milo M. Quaife,  
Supt. Burton Historical Collection,  
Detroit, Michigan.
- Dr. Joseph Schaffer,  
Secretary of the Wisconsin  
Historical Society,  
Madison, Wisconsin.
- Dr. Otto L. Schmidt,  
President, Illinois State  
Historical Society,  
Springfield, Illinois.
- Dr. B. F. Shambaugh,  
Professor of Government,  
University of Iowa - and  
Editor of the Iowa Journal of  
History and Politics,  
Iowa City, Iowa.

A CENTURY OF PROGRESS  
Functions of Committees

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Adopted by Executive Committee, June 24, 1929.

"The work of the various committees heretofore authorized by the Board of Trustees of the Chicago World's Fair Centennial Celebration has helped materially in the preliminary stages of our existence. A greater amount of work will be required from the committees and from time to time additional committees will be appointed. In order to coordinate the work of the committees and to relieve as far as possible the individual members from labors involved, the following procedure is outlined:

Each committee heretofore or hereafter authorized, except the Executive Committee, shall be an advisory body whose duties and functions shall consist of considering matters referred to it from time to time, and reporting its findings and recommendations to the Board of Trustees.

Where expenditures are involved, committees will submit estimates and recommendations regarding such expenditures to the Executive Committee, for its action before they are incurred. Where estimates approved by the Executive Committee include supplies or clerical assistance, committee chairmen will request the Manager to furnish such supplies or assistance.

In order to keep the Manager advised of the deliberations and actions of committees and to secure his assistance in coordinating the efforts of the several committees, the Manager is directed to attend such committee meetings as, in his judgment, may be necessary. The Manager will be advised of all meetings. When advisable, committees may hold executive sessions.

Copies of all minutes of any committee will be furnished, promptly on final approval by the committee, to the Board of Trustees.

In general, it is the intention to coordinate the work of all the committees, to furnish such committees with all necessary help to permit them to carry out the functions as outlined herein and to concentrate all final action and the approval of all expenditures in the hands of the Board of Trustees or the Executive Committee."

February 6, 1931

Mr. D. H. Burnham, Secretary  
A Century of Progress  
Administration Bldg., Burnham Park  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Burnham:

I have received your letter of February 3 notifying me of my appointment as a member of the Historical Committee of A Century of Progress, and I assure you that the honor thus conferred upon me is deeply appreciated.

In the same mail I received a letter from Professor J. A. James, the chairman of the committee, which indicates that the duties involved in membership on it will not be very extensive. In view of that I have decided to accept the appointment despite the fact that there are a multitude of demands upon my time.

Sincerely yours

B/H

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

May 14, 1931

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

I am calling a meeting of the Committee on History of A Century of Progress for Saturday, May 23, at 12:30 in the Administration Building. We shall meet for luncheon at that building, which you will find a short distance southeast from the Field Museum. I trust that it will be possible for you to be present. Necessary expenses will be allowed.

Sincerely yours,

*J. A. James*  
Chairman, Committee on History

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May 16, 1931

Dean J. A. James  
The Graduate School  
Northwestern University  
Evanston, Illinois

Dear James:-

I expect to be present at the meeting of the Committee on History of A Century of Progress on May 23, at 12:30.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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Pierre, South Dakota  
June 26, 1931

Solon J. Buck, State Historian  
Capitol Building  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Mr. Buck:

You have charge of the pageantry for the World's Fair in Chicago, I believe. Undoubtedly you will need some assistance. I should be glad to have the opportunity to work under you on that project, directing, planning stage design, or even taking dictation when needed.

I have been putting on from one to three plays a year in connection with my teaching since 1925 and should like to devote all my time to dramatics in the future.

At Minnesota I directed the World Premier of Sir John Ervine's "The Lady of Belmont," and productions of La Poudre aux Yeux, and the Second Mrs. Tanquary. This spring I put on the Royal Family by Edna Ferber. Supt. Freeman of Mobridge can testify to its successful presentation. Last year I put on Tulip Time, an operetta, Why the Chimes Rang, and a vaudeville skit I wrote and for which I made up the dances myself. The previous summer I put on for the state Sunday School Convention the first outdoor pageant ever given in Pierre. It was on the Capitol steps, and witnessed by about 2000 people. I wrote and directed a Thanksgiving pageant for 75 people, a Christmas play and another vaudeville skit. I am inclosing a copy of a write up about the latter, together with some recommendations I find at hand.

I graduated from the University of Minnesota where I minored in Play Production. I have made two trips abroad. On the last I spent a year in Mme. Lie's School for Girls in Paris, and another travelling on the Continent. Previously I had spent a summer in the British Isles and Sweden.

For two years I have been a widow. My salary at Mobridge was \$165 a month. Any further information you may wish I shall be glad to furnish.

Yours very truly,

*Charlotte Opheim.*

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June 29, 1931

Mrs. Charlotte Opheim  
Pierre, South Dakota

My dear Mrs. Opheim:-

You are mistaken in supposing that I have charge of the Pageantry for the World's Fair in Chicago. I am a member, but not the chairman, of an Historical Committee for the Fair, but I doubt very much if this committee will have anything to do with pageantry. The chairman of this committee is Dean J. A. James of Northwestern University.

The material accompanying your letter is returned to you herewith.

Very truly yours

B/P

Encl.  
letters

*Chicago*

September 3rd, 1931.

A Century of Progress,  
Administration Building,  
Burnham Park, Chicago.

Gentlemen:-

Please change your records so that hereafter the pamphlet "Progress" will be sent to me in care of The Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania, Bigelow Boulevard and Parkman Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., instead of in care of the Minnesota Historical Society as heretofore.

Very truly yours,

Solon J. Buck.

January 11, 1939

Hon. Theodore Christianson  
Governor of the State of Minnesota  
State Capitol  
St. Paul, Minnesota

My dear Governor Christianson:-

I want to congratulate you on your message to the Legislature. It impresses me as a very able document based upon extensive study, and I found it most interesting reading. Naturally I was interested to note the extent to which you made use, not only of early historical material, such as Governor Ramsey's message, but also of the historical background of the problems with which you dealt.

You may be interested to know that I am planning to use the message with my class in Minnesota History at the University, and to have my students make special studies of the origin and development of some of our present day problems.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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JAN 15 1929

State of Minnesota  
Executive Department  
St. Paul

THEODORE CHRISTIANSON, GOVERNOR

January 12, 1929.

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

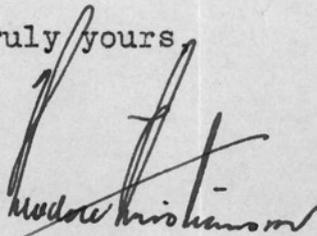
Dear Dr. Buck:

I was pleased to receive your letter of January 11, expressing approval of my message to the Legislature. In connection with your statement that you purpose to have your students at the University make special studies of the origin and development of some of our present day problems, I would venture the suggestion that messages and addresses of Alexander Ramsey to the Territorial Council and the State Legislature of Minnesota have furnished the foundation for surprisingly large number of things we have done since; in fact a perusal of these documents has brought to me a certain sense of humility, a recognition that what we are engaged in doing today is merely patchwork, and that it was the fathers who laid the foundation and determined the outline of the structure to be built thereon. It was certainly a great privilege to be a pioneer, especially the kind of pioneer that the first Governor of this State was.

I commend your course in Minnesota history. I believe that every student of liberal arts should take it.

Very truly yours,

C/GT

  
Theodore Christianson

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67 Barton Ave. S. E.  
April 21, 1931

The Arthur H. Clark Co.,  
1314 Brahd Boulevard  
Glendale, California

Gentlemen:-

A few years ago, you advertised a set of the Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society, lacking the first number, at seventy-five dollars. I have a set that I should like to dispose of; it consists of all the issues to date, including the rare first number, and all the separately printed indexes except those for volumes 10 and 18. The numbers are all in wrappers as issued. If you would be interested in the possibility of purchasing this, or of attempting to dispose of it for me, I should be glad to hear from you.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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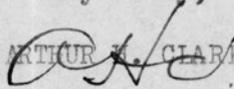
Dear Sir:

We have your letter of April 21 regarding the Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society set.

At the present time, I find we have three sets of this Journal in stock, and it does not sell very rapidly. The trouble with this Journal is that a good many of the sets are supplied on exchanges with most of the institutions likely to be interested. Just at the present time we should not wish to buy another set unless the price were quite reasonable, for we may have to carry it in stock for several years before it is sold.

If you care to state at what price you wish to sell the set, we might be willing to buy it and hold it.

Yours very truly,

  
THE ARTHUR H. CLARK COMPANY

67 Barton Ave. S. E.  
May 9, 1931

The Arthur H. Clark Company  
1214 South Brand Boulevard  
Glendale, California

Gentlemen:-

On returning from an absence I find here your letter of April 28 with reference to the Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society about which I wrote to you on April 21. Could you not make me an offer for the set? I have no information as to its value except the fact that you are offering a less complete set at seventy dollars. I realize, of course, that you have to purchase at considerably less than you hope to sell for. I should think that the inclusion of the very rare first number in my set would add appreciably to its value.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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May 13, 1931

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

Dear Sir:

We have yours of May 9 regarding the Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society referred to in your letter of April 21. For the past year booksellers have suffered with the rest of the country in the general depression through which we have been going for the last eighteen months. Conditions are still about at their worst, and when the change will occur apparently no one can forecast. For this reason many private libraries have been thrown upon the market, and we are getting pretty well loaded up, with sales much decreased. We really do not want to buy this set at the present time with others in stock, at better than \$30.00. If you should decide to accept this offer, kindly advise us before shipping, and we will advise you best method of shipment.

Yours respectfully,

THE ARTHUR H. CLARK COMPANY

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August 23, 1933

Dr. Solon J. Buck  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir: -

The George Rogers Clark Sesquicentennial Commission of the United States and the George Rogers Clark Memorial Commission of Indiana invite you to be their guest at Vincennes Sunday, September 3, at the exercises in commemoration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the Peace of Paris at the end of the War of the American Revolution. This will be the occasion also for the dedication of the new interstate bridge with its monumental approach in the memorial grounds and of the sealing of the cornerstone of the building commemorating the acquisition of the Old Northwest.

Luncheon will be served at 1:30 P. M. in the Gibault Gymnasium near the memorial grounds. I enclose a program of the day. An early reply will be appreciated.

Hoping we may have the pleasure and the honor of your presence, I remain,

Very truly yours,

*Christopher B. Coleman*  
Executive Secretary, G.R.C.S.C.

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PROGRAM

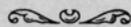
**Vincennes, Indiana » » Sunday, September 3, 1933**  
**Sesquicentennial of the Peace of Paris 1783**

AT THE

**NATIONAL MEMORIAL**

Commemorating the Winning  
of the

Old Northwest and the Achievements of George Rogers Clark and his  
Associates in the War of the American Revolution



**12 Noon — Dedication of the Bridge and Bridge - Approach.**

D. Frank Culbertson, Vice Chairman George Rogers Clark  
Sesquicentennial Commission, Presiding

Address - - The Honorable Paul V. McNutt  
Governor of the State of Indiana

Address - - - The Honorable Henry Horner  
Governor of the State of Illinois

**1:30 — Luncheon in Honor of Guests of the Commissions,  
Gibault Gymnasium.**

Clem J. Richards, Chairman George Rogers Clark  
Memorial Commission of Indiana, Presiding

**3:30 — Sealing of Corner Stone, Memorial Building.**

Luther Ely Smith, St. Louis, Presiding

Music - - - - - Vincennes Chorus

Invocation - - The Reverend James Gregoire,  
St. Francis Xavier Church, Vincennes

Address - - - Senator Simeon D. Fess, Ohio  
Chairman, George Rogers Clark  
Sesquicentennial Commission

Sealing of the Corner Stone - - D. Frank Culbertson

August 24, 1933

Dr. Christopher B. Coleman,  
The George Rogers Clark Memorial Commission,  
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Coleman:

Thank you for the kind invitation to be a guest  
at the exercises at Vincennes on September 3. I regret  
that it will not be possible for me to attend.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Back

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September 8th, 1931.

Dr. Randolph Adams,

Clements Library,

University of Michigan,

Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Dear Dr. Adams:-

Mr. Oliver W. Holmes, who will present this letter to you, was a graduate student of mine at the University of Minnesota a number of years ago and has since then continued his graduate work at Columbia University. He informs me that he wants to visit the Clements Library in the near future, and as he is a thoroughly competent and responsible person, I trust that you will do what you can to make his visit a profitable one.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck, Director.

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Cleveland, Ohio

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July 9, 1931

318 WEST 25TH STREET  
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

To

Mr & Mrs J. Buck

Miner Hill Soc

St-Paul Minn

My dear Dr Buck

I take  
the opportunity in sending check  
for Annual Dues, to express to you my sincere  
regret that you are to give up your  
position which you have filled so admirably,  
in every way. A great loss to the Miner  
Hill Society, and I am sure you and Mrs  
Buck have many feelings in severing  
connections here. I taking up new work  
and associations, whatever their advantage  
may be. A large field of work, but not in  
the pioneer line as in Minnesota.

I wish to express also my personal appreciation  
(as an old friend of Dr. & Mrs. Folwell) of your  
understanding, and considerate attitude  
in your close intercourse with our honored  
and beloved friend, during his lifetime, and  
the continued thoughtfulness which you  
and Mrs. Buck also, have shown for Mrs.  
Folwell. That rare spirit, and in helping  
Miss Folwell in sorting and arranging  
papers, I am sure it has been a satisfaction  
to complete this work before leaving home.

Hoping that your new work and environ-  
-ments will prove congenial

I am most sincerely yours  
Anna J. Cleveland

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July 11, 1931

Miss Anna J. Cleveland  
318 West 25 St.,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Miss Cleveland:-

I want to thank you for your very kind letter of July 9 and to assure you that it is much appreciated. One of the pleasantest memories that I shall carry with me from Minnesota is that of my association with Dr. Folwell, and also with Mrs. Folwell and Miss Mary.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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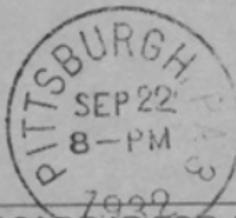
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Brownsville, Pa. Sept, 22, 1932

Dr. Buch: After registering for your course I find that it takes place on the night when our Council meets and for that reason I am unable to attend since it would take me out of the class one night every month. Sorry that I did not notice it sooner but guess my memory was poor and it was overlooked. Wishing you success in your work I desire to remain, Respectfully,

Jesse Coldren

SEP 23 1932



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Dr. Solon Buck  
Western Pa. Historical Society  
Bigelow Boulevard  
Pittsburgh  
Pa

JAN 28 1929

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THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  
MADISON

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

January 24, 1929

Dear Buck:

This note is to request you to take a leading part at a session of the M. V. H. Q. meeting at Vincennes given over to a George Rogers Clark program - arranged by the George Rogers Clark Sesquicentennial Committee.

The first part of the meeting, as planned, will be a paper by Miss Kellogg on the George Rogers Clark papers in the Drooper Collection. The rest of the meeting will be given over to an appraisal of the services of G. R. C. in the Old Northwest. There should be a formal paper followed by discussion by two persons properly programmed and then a free for all.

I should like to have you give the formal appraisal because you could do it in better perspective than other persons already established as Clark "authorities." The alternative is J. A. James, who has recently appeared on the Indianapolis program.

Will you help us out? In any event we want you down for the discussion. Let me hear from you promptly. I missed seeing you at Indianapolis. Cordially, Arthur P. Cole.

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January 30, 1929

Mr. Arthur C. Cole  
University of Wisconsin  
Department of History  
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Cole:

I should like very much to prepare an appraisal of the services of George Rogers Clark but I must not undertake it. I am head over heels in work and if I can find any spare time I must prepare a presidential address for the Agricultural History Society, which is to meet in Washington just before or just after the M.V.H.A. meeting. I am willing to take part in the discussion, however, as I can do that without any preparation. I suppose that James is the logical person to prepare the appraisal, although Quaife might be a possibility. If Paul Phillips of the University of Montana could be persuaded to come on to the meeting he could make a valuable contribution from the standpoint of diplomatic history.

I take it from your letter that you are chairman of the program committee and I want to seize this opportunity of suggesting that you schedule a "Conference of Directors of State Historical Work." We had such a general conference several years ago at the Detroit meeting, I think, and it was very successful. At that time it was agreed that similar conferences should be held regularly but ~~since~~ the program committee apparently knew nothing about it and it was not done. Such a conference might well be scheduled at the same time as the History Teachers Session and it would not be necessary to prepare a formal program. We can always find plenty to talk about.

Sincerely yours

SJB/H



DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

BASCOM HALL

1929  
THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  
MADISON

February 2, 1929.

Dear Buck:

I have your reply to my recent request that you undertake the George Rogers Clark appraisal. I must confess your excuse for not doing so is only too watertight. I am glad to have you approve of James, however; I shall write him asking him to do it and put you down for the discussion.

No, I am not chairman of the program committee. My task was wished upon me as chairman of the George Rogers Clark Sesqui-centennial Committee. I shall be glad, however, to pass on your suggestion to Fred Shannon, who is in charge of the program.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur C. Cole

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THE MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL REVIEW  
DETROIT PUBLIC LIBRARY

MANAGING EDITOR

W. W. GRIFFIN  
Allsop.

Columbus, Ohio.

My dear Buck:

I am asking you to review Cole's Stage Coach and Indian Tales for the Review. These are hectic days for me. I leave in a few days for Eugene, Oregon for the summer session and am in the throes of winding up affairs here. Please inform

Miss Bertha M. Josephson, 590 E. Fulton St., Columbus, O. whether you can undertake this review.

I leave for Cleveland after September 1. I am hoping to run an item on the Alvord fund for the December number. Won't you be good enough to prepare a proper statement? Quairf is at my request getting out the September number.

With kindest regards,

Cordially yours,

Arthur C. Cole.

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Cole, A. G.

June 16, 1930

Miss Bertha M. Josephson  
590 E. Fulton St.,  
Columbus, Ohio

My dear Miss Josephson:-

Mr. Cole has asked me to reply to you with reference to his request that I review Cole's State-Coach and Tavern Tales for the Mississippi Valley Historical Review. I have so many things on hand at present that I am obliged regretfully to decline. I would suggest that the book be sent to Oliver W. Holmes, 1788 Bedford Ave., Brooklyn, New York, who has written a Columbia University thesis on state-coach travel and transportation.

Sincerely yours

B/P

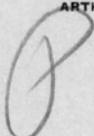
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MANAGING EDITOR  
ARTHUR C. COLE



CLEVELAND, OHIO

Nov. 3, 1930

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

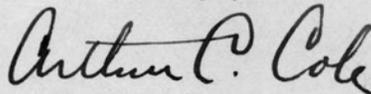
Dear Buck:

I have your statement regarding the work of the society and your report concerning the work of the Alvord Commission. We shall insert the latter in the page proof of the December issue, which is now in an advanced stage of preparation. The work of the society can be given attention in the March number.

In the case of the Alvord report I gave no acknowledgement of your work in preparing this statement merely because it had to be run as one of the notes and comments. In the case of the series of items on the work of various societies, I feel that acknowledgement of authorship ought to be made. I shall be glad to get your suggestions at Boston as to the best way of arranging this. Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

I am asking you under separate cover to do a review although I have not bothered you with similar requests since early summer. Don't hesitate to tell me, however, of your availability for reviewing and of your preferences as to items.

Sincerely yours,



Arthur C. Cole

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November 5, 1930

Dr. Arthur C. Cole, Managing Editor  
Mississippi Valley Historical Review  
Western Reserve University  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Cole:-

I am delighted that you were able to work the statement concerning the Alvord Commission into the December issue of the Review, and I much prefer to have it published without my name.

I was sorry not to be able to undertake the review that you asked me to do, and I shall certainly let you know as soon as I find myself in a position to do reviewing again. The Travel Bibliography and the Joint Committee of the ACLS and the SSRC on materials for research are pressing me very hard.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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THE  
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HISTORICAL REVIEW

ARTHUR C. COLE  
MANAGING EDITOR  
GRADUATE SCHOOL  
WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY

Dear Sir:

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

The Beginnings of Critical Realism in  
America, 1860-1920. By Vernon L. Parrington.

(stressing particularly its references to the agrarian movement and the contributions of the West)

If you consent a copy of the book will be sent to you. The review should reach me by February 15, 1931 to be in season for the June, 1931 number.

Very truly yours,

ARTHUR C. COLE,

Managing Editor.

Bertie C. Josephson  
Ed. Asst.

Apologies for such stringent limitations  
but the Review is pressed for space.



January 12, 1931

Professor Arthur C. Cole  
Graduate School  
Western Reserve University  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Cole:

I cannot resist your request that I review the book by Parrington, especially as you want only a short review. I have been reading the book with much interest and shall be glad to have a personal copy.

Sincerely yours

SJB/S

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MANAGING EDITOR  
ARTHUR C. COLE

CLEVELAND, OHIO

May 22, 1931

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

Dear Buck:

I have just heard from John W. Oliver of the arrangement to bring you on next September to head the new historical survey for western Pennsylvania. I want to take advantage of the opportunity for offering my congratulations. It will be convenient to have you in nearer parts although it will be long before some of us cease to associate you with Minnesota.

My guess is that there are some rather tricky things in the Pittsburgh situation but one can count upon you to steer clear of them. In any event congratulations and best wishes.

Cordially yours,

Arthur C. Cole

ACC:C

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May 26, 1931

Professor Arthur C. Cole  
Graduate School  
Western Reserve University  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Cole:-

Thank you for your congratulations.  
I can only hope that it will turn out  
to be for the best. You might be inter-  
ested in the remark that McMurry is re-  
ported to have made. He said he wondered  
"how the Agrarian Crusader would get on  
in the Mellon patch."

Sincerely yours

B/P

June 10, 1931

Professor Arthur C. Cole  
Western Reserve University  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Cole:-

Congratulations on the June number of the Review. It is very good looking and contains some excellent material. I suppose my position as a member of the Board of Editors gives me license to call your attention to points where I think there might be improvement.

When quotations are set up in smaller type, as on page 4, I don't think there is any good reason for changing the margin, as the distinction between the quotation and the main text is sufficiently made by the change in type. Moreover, it is customary, I think, when the margin is cut in on one side to cut it in on the other also.

In the review section, I note that in some instances, although not always, extra leads are inserted between paragraphs. That seems to me an objectionable practice. If more space is necessary for make up purposes, it can usually be obtained around the headings of the reviews.

In the book notes section, I would suggest that the initials be raised up to the line on which the text ends, unless that is a full line, in which case, of course, they will have to be dropped to the line below. That would result in a less broken page.

I noticed two typographical errors that seriously effect the sense. On page 77, in the first line of the review of the book by Graham, the word "observe" is apparently a misprint for "obscure." On page 99, in the second full paragraph on the page, third line from the bottom, the word "indicated" is probably a misprint for "indicted." Sioussat will probably be surprised to find himself identified with the University of Pittsburgh. (p. 148) It should be "Pennsylvania," of course.

I trust you will not think me a carping critic for calling your attention to these items. Such slips are not uncommon, of course, and I usually find some in my own work after it is in cold type. Some people think that such matters are not worth bothering about, but my own feeling is that although perfection

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is impossible, every reasonable effort should be made to get as near to it as is possible.

You will be interested to know that Blegen has just been elected to succeed me as secretary and superintendent of the Minnesota Historical Society.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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MANAGING EDITOR  
ARTHUR C. COLE

CLEVELAND, OHIO

June 16, 1931

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

Dear Buck:

I want to thank you for your criticisms on the June number of the Review as well as for your favorable comment on the cover.

I am not quite sure as to the best practice for quotations. I rather prefer not to indent the margin to indenting on both sides. I think in this case we were simply continuing Quaife's practice. Your suggestion on the possibility of saving a line in many cases in the book notes section is a very good one. The extra leads in the review section are put in for make up purposes and I think chiefly grow out of impracticability of gaining space around the heads of reviews where these heads come at the turn of the page. As to the typographical errors, the one on page 77 in which "observe" was printed was one corrected in both galley and page proof and was a case of unusual persistence on the part of the printer. The Sioussat mistake should never have got by, of course. I was too familiar with Sioussat's location and Miss Josephson had somehow associated him with Pittsburgh.

Don't hesitate to offer me suggestions or criticisms that come to your mind.

Sincerely yours,

*Arthur C. Cole*

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MANAGING EDITOR  
ARTHUR C. COLE

CLEVELAND, OHIO

Oct. 1, 1931

Dr. Solon J. Buck  
5839 Darlington Road  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Buck:

I take it that you are now well adjusted to your new location at Pittsburgh although there seem to be some university clerks who don't know how to direct your mail to you.

I wonder whether you would care to give me your opinion on the possible publication of an article by Everett S. Brown of the University of Michigan on "Territorial Delegates in Congress." The article which runs to 55 pages is rather long and covers problems that relate to the parliamentary status of territorial delegates in Congress from the beginning down to the present. It is essentially a study in government but the question arises as to whether its relation to the westward movement would justify our trying to fit it into the Review.

If you care to make specific suggestions concerning revision of it I shall be grateful and the author may be. With Best Wishes and the hope that you will run up to Cleveland one of these days.

Very truly yours,

Arthur C. Cole

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Hand. by hand  
S. J. B.

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May 13, 1929.

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

My dear Buck:

Dr. Herbert A. Kellar has suggested that I write to you for an opinion upon the value of the writings of Solon Robinson, especially and particularly with reference to their publication. The situation is this: The Historical Bureau of Indiana, in which state Solon Robinson spent most of his active life, undertook some two years ago the publication of a volume of Solon Robinson's writings, to be edited by Dr. Kellar. As Dr. Kellar's work progressed, he urged the necessity of publishing two volumes, which the Library and Historical Board (the governing body of the Historical Bureau) with some hesitation agreed to.

Dr. Kellar now is quite confident that there will be available material worth publishing written by Solon Robinson while a resident of Indiana more than sufficient to fill three of our standard size volumes.

I am in full sympathy with the determination to publish as many of the writings of Solon Robinson as really ought to be published. And Dr. Kellar's opinion would go a long way with me, even if it were not quite decisive. The members of the Board, however, will need a good deal of persuading before they will see the necessity of three volumes.

I would like, therefore, to have your candid opinion as to whether the importance of Solon Robinson's writings is sufficient to justify the addition of another volume, or a three volume edition of his writings during the period he was in Indiana, to the world's stock of books. If you are in favor of a three volume "Solon Robinson" I would appreciate a letter which I could present to the Board as expert testimony. In any case, please write your letter as a reply to a simple inquiry without any leaning in either direction on the part of the inquirer. Moreover, if you desire, I will regard your letter as confidential and will not quote it either to the Board or to Dr. Kellar.

Very truly yours,

*Christopher B. Coleman*  
Director

CBC-C

May 17, 1929

Dr. C. B. Coleman  
Historical Bureau  
State House  
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Coleman:-

I have been very much interested in Solon Robinson's writings relating to the West and in your plan for publishing them. From what I have seen and heard of this material, I am convinced that it will be of very great value to historical students, and that it would well deserve the three volumes which, you say, Mr. Kellar estimates that it would require.

As you know, historians today are turning more and more to the study of social and economic conditions in the past, and for such study it is difficult to conceive of anything that would be more valuable than these writings of Solon Robinson. It is my feeling, moreover, that in general if a thing is worth publishing at all, it is worth publishing in extenso. I have been tantalized too often by choppy selections of material to have much enthusiasm for that type of publication. That does not mean, of course, that I object to the elimination of duplicate material or items that are obviously of little or no value, but even in such cases I feel that calendar entries for the material should be included in order that the student may know of its existence.

Sincerely yours

B/P

October 24, 1930

Dr. C. B. Coleman  
Indiana Historical Bureau  
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Coleman:

May I have a copy of volume 3 of Constitution Making in Indiana to accompany the two volumes that I already have? It would be much appreciated.

I have just read with great interest your address published in a recent number of the Ohio Archeological and Historical Quarterly. You are quite successful in occupying the middle of the road, which is of course the proper place for an historian.

Sincerely yours

SJB/GH

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# Historical Bureau

STATE HOUSE  
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October 28, 1930.

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

Dear Buck: -

I am mailing you a copy of Volume III of Constitution Making in Indiana.

As to my speech at Columbus on Rediscovering the Old Northwest, your letter was the first notice I have had that it had been published. My copy of the Ohio Archaeological and Historical Quarterly seems to have been delayed or missent. In reply to your animadversions to my occupying the middle of the road, I can only say that in Indiana and Ohio, that seems to be the only place where there is plenty of room. I trust that my references to Minnesota are both truthful and inoffensive.

Very truly yours,

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October 31, 1930

Dr. C. B. Coleman  
Historical Bureau  
State House  
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Coleman:-

Thank you very much for volume 3 of Constitution Making in Indiana.

I trust your copy of the Ohio Archaeological and Historical Quarterly will reach you. It is a wonderful piece of editing and your paper struck me as an oasis in the desert. It seems to me that the Ohio people are stirring around mightily without getting anywhere but doubtless they will ultimately arrive.

I certainly saw nothing offensive in your reference to Minnesota, and my recollection is that it was quite truthful.

Are we going to have a meeting of our Committee on Endowment during the AHA meeting in Boston?

Sincerely yours

B/P

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CLARENCE WALWORTH ALVORD MEMORIAL COMMISSION  
of the  
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

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*Solomon*

SOLON J. BUCK, Chairman  
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334 State House, Indianapolis  
11-15-30

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

My dear Buck;

I have had cancellation and dedication of places on the program of the Conference of Historical Societies and am using the last of this stationery in trying a new tack. What do you think of discussing the question "How far can State Historical Societies coordinate the work of colleges and universities in local history?" or "The State Historical Society as a medium or clearing house for historical departments of colleges and universities."

There are three considerations that appeal to me. (1) In many states the relation between historical societies and educational institutions throughout the state is not very close. (2) Cooperative work on local history might be developed. (3) Students leaving colleges and universities might be started on historical interests which would be continued thereafter even if they did not go into the historical profession. If it appeals to you, and you are not already too tied up with other parts of the program

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I would like to put you down for a 20 minute paper on this or some allied topic. In any case I would welcome suggestions of other men who might join in the discussion.

CLARENCE WALWORTH ALVORD FUND PUBLICATIONS

A Project for the Publication of Source Material for the History of the Mississippi Valley

Very truly yours  
Christopher S. Lederman

Despite the publishing activities of state and local historical agencies, a large amount of source material of outstanding importance for the history of the Mississippi Valley remains unpublished. Such of this as relates primarily to specific states will ultimately be published in large part by these agencies, and some of it will be brought out by the federal government or other national agencies; but much of the material is of regional rather than local interest and can be handled adequately only on a regional basis.

The Mississippi Valley Historical Association is the logical organization to promote the publication of this regional material. At the first annual meeting of the association in 1908, Professor Clarence W. Alvord proposed the publication of a "Mississippi Valley Historical Series" and was made chairman of a committee on the publication of collections. He worked out several plans for financing such a series and assembled and partially edited the material for a volume of reprints of rare pamphlets concerning proposed western colonies in the British period; but the lack of funds for editorial assistance, the establishment of the *Mississippi Valley Historical Review*, for which he was responsible, and the war-time disturbance of financial conditions prevented him from carrying through the project. He never lost interest in it, however, and on September 29, 1924, he wrote: "I think that the sooner the M. V. H. A. can start publishing collections of sources, the better. . . . The Association can publish much material that would not be brought out by local or state societies. . . . As you know my ambition has long been to start just such a series."

The outstanding importance of the work of Clarence W. Alvord on the history of the West and the value of the services that he rendered to the M. V. H. A. and through it to the cause of history are generally recognized by scholars. What more fitting memorial of the man and his contribution could be devised than the carrying out under the auspices of this association of the plan that he so ardently cherished — the publication of a carefully planned and well-edited series of volumes under the designation of CLARENCE WALWORTH ALVORD FUND PUBLICATIONS?

It is proposed therefore to raise a fund of \$10,000 or more to be used as a revolving fund for promoting such a series of publications, and it is confidently believed that with such a fund the series can be kept going indefinitely. The fund will be administered by a commission, appointed by the executive committee of the association, which will plan the series and select an editor-in-chief. State and local agencies will be asked to cooperate in the assembling of material and scholars will be expected to serve as editors without compensation but with funds for assistance in routine work. Libraries and individuals will be asked to enroll as subscribers for the series, with the understanding that the total cost in any year shall not exceed a fixed sum; and the price and edition of each volume will be so adjusted with reference to advance subscriptions as to insure the maintenance of the fund.

The first volume of the series should obviously be the one that was partially edited by Alvord himself; and this could be followed by volumes of documents on the French régime in the valley, British administration of the West, exploration, the advance of settlement across the mountains, the West in the Revolution, transportation problems, the fur trade, and so on. The available material of importance and interest seems almost unlimited and more will become available in the course of time.

Subscriptions to the fund and to the projected publications are solicited by the Clarence Walworth Alvord Memorial Commission of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association. Either or both may be made on the form printed below.

Subscription Blank

.....1929

I hereby subscribe the amount indicated below as my contribution to the Alvord Publication Fund of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association.

AMOUNT SUBSCRIBED \$.....

METHOD OF PAYMENT

Name .....

In full herewith

Address .....

In two equal installments on November 1, 1929, and June 1, 1930

I hereby subscribe to the Clarence Walworth Alvord Fund *Publications* of the M. V. H. A., with the understanding that each volume will be paid for on receipt, that the total cost will not exceed ten dollars in any one year, and that this subscription may be cancelled on six months' notice.

Name .....

Address .....

Copies of the publications will be sent without charge to all who contribute \$250 or more to the fund. Checks should be made payable to the Mississippi Valley Historical Association. Checks and subscriptions may be addressed to any member of the commission or to the chairman, Solon J. Buck, Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul.

Minnesota Historical Society  
St. Paul, November 17, 1930

Dr. Christopher B. Coleman  
Historical Bureau  
State House  
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Coleman:-

I think your suggestion of a subject for the Conference of Historical Societies has possibilities, though it might be well to broaden it out to cover the whole field of cooperation between historical societies and colleges or universities. The Mississippi Valley Historical Association used to have a special committee on this subject, if I remember correctly. The elements of the situation are so different in different states that it is hardly possible to lay down any general principles except of the vaguest sort such as that there ought to be cooperation. In Minnesota the University and the State Society dominate the situation, and work in closest harmony. A new development of considerable interest here, however, is an American History Conference, composed of people engaged in advanced research work in American history and holding three dinner meetings a year. This brings together members of the history department of the University, and the smaller colleges and normal schools, and also of the research staff of the Historical Society. Partly as an outgrowth of this conference, a survey is now being made of materials for research in American history available in the Twin Cities and vicinity.

I am much too busy to undertake to prepare a paper for the Conference, but I shall be glad to take part in the discussion, and I might be able to contribute some ideas drawn from the work of the Joint Committee on Materials for Research of the ACLS and the SSRC.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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# Historical Bureau

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

Dear Dr. Buck: -

Many thanks for the copy of the letter from Secretary Stinson to Governor Olsen. It is in line with the rumor I have heard that Clarence C. Carter has been approached. I have not heard of any definite offer however.

As it happens I had not heard of your prospective translation to Pittsburgh. If you are to be in charge of the combination affected by the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania and the Buhl Foundation of the University you will be a regular historical magnate. I am curious to know details. Even without much definite information, I am certain that it must be a great opportunity and I want to congratulate you on the move. I don't know what the various historical agencies in the Northern Mississippi Valley will do, but I suppose we can establish new affiliations with the Upper Ohio.

With best wishes, I remain,

Very truly yours,

*Christopher B. Coleman*

CBC:CH

June 8, 1931

Dr. C. B. Coleman  
Historical Bureau  
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Coleman:-

Yes, I am to be director of the research project financed by the Buhl Foundation. In addition I am to be professor of history in the University of Pittsburgh, teaching not more than one course, and to have general supervision over the activities of the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania. It looks as if I were exchanging two jobs for three, but I hope to have more time for research and the direction of research than I have had here.

I am delighted to learn that there is a possibility that Carter may be secured to edit the Territorial Papers. I consider him one of the very best historical editors in the country.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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# Historical Bureau

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DR. WILLIAM P. DEARING

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

My dear Buck: -

Thanks for "The Story of the Grand Portage" which I have received and read with interest, though the Portage is a little out of my regular line of travel. If I were teaching I would like to use it as a model for literary, geographical, and historical research.

Very truly yours,

*Christopher B. Coleman*

CBC:CH

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January 13, 1932

Dr. Charles B. Coleman,  
Indiana Historical Bureau,  
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Dear Coleman:-

In accordance with your request, I am sending you herewith the article by Livingstone Porter based on a German travel account. I read the article with much interest and think it might be worth publishing in some of your Indiana publications. I found that we had the item in my travel bibliography, entered under the title and derived from Sabin's Dictionary, where it appears as #7924. We had not succeeded in locating any copy, however.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

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January 16, 1933

Miss Margaret Morgan,  
Appointments Office,  
Columbia University,  
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Miss Morgan:

Mr. Buck is out of the city at present and your inquiry about Mr. Carlton Qualey will be called to his attention upon his return early next week.

Very truly yours,

Franklin F. Holbrook

FPH:AM

October 17, 1930

Prof. Henry S. Commager  
New York University  
New York City

Dear Mr. Commager:

Thank you very much for having a copy of The Growth of the American Republic sent to me. I have read the first chapter and am favorably impressed with the way the work starts off. I hope to read the rest of it in the near future. As you doubtless know, I do not teach the general course in American history here, but I shall be glad to call the work to the attention of the members of the department who do.

Sincerely yours

SJB/H

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Dr. Solon J. Buck

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University of Minn.  
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We understand you are familiar with the reputation, scholarship and teaching ability of  
.....  
Mr. Archie Conliffe  
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We will appreciate your answering the following questions as fully as your knowledge  
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What can you say of his personality?.....

What can you say of his moral and religious character? .....

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Official Position.....

*Not answered*

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Connelley, William E.

**Regarding**

**Date** Jan. 7, 1929  
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File cross reference form under name or subject at top of the sheet and by the latest date of papers. Describe matter for identification purposes. The papers themselves should be filed under the name or subject after "See."



Conway, Margaret I.

Sent to Rocky Mt. Teachers Agency  
410 U. S. National Bank Bldg.  
Denver, Colorado

My acquaintance with Miss Conway is very slight and all that I can say about her is that she is a good student and has a prepossessing personal appearance. She has taken some graduate work in history with me at the University of Minnesota.

May 14, 1930

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University of Minnesota  
Bureau of Recommendations

June 23, 1930

Margaret Conway

Miss Conway did very good work in my courses, and I take pleasure in testifying to the excellence of her scholarship. My acquaintance with her is not very extensive, but she seems to have an attractive personality, and I should expect her to be successful as a teacher. Her master's thesis indicated unusual ability for independent scholarship, was remarkably well organized, and was written in an excellent literary style. Miss Conway is quiet and a little shy, but I do not believe that this would interfere with her success as a teacher.

August 1, 1930

Professor of History

P.  
Conway

67 Barton Ave., S. E.  
August 5, 1930

President F. C. Wilcox  
Francis Shimer School  
Mt. Carroll, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Miss Margaret Conway, who was a student of mine in graduate courses last year, informs me that she is applying for a position in your school. She did very good work in my course on the history of the West and convinced me of the high quality of her scholarship. I also served on the committee to read her master's thesis, which dealt with Canada in the American Revolution, and I found it one of the best written master's theses that it has ever been my privilege to read.

My acquaintance with her is not very extensive, but she impresses me as having a pleasing personality and I should expect her to make good in a teaching position.

Very truly yours

SJB/H

1430 Rand Tower,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

April 1, 1932.

TO THE CONTRIBUTORS TO THE GRAND PORTAGE COMMEMORATION FUND:

The Committee appointed by the Historical Society of Cook County, Minnesota, to finance the exercises at Grand Portage last August, together with its other commemoration projects, begs leave to submit the enclosed financial report. This report has been delayed by the negotiations still pending with the Indian Department to acquire the site of Fort Charlotte on the Pigeon River, for which the sum of \$300.00 to \$400.00 was set aside in the original budget estimates. The report shows, as you will note, a balance of \$458.06 on hand, which it is proposed to retain for this purchase or some substantially similar purpose. It is hoped that the purchase may be consummated in the near future. The report does not cover of course the cost of the dock which was a gift to Grand Portage from William Hunt Andrews (deceased in 1916) through his sister.

Thanking you for your contribution and believing that the expenditures were fully justified by the notable success of the occasion,

Very truly yours,

  
E. C. GALE  
Chairman.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE GRAND PORTAGE COMMEMORATION FUND  
April 1st, 1932.

Receipts

Contributions:

Quota received by the Duluth Branch of the State Finance Committee	\$408.55	
Quota received by the St. Paul Branch of the State Finance Committee	223.00	
Quota received by the Minneapolis Branch of the State Finance Committee	<u>821.00</u>	\$1452.55
Sale of Booklets, "THE STORY OF THE GRAND PORTAGE"	58.00	58.00
Interest - First Minneapolis Trust Co.	<u>8.53</u>	<u>8.53</u>
Total Receipts -		<u>\$1519.08</u>

Disbursements

Expense of conducting the Campaign for Funds -		
By the Duluth Branch of the State Finance Committee for printing, postage, etc.	\$ 18.55	
By the St. Paul Branch of the State Finance Committee	<u>23.25</u>	41.80
The printing of 1000 copies of the Booklet, "THE STORY OF THE GRAND PORTAGE", by Dr. S. J. Buck, with envelopes for mailing	<u>119.00</u>	119.00
General expenses of Meeting held at Grand Portage, Aug. 22, 1931		
Printing of Programs, etc.	73.65	
Traveling expenses of the two principal Speakers, Mr. L. J. Burpee of Ottawa, Canada, and Mr. O. G. Libby of Grand Forks, N. D.	204.90	
Rental of amplifier	50.80	
Miscellaneous - Flags for decoration, and use of truck for transporting seats	<u>6.50</u>	385.85
The Grand Portage Museum Building:		
Purchase of an historic log-cabin belonging to Sam Crawford (This building was re-modelled to form the museum.)	100.00	
Purchase of an old log-house, the former home of Chief Nahbahgahdoway (Logs and other material from this disused cabin were employed in the re-modelling of the museum building.)	50.00	
New material for museum building	166.02	
Labor in re-modelling building for museum	<u>224.60</u>	540.62
Insurance of \$500.00 on Museum Building for 3 years	<u>23.75</u>	23.75
BALANCE ON HAND - April 1, 1932 -		<u>458.06</u>
		<u>\$1519.08</u>

Respectfully submitted,

*Frances E. Andrews*  
(Miss) Frances E. Andrews, Treasurer.

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March 21, 1939

Professor E. Merton Coulter  
University of Georgia  
Athens, Georgia

Dear Coulter:-

I have just learned that you are chairman of the committee on nominations for the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, and I am going to take the liberty of making a suggestion. It is that Dr. Louise P. Kellogg of the Wisconsin Historical Society be nominated for president of the association. I have felt ever since the publication of her book on the French Regime that she is amply entitled to the recognition. She has also, as you know, attended meetings regularly and given freely of her services to the affairs of the association. But for the fact that she is a woman, I suspect that she would have been chosen to the position before this, and I hope that the association will be broadminded enough to elect her anyway.

While I am not very keen about the amount of travel involved, I am looking forward to the meeting at Chattanooga. I trust that the South will produce a large attendance, for I fear that the number that will go from this section of the country will be rather small.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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MAR 28 1930

THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS  
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY  
AUSTIN

March 26, 1930.

Dear Buck:-

I am particularly glad to have your letter, for your suggestion as to the nomination of a president for the Mississippi Valley Historical Association adds confirmation to the feeling we had when we made the nomination of Dr. Kellogg. I too felt that she deserved the honor and that now would be a good time to nominate a woman. I hope our selection will appeal equally to the other members of the Association.

Texas will swell the throng slightly at Chattanooga; I hope the rest of the South, which is nearer, will do better.

Sincerely yours,

*Em Coulter*

NOV 13 1931

853 Rebecca Avenue  
Wilkinsburg, Pa.  
Nov. 10, 1931.

Dr. J. Solow Buck  
University of Pittsburgh  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Sir:-

I wish to withdraw from  
the History Course, Number 311.

Kindly consider my name  
as withdrawn.

Very truly,  
J. Frances Coulter.

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NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS  
EVANSTON, ILLINOIS

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

March 18, 1929

Professor S. J. Buck  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Buck:

I am making application to the Social Science Research Council for a grant-in-aid. The proposition is one in which I think you also might be interested and perhaps you will be good enough to write in favor of the application. The matter in brief is this:

I am asking for an appropriation to pay for one or more student assistants who are to be employed in preparing a bibliography of Trans-Allegheny history. I propose to cover the period between 1760 and 1820 in some detail and to arrange items under a classified outline. What I wish to do first is to locate in various repositories the documentary material and early newspapers. Later if the work is continued one can go more completely into details. But the present purpose is to make a survey of the field during the coming year when I hope to have one or more graduate students of sufficient training to carry on the task. I shall of course supervise the work and give the benefit of my own experience, notes, etc. While the work is going on it will be possible to distribute in mimeography form some of the results and when the work is completed perhaps we can find a publisher for it. During the progress of the work I should hope occasionally to consult with you and others who are interested in this field.

Such is the inadequate outline of the scheme and if you feel that you can support it, <sup>please</sup> write a letter to the Social Science Research Council, 50 East 42nd Street, New York City. I will greatly appreciate your cooperation. / 3

Very sincerely yours,

*J. Fox*

Professor of History

C/B

March 23, 1929

Professor I. J. Cox  
Department of History  
Northwestern University  
Evanston, Illinois

Dear Cox:-

*Endorse* } Your project for a bibliography of Trans-Allegheny history from 1760 to 1820 interests me very much, and I am very glad indeed to ~~advance~~ it. I am wondering, however, if it would not be desirable to make it a co-operative project to some extent. It seems to me that there must be quite a number of students who could and would supply data from their notes that would be pertinent for such a project.

Might it not be worth while to have a committee of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association appointed to cooperate with you?

Sincerely yours

B/P

Copy to SSRC incl. ✓

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS  
EVANSTON, ILLINOIS

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April 10, 1929

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

My dear Buck:

Thank you very much for writing to the Social Science Research Council. The members of that group turned me down, however, on what I think is more or less of a pretext, but there is nothing to do but accept the decision I suppose. The suggestion you make about cooperative effort is worth while. I wonder if you plan to be at Vincennes; if so we might have a conference in which a few of those interested could be brought together. We shall probably have a full program there and I can't stay on Saturday, but we may be able to get together at some luncheon or dinner for an informal discussion of a possible cooperative effort.

With best wishes, believe me

Very sincerely yours,

*J. Flex*

Professor of History

C/B

April 12, 1929

Professor I. J. Cox  
Northwestern University  
Evanston, Illinois

Dear Cox:-

I am sorry to learn that the Social Science Research Council is unwilling to support the bibliography project. It seems to me that a group discussion of the matter at the Vincennes meeting would be well worth while, and I would suggest that you arrange for a conference at breakfast on Friday.

Are you planning to attend the Conference on Western History at the University of Colorado in June? Perhaps a discussion of your project or of bibliographical needs and possibilities in general could be arranged in connection with that Conference. Willard of Colorado is in charge of it, as you doubtless know.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

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

My dear Buck:

Dunbar Rowland writes me that he would like to have the 1932 meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association at Jackson, Mississippi. I think it would be helpful to them, and at the same time enjoyable to the Association. I wish to second his request, and to say that a group of us spent three very enjoyable days in Jackson during the Christmas vacation. For one who knew the city twenty years ago, it is surprising what progress has been made since that date. They have adequate and comfortable hotel accommodation, and there is enough of interest in the vicinity to meet all demands for excursions, etc., and enough of technical equipment about Rowland's department to interest many of the specialists. I feel that we can consider Jackson with favor.

Trusting all is going well with you, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

*I. J. C.*

Chairman, History Department

IJC\*FG

I believe I pledged \$10.00 more towards the Howard fund. I enclose the check. Just heard yesterday you were in Chicago; sorry you did not get out to see us. *I. J. C.*

March 24, 1931

Professor I. J. Cox  
Northwestern University  
Evanston, Illinois

My dear Mr. Cox:-

As Mr. Buck is still in the East, I want to acknowledge the receipt of and to thank you for the check for ten dollars for the Alford Fund which you enclosed in your letter of the eighteenth which just arrived this morning. I am sure that he will appreciate receiving this very much.

Mr. Buck will write you after his return regarding the matter of the meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association.

Very truly yours

Secretary to Mr. Buck

March 31, 1931

Professor I. J. Cox, Chairman  
History Department  
Northwestern University  
Evanston, Illinois

Dear Cox:-

Yes, I was in Chicago a week ago last Thursday on my way to Pittsburgh to deliver an address, but I was very busy interviewing librarians with reference to the American Travel Bibliography and some of the projects of the Joint Committee on Materials for Research of the ACLS and the SSRC. As a matter of fact, I would hardly have dared to go out to Northwestern anyway, for fear of giving the impression that I was looking for a job. This is apropos of several interesting rumors that reached me last spring to the effect that I was likely to receive an offer from Northwestern. I gave them the amount of credence that one usually gives to rumors, of course.

It is my understanding that the 1933 meeting of the MVHA is already scheduled for Lincoln, Nebraska; at least so Mrs. Paine has written to the St. Paul Association. The said Association wants me to try to get the MVHA to meet here in 1933, but I haven't decided what to do about it as yet. I should like very much to go to Jackson for a meeting some time, and it ought to be soon for Dunbar Rowland probably won't live many more years. On the other hand, no meeting has been held in the northern part of the Valley for several years. I think it would be very desirable to have a meeting in Pittsburgh some time. As a matter of fact I am no longer a member of the executive committee and so have nothing to say about the matter, but it does no harm to speculate and express opinions, I suppose.

Thank you very much for your check for ten dollars, which completes your contribution to the Alvord Fund. It is much appreciated.

Sincerely yours

B/P

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
ANN ARBOR

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HISTORY DEPARTMENT

November 30, 1932

Professor S. J. Buck  
Western Pennsylvania State Historical Society  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Professor Buck:

The Trustees of Columbia University have appointed a committee on the award of the Loubat Prizes, of one thousand dollars and four hundred dollars, at Commencement, 1933, for the best works published in English on the history, geography, archaeology, ethnology, philology, or numismatics, of North America. To be eligible books must have been published between January 1, 1928, and January 1, 1933. The Committee originally consisted of Isaiah Bowman, Chairman, Arthur M. Schlesinger, and Carl Russell Fish. I have recently taken the place left vacant by the death of Professor Fish.

Professor Schlesinger and I have canvassed the historical works published in that period and have drawn up a tentative list for consideration; this list is enclosed herein. We will be greatly aided in our selections if you will consent to give careful consideration to the books on this list, and send me your opinions of their relative merits. You may add, if you are so inclined, other titles which we have omitted.

Sincerely yours,

*Verner W. Crane*

Verner W. Crane

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1928

- F.A. Shannon, The Organization and Administration of the Union Army  
G.M. Wrong, Rise and Fall of New France

1929

- C.H. Van Tyne, The War of Independence  
U.B. Phillips, Life and Labor in the Old South  
E.S. Osgood, The Day of the Cattleman  
F.L. Mott, History of American Magazines, 1741-1850

1930

- H.A. Innis, The Fur Trade in Canada  
R.B. Morris, Studies in the History of American Law

1931

- J.D. Hicks, The Populist Revolt  
F. Bancroft, Slave Trading in the Old South  
T.C. Blegen, Norwegian Migration to America, 1825-60  
Walter Millis, The Martial Spirit  
H.U. Faulkner, The Quest for Social Justice  
W.P. Webb, The Great Plains

1932

- Paullin-Wright, Historical Geography of the United States

December 5, 1932

Professor Verner W. Crane,  
History Department,  
University of Michigan,  
Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Dear Mr. Crane:

With reference to the list of books that accompanied your letter of November 30, I assume that you do not expect me to express an opinion concerning the books that I have not read. I find it very difficult to make up my mind as to the relative merits of several of the books that I have read but I have finally decided to arrange them as follows.

- (1) Elegen, Norwegian Migration. A distinctive feature of this book seems to me to be the fact that it combines a study of the European background of a movement with its development in America.
- (2) Hicks, The Populist Revolt. This will undoubtedly be the standard work on the subject for many years to come.
- (3) Osgood, The Day of the Cattleman.
- (4) Phillips, Life and Labor in the Old South.
- (5) Faulkner, The Quest for Social Justice. I recognize the value of this work but it does not seem to me that it is quite the sort of a study to which the prize should be given.
- (6) Wrong, Rise and Fall of New France. I am unable to see that this book makes any significant contribution.

Of the books that I have not read in full I might perhaps comment on two. I have read one chapter of Webb's The Great Plains, which was published in advance, and from that I am inclined to think that the book should rank with the first three listed above. I have examined the maps in the Historical Geography but have not had time as yet to read much of the text. It is undoubtedly a work of very great value but it does not seem to me that it is the sort of a work to which the Loubat prize should be given. In the first place, it is the work of an institution rather than of an individual on his own initiative; and, in the second place, its value is primarily as an aid to teaching and research, although, of course, a great deal of research went into it.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

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UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
ANN ARBOR

HISTORY DEPARTMENT

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December 7, 1932

Dr. Solon J. Buck  
The Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey  
Historical Building  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Buck:

Thank you very much for your careful weighing of the list of books which I submitted to you, and for your comments. I am sure that they will be very helpful to the Committee.

Yours sincerely,

*Verner W. Crane*

Verner W. Crane

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The University of Chicago

Department of History

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March 4, 1930

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

Dear Professor Buck:

You are probably aware of the fact that Mr. Milo M. Quaife has resigned as editor of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review, to take effect with the June issue, and that a new editor must be found to take charge at once if the Review does not suffer serious injury. The committee from the executive council desires your co-operation in its effort to solve the problem and is asking you to canvass the situation in your own institution in order to ascertain whether or not the administration would be willing to undertake the responsibility of furnishing the usual editorial staff.

Under the present arrangement the Detroit Public Library has not only donated the services of Mr. Quaife as editor but also such additional clerical and editorial help as has been found necessary. The Association has paid only the printer's bills and furnished postage and stationery for the editor. This has been a generous arrangement and has enabled the Review to continue its high standards and make certain recognized improvements. The committee hopes that some other institution may be found which is willing to continue this arrangement by furnishing an editor of recognized ability together with editorial assistance.

Would you be so kind as to take this matter up at once with your department and the administration and to report to us what might be done at your institution in the way of taking over the Review? The time is short and we would appreciate quick action. We feel that there is considerable prestige that goes with the editorship of the Review and that your institution should give the proposition careful consideration. To you as a historian and fellow member of the Association we make this appeal in the interests of the organization.

This letter is being sent to the following universities: Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, Illinois, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Northwestern, Western Reserve, and Pittsburgh; also to the State Historical Societies of Illinois, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Minnesota. The committee will welcome suggestion of others to whom it should be addressed.

Yours very truly,

*Avary D. Crown*

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March 8, 1930

Professor Avery O. Craven  
University of Chicago  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Craven:-

Your letter of March 4 with reference to the Mississippi Valley Historical Review being addressed to Minneapolis, was delivered to me at the University, and, as I did not notice the words "Minnesota Historical Society" in the salutation, I took the matter up first from the point of view of the University and consulted with Ford and Shippee. Probably another letter was addressed to one or the other of them, but, if so, it had not been received at that time. Ford seemed to be slightly interested in the possibilities at the University, but Shippee and I cannot see anyone who would be available;; neither of us would consider it and there is no one else in the department sufficiently well known in the Association to justify his selection.

So far as the Minnesota Historical Society is concerned, my report will have to be negative also. Both Blegen and I already have all the editorial work that we can handle. I believe, moreover, that it would be a serious mistake to tie up the Review with any institution that is primarily interested in the history of a single state.

I note that you did not include Chicago among the universities mentioned in your letter. I hope that does not mean that the matter is not being considered by Chicago. As I have already told you, I believe very strongly that the best solution of the problem would be for the University of Chicago to take on the Review with yourself as the editor.

I am wondering also why you left all the southern institutions out of your list, especially the University of Texas and Washington University at St. Louis.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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Professor Solon J. Buck,  
67 Barton Avenue, S. E.,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

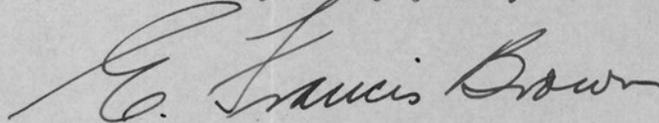
My dear Professor Buck:

I am writing to ask if you would be interested in reviewing for us John D. Hicks' The Populist Revolt. We would be very much pleased if you could write for us a review of about 800 words. For our December issue the manuscript should be in our hands by November 4, but you may have more time if it would be more convenient.

Our reviews aim to be both informative and critical--addressed to the general reader of history rather than to the professional historian. We like to have the review tell what the book contains and estimate the book's value.

If you care to undertake this review I will send you a copy of the book as soon as I hear from you.

Very truly yours,



E. Francis Brown  
Associate Editor.

#5839 Darlington Road,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

October 15, 1931.

Mr. E. Francis Brown,  
Current History Magazine,  
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Brown:-

Your letter of October 8th,  
addressed to me in Minneapolis, has been for-  
warded to me here.

I am very busy at present getting  
settled in Pittsburgh and organizing a new  
project so that it would not be possible for  
me to review John D. Hicks' "The Populist Revolt"  
by November 4. Since you say I may have more  
time, however, I will be glad to undertake it  
and I believe I will be able to get the review  
in in time for your January issue.

The book should be sent to my  
home address, #5839 Darlington Road, Pittsburgh.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck.

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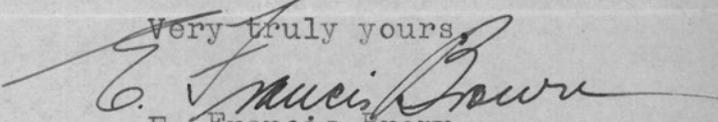
April 14, 1932.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,  
5839 Darlington Road,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dear Dr. Buck:

Some time ago I sent you for review John D. Hicks' The Populist Revolt, but I have no record of the review's having been received in our office. If it has gone astray in the mails, perhaps you can send me a carbon copy. But if you have been unable to find the time necessary for writing the review, I wonder if it would be convenient for you to let us have it within the next couple of weeks so that the review may appear in our June issue.

Very truly yours,

  
E. Francis Brown  
Associate Editor.

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April 18, 1932

Mr. E. Francis Brown, Associate Editor,  
Current History Magazine,  
Times Annex, Times Square,  
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Brown:-

I owe you a very humble apology for my delinquency in the matter of the review of John D. Hicks' The Populist Revolt. Circumstances made it impossible for me to prepare the review in the time originally specified, and by the time I was in a position to write it, it was so long overdue that I assumed that you would not want it.

I appreciate very much the consideration that you show me in your letter of April 14, and I will make every effort to get the review off to you before the end of this week.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Back

SJB:AM

April 25, 1932

Mr. E. Francis Brown, Associate Editor,

Current History Magazine,

Times Square, New York City, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Brown:-

Herewith I am sending you the  
review of John D. Hicks' The Populist Revolt.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

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