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AMERICAN COUNCIL OF LEARNED SOCIETIES

DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY

ALLEN JOHNSON EDITOR

602 HILL BUILDING 17TH STREET WASHINGTON D.C.

February 7, 1929.

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

Dear Sir:

Will you contribute the following articles to the Dictionary of American Biography?

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Date due</u>	<u>Fee</u>
<i>done</i> Samuel B. Green (1858-1910) Minn. Horticulturist and Educator	600	June 1, 1929	\$12.00
John Albert Johnson (1861-1909) Governor; journalist; lecturer	<del>800</del> 1000	Sept. 1, 1929	\$16.00
Kelley, Oliver Hudson (1826-1913) Founder <u>Patrons of Husbandry</u> ; writer	<del>800</del> 600	" " "	\$16.00

*James K. Hosmer.* 600

The two articles which have just come are most welcome. That on Goodhue is particularly good - entertaining and informing as well. I hope you will undertake these three new articles.

Acceptance of any article and payment for it will vest all rights to it in the American Council of Learned Societies for publication or otherwise.

Very truly yours,

*Allen Johnson*

DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY

DEAR SIR:

Inclosed please find a check for \$ 28.00 for your article on

James M. Goodhue 12.00

Lucius F. Hubbard 16.00

Very truly yours,

ALLEN JOHNSON,

*Editor.*

February 13, 1929

Dr. Allen Johnson  
Dictionary of American Biography  
602 Hill Building, 17 St.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Johnson:-

I am glad that my articles on Goodhue and Hubbard are satisfactory, and I will undertake to do the other three articles as indicated on the enclosed slips. I am wondering, however, if you would consider reducing the article on Kelley from eight hundred to six hundred words, and adding two hundred words to the one on Johnson. Kelley was of no importance except for his connection with the Grange, while Johnson was an outstanding governor of Minnesota, and, just before his death, was much talked of as a possible candidate for the presidency.

There have been of deaths of notable people in Minnesota during the last two years, and I wonder if you would care to have me send you a list of such of these people as seem to me worthy of inclusion in the Dictionary.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY

ALLEN JOHNSON EDITOR

602 HILL BUILDING 17TH STREET WASHINGTON D.C.

February 16, 1929.

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

I am glad to know that you will do the additional articles for the Dictionary. I have no objection to your readjustment of space, though I have an impression that Kelley had a good deal of importance in the history of the Grange. I leave this, however, to your judgment.

I shall be very glad, indeed, to have you send me a list of persons who have recently died in Minnesota. The more we can get of such lists, the better. Thank you very much for your help.

Sincerely yours,

Allen Johnson

Charles E

Handman

Martin McLeod

Wm. J. Dunning

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May 27, 1929

Dr. Allen Johnson  
Dictionary of American Biography  
602 Hill Bldg., 17th Street  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Herewith I am sending you the sketch of Samuel B. Green, which is due June 1. ✓

Among Minnesota people whose deaths have occurred recently are the following who seem to me to be worthy of inclusion in the Dictionary: Judge Walter H. Sanborn; Herschel V. Jones, owner of the Minneapolis Journal; Gideon S. Ives, former lieutenant governor; Thomas B. Walker, lumberman and art patron; William Henry Eustis, philanthropist; James K. Hosmer, librarian and historian; Samuel B. Harding, historian; Halvor Steenerson, congressman; and Alfred Merritt, early mining promoter. If any of these are not in your list I should be glad to supply further information about them to serve as a basis for your decision. I should also be glad to suggest writers for any of the sketches if you care to have me do so. Some of them, as for example Herschel V. Jones, have been the subject of sketches prepared for our magazine.

I wonder if Charles E. Flandrau, Martin McLeod, and William J. Snelling are in your list. The first two were notable Minnesota pioneer statesmen. Snelling lived among the Indians in Minnesota for a while and later acquired a literary reputation in the East. An instructor in English at the University of Minnesota has done a Columbia master's thesis on Snelling.

Sincerely yours

SJB/H

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DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY

DEAR SIR:

Inclosed please find a check for \$ 12.00 for your article on

Samuel B. Green

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Very truly yours,

ALLEN JOHNSON,

*Editor.*

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DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY

ALLEN JOHNSON EDITOR

602 HILL BUILDING 17TH STREET WASHINGTON D.C.

May 31, 1929.

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

Dear Sir:

Will you contribute the following articles to the Dictionary of  
American Biography?

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Date due</u>	<u>Fee</u>
James Kendall Hosmer (1834-1927) Author; librarian, historian	700	Sept. 1, 1929	\$14.00

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it in the American Council of Learned Societies for publication or otherwise.

Very truly yours,

*Allen Johnson*

JUN 3 1929

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ALLEN JOHNSON EDITOR

602 HILL BUILDING 17TH STREET WASHINGTON D.C.

May 31, 1929.

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

All the names suggested in your kind letter of May 27 are in our files except:

Gideon S. Ives  
Halvor Steenerson  
Alfred Merritt

William Henry Eustis  
Martin McLeod  
Samuel B. Harding

We had some difficulty in deciding which of the three Merritt brothers deserved to have a notice in the Dictionary. It seemed to us that an article on Cassius C. Merritt, as the most prominent, could contain references to his two brothers. I can find no good reason for including William Henry Eustis, Halvor Steenerson, and Samuel B. Harding in the Dictionary. I can find nothing about Gideon S. Ives and Martin McLeod, neither of whom is mentioned in Who's Who.

Through some error in our office, it would seem that James K. Hosmer has never been assigned to you, though I certainly intended to ask you to do an article on him. May I ask you, then, to add it to your list?

Please feel free to make suggestions at any time, and inform me if you have information about any of these men which would lead me to alter my decision.

Thank you for the article on Samuel B. Green which is quite adequate.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. John McLaughlin

Allen Johnson

July 2, 1929

Dr. Allen Johnson  
602 Hill Building, 17th St.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Johnson:-

Before replying to your letter of May 31, I wanted to get some more information about some of the people under consideration, and I have been away so much during June that this is the first opportunity I have had to attend to it. I am inclined to think that there is no sufficient reason for including Gideon S. Ives so I will not bother you further about him. With reference to Martin McLeod, however, I am sending you herewith an abstract of a paper read by Professor Ritchie of Macalester College at our recent summer meeting. He represents an interesting type of pioneer, but you may not think him important enough for inclusion.

More notable than McLeod among our pioneers and one who in my opinion certainly should be included, if possible, is Joseph R. Brown, and I am sending you also an abstract of a paper on him by Mr. Chatelain of our staff. It may be that Brown is already in; of, if not, I fear that the volume in which he belongs is too far along for his inclusion.

If the person to whom Dr. John McLaughlin has been or may be assigned will get in touch with Dr. Grace L. Nute of our staff, she can supply him with interesting information about McLaughlin's early career in this region before he went out to the Oregon country. Miss Nute is abroad now, but will be back by the end of September.

I find that the writing of the short biographies is hardly a profitable business, but I cannot refuse to do the one on Hosmer. Fortunately his manuscript autobiography has just come into our possession and that will simplify the task.

Sincerely yours

B/P

JUL 10 1929

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DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY

ALLEN JOHNSON EDITOR

602 HILL BUILDING 17TH STREET WASHINGTON D.C.

July 8, 1929.

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

Dear Professor Buck:

Thank you for your kind letter of July 2nd,  
and for your consent to do the article on Hosmer.

I am glad to have the information about Martin McLeod, who  
I think deserves a place in the Dictionary. Unfortunately it is  
too late to include Joseph R. Brown; that volume is already in  
press.

Sincerely yours,

*Allen Johnson*



August 26, 1929

Dr. Allen Johnson  
602 Hill Building  
17th Street  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Johnson:-

Herewith I am sending you sketches of James K. Hosmer and Governor Johnson for the Dictionary of American Biography. The sketch of Oliver H. Kelley will be ready in a few days. ✓

Sincerely yours

SJB/B

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August 28, 1929

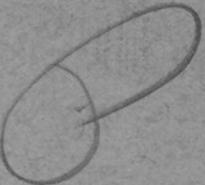
Dr. Allen Johnson  
602 Hill Building  
17th St.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Johnson:-

Herewith I am sending you the sketch of O. H. Kelley for the D & B, which completes the items due from me on September 1. Your original allotment for the three items was as follows: Governor Johnson, 800; James K. Hosmer, 700; O. H. Kelley, 800, making a total of 2,300 for the three. I suggested, however, that 200 words be transferred from Kelley to Johnson and this met with your approval. I find, however, that the sketches run about as follows: Johnson, 940; Hosmer, 650; and Kelley, 710, so that the total for the three is about the same as the original allotment. Under these circumstances, and in view of the fact that you had originally allotted 800 words to Kelley, I have not attempted to cut this sketch down to 600. ✓

Sincerely yours

B/P



August 29, 1929

Dr. Allen Johnson  
602 Hill Building, 17th Street  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Johnson:-

Since sending you the sketch of Oliver Hudson Kelley I have found some important new material. Please substitute the enclosed for the sketch that was sent to you.

Sincerely yours

SJB/B

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DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY

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DEAR SIR:

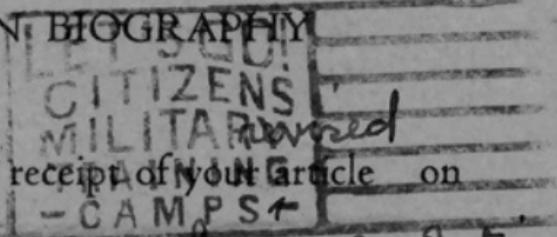
Let me acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your article on

10 River Hudson Valley, which we have substituted for the first one.

Very truly yours,

Ellen D. Lawrence

Secretary





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YOUR  
CORRESPONDENTS  
OF CHANGE  
OF ADDRESS



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Prof. Solon G. Buck  
Minn. Hist. Society  
St. Paul  
Minn.

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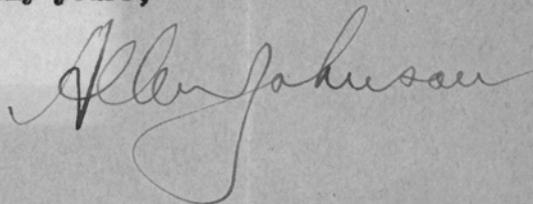
August 31, 1929.

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

Let me acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your articles on Hosmer, Johnson,  
and Kelley.

Very truly yours,



These are model articles  
and I am ever so much  
obliged to you. I see no  
reason to cut them.  
Kind regards!

September 20, 1929

Dr. Allen Johnson  
Dictionary of American Biography  
602 Hill Building  
17 St., Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Johnson:-

I regret to have to make another change in my biography of O. H. Kelley for the Dictionary. In the bibliography the item: W. H. Kelley, Genealogical Gleanings, should have after it in parentheses the date 1892 instead of "n.d." as it now appears. The date is given on the title-page of the pamphlet, and I do not know how the mistake crept in.

Doubtless you have seen in the papers that Dr. William W. Folwell, the first president of the University of Minnesota, died last Wednesday. I trust that it will be possible for you to get a sketch of him into the Dictionary.

Sincerely yours

B/P

P.  
DEAR SIR:

DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY

OCT 2 1928

Inclosed please find a check for \$ 46.00 for your article on

Jas. K. Hosmer 14.00

John A. Johnson 20.00

Oliver H. Kelley 12.00

Very truly yours,

ALLEN JOHNSON,

*Editor.*

DEC 5 1929

AMERICAN COUNCIL OF LEARNED SOCIETIES

DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY

602 HILL BUILDING 17TH STREET WASHINGTON D.C.

December 3, 1929.

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

Dear Sir:

Will you contribute the following articles to the Dictionary of  
American Biography?

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Date due</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Martin McLeod (1813-1860) Minn. pioneer; fur trader	500	May 1, 1930	\$ 10.00

I think you suggested this name but perhaps you would prefer to have the article written by a member of your staff.

The Folwell article is excellent in form and substance. I wish you would write more for us. Thank you.

Acceptance of any article and payment for it will vest all rights to it in the American Council of Learned Societies for publication or otherwise.

Very truly yours,

Allen Johnson

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December 6, 1929

Dr. Allen Johnson  
Dictionary of American Biography  
602 Hill Bldg., 17th Street  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I have your letter of December 3 and am very glad to know that you liked the Folwell biography. I hope to be able to write more sketches for you later on and among those that would specially interest me are Alexander Ramsey, Henry M. Rice, Henry H. Sibley, and Knute Nelson. As for Martin McLeod, however, I should prefer not to tackle him and would suggest that you ask Dr. Theodore G. Blegen to do it. He has already written several articles for you and I am sure that he would do it very well. He can be addressed at the Minnesota Historical Society.

Sincerely yours

B/H

December 23, 1929

Dr. Allen Johnson, Editor  
Dictionary of American Biography  
102 Hill Building, 17th St.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Johnson:-

Although I believe I included a number of missionaries to the Indians in a list of Minnesota people suggested for the Dictionary of American Biography that I sent to you a couple of years ago, it occurred to me recently that a number of other missionaries ought to be included; consequently I asked Dr. Grace L. Nute, the curator of our manuscript collection, who has been assembling missionary records for several years with the view to their publication by the Society, to compile a list of the outstanding missionaries to the Indians in Minnesota, with brief notes as to their careers. She has now done this and I am sending the list to you herewith. It is too late, of course, for Boutwell, and it may be for some of the others. I think they are all worthy of inclusion with the possible exception of the last one.

It is my opinion that Miss Nute is better prepared than anyone else to write biographies of these people.

Sincerely yours

B/P

SEP 25 1929

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DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY

ALLEN JOHNSON EDITOR

602 HILL BUILDING 17TH STREET WASHINGTON D.C.

September 23, 1929.

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

Dear Sir:

Will you contribute the following articles to the Dictionary of  
American Biography?

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Date due</u>	<u>Fee</u>
William Watts Folwell (1833-1929) First president of Univ. of Minn.; historian	1000	Dec. 1, 1929	\$20.00

I had already addressed this  
letter to you when yours came. Of  
course I at once thought of you as  
the obvious biographer of Folwell. Would  
you accept?

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Very truly yours,

Allen Johnson

DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY

ALLEN JOHNSON EDITOR

602 HILL BUILDING 17TH STREET WASHINGTON D.C.

To answer frequent inquiries, the following instructions have been drafted for those preparing articles for the Dictionary of American Biography:

Literary  
Form

The article should be, as to content and literary form, a fresh and original writing, and should contain nothing infringing any existing copyright. It should give precise and accurate information, based on original sources, in as condensed a form as is consistent with clearness and completeness. At the same time every effort should be made to present the information in a way to attract and interest readers.

Selection  
of Facts

The selection and arrangement of facts should be made with the utmost care. So far as space and material permit, the writer should not only state but also appraise the circumstances and influences which shaped the career of the subject of the article, such as ancestry, parentage, childhood experiences, educational advantages, physical and social environment.

Arrangement  
of Facts

The salient facts should be so arranged as to place achievements in their proper perspective. So far as possible, the temperament, character, and physical appearance of the subject of the article should be portrayed, and his personality should be made to stand out against the background of his times.

Bibliography

A concluding paragraph (to be printed in small type) should contain a list of the sources of information and of such previous biographies as are of importance. References in support of any particular statement in the article may be included between brackets in the text; but general references should be collected in the concluding paragraph.

It is expected that the initials of the writer will be appended to each article, and that the writer will amend and add to his article as may be necessary to make it conform to the plan and purpose of the Dictionary. The manuscript should be typewritten.

What Every  
Article  
Should  
Contain

1. The exact dates of birth and death (day of month and year).
2. The names of father, mother, wife or husband.
3. Schools, colleges, universities attended.
4. A critical appraisal of the subject and his achievements.
5. A bibliography of sources of information.

## *A Word About Bibliographies*

The bibliography at the end of each article is not its least important part.

It serves two main purposes: first, to fortify the contributor's statements by exhibiting the sources of his information; second, to point the reader to more detailed accounts which he may consult.

Since these bibliographies must be selective, preference should be given to the books or articles which contain original sources.

It is desirable that all dates of publications should be cited.

Reference should be made to important manuscript collections when these exist.

General encyclopedias and dictionaries should be cited only when the articles are signed, and in that case the author's name should be mentioned.

DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY

DEAR SIR:

Inclosed please find a check for \$ 20.00 for your article on

William W. Folwell

Very truly yours,

ALLEN JOHNSON,

*Editor.*

AMERICAN COUNCIL OF LEARNED SOCIETIES

DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY

ALLEN JOHNSON EDITOR

602 HILL BUILDING 17TH STREET WASHINGTON D.C.

April 28, 1930

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

Dear Sir:

Will you contribute the following articles to the Dictionary of  
American Biography?

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Date due</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Nelson, Knute (1843-1923) Cong. from Minn.; Gov. of Minn.; Sen.	800	October 1, 1930	\$ 16.00

*This one has been waiting for you!*

*Completed  
May 7, 1930*

Acceptance of any article and payment for it will vest all rights to  
it in the American Council of Learned Societies for publication or otherwise.

Very truly yours,

*Dumas Malone*

MAY 5 1930

AMERICAN COUNCIL OF LEARNED SOCIETIES

DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY

ALLEN JOHNSON EDITOR

602 HILL BUILDING 17TH STREET WASHINGTON D.C.

May 2, 1930.

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

Will you be good enough to advise me whom I should try to secure as a contributor of articles on Edward Duffield Neal, Chancellor of the University of Minnesota (1858-61), and Cyrus Northrop, President of the University. I believe Professor Firkins has written a biography of Northrop. Would you advise my asking him? I shall be grateful for any suggestions you can make.

Sincerely yours,

Allen Johnson

Allen Johnson:

Can you send me proof or return my article on Folwell for the D.A.B. I have discovered a minor error in it.

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Or -

In my article on Folwell, change the sentence reading "Both his father and <sup>his</sup> grandfather were college graduates" to "His grandfather was a college graduate; his father had an academy training"

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May 7, 1930

Dr. Allen Johnson  
Dictionary of American Biography  
603 Hill Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Johnson:-

With reference to the biography of Cyrus Northrop, I think it would be advisable to ask Professor Firkins to write it. He is a rather difficult person to deal with and it is quite possible that he would be unwilling to tackle this. Moreover, if he does, he may not conform to your instructions. His sister, Miss Ina Firkins of the University Library, could undoubtedly produce a satisfactory sketch for you, but it probably would not be wise to approach her without first consulting her brother. If you decide not to try the Firkins family, I think that either Mr. Blegen or Miss Nute of our staff could produce a satisfactory article for you.

With reference to Edward D. Neill, I am going to take the liberty of suggesting myself. I have always been very much interested in him and would be very glad to write the article if it is not needed too soon.

I regret to say that an error has been discovered in the sketch that I wrote for you of Dr. Folwell. It is not very serious but, if the volume has not gone to press, it would probably be worth while to correct it. The sentence reading "Both his father and his grandfather were college graduates" should be changed to read "His grandfather was a college graduate; his father had an academy training."

I enclose herewith the card accepting the <sup>assignment</sup> appointment of Knute Nelson. ✓

Sincerely yours

B/P

MAY 12 1930

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ALLEN JOHNSON EDITOR

602 HILL BUILDING 17TH STREET WASHINGTON D.C.

May 9, 1930.

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

Dear Sir:

Will you contribute the following articles to the Dictionary of  
American Biography?

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Date due</u>	<u>Fee</u>
<i>Neill</i> Edward Duffield Neal (1823-1893) Presby. clergyman; chancellor Univ. of Minn.	600	October 1, 1930	\$ 12.00

*Very happy to have you write  
this article.*

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Very truly yours,

*Allen Johnson*

MAY 19 1930

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ALLEN JOHNSON EDITOR

602 HILL BUILDING 17TH STREET WASHINGTON D.C.

May 17, 1930.

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

Dear Sir:

Will you contribute the following articles to the Dictionary of  
American Biography?

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Date due</u>	<u>Fee</u>
<i>Rensselaer</i> Nelson, Rensselaer Russell (1826-1904) Minn. jurist	500	October 1, 1930	\$ 10.00

Hope you dont mind receiving invitations  
premiered. We have just decided to include the  
above gentleman, who may be related to Knute.  
He was the son of Mr. Justice Nelson.

*Accepted.  
May 26.*

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it in the American Council of Learned Societies for publication or otherwise.

Very truly yours,

*Dwight Malone*

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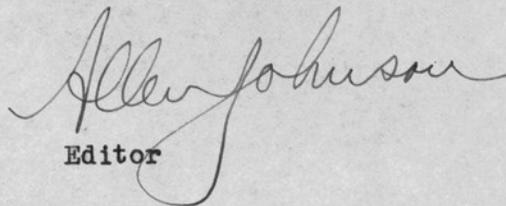
May 21, 1930.

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

Two Minnesota figures are causing me some perplexity, and I am wondering if you can advise me about them. One is Alvred Bayard Nettleton (1838-1911?), soldier; journalist, asst. secy of Treasury, Minn.; and the other is Charles Eugene Otis (1846-1917), jurist - St. Paul, Minn., Spec. master in Chancery, 1908-10 for Minn. Rate Cases. The latter is the more troublesome, for I do not know just how important he is; and in any case his life should be written by some one trained in the law. I shall be grateful for any suggestions that you can make. It is a great satisfaction to know that you will do Nelson and Neill.

Sincerely yours,

  
Editor

June 19, 1930

Dr. Allen Johnson, Editor  
Dictionary of American Biography  
602 Hill Bldg. 17th Street  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Johnson:

It is with considerable chagrin that I discover that your letter of May 21 got sidetracked and has not yet been answered. I am sending you herewith a statement about Messrs. Nettleton and Otis prepared by one of my assistants. With reference to Mr. Otis I called up a prominent lawyer of St. Paul and he informs me that while Mr. Otis was very quiet and kept out of the limelight, he was generally recognized as a most excellent lawyer and a notable jurist. As master of chancery in the famous Minnesota railroad rate case, he was authorized by the United States supreme court not only to assemble the evidence, but also to prepare the decision, and his decision was accepted in full by the court. As this was one of the most important decisions in the history of railroad regulation, it seems to me that this alone would entitle Mr. Otis to inclusion in the dictionary.

Sincerely yours

SJB/S

JUN 26 1930

AMERICAN COUNCIL OF LEARNED SOCIETIES

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DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY

602 HILL BUILDING 17TH STREET WASHINGTON D.C.

June 23, 1930.

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

Dear Professor Buck:

Thank you very much for the statement in regard to Nettleton and  
Otis. We shall include both of these men. You have helped us greatly.

With best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

*Drew Malone*

Editor.

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September 30, 1930

Dr. Allen Johnson  
Dictionary of American Biography  
802 Hill Building, 17 St.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Johnson:-

Doubtless some one on your staff has noted the death of Ex-Governor Lind of Minnesota. He ought, of course, to go in the D.A.B. if it is not too late, and I would suggest that Professor George M. Stephenson of the University of Minnesota be invited to write the article.

I wonder if Dr. William W. Mayo, founder of the Mayo Clinic and father of the famous Mayo brothers, is included in your list; if not, he ought to be.

The three sketches ~~that are~~ assigned to me that are due October 1 are in course of preparation, and I hope to have them in on time.

Sincerely yours

B/P

SEP 24 1930

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September 23, 1930.

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

Many thanks for your kind letter of September 20. I had already noted the death of Governor Lind and I shall hasten to follow your suggestion and ask Professor Stephenson to write an article on him for the Dictionary. An article has already been written on Dr. Mayo by Dr. Louis B. Wilson. Please feel free to make suggestions at any time.

Sincerely yours,

*Allen Johnson*

Editor

October 6, 1930

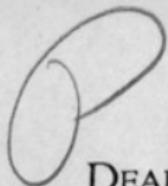
Dr. Allen Johnson  
Dictionary of American Biography  
503 Hill Building, 17 St.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Johnson:-

I think I had better beg off on Jonathan Periam. I know nothing about him except that he was connected with the Prairie Farmer and wrote the Grundswall, and we have no special facilities here for dealing with him. I think that one of your staff writers could do as good a job as I could on him, and I am sure that any one of the following three would do a better one: Herbert A. Kellar of the McCormick Historical Association, Louis B. Schmidt of the Iowa Agricultural College, Everett E. Edwards of the Division of Statistical and Historical Research of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics in Washington. Edwards, by the way, is a very able young man and knows a lot about agricultural history.

Sincerely yours

B/P



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DEAR SIR:

Inclosed please find a check for \$ 38.00 for your article on

..... Knute Nelson ..... 16.00 .....

..... Edw. D. Neill ..... 12.00 .....

..... Rensselaer R. Nelson 10.00 .....

Very truly yours,

ALLEN JOHNSON,

*Editor.*

February 9, 1931

Dr. Dumas Malone  
Dictionary of American Biography  
602 Hill Building, 17th St.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Malone:-

I wonder if you have Mrs. Jane Grey Swiss-  
helm in your list. She was a pioneer editor,  
advocate of woman's rights, and abolitionist,  
and ought to be in. Professor L. B. Shippee  
of the University of Minnesota wrote an article  
about her once and would probably be willing to  
write the sketch of her for the Dictionary.

We were all very much shocked at the news  
of Dr. Johnson's death.

Do not bother to answer this.

Sincerely yours

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March 17, 1931

Dr. Dumas Malone, Editor  
Dictionary of American Biography  
602 Hill Building  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Malone:-

Your "Printers' Copy" of the article on James M. Goodhue arrived this morning. Mr. Buck is in the East at present and will not be back for several days yet. He will check up on the various questions raised and return the copy to you as soon as possible after his return, however.

Very truly yours

Secretary to Mr. Buck

March 31, 1931

Dr. Dumas Malone, Editor  
Dictionary of American Biography  
602 Hill Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Malone:-

Herewith I am returning the "Goodhue" with sundry notes of explanation. We do not have the Amherst College Biographical Record, edited by Fletcher and Johnson. All the available evidence, however, indicates that the names and dates in our original version were correct. The Goodhue genealogy would seem to be the best available source of information. It should have been listed in the original bibliography, of course, and, had that been done, all of this trouble would probably have been saved.

Sincerely yours

B/P

Encl.  
"Goodhue"

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602 HILL BUILDING 17TH STREET WASHINGTON D.C.

April 8, 1931

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

Dear Buck:

We seem to have had particularly bad luck with your sketches. I will instruct our library staff to give you the full benefit of the doubt hereafter because the strong assumption is that you are right. We have restored the names and dates in the original version of the article on James M. Goodhue. When the sketch was edited we thought the Amherst Biographical Record looked stronger than the obituary, but the genealogy seems more reliable than either. Our checker should have found this even though it was not mentioned in the bibliography. We are quite apologetic for the mistake which occurred in the name of the Wisconsin Herald. This was due to an inexcusable oversight.

With best wishes and much appreciation,

Yours very sincerely,

*Dumas Malone*

Editor

PRINTERS' COPY

Please verify all names, dates, and titles, and return at once to

Editor of the

Dictionary of American Biography,

602 Hill Building,

Washington, D. C.

No proof will be sent to contributors.

*Since this copy must  
go to the printer very  
shortly, may we urge  
you to return it at  
your earliest convenience?*

APR 30 1931

Note to Mr. Buck:

We attach checker's slips referring to points marked. The first two stand as they were in your original sketch and in our opinion should continue so to stand. The third gives authority for an insertion which we have made on page 2.

E. P. Dobson, *Ant. Ed.*

April 30, 1931

Dictionary of American Biography  
602 Hill Building  
Washington, D. C.

Attention Mr. E. R. Dobson, Asst. Ed.

Gentlemen:-

The copy of the article on Samuel Bowlear Green which you sent to Mr. Buck has just arrived this morning. Mr. Buck is out of the city at present, but will be back next week some time, and will return the copy to you as soon as possible.

Very truly yours

Secretary to Mr. Buck

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May 9, 1931

Dr. Dumas Malone  
Dictionary of American Biography  
602 Hill Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Malone:-

I am very sorry that my absence from the City prevented me from returning sooner the article on Samuel B. Green. Fortunately, however, it does not appear to require any further revision as the changes that have been made in it are quite acceptable to me.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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August 7, 1931

Dr. Dumas Malone  
Dictionary of American Biography  
602 Hill Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Malone:-

If I remember correctly, I am under obligation to provide you with some biographical sketches some time this fall. Unfortunately I have mislaid the assignment and do not remember who the subjects are, how long the sketches should be, or when they are due. I shall appreciate it very much, therefore, if you will have this information sent to me. In case they are due September 1, I should like, if possible, to have the time extended to October 1, as I am moving to Pittsburgh the latter part of this month.

Sincerely yours

B/P

AUG 1, 1931

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## DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY

602 HILL BUILDING 17TH STREET WASHINGTON D.C.

August 12, 1931

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

Dear Sir:

Will you contribute the following articles to the Dictionary of American Biography?

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Date Due</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Henry Mower Rice (1817-1894) Minn. pioneer; cong. and senator; Indian Commissioner	600 words	Oct. 1, 1931	\$12.00
Edmund Rice (1819-1889) Minn. R. R. president; mayor of St. Paul; congressman	600 words	" " "	12.00
Alexander Ramsey (1815-1903) Cong. from Pa.; gov. Minn.; U. S. Senator; Secretary of War; chairman Edmunds Commission; prest. Minn. Hist. Soc.	800 words	" " "	16.00

Glad you are coming nearer us, though I can't think of Minnesota without you. Thanks for "The Story of the Grand Portage," which I hope I may soon find time to read.

Acceptance of any article and payment for it will vest all rights to it in the American Council of Learned Societies for publication or otherwise.

Very truly yours,

*Dumas Malone*

August 15, 1931

Dr. Dumas Malone  
Dictionary of American Biography  
602 Hill Building, 17th St.,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Malone:-

As Mr. Buck is away just now on vacation, I want to acknowledge the receipt of and to thank you for the list of articles for the Dictionary which you sent to him at his request. I am sure that he will be very glad to have it and to know that none of them are due until October 1.

Very truly yours

Secretary to Mr. Buck

October 23, 1931.

Mr. Dumas Malone, Editor,  
Dictionary of American Biography,  
603 Hill Bldg., 17th Street,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Malone:-

Herewith I am sending you sketches  
of Alexander Ramsey, Henry M. Rice and Edmund  
Rice. I trust that you will not be seriously  
inconvenienced by the fact that they are several  
weeks over due. Complications resulting from  
my transfer to Pittsburgh, including the  
inaccessibility of my books, made it impossible  
for me to get these ready sooner.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck.

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DEAR SIR:

Let me acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your article on

Henry M. Rice, Edmund Rice, and Alexander Ramsey.

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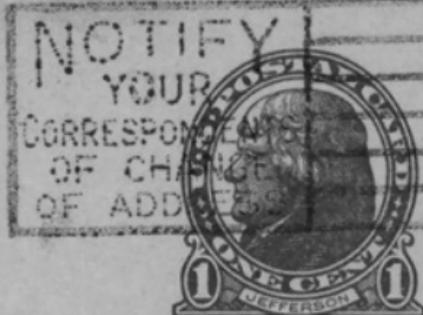
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Very truly yours,

Ellen D. Sawcett

Secretary



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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

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602 HILL BUILDING 17TH STREET WASHINGTON D.C.

October 27, 1931

Professor Solon J. Buck  
5839 Darlington Road  
Pittsburgh, Penna.

Dear Buck:

Thank you for your three good articles. You have not embarrassed us by the slight delay. For the sketch of Ramsey I feel that we should have a reference for the report of the senate committee which investigated the negotiations with the Sioux. Was there no significance in his service as secretary of war?

From time to time I run across a card, generally for a citizen of Minnesota, with your name on it. I hope your removal will not prevent your doing further sketches for us, though we shall doubtless be referring some Pennsylvania names to you henceforth.

With all good wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

Dumas Malone

Editor

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Am. Hist. Soc.  
no. 61 (serial 699).

I have just run across such a card & enclose an invitation, hoping that you may be able to accept it. No hurry about it.

November 12, 1931.

*Dist. F.  
Amer. Res.*

Dr. Dumas Malone,  
602 Hill Building,  
17th Street,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Malone:

Your letter of October 27 was duly received, but I delayed replying until I could find time to look up the matters referred to in it.

The reference for the report of the senate committee that investigated the Sioux treaty (for the sketch of Alexander Ramsey) is 33 Congress, 1 session, Senate Executive Documents, No. 61 (serial 699). I am quite unable to discover anything of significance in Ramsey's service as secretary of war.

I doubt if I shall want to undertake many further sketches of Minnesotans, but I cannot decline to do Henry H. Sibley as he is one of my favorite characters, and I have in my own library most of the material that will be necessary for writing his biography. In general, however, I am inclined to think that Blegen and Miss Nute, with their access to the materials at the Minnesota Historical Society, can handle Minnesota biographies more satisfactorily than I could. I shall be glad, of course, to consider any Pennsylvanians, especially western Pennsylvanians, that you care to propose.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck.

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*Dict. Am. Biog.*

December 1, 1931.

Dr. Dumas Malone,  
602 Hill Building,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Malone:

I have had a member of my staff look up William Lawrence Scott, about whom you inquire, and I am inclined to think that he is well worthy of inclusion in the Dictionary. He seems to have been a very prominent business man, particularly along the line of promoting railroads, and is said to have been "one of the closest advisors of President Cleveland". I should think he might be worth eight hundred words.

I have signed the two cards and am returning them to you herewith. ✓

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck.

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DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY

DEAR SIR:

Inclosed please find a check for \$ 40.00 for your article on

Henry M. Rice 12.00

Edmund Rice 12.00

Alex. Ramsey 16.00

Very truly yours,

DUMAS MALONE,

*Editor.*

March 18, 1932

Dr. Dumas Malone,  
Dictionary of American Biography,  
602 Hill Building,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Malone:-

I am returning to you herewith the printer's copy of my sketch of Lucius F. Hubbard. Unfortunately, I do not have access here to all the materials that were used in the writing of this sketch and, consequently, it is difficult, if not impossible, to check on the discrepancies. In the matter of North Granville, I find that Baker gives Granville, and I am willing to let it go at that, as I cannot locate the source from which "North Granville" was derived. Doubtless, I could have this checked at the Minnesota Historical Society but I assume that there is not sufficient time for that.

I observe that two of the dates in the last paragraph of the first page are different from those in my copy, February 4 in line 3 instead of February 5; and August 30 in line 4 of the paragraph instead of August 31. The dates that I used are those given by Baker. I do not know where the reviser got the other dates, but I am willing to leave the decision to you.

I trust that the change indicated on page 2 can be made. The expression as it stands does not indicate my opinion of Hubbard.

I am sorry to be behind with the sketches that were due March 1. They are progressing and will be in your hands in a week or two. The facilities for doing such work are much less adequate in Pittsburgh than they were in St. Paul and considerable correspondence is usually necessary to collect the needed information.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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602 HILL BUILDING 17TH STREET WASHINGTON D.C.

April 5, 1932

Professor Solon J. Buck  
5839 Darlington Road  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Buck:

Will you give me the benefit of your counsel in regard to the sketch of Arthur St. Clair (1734-1818). I find that an article on him by Ellis Beals, of whom I know nothing - not even his address, was published in the W. Pa. Hist. Magazine. I have also been informed that R. C. Downes, who I believe is to be connected with your survey next year, has written several papers dealing more or less directly with St. Clair: "Thomas Jefferson and the Arrival of Gov. St. Clair in 1802," Ohio Arch. & Hist. Quart., 1927, pp. 62-77; "The Statehood Contest in Ohio," Miss. Valley Hist. Rev., June 1931; and his dissertation, "Frontier Ohio, 1787-1803." Any comment you may care to make on the competence of either or both of these men will be greatly appreciated.

With best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

*Dumas Malone*

Editor

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April 7, 1932

Dr. Dumas Malone, Editor,  
Dictionary of American Biography,  
602 Hill Building, 17th Street,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Malone:-

I have your letter of April 5 with reference to the sketch of Arthur St. Clair. I do not know Beals and I have not read his article but I have just examined it, and I observe that it deals mainly with his career in Pennsylvania, with only a reference to his important activities in the Northwest territory. His paper was a master's thesis at the University of Pittsburgh in 1928. Dr. James, under whom it was written, tells me that it is not a first-class piece of work and that he would not recommend Beals to write the article for you. He is said to be teaching school somewhere in Kansas at present.

On the other hand, Downes is a man of exceptional ability. I know him and think highly of him, as you may judge from the fact that I have recommended him for a position on our staff for next year. He has his Ph.D., has taught in the Erie branch of the University of Pittsburgh, and has been doing research for a year with a grant from the Social Science Research Council. His articles are scholarly and well written, and I believe that he would supply you with a satisfactory article on St. Clair.

When I saw the envelope containing your letter, I feared that it might be a prod with reference to the four sketches that are overdue from me. Some complications that have developed with reference to our work here have taken most of my time lately. The sketches are all ~~checked~~ <sup>revised</sup> and I hope to give them final revision and send them in in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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602 HILL BUILDING 17TH STREET WASHINGTON D.C.

April 9, 1932

Professor Solon J. Buck  
5839 Darlington Road  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Buck:

Thank you very much. I will send St. Clair to Dr. Downes.  
I am not worried about your sketches, but of course shall be glad to see  
them at any time.

With best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

*Dumas Malone*

Editor

April 22, 1932

Dr. Dumas Malone,  
Dictionary of American Biography,  
602 Hill Building, 17th Street,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Malone:-

Herewith I am sending you four sketches for the ✓  
D.A.B. I have not yet been able to locate the name of Scull's  
mother or the exact date of his birth but I still have hopes of  
being able to supply them later. A descendent of Scull's is  
trying to locate the information for me, and I have also written  
to the Historical Society of Berks County at Reading, where  
Scull was born. Vail, of the American Antiquarian Society,  
writes me that there is a small Scull geneology by G. D. Scull,  
1876, in the Library of Congress. No copy of it is available  
here. Perhaps your checker can find the desired information  
therein.

I have read with much amusement the second  
installment of Dunbar Rowland's case against the D.A.B. I con-  
gratulate you on your handling of the matter. You come off  
with flying colors. It seems to me that on the whole he has  
done you an unintentional service in publishing this pamphlet.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY

602 HILL BUILDING 17TH STREET WASHINGTON D.C.

October 28, 1931

Professor Solon J. Buck  
5839 Darlington Rd.  
Pittsburgh, Penna.

Dear Sir:

Will you contribute the following articles to the Dictionary of American Biography?

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Date Due</u>	<u>Fee</u>
SIBLEY, Henry Hastings 1811-1891 Pioneer Gov. of Minn.	800 words	Mar. 1, 1932	\$16.00

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Very truly yours,

*Dumas Malone*



DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY

602 HILL BUILDING 17TH STREET WASHINGTON D.C.

November 16, 1931

Professor Solon J. Buck  
5839 Darlington Road  
Pittsburgh, Penna.

Dear Sir:

Will you contribute the following articles to the Dictionary of American Biography?

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Date Due</u>	<u>Fee</u>
SIBLEY, Joseph Crocker 1850-1926 Oil refiner Congressman	600 words	Mar. 1, 1932	\$12.00
SCOTT, William Lawrence 1828-1891 Interested in railroads Mayor Erie, Pa. Cong. from Pa.	800 ? words	" " "	

Here are a couple of western Pennsylvanians. I am uncertain about Scott and should appreciate your counsel in regard to him. I am glad you will write up H. H. Sibley. Other names from Minnesota I will refer to your successors there.

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Very truly yours,

*Dumas Malone*

APR 25 1932



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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Prof. Solomon G. Buck  
Western Pa Hist. Survey  
Historical Bldg.  
Pittsburgh  
Pa

DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY

DEAR ~~SIR~~ Prof. Buck.

Let me acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your articles on  
Scull, Scott, Henry A. Sibley and W. C.  
Sibley. Unless Mr. Malone writes  
you about these, you may assume  
they are satisfactory.

Very truly yours,

Ellen D. Jewett  
Secretary

DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY

602 HILL BUILDING 17TH STREET WASHINGTON D.C.

April 26, 1932

Professor Solon J. Buck  
5839 Darlington Road  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Buck:

Thank you for your four sketches. We will look up the Scull genealogy, but I hope that you will send us any other personal information you may receive. I note that one of your subjects, Sibley, was in the oil business. Was he by any chance involved in any matter of rebates or smeared with any dirt (grease)? We have to get the "low down" on these fellows, you know.

Enclosed I submit a minor name with a query. There will be others later on, so if you feel he should be included you might save him to be worked up with other figures.

I appreciate your comments on the Rowland episode. He threw so much dirt, not to say mud, that my own vision on the subject was not always clear.

With best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

*Dumas Malone*

Editor

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602 HILL BUILDING 17TH STREET WASHINGTON D.C.

April 26, 1932

Professor Solon J. Buck  
5839 Darlington Road  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

Will you contribute the following articles to the Dictionary of American Biography?

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Date Due</u>	<u>Fee</u>
STEWART, Andrew (1791-1872) Congressman (Pa.) (Fayette County)	500 words (?)	Nov. 1, 1932	\$10.00

*Sent in  
May 10, 1933*

Acceptance of any article and payment for it will vest all rights to it in the American Council of Learned Societies for publication or otherwise.

Very truly yours,

*Dumas Malone*

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May 28, 1932

Dr. Dumas Malone, Editor  
Dictionary of American Biography,  
602 Hill Building,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Malone:-

In your letter of April 26 you indicate a desire for any "low down" on Congressman Sibley that may be available. Unfortunately, or fortunately, it does not seem possible to get anything on him. So far as any evidence is available, his business career was pure and undefiled.

I will undertake to prepare a sketch of Andrew Stewart and am returning the card herewith. I wonder if you have Captain James Rees in your list. He built steamboats for use all over the world and was responsible for many innovations in the business. It seems to me that he would be well worthy of inclusion in the Dictionary. Other Pittsburghers in the latter part of the alphabet that I would be interested in are William Thaw and William Wilkins.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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602 HILL BUILDING 17TH STREET WASHINGTON D.C.

June 1, 1932

Professor Solon J. Buck  
5839 Darlington Road  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Buck:

If you say that Sibley's career was pure I am quite willing to accept your judgment. I am glad that you will write the sketch of Stewart for us. We already have an article on Captain James Rees. Enclosed I send the names of Thaw and Wilkins. I have set no definite date because we shall not need the articles right away. You may send them in at your convenience.

With best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

Dumas Malone

Editor

I am sure Kenny  
enjoyed renewing  
old friendship with you!

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DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY

JUN 1 1932

DEAR SIR:

Inclosed please find a check for \$ 54.00 for your article on

John Scull 10.00

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Henry H. Sibley 16.00

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Jos. C. Sibley 12.00

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Wm. L. Scott 16.00

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Very truly yours,

DUMAS MALONE,

*Editor.*

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602 HILL BUILDING 17TH STREET WASHINGTON D.C.

April 20, 1933

Professor Solon J. Buck,  
5839 Darlington Road,  
Pittsburgh, Penna.

Dear ~~Professor~~ Buck:

I hope you are planning to send us the  
article on Andrew Stewart in the near future *if convenient.*

Yours very sincerely,

*Dumas Malone*

Editor

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April 27, 1933

Mr. Dumas Malone,  
Dictionary of American Biography,  
502 Hill Building, 17th Street,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Malone:

I am sorry to have been so dilatory in sending in the article on Andrew Stewart. A trip to Chicago for the Mississippi Valley Historical Association and the moving of my household goods has tied up my time recently and I am leaving today for a meeting of the Pennsylvania Historical Association. The article is drafted and I shall revise it and get it in as soon as possible after my return.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY

DEAR SIR:

Let me acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your article on

Andrew Stewart.

Very truly yours,

Ellen D. Jewett

Secretary

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602 HILL BUILDING 17TH STREET WASHINGTON D.C.

May 13, 1933



Professor Solon J. Buck  
5839 Darlington Road  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Buck:

I wasn't really suffering for lack of the article on Andrew Stewart,  
but we have to round these things up from time to time. I am glad to have  
it. Thank you very much.

Yours very sincerely,

*Dumas Malone*

Editor

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DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY

DEAR SIR:

Inclosed please find a check for \$ 10.00 for your article on

Andrew Stewart

Very truly yours,

DUMAS MALONE,

*Editor.*

October 28, 1933

Dr. Dumas Malone,  
Dictionary of American Biography,  
602 Hill Building, 17th Street,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Malone:

I wonder if Josiah V. Thompson, who died recently at Uniontown, Pa., should not be included in the Dictionary. He is reported to have owned at one time most of the coal lands in southwestern Pennsylvania. Apparently he made a very large fortune, which he spent in a lavish and spectacular manner. Then he got squeezed out by bigger financial powers, got into trouble with the law, and I believe spent some time in jail. He is reported to have had a very extensive library of rare books, especially Americana, and to have devoted his later years to historical research. He was a recluse and an invalid, however, and very few people were allowed to see him. The papers of this section devoted a great deal of space to him at the time of his death. I do not know that I should care to write the sketch of him myself, but I could probably get someone to do it for you.

I have been postponing the writing of the sketch of William Thaw, as new material is coming in from the family every little while. I assume that, when the deadline approaches, you will let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY

602 HILL BUILDING 17TH STREET WASHINGTON D.C.

October 31, 1933

Professor Solon J. Buck  
4360 Center Avenue  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear ~~Professor~~ Buck:

I have no information about Thompson except the brief account in Who's Who (1918-19), but if you think he should go in, I should be glad to have him written up by you, or someone whom you may suggest. From the date that is set, you will judge that I can wait till spring for him and for others in the letter "T." I send along a name for even later delivery.

With much appreciation,

Yours very sincerely,

*Dumas Malone*

Editor.

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October 31, 1933

Professor Solon J. Buck  
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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

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*Dumas Malone*

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November 4, 1933

Dr. Dumas Malone,  
Dictionary of American Biography,  
602 Hill Building, 17th Street,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Malone:

Dr. Marian Silveus, who took her degree under Paxson at Wisconsin a year ago last June, has been doing some excellent work for us here, and I recommend that she be asked to write the biographies of Josiah Van Kirk Thompson and Joseph Dame Weeks, for which you sent cards to me recently. I cannot undertake to do these myself. I believe that Miss Silveus has already written for you an article on A. J. Warner, so you can tell something of her ability.

If this suggestion is agreeable to you, I shall be glad to turn over to her the cards that you sent to me and have her sign them and return them to you.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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November 6, 1933

Professor Solon J. Buck  
4360 Center Avenue  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Buck:

Just to keep our records straight, I will send a regular invitation to Miss Silveus. Thank you for the suggestion.

Yours very sincerely,

*Dumas Malone*

Editor.