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OCT 14 1931

Dear Buck: Faculty Club  
Dr. Johnson has asked me  
to send you an application  
blank for membership in  
The Faculty Club. Will  
you please fill this out  
and return it to me at  
7 State Hall.

Mrs. M. P. Porter.

THE FACULTY CLUB  
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

JAN 4 1934

January 3, 1933.

To the Members of the Faculty Club:

At the beginning of the current year, your Board of Governors had to consider the condition of our budget, which was about as follows:

1. Probable Income:

(a) Members	about	170
(b) Dues for the year	about	\$1700.00

2. Liabilities

(a) Rent for the year	\$1500.00
(b) Social activities	
(c) Miscellaneous expenses	

It will be seen that if membership remained constant, and all dues were collected, we could count on \$200.00 as the maximum income for all social and current expenses. As a matter of fact, membership has been decreasing for the past year and continues to decrease, until we are approaching an active membership of 150. Some adjustment in rent would have been probable, but our margin of safety would have increased little, if any.

As a consequence of these facts, the Board of Governors authorized a committee to discuss with the Chancellor of the University the possibility of moving the club into the Cathedral of Learning. To speak only of results, the University is preparing the fifteenth floor of the Cathedral for our use. We will have a large dining room, with a capacity of 100, a small dining room seating 25 to 35, lounge, reading room, and game room, with a kitchen from which the dining rooms are served. We believe the club has never been more satisfactorily located than it will be in the Cathedral. The last word we have had is that the rooms may be available by February 1, but not later than March 1.

It is fitting to add that the committee has had the most cordial response from Chancellor Bowman. It is the sense of the Board of Governors that the club should express its appreciation to the Chancellor in some fitting manner, and at the proper time.

We have also had, at all times, the effective advice and help of Mr. Weber, to whom the club is greatly indebted.

With good wishes for the New Year.

Respectfully yours,

M. R. Gabbert, President.

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Fairmont State Teachers College

Fairmont, West Virginia

October 8, 1932.

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JOSEPH ROSIER  
President

Dr. Solon Buck  
University of Pittsburgh  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Dr. Buck;

Fairmont state Teachers College is sponsoring The second intercollegiate council of the social studies at Fairmont on December 9th - 10th. The purpose of thid council is to bring to Fairmont outstanding men in the field of history and the allied subjects, invitations are send to high school teachers and college insturctors in the neigboring territory, the meeting are so arranged as to allow the students of Fairmont taking coursezs in History etc. to attend.

We would likk very much to have you with us and deliver an informal lecture and conduct a round table on the historic background of the present agricultural problem, or the social and economic problems of the Monongahela Valley ( the last may be more in line with your present activities).

The plan of conducting these sessions is - hour lectures in the morning conforming with the class schedule, all the classes in History, Economics, Political Wcience and Sociology are dismissed to meet in the auditorium for these lectures. If you can be with us I would like very much for you to give your lecture at 9.10 W#riday morningas I have a class of fifty in the Economic History of the United States at that time. In the afternoon we have hour roundtable groups on the lectures of the morning.

We have invited Dr. Cleven for a dicussion of Latin America, Dr. Miller formerally of Ohio State for a disucssion of India and you. Since Dr. Cleven is an former teacher of mine I wrote to have some time ago, he has already accepted. As to honroarium we cannot afford to give more than \$25.00 and expenses. However I surely trust that you can see your way clear to be with us. I believe we will have a representative group present not only from our own student body but from the schools and colleges of Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

Sincerely

*I. F. Boughter*  
I. F. Boughter

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October 11, 1932

Dr. I. F. Boughter,  
Fairmont State Teachers College,  
Fairmont, West Virginia

Dear Dr. Boughter:

Your letter of October 8 reached me yesterday and after sleeping on the matter I have decided to accept your invitation to participate in your intercollegiate council of the social studies on December 9 and 10. I should like very much to take as my subject the social and economic problems of the Monongahela Valley but, unfortunately, I do not know enough about that subject as yet. I shall have to fall back, therefore, on the alternative that you suggest, the historic background of the present agricultural problem.

The more I work in this region, the more I am convinced that the history of western Pennsylvania and West Virginia is a unit, at least from the social and economic point of view, and I am very glad to have this opportunity of establishing contacts with other people who are working on the history or other aspects of the Appalachian Plateau section.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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Fairmont State Teachers College

Fairmont, West Virginia

OCT 14 1932

JOSEPH ROSIER  
President

Oct. 12, 1932.

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

Dear Dr. Buck,

We at Fairmont are very much pleased that you have consented to be with us for the Council of the Social Studies on December 9th-10th. I will inform you concerning definite arrangements as soon as these are made.

Sincerely

*I. F. Boughter*  
I. F. Boughter

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Fairmont State Teachers College

Fairmont, West Virginia

JOSEPH ROSIER  
President

November 19, 1932

Dr. Solon J. Buck  
Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey  
Pittsburgh, Pa.,

Dear Dr. Buck;

The time for the social science conference at Fairmont is rapidly approaching, I wish to give the conference some publicity and would appreciate very much if you would give me some copy on yourself, I of course have a number of facts but would appreciate some of your latest exploits, also a mat of your picture if possible. The papers here are very much in favor of this conference, last year they gave us more publicity than for any other activity taking place at the school.

The program as outlined in a former letter stands I have your address scheduled for Friday morning at 9.10, this period I have a large class in Economic History of the United States and I wanted this group to have the benefit of your address. Please inform me the approximate time of your arrival so that I can make the necessary arrangements at the Fairmont Hotel.

Sincerely,

*I. F. Boughter*  
I. F. Boughter

November 22, 1932

Dr. I. F. Boughter,  
Fairmont State Teachers College,  
Fairmont, West Virginia

Dear Mr. Boughter:

Your letter of November 19 has been delivered to me by Dr. Cleven and I have forwarded to him the one intended for him, which came to me. It is my intention, if the weather is good, to drive down to Fairmont on Thursday, December 8, taking Mr. Cleven with me. We will probably arrive some time in the late afternoon.

I have been giving considerable thought at odd moments lately to my part in your program and I am wondering if it is too late to change the subject. Of course if your programs have been printed or announcements have gone out that would make a change undesirable, I am willing to stick to the subject assigned. My work on this subject was done long ago, however, and I fear that what I may have to say on it will not be very fresh or inspiring. The subject that I would like to substitute is "The Settlement of the Upper Ohio Valley". In your first letter you suggested that I take as my subject the social and economic problems of the Monongahela Valley. I felt then that my knowledge was not sufficiently detailed to enable me to deal with this subject, but it happened that since our previous correspondence I have had occasion to do some work on the settlement of this region and I believe that I could give a better lecture on that subject than on the agricultural one. In the Upper Ohio Valley I include, of course, the valleys of the tributary streams, but the lecture would relate to the region as a whole rather than to any particular parts of it.

Please let me hear from you by Saturday of this week, if possible, as I expect to prepare the lecture over the week-end.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

November 25, 1932

Dr. I. F. Boughter,  
Fairmont State Teachers College,  
Fairmont, W. Va.

Dear Mr. Boughter:

It has just occurred to me that I neglected to reply to the first paragraph of your letter of November 19. Assuming that you have access to the latest edition of Who's Who in America, I do not know that there is much of publicity value that I can add to the information there given. I have served as president of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association and am at present a member of the board of editors of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review. I was chairman of the Joint Committee on Material for Research of the American Council of Learned Societies and the Social Science Research Council for the first two years of its existence. Last fall I resigned the chairmanship but I am still a member of the committee.

I do not have a mat of a picture of myself, so I am sending you herewith a print which can be used if desired. I should like to have this print returned to me when you are through with it.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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Fairmont State Teachers College

Joseph Rosier, President

Fairmont, West Virginia

NOV 26 1932

BLANCHE PRICE  
Bursar

November 26, 1932

Dr. Solon J. Buck  
Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey  
Pittsburgh, Penna.

Dear Dr. Buck:

I received your letter just a few minutes ago and my shuffling of my last letters to you and Dr. Cleveland is hard to explain. I trust you will not hold this against me as an example of rank inefficiency.

Relative to your suggestion as to change of topic for your address at Fairmont on December 9th, I would like very much to hear your lecture on "The Settlement of the Upper Ohio Valley", but considering the purpose of our conference, I believe the other topic preferable. The whole idea of this conference is to give our students something tangible which fits into courses they are taking and at the same time, will increase their interest in contemporary problems. The aim perhaps is more inspirational than scholarly. I had in mind that you would perhaps draw contrast between the former agricultural movements in the United States and the present situation. With the above information in mind, you can make your own choice as to the two subjects. I have yet had programs printed, but have distributed mimeographed preliminary programs.

Sincerely,

*I. F. Boughter*

I. F. Boughter

IFB:RLN

November 28, 1932

Dr. I. F. Boughter,  
Fairmont State Teachers College,  
Fairmont, West Virginia

Dear Mr. Boughter:

In view of the preference indicated in your letter of November 26, I will stick to the agricultural subject originally assigned to me and endeavor to make it as interesting as possible to your audience. I would be glad to have one of the mimeographed preliminary programs if available.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

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Fairmont

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NEW YORK

CABLE ADDRESS  
"COLNLIN" NEW YORK

Dec 17, 1932

Dear Dr. Buck,

I believe that you must be a real weather prognosticator in leaving Fairmont on Friday since we had quite a snow and driving was a real problem on Saturday.

I laid your picture on my desk to return to you and left Fairmont without doing so. I have not received your expense account for transportation. Surely do appreciate your being with us and hope to see you again in Toronto.

Sincerely

J. F. Boughter

December 19, 1932.

Dr. I. F. Boughter,  
Fairmont State Teachers College,  
Fairmont, West Virginia.

Dear Dr. Boughter:

It certainly was fortunate that we returned to Pittsburgh on Friday as by Saturday morning I had a well developed case of influenza, which confined me to the house for five days.

I enjoyed very much my visit *at* Fairmont and the opportunity to meet the people participating in your conference. It was very kind of you to extend an invitation to me.

As to expenses, I think that the most satisfactory way to handle automobile expenses is on a mileage basis, and I make a practice of charging our institution here three cents a mile. If that is satisfactory to you, it would amount to \$6.15 as our total mileage was 205. The only other expenses that I incurred were \$.45 for luncheon, \$.85 for dinner on Friday, and \$.40 for tips, making a total expense account of \$7.85. We did not get back in time for me to get dinner at home.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck.

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Fairmont State Teachers College

Joseph Rosier, President

Fairmont, West Virginia

BLANCHE PRICE  
Bursar

January 2, 1932

Dr. Solon J. Buck  
Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Dr. Buck:

Your letter of the 19th was awaiting me upon my return to Fairmont. Enclosed find check for \$7.85, and also the picture which you sent me same time ago. *Rec 1-10-32 3-separate mail*

I hope that you had a safe return from Toronto, and that the hospitality there, in the form of too much to eat, did not cease any havoc so that you can greet the New Year with a smile.

Sincerely,

*J. F. Boughter*

I. F. Boughter.

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HENRY E. HUNTINGTON LIBRARY AND ART GALLERY  
SAN MARINO, CALIFORNIA

MAX FARRAND  
DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH

August 11, 1931

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

My dear Dr. Buck:

As Dr. Farrand is away for the summer,  
I am acknowledging in his behalf the copy of your  
The Story of the Grand Portage, which has been received  
during his absence.

Very truly yours,

*June Baker*  
Secretary to Dr. Farrand

APR 16 1932

HENRY E. HUNTINGTON LIBRARY AND ART GALLERY  
SAN MARINO, CALIFORNIA

MAX FARRAND  
DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH

April 12, 1932

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

Dear Buck:

Thank you for sending me the copy of "Program for Research in Western Pennsylvania History." Your previous experience marked you as the man for this job, and the best that anyone could wish you is that you may be able to carry out your plans.

I hope your project will not be restricted more than momentarily by the financial conditions.

Sincerely yours,

*Max Farrand*

January 26, 1931

The F. W. Faxon Co.  
83 Francis St.  
Back Bay, Boston, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I am desirous of obtaining for myself personally copies of volume 7, no. 2, of the Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society, and of the separately printed indexes for volumes 10 and 18 of the same publication. If you have any of these three items or should be able to pick up copies of them at any time, I would appreciate receiving a quotation.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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 ~~In reply to yours of~~ February 9, 1931

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

Dear Sir:

In reply to your inquiry of Jan. 26th  
we can furnish from stock

Journal of the Illinois State  
Historical Society:  
Volume 7, #2  
for.....\$1.25 postpaid.

On receipt of this amount, we shall be glad  
to forward the number to you.

We have made a note that you are in-  
terested in the Index to Vols. 10-18, and  
if we ever run across the same, will re-  
member you and quote.

Yours truly,

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F.W.Faxon Company

February 14, 1931

F. W. Faxon Co  
83 Francis St.,  
Back Bay, Boston, Mass.

Gentlemen:-

In response to your letter of February 9,  
I am sending you herewith my check for \$1.25  
to pay for the Journal of the Illinois State  
Historical Society, vol. 7, no. 3. Please  
have this mailed to my home address, 67 Barton  
Ave. S. E., Minneapolis.

Very truly yours

B/P

Enclosure  
Check

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W. B. CLARK, MANAGER

MINNEAPOLIS

See over  
April 11th / 29

CABLE ADDRESS "NICO"

Dear Mr Buck:

This is a hearing held by the Government to ascertain what sales methods are being used by the Perpetual Encyclopedia Corp. of Chicago in selling a set of reference works known as the "Source Book"

Your name appears in this set of books and on certain advertising as a contributor Reviewer + Revisor. We want to learn just what your connection has been or is.

If you have had any connection or correspondence with the said concern or with the following

See comes. with Mrs. Frazer  
& with Rev. H. J. Mackay.

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565 Rowland  
11:30 Tues



W.B. CLARK, MANAGER  
MINNEAPOLIS

CABLE ADDRESS "NICOH"

Source Research Council Inc.  
H.M. Dixon Co  
North American Publishing Co  
Please bring the same along.

If the time set is very  
inconvenient please phone  
Mr. G. Edwin Rowland "Nicollet  
Hotel" or my self.

Respectfully Submitted  
Henry Junge Jr.  
Atty Gen Federal Trade Comm

SUBPCENA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

To Solon J. Buck  
67 Barton Ave S.E. Minneapolis Minn

You are hereby required to appear before John W Bennett  
an Examiner of

the Federal Trade Commission, at Room 303 Post Office  
Building 7nd Ave at Washington

in the City of Minneapolis Minn.  
on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1929, at 2 o'clock

P.m. of that day, to testify at the instance of the Commission  
in a proceedings directed against the  
Perpetual Encyclopedia Corp et al. Docket 1371

Fail not at your peril.

In testimony whereof, the undersigned, a member of the Federal Trade Commission, has hereunto set his hand and caused the seal of said Federal Trade Commission to be affixed at Washington, D. C., this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1929

Abram S. Meyer  
Commissioner.

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Fed. Trade  
Comm.

March 10, 1930

Mr. Henry Junge, Jr.,  
Federal Trade Commission  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Junge:-

You may recall that last April I testified at your request before an examiner of the Federal Trade Commission in Minneapolis with reference to the operations of the Perpetual Encyclopaedia Corporation of Chicago. Since then I have received several inquiries about the "Source Book" published by this concern from people who have seen my name in the work or in the prospectus. One of these is from a minister in Canada who states that there is "an army of sufferers" there "because of the misleading and misrepresentations of this business." I wrote him of the investigation of the Federal Trade Commission and he asked me if I thought the result of that investigation could be secured by those interested in Canada. I have suggested to him that he write directly to the Commission.

For my own convenience, however, in answering such inquiries, and to satisfy my curiosity, I should like to know what was the outcome of the investigation. If you can give me any information about it or can suggest where I can obtain such information, the favor will be much appreciated.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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ADDRESS COMMUNICATIONS TO  
FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

IN REPLYING PLEASE QUOTE

608 S. Dearborn St., FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION  
Chicago, Ill. — WASHINGTON

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Chicago, March 14, 1930

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

Docket 1371

Dear Mr. Buck:

This will acknowledge receipt of your favor of March 10th addressed to Mr. Junge of this office. All I can tell you about this case is that the taking of evidence has been finished and the Examiner is preparing his findings, which are based on the evidence. After that has been completed the matter is submitted to the Federal Trade Commission. I am unable to say how soon there will be any definite action.

Yours very truly,

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

*Wm. F. Dinnen*

Wm. F. Dinnen  
Attorney in Charge  
Chicago Office.

JUN 30 1930

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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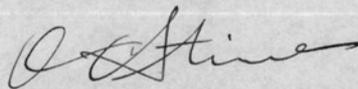
June 26, 1930

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

I note that you are listed on the Editorial Staff of the Source Research Council. I should be pleased to have from you a note confirming the fact that you are on the Editorial Staff of this institution. I should also be glad to have any comment that you care to make as to the character and reliability of this institution.

Very truly yours,



O. C. Stine  
In Charge  
Division of Statistical  
and Historical Research

June 30, 1930

Dr. O. C. Stine  
Bureau of Agricultural Economics  
U. S. Dept of Agriculture  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Stine:-

The use of my name on the list of the editorial staff of the so-called Source Research Council is entirely without my consent or approval. About seven years ago, I revised an article on Minnesota for an encyclopaedia that these people were getting out, and that is the only justification they have for the use of my name. The Federal Trade Commission was investigating this organization a couple of years ago and I testified before a Commissioner on the subject in Minneapolis. I understand that they are also operating in Canada, as I have had letters of inquiry concerning them from there.

I wish the Federal Trade Commission would hurry up with its decision, and I hope that it puts them out of business.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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February 9, 1931

U. S. Federal Trade Commission  
Washington, D. C.

Gentlemen:- •

If you will send me a copy of your Docket 1371, the favor will be much appreciated. I understand that this relates to an encyclopaedia, the publishers of which were accused of undesirable practices.

Very truly yours

B/P

For me personally  
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FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON

February 12, 1931

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

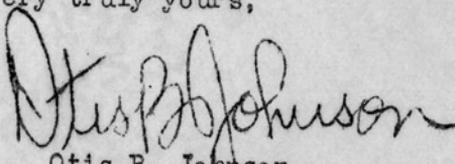
Dear Sir:

PLEADINGS REQUESTED

The enclosed papers in connection with proceedings before the Commission are forwarded in response to your recent request.

There is no charge for this service.

Very truly yours,

  
Otis B. Johnson,  
Secretary.

THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

School of Education

Teachers Appointment Bureau

October 10, 1933

Applicant's name: Alston G. Field

Address: McKee Place, Pittsburgh, Pa.

CONFIDENTIAL STATEMENT

In addition to taking a seminar in history with me, Mr. Field has served under my direction as a Fellow on the staff of the Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey since September 1931. He has an attractive appearance and personality and a high character. His scholarship is extensive and thorough and he possesses the qualities of initiative, accuracy, and industry to a high degree. His judgment is very good and he has shown an ability to adapt himself to circumstances. By the end of the present academic year, Mr. Field will have nearly, if not quite, completed his work for the degree of Doctor of Philosophy. I feel sure that he will make an unusually successful teacher, and I have no hesitation in recommending him.

Professor of History

O. Fish

OCT 14 1929

My dear Bush

Owing to a gain in dates  
I am flying to Minneapolis, & edmonton,  
October 16 and "Dolly" is flying with  
me. I go on some time here at the  
New Minnetonka Hotel. She will be there  
from about six (P.M.), and would  
be delighted to see you and Mrs. Bush,  
if that is convenient, or to be called  
up.

Yours  
Owl Bush

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May 25, 1931

Professor Carl Russell Fish  
University of Wisconsin  
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Carl Russell:;

You will be interested, I am sure, to know that I have accepted a position as director of the Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey, effective September 1. It is going to be quite a wrench for me to leave Minnesota, but I hope that the move will prove a wise one. This survey is a research project financed by the Buhl Foundation of Pittsburgh, with the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania and the University of Pittsburgh participating to some extent. It will be under the control of a Board, consisting of five representatives of the society and four of the university. I am to have a staff of five research workers, and also some clerical and editorial assistance. The work will be carried on mainly in the building of the Historical Society, which has just been completed.

I am also to have the position of professor of history in the university, teaching not more than one course, and I have agreed to exercise general supervision over all the activities of the Historical Society. Fortunately, it is not as ambitious an institution as the Minnesota Historical Society, and I hope that most of my time can be devoted to research and the direction of research.

Sincerely yours

B/P

JUN 3 1931

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  
MADISON

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY  
BASCOM HALL

June 1, 1931

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

Your letter of May 25th to Professor Fish has been opened by me during his absence in Europe on leave for the second semester. I wish to acknowledge receipt of the letter and to say that I shall hand it to Professor Fish on his return about June 27th.

Very truly yours,

*Helena B. Leute.*

HELENA B. LEUTE,  
Secretary to the  
Department.

HL:DH

JUL 30 1931

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN  
MADISON

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY  
BASCOM HALL

July 28, 1931

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

My dear Buck:

Your letter of May 25th has just come into my hands. I heartily congratulate you. It seems to me that the project at Pittsburg is one of the finest ever undertaken in America. In fact, as a project, it may perhaps be the very best. You have a great opportunity and I know you will make the most of it.

I have a student here, Miss Ruth Jeffries, who is doing a local study of Rock County in a way which I think is quite unique. I think you might find it useful at some time to get in touch with her. She is not looking for a position and probably could not accept one at Pittsburg, but I do believe you might find it worth while when you get a staff in order to bring her down for a conference. I may say she is a Vassar graduate, a woman of about thirty-five and one of exceptional force and integrity.

Best regards to the family. I hope they will also like the change.

Very sincerely yours,

*Carl Russell Fish*

CARL RUSSELL FISH

CRF/JB

August 1, 1931

Professor Carl Russell Fish  
University of Wisconsin  
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Fish:-

Your enthusiasm concerning the Pittsburgh project is very encouraging to me just now when I am in the throes of preparing to move. We are trying to get things in such shape that we can leave for a couple of weeks vacation in the Lake Superior country before starting for Pittsburgh during the last week in August.

I am very glad to know about Miss Jeffries and shall get in touch with her later on after we get our work organized. I take it from your letter that she will be at Wisconsin next year.

Elizabeth likes the idea of living nearer to her mother in Brooklyn, but we are both finding it very difficult to leave our home and our friends in Minnesota.

Sincerely yours

B/P

CROSS REFERENCE SHEET

Name or subject

File No. 6

Flick, Dr. Alexander C.

Regarding

Date Jan. 2, 1929

S. J. B.'s name on mailing list for publications  
of the New York Historical Association

Reviewing of Susquehanna Company Papers for New York History.

June 14, 1932

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Name or subject

File No. 15

New York State Historical Association

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 them-selves should be filed  
under the name or subject after  
"SEE".

Regarding Vol. III of the Minutes of the Court of Albany

See- New York Historian

MAR 9 1932

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Hartsville, S. C.,  
February 26, 1932.

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

Dear Professor Buck:

It has occurred to me that you would be interested in the book which is just from the press with the title, "Herschel V. Johnson of Georgia State Rights Unionist."

Since reading the prospectus containing the description of the book and also the comments of some of those who are qualified to estimate its value as a contribution to the history of the period which it covers you no doubt would like to examine it. A copy is, therefore, being mailed to you for examination with the privilege of returning should you decide not to retain it.

With very kind regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Percy Scott Flippin*  
Percy Scott Flippin

Coker College

Professor of History

PSF/lb

March 9, 1932

Professor Percy Scott Flippin,  
Coker College,  
Hartsville, S. C.

Dear Professor Flippin:-

Your letter of February 26, addressed to me at the University of Minnesota and informing me that you are sending me on approval a copy of your "Herschel V. Johnson of Georgia State Rights Unionist," has been forwarded to me here, where I have been situated since last September. I have no doubt that your book is an important contribution but I am quite sure that I would not be in a position to purchase a copy. The amount of money that I can afford to spend on books is so limited that I am obliged to reserve it for those that I specially need in connection with my own work.

If, as I assume, the book was addressed to me at the University of Minnesota, I would suggest that you write to Miss Alena Kayres, Secretary History Department, University of Minnesota, enclosing postage and asking her to return the book to you.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

June 20, 1931

Dr. James A. Robertson  
Executive Secretary  
Florida State Historical Society  
Takoma Park, Maryland

Dear Robertson:

I have just read with much interest the copy of your annual report for the year ending January 31, 1931, recently received by our society, and I want to congratulate you on the notable work that you and your organization are doing.

If you have any to spare, I should like to receive a personal copy of this report, mailed to my home address, 67 Barton Ave., S.E., Minneapolis. I am moving to Pittsburgh in the fall to take charge of a research project in the history of western Pennsylvania, and in general to stimulate interest and activity along historical lines in that section. For that purpose your report will be useful to me as indicating types of work that are being carried on elsewhere.

Sincerely yours

SJB:L

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UNITED STATES SECTION

INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON FOLK ARTS

*Commission Internationale des Arts Populaires*

65 EAST 56th STREET, NEW YORK CITY

Telephone Plaza 3-9756

ELIZABETH BURCHENAL  
Chairman

ROBERT ALFRED SHAW  
Treasurer

RUTH BURCHENAL  
Secretary

February 20, 1932

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

Dear Dr. Buck

Thanks for your prompt reply of February 15th. We knew that you were no longer in Minnesota but were not sure of your correct present address.

I quite appreciate your feeling about accepting appointment for I think each individual on the Committee at first had something the same reaction. But we really do need you - not as a specialist in any branch of folk art, but for your knowledge of the whole field of Historical Societies as well as your study of American social history- the background in which our folk arts are rooted. This essential element is not yet represented on the Committee. We have discussed with Dr. Paltsitz the need of a consultant in this field and he is sure, as we are, that you of all others are the one to enlist for this.

As you of course appreciate, there has been no established authority for the whole field of the folk arts of this country. Now that the need for this has come, it has to be created by drawing together various essential elements which, combined, will constitute such authority.

The individual members of the Committee as it now stands, are specialists in different lines of research - not only in folk arts per se, but related fields. Dr. Boas is a case in point. Though not in the field of folk arts, he is our safe-guard on the side of anthropology in so far the two approach each other, besides lending to the Committee the strength of his broad vision and his world wide reputation as a great scholar. Mr. Coleman, Director of the American Association of Museums is another instance. He is providing us with information, never before assembled, as to the location and character of folk art collections in the museums .

You have been duly nominated for the National Committee on Folk Arts of the United States and are urged to accept appointment. It

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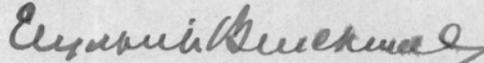
RUTH BURCHENAL  
Secretary

is understood, however, that should you prefer to serve as a corresponding member of the Committee - as a consultant on Historical Societies - the appointment will be made for that.

Please be assured that your knowledge is needed for the success of the work undertaken on behalf of this country by the National Committee on Folk Arts of the United States.

I shall <sup>hope</sup> for the pleasure of receiving word of your acceptance.

Cordially yours



Elizabeth Burchenal, Chairman

EB/ms

P. S. I am turning to you already for information. Can you locate the address of Miss Myra Dock, formerly State Forester of Pennsylvania, whose home is, I believe near Harrisburg. She has information and records which I believe will be of value to us. Can you give me the name of the present director of the Mercer Museum at Doylestown, Pa? And do you know whether he is himself an expert on the folk material of the Museum, or simply the superintendent or executive officer of the Museum? Can you give me any information regarding Mrs. Rhea Mansfield Knittle who I understand is Chairman of "Pioneer Arts and Crafts" in the Ohio State Archive and Historical Society. I should like to know what this project is and the type of articles which are assembled under that classification. Any information you can give me will be treated as confidential.

You will be interested I am sure in  
the enclosed Resolution unanimously  
passed by the League of Nations Association  
last week  
EB

FEB 2 1932

RESOLUTIONS

Adopted by the  
LEAGUE OF NATIONS ASSOCIATION, FEBRUARY 11, 1932

WHEREAS by Resolutions, September 1927, the Council and Assembly of the League of Nations approved the organization of an International Exhibition of Folk Arts and 'requested the Secretary General of the League of Nations and the Institute of Intellectual Co-operation to render every assistance in their power to the promoters of the enterprise'; and

WHEREAS by Resolutions, September 1927, the Assembly of the League of Nations convened the First International Congress of Folk Arts which resulted in the formation of the International Commission on Folk Arts which is now an organ of Intellectual Co-operation of the League of Nations and has taken as its immediate objective the above Exhibition; and

WHEREAS the United States Section of the International Commission on Folk Arts has been set up in strict accordance with the Constitution and Resolutions adopted by the International Commission on Folk Arts, and has placed the National Committee on Folk Arts of the United States at the disposal of the Government with a view to active collaboration in planning and organizing the Exhibit from this Country, in accordance with the assignment of duties issued by the Scientific Committee of the Exhibition; and

WHEREAS the United States Section under the guidance of its National Committee on Folk Arts of the United States, well under way and is taking initiative toward securing participation on the part of the United States in the Exhibition of Folk Arts; and

WHEREAS the International Exhibition of Folk Arts, the first of its kind in the world, is the first public enterprise in which the League of Nations has taken the initiative and to which it has given its patronage in the domain of artistic culture and solidarity of nations;

RESOLVED That the League of Nations Association:

Congratulates the League of Nations on its initiation and sponsorship of the International Commission on Folk Arts and of the International Exhibition of Folk Arts; and

Approves the International Commission on Folk Arts and the United States representation thereon; the organization of the United States Section of the International Commission on Folk Arts; and

Approves the First International Exhibition of Folk Arts to be held in Berne, Switzerland, in 1934; and United States participation therein as proposed by the United States Section of the International Commission on Folk Arts.

ALSO RESOLVED That the League of Nations Association:

Urges the United States Government to accept the invitation of the Swiss Government to participate in the International Exhibition of Folk Arts, now in the hands of the Department of State; and

Recommends that the services of the National Committee on Folk Arts of the United States, as tendered, be utilized.

FURTHER RESOLVED That the officers and individual members of the League of Nations Association, and all persons interested in International Co-operation, are hereby 'requested to render every assistance in their power to the promoters' of the United States participation in the First International Exhibition of Folk Arts.

February 23, 1932

Miss Elizabeth Burchenal, Chairman,  
International Commission on Folk Arts,  
#65 East 56th Street, New York City.

Dear Miss Burchenal:-

In response to your letter of February 20, I can only repeat that I am so far from being an expert in the field of folk art or any closely related field, that I must decline appointment as a member of the National Committee on Folk Arts. If I can be of any service as a consultant on historical societies, I have no objection to being so designated, although I am so busy with my regular work that I cannot take on any obligations that will involve an appreciable amount of time.

I regret to say that I cannot give you any of the information that you request in the postscript of your letter. I can, however, suggest where you can get the desired information. For the address of the former state forester of Pennsylvania, I would suggest that you write to the State Department of Forestry at Harrisburg. With reference to the Mercer Museum at Doylestown, I would suggest that you write to the Pennsylvania State Museum in Harrisburg. With reference to the Ohio Committee, I would suggest that you write to Dr. Harlow Lindley, Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society, Columbus.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

MAR 26 1932

NATIONAL COMMITTEE ON FOLK ARTS OF THE UNITED STATES

65 EAST FIFTY-SIXTH STREET

NEW YORK CITY

Telephone PLaza 3-9756

Elizabeth Burchenal,  
Executive Chairman

March 24, 1932

Dr. Solon J. Buck, Director  
Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey  
Pittsburgh, Penn.

Dear Dr. Buck

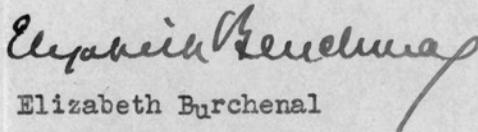
I want you to know how much we appreciate your co-operation in accepting designation as Consultant on Historical Societies for the National Committee on Folk Arts of the United States. We understand that you cannot take on obligations involving an appreciable amount of time and assure you that we will make the least possible demands on you and only from time to time as there is special need of your advice and assistance.

Thank you for the two copies of the Survey of Activities which we are very glad to have. It contains data on Historical Societies and others, which will be of real assistance to us. We are pleased also to be included in it.

If there is any further information available on the historical societies and the nature of their collections we would be happy if you would have it sent to us.

I should like very much to have the pleasure of meeting you and talking over the work we have under way. I hope that when you are in New York you will plan to come in for a visit at this office. It would give us great pleasure.

Sincerely yours

  
Elizabeth Burchenal

EB/ms

You will be interested to know that Dr. Franz Boas has accepted the honorary chairmanship of this Committee and that the Smithsonian Institution has designated Dr. Hough as its official representative on the Committee

E.B.

MAR 6 1929

Tell Dr. Buck I much  
admire his obituary &  
alvord. In to four words  
he condensed the charac-  
teristics of a de facto his-  
torian H73

W. W. Holwell.

At convenience please send  
me quite a bunch of the  
last folders, to go off with  
acknowledgments, where  
she will overtake the book  
and I will give the explanations  
over.

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MISS MARY H. FOLWELL  
1020 FIFTH STREET, S. E.  
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

May 14 - 1931

Dear Mrs Buck -

I has so started with  
the "Bad News" in the  
Journal the 12th -  
Could it think what  
to write.

Of course to me it  
means great disappoint-  
-ment - Dr Buck's  
close association with  
my Father & his death

To him - would have  
meant a strong tie  
to this State for me.  
Mother had grown  
very fond of me both -  
as had I - and  
I'm going surely  
means a broken tie  
to me..

Of course I can see  
the advantage to  
me - and the pleasure

MISS MARY H. FOLWELL  
1020 FIFTH STREET, S. E.  
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

of being near your old  
home. Besides, "the  
compliment" to people  
of any age, would be  
appreciated - and to  
a young man it is  
a great deal.

So all I can do, is  
write feeling your love  
to myself - and the  
State, is to wish

For you everything  
with love for  
yourselves, your  
children and your  
work -

Very Sincerely yours  
Mary Agnes Fisher

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July 6 - 1931

Dear Dr Buck.

This first case was Mother  
Cherless present to father  
a year or two before he died.  
He cleary to the old one  
so this was hardly used.  
much - It would please  
us if you would take  
it with you - and let it  
remind you of our very  
affectionate appreciation  
of your devotion.

Sincerely yours

Mary Hyman Fiddell

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Dr. Volan J. Buck

Personal

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Copy

July 11, 1931

Miss Mary H. Folwell  
1020 Fifth St. S. E.  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Miss Folwell:-

On returning from a trip to Pittsburgh for the purpose of finding a house in which to live, I find here numerous additional contributions from you to the Society. These will doubtless be acknowledged after they have been arranged and listed by the respective departments to which they belong.

One of the items, however, I find is designated as a personal gift to me, and I cannot tell you how much I appreciate your kindness in presenting me with the bill-fold. It is very nice and will be very useful to me, but I shall cherish it most deeply for its association with your father and also with your mother and yourself.

The Cuban material that you sent over I have directed to be kept in the original boxes for the present in order that it may be readily available to you in case you should want to use it. The letters from Bainbridge Folwell look as if they might contain very important material, and I hope to go through some of them soon for possible items of use in connection with the Reminiscences.

Elizabeth is back in Minneapolis now and we are working as much as possible to complete the editorial work on the Reminiscences. We are also hoping to be able to see you before long.

Sincerely yours

(Signed)

Solon J. Buck

B/P

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University of Minnesota  
Graduate School  
Minneapolis

March 27, 1929

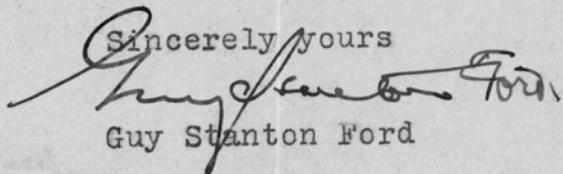
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

Professor S. J. Buck  
Prof. L. B. Shippee  
University of Minnesota

Dear Sirs:

Professor Duniway of Carleton College has been suggested to Harpers as a good man to do a history of the Northwest or a history of the West. Mr. MacGregor has asked my opinion. I am not at all certain about Duniway in this particular field. Have you any opinions?

Sincerely yours



Guy Stanton Ford

GSF:EP

April 3, 1929

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

Dear Mr. Ford:-

I feel somewhat as you do about Duniway. He has done some work relating to the Pacific Northwest but I doubt if he has a broad knowledge of western or north-western history. He impresses me, however, as a real scholar and he might do a very good piece of work. If I were looking for someone for such a job, however, I think I should prefer Elegen or Osgood or Miss Nute, or perhaps a combination of two of them.

As you doubtless know, two general works on the West are in preparation already. I should think, however, that a history of the Northwest would be well worth while.

Sincerely yours

B/P

P History Dept.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA  
GRADUATE SCHOOL

My dear Buck: I am telling the  
Dean's Office you will set  
on routine department matters  
in August.

J.S. Ford

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July 6, 1929

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

Dear Mr. Ford:-

The sketch to accompany the historical map in the atlas of the Central Northwest will be transmitted to you with this letter early next week. I expect to complete my *draft* ~~job~~ tomorrow; and, as soon as the copying is finished, it will be sent on to you.

I understand that Davis is not here this summer, so I suppose this should go directly to you. I am not very well satisfied with it but it seems to be the best that can be done under the circumstances.

Sincerely yours

B/P

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA  
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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

Sept. 30, 1929

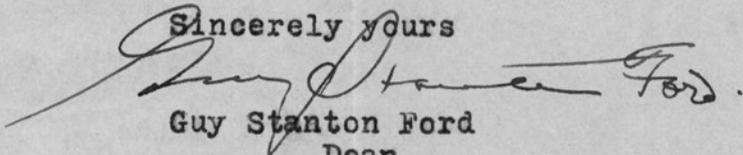
Professor S. J. Buck  
219 Old Library  
University of Minnesota

Dear Professor Buck:

I have told Professor Bourne that you will take care of the suggestion he makes in the following paragraph from a recent letter.

"I saw a notice in the New York Times about Dr. Folwell's death. The notice said that he had been engaged upon a History of the University of Minnesota, that he had completed three volumes, and that two others were almost ready for the publisher. Should we not have a brief note in regard to this among our "News and Notes"? I can write one on the basis of what it said in the New York Times, but I should much appreciate it if you could send a brief statement of the facts."

Sincerely yours

  
Guy Stanton Ford  
Dean

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January 29, 1930

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

Dear Ford:-

I had a few minutes talk with Scammon the other day and he told me that an effort was being made to work out a plan whereby part time people on the University faculty who devoted the remainder of their time to work of an academic character might be admitted to the insurance group. Later, Blegen told me that you had written a letter urging that some arrangement be made that would cover his case and mine. I want to assure you of my deep appreciation of what you have done in this connection.

With reference to the Folwell Reminiscences, it occurs to me that if money is available Holbrook might be used for editorial work upon them. As you probably know, his work for the Society during the last couple of years was not entirely satisfactory, largely because of the state of his health and of domestic complications. The work that he did was well done, but he found it impossible to do much actual writing. He has now had a considerable rest, appears to be in better shape, and is looking for a job. He is confident that he can do expeditiously any work that does not involve extensive composition, and I think he would be willing to work for a dollar an hour. If he were to do the work under my direction, I should require him to report to me every few days in order to be sure that progress was being made.

The amount of editorial work to be done would depend, of course, upon the extent to which it might be deemed advisable to supplement the Reminiscences with material from the Folwell Papers, and especially from the diaries. My own opinion is that such supplementing would make the work much more interesting and valuable.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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The University of Minnesota  
Graduate School  
Minneapolis

INTER-DEPARTMENT CORRESPONDENCE

Feb. 4, 1930

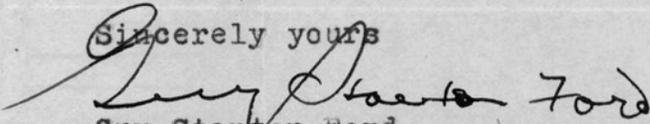
OFFICE OF THE DEAN

Prof. Solon J. Buck  
219 Old Library  
University of Minnesota

My dear Buck:

I will take up with the Executive Committee at an early meeting the possibility of making a grant for the editing of the Folwell Reminiscences. If Holbrook is to do it, I certainly hope that you will be able to keep a supervisory control over the matter. I have no doubt as to Holbrook's ability to do this; but if his health is uncertain and his energy low, the matter may drag out far too long.

Sincerely yours

  
Guy Stanton Ford  
Dean

GSF:EP

February 28, 1930

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

Dear Mr. Ford:-

Miss Hilda Smith informs me that she is applying for a fellowship and desires me to write to you concerning her qualifications. Miss Smith took my course, "New Points of View in American History," last summer and my "History of the West" in the fall term, and made the grade of B plus in each of them. She is also in my section of the American History seminar where she is doing very good work. She impresses me as a capable student, with considerable initiative, energy, and resourcefulness, and I think she might do very well as an assistant. It should be noted, however, that she has a slight speech defect.

Sincerely yours

B/P

P  
Hond

COPY

Prof. Buck, Blegen  
& Shippee ✓

February 17, 1930

I am on the  
Committee

W. Ford

Dean John B. Johnston  
Science, Literature and the Arts  
Minneapolis Campus

My dear Dean Johnston:

President Coffman has named a special committee to select a group of persons who have been, through unselfish service, devotion to duty and loyalty to the University, BUILDERS OF THE NAME University of Minnesota.

It is proposed to memorialize the names of these persons by having them cut in a gold tablet with the letters of the names outlined in red gold. The tablet is to be displayed in Cyrus Northrup Memorial Auditorium and is designed to give recognition to those teachers, administrators and men and women trained at the University whose lives have been so lived as to make the unselfish building of the name of the University of Minnesota a chief object of their efforts. It is expected that the names of teachers and administrators trained elsewhere who have given long and outstanding service to the University of Minnesota will be added to the list.

The committee desires to secure a list of names of those who may be worthy of consideration for this honor and will appreciate very much your assistance in the matter. Will you kindly make inquiry among those in your college who are best acquainted with the achievements of the alumni and members of the staff and submit to the committee the names of any that you believe should receive consideration. For your guidance in selecting suitable names the following classification is offered.

Eligibility Qualifications

Class 1 - Men and women trained at the University of Minnesota

- (a) Who have given long, outstanding and unselfish service to the University in education and / or in research
- (b) Who have made an outstanding reputation in education or research in other institutions that reflects great honor upon the University of Minnesota

Dean John B. Johnston - 2 -

- (c) Who have gained prominence in other than educational lines because of intellectual contributions to science, invention, education, or human welfare and progress
- (d) Who have outstanding records as college or university administrators

Class 2 - Men or women trained elsewhere

- (a) Who have given long and distinctive educational service to the University of Minnesota, thus adding to the honor, prestige and dignity of the institution

Class 3 - It is probable that names of men and women who fall into either of the above classifications but who have passed on will be considered for recognition also

It is hoped that a meeting of the committee to consider names may be held not later than April 15. May I suggest therefore that you secure as early action as possible and that with each name submitted there be a brief statement concerning the history, achievement and contributions of the individual.

Yours truly,

ANDREW BOSS

Chairman of the Committee.

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May 2, 1930

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

Dear Mr. Ford:-

At Mrs. Harding's request, I read the volume by Humphrey on The Prairie Frontier and returned it to her. She has asked me to report to you about it and I am very glad to recommend the volume for publication by the University of Minnesota Press. It seems to me that it is well written, very interesting, and makes an important contribution to the history of the West. I found it so interesting that I was scarcely able to lay it down after I had got into it. The Minnesota material in the first part is not, perhaps, very unusual, but it is of interest. The most important part of the volume, however, is that ~~dealing or rather~~ depicting life and conditions on the Dakota and Nebraska frontiers during the period of depression. It may be that there are other pictures of this sort in print, but I have never come across any of them. The account of the opening of the Cherokee strip is also of considerable value, although, of course, a number of other accounts by eye witnesses have been published.

Sincerely yours

B/P



March 8, 1930

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

Dear Mr. Ford:-

In addition to the people I mentioned the other day with reference to the "Builders of the Main" *Name* memorial -- that is Dean Pattee, Maria Sanford, and Professor T. L. Haecker, I would suggest the name of Dr. Charles N. Hewitt, who was for many years connected with the University as professor of public health and who has been included by Dr. Folwell among the "Apostles."

Sincerely yours

B/P

October 20, 1930

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

Dear Mr. Ford:

I have completed the reading of the manuscript of John D. Hicks's The Farmer's Alliance and the People's Party and I take pleasure in recommending it for publication by the University of Minnesota Press. Hicks has been working on this subject for many years and has had unusual opportunities to study it because of his residence for considerable periods of time in Minnesota, North Carolina, and Nebraska. He has handled admirably the difficult problem of organizing a mass of material, much of it local in character, in such a way as to present an excellent picture of a general development. His work will undoubtedly be the standard treatise on the subject for many years to come.

In the main the style is very good, though I noted a few slips in blue pencil. The bibliography might be improved somewhat in arrangement and in form of entry.

I believe that the publication of this work will tend to enhance the reputation of the Press.

Sincerely yours

SJB/GH

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA  
GRADUATE SCHOOL  
MINNEAPOLIS

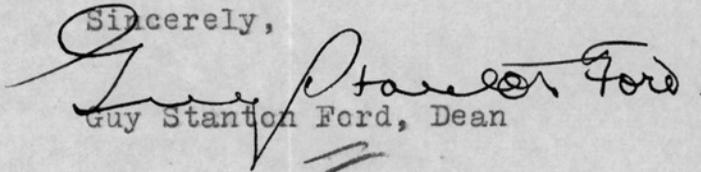
September 17, 1930

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

To Professor Shippee And Professor Buck:

University Press has received from Professor John D. Hicks of the University of Nebraska a manuscript volume on the history of the populist party. It is in excellent mechanical form. We should like to have it read and have the benefit of competent criticism upon the manuscript. The Press is asking you two if you will do this service for it. We can pay the modest sum of \$10 apiece as a reader's fee.

Sincerely,

  
Guy Stanton Ford, Dean

GSF:D

MAY 22 1931

C o p y

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

College of Science, Literature, and the Arts

Minneapolis

Dept. of English

May 20, 1931.

Dean Guy S. Ford,  
Administration 235.

Dear Mr. Ford:

In accordance with your suggestion, I am submitting in writing my proposal that the University Press consider the re-publication of W. J. Snelling's Tales of the North-West (Boston, 1830). The book is so very rare that it may be found in only a handful of libraries. For two years, I have watched book-sellers' catalogues for a copy, and have located only one, priced at \$40.00 and described as "time-stained, but entirely readable." The Historical Society, however, possesses a copy, which I hope you will examine. The book runs to viii + 288 pages and (according to the rough estimate of the librarian) some 81,000 words.

As a piece of American literature, Tales of the NorthWest is notable as one of the first half-dozen volumes of short-stories published in this country, as the first volume of short-stories devoted entirely to the Indian, and as the first volume of fiction dealing with this portion of the northwest. I cannot speak with assurance of its place as a historical document, but historians will find it one of the earliest accounts of Indian life in the north-west. Mr. Buck and Mr. Blegen are interested in the reissue of the book; and the latter tells me that, if it is published by the Press, he will do everything in his power to put a copy into every school library in the state. A few copies will sell in the Twin Cities. A modest amount of advertising in literary and historical journals (without which the project should hardly be undertaken) will sell additional copies. Numbering the copies and calling the edition a limited one might entrap a few unwary book-collectors. Might it not thus be possible to dispose of an edition of five hundred copies?

The editor of such a reprint should provide an introduction showing both the historical and the literary significance of the book. The ideal editor would be a specialist in Indian life in the north-west; if you can interest such a scholar in the undertaking, I shall be happy to give him any assistance I can with the literary portion of the introduction.

Tales of the North-West will eventually be reprinted by some publisher; and that publisher should properly and naturally be our own Press.

Sincerely yours,

G. T. McDowell.

GTM:DS

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May 25, 1931

Dr. Guy Stanton Ford  
Graduate School  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Ford:

I have read with much interest the copy of McDowell's letter proposing a reprint of Snelling's Tales of the North-West. I quite agree with him that the book is well worth reprinting, both from the literary and the historical point of view, and I believe that enough copies could be sold to cover the cost.

As for an editor, if McDowell will not do it himself, the most competent person I can think of is Miss Nute. She knows the field thoroughly and has just had a book on the voyageur accepted by an eastern publishing company.

Sincerely yours

B/H

*P Ford*

University of Minnesota  
Graduate School  
Minneapolis

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

June 18, 1931

Mr. Tremaine McDowell  
F 319

Dear Professor McDowell:

We have thought over rather carefully the idea of the republication of Snelling's Tales of the North-West. It would be a nice thing to do, but as the University Press has at the present limitations on its budget, it does not seem either wise or appropriate for us to do.

Sincerely,

*G. S. Ford*

GSF/MR

Guy Stanton Ford, Dean

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June 18, 1931

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

Dear Mr. Ford:-

I appreciate very deeply your letter of June 17 containing the resolutions adopted by the Council of the Minnesota Historical Society with reference to my resignation, and especially your own very generous words of appreciation. I assure you that this letter will always be one of my cherished possessions.

Sincerely yours

B/P

For letter  
referred to see  
under M.H.S.

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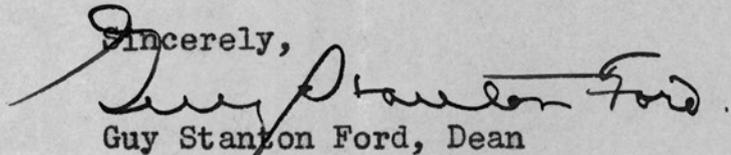
July 16, 1931

Dr. Solon J. Buck  
Supt., Minn. Hist. Society  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Doctor Buck:

As we are planning to go forward at the very earliest possible moment with the publication of the Folwell autobiography and have provisionally set December as the date of appearance I hope that the manuscript is assuming its final form under your editorship and with Mrs. Buck's help. Could you give us an idea of when it would be in our hands?

Sincerely,

  
Guy Stanton Ford, Dean

GSF:D

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July 22, 1931

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

Dear Mr. Ford:

We are pushing the work on the  
Folwell autobiography as much as possible  
and expect to have it in your hands in two  
weeks, and possibly sooner.

Sincerely yours

B/H

November 19, 1931.

Dean Guy Stanton Ford, Acting President,  
University of Minnesota,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Ford:

The enclosed clipping  
may interest you as an indication of the pub-  
licity that the University of Minnesota is  
getting in this region. ✓

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck.

B:H

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

November 21, 1931

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

My dear Dr. Buck

Thank you for the clipping sent  
me with your letter of November 19, entitled  
SCIENCE MUSTERS LABORATORY EQUIPMENT TO SOLVE  
PROBLEMS OF BUSINESS DEPRESSION AND UNEMPLOYMENT.

Sincerely yours

*Guy Stanton Ford*  
Guy Stanton Ford  
Acting President



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Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
 Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Delighted that we are to have the pleasure of your company on this occasion, we are enclosing reserved seat tickets for the complimentary concert which Lieut. Commander John Philip Sousa and his famous band will give for this Company and its guests, at 8 o'clock Thursday evening, August 29th., in the Minneapolis Auditorium.

While we very much hope that nothing will prevent your attending this concert, it will be greatly appreciated if you will advise us should anything arise to prevent your coming, so that the seats reserved for you may be made available to some other guest. In the event you should have to disappoint us, please telephone Mr. Hillweg at the W. B. Foshay Co. offices -- Atlantic 1331.

Sincerely,

*Wilbur B. Foshay*

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March 22, 1932

Professor Dixon Ryan Fox, President,  
New York State Historical Association,  
Columbia University, New York City, N. Y.

Dear Fox:-

I hope that the enclosed letter will serve your purpose. I would ~~also~~ suggest that you get in touch with Leland concerning the project for a general inventory of historical manuscripts throughout the country. It seems to me that your project might well be fitted in with and made a part of the national one. I would also suggest that you write to Dr. Lester J. Cappon, Archivist, University of Virginia Library, for a copy of his first annual report.

It was a great pleasure to have you with us on Saturday, and I am sure that your talk will serve very effectively to stimulate historical activity in this region.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

P. S. - Won't you send me a copy of the folder about the N Y S H A, part, or all, of which, was included in the papers I looked over on Saturday. In fact, I should like to have copies of any of your literature issued for promotion or other purposes. As I think I told you, I am in hopes that something similar to your organization may be started in Pennsylvania, and, consequently, I want to know all about what you are doing.

S. J. B.

SJB:AM

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Sept. 21, '29  
Winnetka.

Dear Mr. Buck:

In a recent visit from a  
bookseller a list of <sup>appointed</sup> names  
was given me ~~and~~ in which  
your name appeared. So several  
women whom I knew have  
bought the set. I am  
writing to ask you whether

we often talk of times at  
Illinois.

cordially

Helen James Proyer  
435 Sheridan Rd.

you can tell me whether it  
is to be recommended. The  
name of the institution getting  
this book out is The Source  
Research Council with office  
at 104 S. Michigan Ave.

We would love to have you come  
out and see us when you  
are in Chicago the next time  
George is very busy but

September 25, 1929

Mrs. George Frazer  
435 Sheridan Road  
Winnetka, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Frazer:-

I am very glad that you wrote to me about the set of books referred to in your note of September 21, for it gives me an opportunity to say that I most emphatically do not recommend the set, and that the use of my name in connection with it is unauthorized by me. Some five or six years ago, I did revise an article on Minnesota for these people, and, on the strength of that, they have been making unauthorized use of my name.

The business methods of this concern were under investigation by the Federal Trade Commission last spring, and it appears that most of the other names in their literature were obtained in the same manner. I examined one or two of the volumes in the set at that time, and I most certainly do not advise anyone to purchase the work.

It was a pleasure to hear from you, and I appreciate very much your invitation to call. I usually pass through Chicago three or four times a year and I shall try to get in touch with you some time. You will be interested to know that I have quite a family now, consisting of Mrs. Buek and three children, together with my father and mother, who are still living with me.

Cordially yours

B/P

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Minneapolis, May 15, 1931.

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

I suppose it is in order to congratulate you on your new appointments in the East, although I am sorry to learn you are leaving the Twin Cities.

Incidentally, as the land business has been down to next to nothing during the last few years, and as land values have depreciated so terribly, I am practically "out of a job", and looking for some opening where I could do economic and historical or similar research work of some kind, and should you know of any openings where I might possibly fit in, either here or in the East, I would be very much obliged if you would bear it in mind and advise me.

Yours very truly,

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*D. M. Frederiksen*

*Can find you  
cont. from 1928-on.*

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May 29, 1931

Mr. D. M. Frederiksen  
Suite 302 Kasota Building  
Fourth St. & Hennepin Ave.,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Frederiksen:-

Thank you for your congratulations on my appointment. I am very sorry to leave Minnesota, but it seems best to make the move.

I regret to say that openings in the field of Research appear to be about as scarce as they are in other fields at the present time, and the supply of competent and trained people appears to be somewhat in excess of the demand.

Sincerely yours

B/P

April 26, 1939

Dr. Carl J. Friedrich  
Division of History, Gov-  
ernment and Economics  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:-

I want to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 20 addressed to Mr. Buck at the University of Minnesota. Mr. Buck is out of the city at present and will not return until some time next week; your letter will be called to his attention immediately.

Very truly yours

Secretary to Mr. Buck

*Other copies -  
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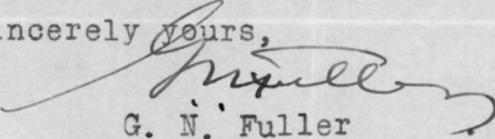
Dr. Solon J. Buck  
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July  
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Dear Buck,-

I note with pleasure your appointment to a professorship in the University of Pennsylvania, and as director of the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania. Accept our congratulations.

Sincerely yours,

  
G. N. Fuller

GNF/PA

July 11, 1931

Dr. George H. Fuller  
Michigan Historical Commission  
Lansing, Michigan

Dear Fuller:-

Thank you very much for your con-  
gratulations. It is not, however, the  
University of Pennsylvania but the Univer-  
sity of Pittsburgh with which I am to be  
connected. It was very hard for me to  
decide to leave Minnesota, but the  
Pittsburgh offer was a very attractive  
one and I could not refuse it.

Sincerely yours

B/P