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YALE UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
NEW HAVEN, CONN.

July 18, 1930

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

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Dear Professor Buck:

I very much appreciate your review of Volume II of the Pageant of America a copy of which has been sent me. Wherever we find errors we try to make alterations in the text. I am much obliged for those you pointed out. Two or three of your suggestions, however, puzzle me. I could find no reference to Dunmore or "Fenmore" on page 52. I meant exactly what I said in referring to the New Orleans quadroons - I was not referring to the white ladies. You noted that the statements on page 282 regarding Duluth and St. Paul were dubious. I would appreciate very much a suggested rephrasing. I would also appreciate your suggestion regarding the negotiations of 1782 (p.103) which saved the West for the U. S. I am reluctant to impose upon you in the summer vacation but we are anxious to make this text as nearly accurate as possible.

Cordially yours

Ralph H. Gabriel

67 Barton Ave. S.E.
July 28, 1930

Professor Ralph H. Gabriel
127 Everit St.,
New Haven, Connecticut

Dear Professor Gabriel:-

I have your letter of July 18, and am very glad to explain the points to which you allude. The "Femmore" reference is on page 79 instead of page 52. Even reviewers are not infallible, you see. In the reference to the quadroom, I thought it possible that you were referring to colored society, but it seems to me very confusing in the context in which it is used. The reader naturally assumes that "young gallants" means white men, and, if it does, he is doubtful about their bowing to the quadrooms.

As regards the references to Duluth and St. Paul on page 282, it would be correct, I think, to say "he brought sudden prosperity to Duluth." The place was platted and named, however, in 1856, and was incorporated as a town in 1857, so it is hardly correct to say that "he established Duluth." I am not sufficiently familiar with the facts to indicate what was the immediate effect of the Northern Pacific on St. Paul, but certainly St. Paul's prosperity at this time was not primarily dependent upon Jay Cooke.

With reference to the treaty of 1782, it seems to me that the old theory that Jay and Adams by their disregarding of instructions saved the West for the United States has been pretty well discredited by the work of Paul Phillips in his The West in the Diplomacy of the American Revolution and other recent studies. I think the best that I can do in this matter is to give you some references. I would suggest that you read the article by C. W. Alvord entitled Lord Shelburne and the Founding of British American Goodwill published as a pamphlet by the British Academy in 1926. It is to be found also I suppose in the Proceedings of the British Academy for 1926 if they have been published. Other accounts that present the new point of view are Alvord's Illinois Country (Centennial History of Illinois, vol. 1), and James Brown Scott's "Historical Introduction" in the first volume of The American Secretaries of State and their Diplomacy. You might be interested also in reading my review of James, George Rogers Clark in Minnesota History for March, 1929, pages 63 to 65. The main points with reference to the negotiations appear to be that Franklin had obtained as good or better terms from the British before Jay and Adams butted in as those obtained later; that Jay's suspicions of France were unjustified; and that the principal reason why the United States obtained the Northwest was Shelburne's conviction that such an arrangement would be best for the future welfare of both countries. I do not believe that Clark's operations had any direct influence on the treaty.

B/P

Sincerely yours

RALPH HENRY GABRIEL
127 EVERIT STREET

MAR 28 1931

YALE UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
NEW HAVEN, CONN.

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Feb. 26, 1931

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

Dear Professor Buck:

This note will introduce a student of mine, George W. Pierson. I should very much appreciate any suggestions you can give him.

With best wishes

Cordially yours

Ralph H. Gabriel

O Gardner, Mabel Sn.

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Dear Mr. Buck, —

As you are a member
of the Buck family I thought
you might be interested to know
that Carroll Simmons, of Hastings
(Antique dealer) has a paper
weight with a buck on it which,
belonged to some of the Buck
family — and also an ivory and
brass seal with the coat of arms
of the family on it — I am enclosing
some seals made with the die

As I thought you might be interested.
I trust that you all have had a
pleasant summer, and that Mrs Bush,
and the children are well - and
that I may have the pleasure of
seeing her this winter -

With kind regards to you both

Cordially yours
Mabel W. Gardner -

Hastings Minnesota

September 25, 1929

Miss Mabel M. Gardner
Hastings, Minnesota

My dear Miss Gardner:

Thank you very much for the information in your recent letter and also for the wax impression of the seal. I am indeed interested to know of this seal and the paper weight, and if they are for sale at a modest price I might decide to purchase them. Perhaps the owner would allow you to bring them up to Minneapolis when you come up for the winter so that I might have an opportunity to see them.

The children and Mrs. Buck are all well and she joins me in sending kind regards.

Sincerely yours

B/H

November 5, 1930

Rev. Gilbert J. Garraghan
St. Louis University
St. Louis, Missouri

My dear Father Garraghan:-

In the last number of Mid America, I note a review signed by "Howard E. Egan, Ph.D." A few years ago Mr. Egan attempted, without success, to get a master's degree at the University of Minnesota. I am wondering, therefore, if he actually has obtained a Ph.D., and, if so, from what institution.

There have been a number of cases recently of people claiming degrees which they never received, and if, by any chance, this is one of them, I am sure that you would want to know about it in order to protect yourself and your magazine from further imposition.

I trust that you will treat this letter as confidential for I should not like to have Mr. Egan know that I had interested myself in the matter.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY
SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI

Dec. 15, 1930

Dear Mr. Buck,

Kindly excuse my delay in acknowledging your note. I had been informed quite a while ago that Mr. Egan received a Ph. D. from Loyola University, Chicago. Since receiving your note, I have written to the institution and was assured in reply that Mr. Egan did receive such degree from Loyola in 1927. I have no further information about the case.

I thank you for calling my attention to this matter and remain, sincerely yours
S. J. Garraghan, S. J.

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FEB 14 1932

102 Burton Hall
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minn.
February 12, 1932.

Dear Mr. Buck:-

I suppose the early months of the year are rather gloomy for faculty people whose students insist on applying for fellowships everywhere. We seem to have to have someone to vouch for us, and we are in a position where a good word written in our behalf is appreciated more than we can say.

For myself, I should like very much to be able to remain in Minnesota for another year. Inasmuch as practically all of my course work will be out of the way by the end of this year, I would be able to spend the time in reading up in my fields, looking toward preliminary examinations in the spring, and in work on my thesis. With this in mind I am making application for a Shevlin fellowship, and would like to give your name as reference.

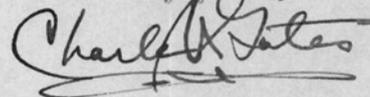
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A second possibility, perhaps still more alluring, is that I might go to George Washington University and work for a year under Professor Bemis. There are two fellowships offered which are designed to give to students working in the field of American Diplomacy the opportunity to use the government archives and the Library of Congress. It seems to me that my thesis problem on the Treaty of Ghent is one that should give me favorable consideration as an applicant. Professor Bemis might well find my research a continuation of his own studies of earlier treaties. Furthermore, if I were to be in Washington next year, I should plan to spend the summer in the archives at Ottawa, working on the Canadian side of the story. I would then be in a position to make the most of the facilities in Washington. I have filled out an application for one of these fellowships, and would sincerely thank you for whatever words of commendation you care to give. Please address Mr. Fred E. Nessell, Registrar, The George Washington University.

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Since these plans may not materialize, I am also filing applications at Harvard, Yale, and Chicago. I would greatly appreciate it if you could find time to write letters for me to these schools. I enclose a form regarding the Yale appointment. Letters to Harvard and Chicago may be addressed to Dean George H. Chase of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, and Dean Gordon J. Laing of the Graduate School of Arts and Literature, respectively.

You may be interested to know that Mrs. Douglas has the manuscript of the volume of fur traders' journals on which I have been working, and is negotiating with several publishing houses relative to its publication. I hope the book will be an acceptable one.

May I express in advance my appreciation of your kindness to me in this matter of fellowships.

Sincerely yours,



[Charles M. Gates]

February 16, 1932

[m]
Mr. Charles A. Gates,
#102 Burton Hall, University of Minnesota,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Gates:-

I have written to Yale and George Washington University, as requested in your letter of February 12 and, altho you did not ask me to do so, I have also written to Bemis, whom I know very well. I am quite willing, of course, that you should give my name as a reference in your application for a Shevlin fellowship.

I have recommended you very strongly in these letters and I was very glad to do so for I am confident that you will fulfill any expectations that I may have aroused. I trust that you will receive an appointment that will be satisfactory to you.

I am, indeed, glad to know that the editing of the fur traders' journals is completed and I trust that arrangements will soon be made for publication. I should think the University of Minnesota press might be interested in bringing it out for the Colonial Dames.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

[m.]
Charles A. Gates

I have known Mr. Gates as a graduate student at the University of Minnesota, where I was a member of the history department until last year. He had seminar work in history with me and I had a number of other contacts with him.

- (1) He impresses me as a man of very high character and attractive personality.
- (2) His proficiency and promise as a scholar are very high. He has originality, initiative, critical judgment, and the ability to organize his material, and to present it in excellent form.
- (3) I would rate him among the first five per cent of graduate students in history with whom I have come in contact in recent years. I am sure that he would benefit to the fullest extent by an appointment at Yale, and I take pleasure in recommending him.

Professor of history in the University
of Pittsburgh and Director of the Western Pennsylvania
Historical Survey
4338 Bigelow Boulevard,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

February 16, 1932

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February 16, 1932

Professor Samuel S. Bemis,
George Washington University,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bemis:-

[m.]
Mr. Charles A. Gates, a graduate student in history at the University of Minnesota, informs me that he is applying for a fellowship in George Washington University and at his request I have written a letter of recommendation to your registrar. He did not ask me to write to you but I cannot refrain from dropping you a line to tell you that, in my opinion, Gates is one of the most promising graduate students in history in the country. His work in my seminar and another course at the University of Minnesota was of the very highest order and I am sure that you will make no mistake in giving him the appointment that he desires.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

February 16, 1932

Mr. Fred E. Nessel, Registrar,
The George Washington University,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

Mr. Charles A. Gates, a graduate student in history at the University of Minnesota, with which institution I was connected until last year, tells me that he is applying for a fellowship in your institution.

Mr. Gates had work in my seminar in American history at Minnesota and I had other contacts with him. He impresses me as a man of high character, attractive personality, and exceptional ability as a student. He has originality, industry, initiative, and the ability to organize and present his material in excellent form. I consider him a man of great promise in the field of scholarship and I am sure that you would make no mistake in giving him the appointment desired.

When I was asked last year by the Colonial Dames of Minnesota to recommend someone to edit a volume of documentary material in history that they desired to publish, I recommended Mr. Gates and he received the appointment. I understand that he completed the work but I have not yet seen it.

Very truly yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
GRADUATE SCHOOL
MINNEAPOLIS

February 18, 1932

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

Charles Marvin Gates has applied for a position as
Shevlin Fellow in Arts in this University. Your
name has been given as a reference. I should appreciate any
information which you may be able to give in regard to the
fitness of this candidate for the position named.

Prof. Solon J. Buck
University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, Penna.

Dean of Graduate School,
University of Minnesota,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

February 23, 1932

Dean of the Graduate School,
University of Minnesota,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:-

I am in receipt of your request for information about Charles Marvin Gates, an applicant for the Shevlin Fellowship in Arts.

Mr. Gates had seminar work with me and also my course in the history of the West. In both, he stood consistently at the top of the class. I consider him a man of the very greatest promise in the field of scholarship. He is a thorough worker and has independence, initiative, and originality. Moreover, he has the ability to organize the results of his research and present them in excellent form. My opinion of his abilities is such that I recommended him last spring to edit a volume of documentary material for the Society of the Colonial Dames in Minnesota. He has, I understand, completed this work, although I have not seen it.

Mr. Gates stands in the very front ranks of the graduate students with whom I have come in contact at Minnesota and elsewhere, and I am sure that you would make no mistake in giving him the Shevlin Fellowship.

Very truly yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

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MAY 10 1932

516 University Ave SE
Minneapolis Minn.
May 6, 1932.

Dear Mr. Buck,

I want to write a few lines to say thank you for the letters you wrote for me regarding fellowships for next year. Although my application at George Washington did not meet with success, due, I am told, to financial misfortune, I was fortunate in being awarded a scholarship at Minnesota which will make it possible for me to continue my work here for another year.

May I take this opportunity to express my appreciation of your interest in me, and my thanks for your help.

Sincerely yours,
Charles Gates

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Lates, Charles M.

314 Eighth Ave S.E.
Minneapolis, Minn.
March 12, 1933.

Dear Mr. Buck,

I do not know whether you are in touch with the Minnesota Historical Society so that you know that they are planning to make a change in the personnel, probably next fall, when Mr. Van Koughnet expects to leave the organization. I am very much interested, of course, in the possibility of an opening, and have asked Mr. Blegen to consider me an applicant for the position. Inasmuch as I have not done any course work with Mr. Blegen, I am afraid that he is not personally acquainted with me from a professional point of view. Miss Nute and Mr. Shippee have spoken for me, and I very much appreciate their doing so. I know that a personal word from you would be of some weight

with him, and I would be more than grateful if you should feel able to write to him for me.

It may interest you to know that I have just completed the written portion of my preliminary examinations, and that I am "on the socket" to come up for my oral examination in a few days. I wish I could report that hurdle also cleared, but I am afraid you will have to give me the benefit of the doubt. Work on my thesis necessarily proceeds slowly during my periods of general preparation and review. However I look forward to putting most of my time on it during the spring quarter.

May I say quite sincerely that nothing would please me more than to begin at the bottom in the work that the Society is doing, and that any word written in my behalf will be greatly appreciated.

Yours very truly,

Charles H. Gates

Ans. by P. C.

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Letter to Blegen Filed M.H.S.

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MAR 25 1933

CHARLES M. GATES
314 EIGHTH AVE. S. E.
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

March 23, 1933.

Dear Mr. Buck,

Thank you very much for your card. And may I express my appreciation of your kindness in writing to Mr. Blegen for me. He mentioned your letter to him when I saw him the other day, and I believe he is considering me as a possibility, altho his budget for next year has not taken definite shape, and administrative plans necessarily wait upon the financial decisions of the legislature. In the meantime I am glad to be able to report success in putting preliminary examinations behind me. I hope to be able to make substantial progress with my

thesis during the spring quarter. Then,
if luck is with me, I may spend a
part of the summer working in Washington.
Should that plan work out, I shall
certainly stop in Pittsburgh and say
hello.

Thank you again for your interest in
my problems.

Yours very truly,
Charles W. Gates

FEB 21 1930

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31 B SHALER LANE
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

Feb. 18, 1930.

Dear Prof. Buck:

Would you be kind enough to write me concerning possible vacancies in History in the middle west. I have completed my thesis on "The Colonization Activities of the Illinois Central Railroad" and shall receive the Ph.D. at Harvard in June. I am anxious to obtain a position in the middle west for next year as that is the special field in which I am interested. If there is a vacancy at Minnesota I should like to be considered for the position but if not I should be very grateful for any information you could give me about other openings.

Since assisting you in the Harvard Summer School I served as Assistant to Profs. Schlesinger and Park and this year am Instructor in History and Tutor in the Division of History, Government and Economics.

Sincerely yours,

Paul W. Gates

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Minnesota Historical Society
St. Paul, February 26, 1930

Mr. Paul W. Gates
31 B Shaler Lane
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Gates:

Your note of February 18 arrived while I was out of town, which accounts for my delay in replying to it. There is no vacancy in the American history field at the University of Minnesota at present, or in immediate prospect. I understand that the University of North Dakota is looking for a man in American history, but I think that they hope to get someone who has had considerable teaching experience. A couple of months ago I heard that the University of Michigan was planning to add an instructor in American History, but I doubt if any action is taken there until one or more of the major positions in the field is filled. Should I hear of any other vacancies that might be of interest to you, I shall be glad to let you know.

Sincerely yours

SJB/S

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March 2, 1931

Dr. Paul W. Gates
28 University Ave.,
Lewisburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Gates:-

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of your Disposal of the Public Domain in Illinois. I have read it through with a great deal of interest and consider that you have made an important contribution to an understanding of the workings of our land system.

I have long been interested in this phase of the subject and have felt the need of concrete studies of the actual steps by which the land passed into the hands of those who were to develop it. Partly at my suggestion, one of our graduate students, a few years ago, undertook to write a doctor's thesis on the Disposal of the Public Domain in Minnesota. He has done a great deal of work on it, but whether he will ever succeed in finding the forest among the trees remains to be seen. I shall call your article to his attention, and I have already called it to the attention of one of my present graduate students who is writing on the settlement of a Minnesota county, with the suggestion that he could get some ideas as to methodology from it.

Sincerely yours

B/P

Bucknell University
Lewisburg, Pa.

DEC 8 1932

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
HENRY THOMAS COLESTOCK
PAUL WALLACE GATES
WILLIAM THOMAS JOHNSON

December 5, 1932.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
Department of History,
University of Pittsburgh,
Pittsburgh, Penna.

Dear Dr. Buck:

I am applying to the Social Science Research Council for a fellowship to enable me to work on the problem of "The Operation of the Federal Land Legislation and its Effect upon the Settlement of the West, 1785-1890" and have given your name as a reference. I feel that you are one of the men who can best evaluate my project and therefore I took the liberty of giving the Council your name.

The detailed statement of my project will probably be forwarded to you by the Council.

Mr. Shenk may have told you that he may be able to publish some of the addresses which were given at the historical convention at State College in a special bulletin. It seems that the Commission has some money which may be available for this purpose.

Hoping that you will find it possible to support my project, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Paul W. Gates
Paul W. Gates

I am enclosing a statement of my project.

Program of Study

DESCRIPTION OF OBJECTIVES

The general subject with which I wish to deal is "The Operation of the Federal Land Legislation and its effect upon the settlement of the West, 1785-1890." Existing studies of the federal land system deal chiefly with the political background and the principles of the various measures; they are not concerned to any extent with their operation. I propose to find out whether the gradual liberalization of the land system through the acts of 1800 to 1820, the preemption and graduation measures, the military bounty acts, the swamp, education, canal and railroad grants and finally homestead aided or hindered the actual settler in securing land easily and cheaply. It is my belief at present that certain legislation, intended to benefit various classes of claimants on the government's bounty, led instead to the creation of huge speculative interests in the government land and that the public domain passed first largely into the hands of speculators and not to individual settlers.

I plan to ascertain as accurately as possible what proportion of the federal lands transferred under the various measures from 1796 to 1890 went into the hands of settlers and what proportion was acquired by non-settlers or speculators. Particular attention will be paid to the use which speculators were able to make of the military land warrants in building up

1. Paxon Jackson Treat's The National Land System, 1785-1820 (New York, 1910), may be considered an exception to this statement.

extensive holdings. I also wish to study the disposal of the lands received by the states under the education grants, the swamp land act, and the canal and railroad grants to see whether the settler or the speculator received the most benefit from them and also whether the purposes of the grants were achieved.

The actual operation of the federal land legislation will be studied with a view to understanding the following questions: were the government minimum prices of various dates warranted by frontier conditions or were they a deterrent to settlement? How did they compare with prices being asked by state and private land owners in the same locality and elsewhere? Were government lands which were available under the Homestead Law generally as attractive to settlers as privately owned lands in the same region? The following topics will also be studied on a broad scale: the credit system, government auctions, the competition for the lands, the prices received at the auctions and the squatters associations or agreements.

The speculators, I believe, played an important role in colonizing the west, and I propose to study in detail the methods they adopted to sell their holdings, what success they had in disposing of them, their profits, their influence upon the direction which population and lines of communication took and the attitude of the western settler towards them. I recognize that, except for the early pioneers, probably most of the settlers themselves were speculating but nevertheless they all fulminated against the speculator, especially the absentee owner, whether he were an eastern capitalist or a large land company. I would like to examine frontier newspapers, manuscript collections and other

and other sources to study contemporary opinion in regard to the non-resident land owners and the discriminatory legislation which was directed against them. Timber depredations and squatting on the lands of non-residents will receive attention.

The mere figures of federal land sales do not provide a reliable index for the rate at which the government domain was being disposed of, the rate at which the west was being settled, or for the importance of the various land measures. The statistics of federal land sales should be considered in connection with the warrant locations and with the amounts of land passing into the hands of settlers or speculators as a result of the education, internal improvements and other grants. All these figures should be re-interpreted in connection with the statistics relating to the amount of land in farms. I hope to prepare a comprehensive table of this kind which, when considered in the light of business conditions prevailing at the time, will be a real index to the rate of westward expansion and settlement.

RESEARCH METHODS AND PROCEDURES

I first plan to devote considerable time to the Public Land Office records in the Department of the Interior in Washington. From these records I hope to be able to secure statistics of the operation of the various laws in different states and districts, of the sales to settlers and speculators as determined by the size of the purchases, and the names and holdings of some of the more important individual owners and land companies. If the records are not complete in Washington I shall use the records of the local

land offices in the various states where they are available. I shall also plan to use the records concerning the disposal of the lands which the states received from the national government. I hope then to trace the transfer of the speculators' holdings through the use of county and state land transfer records. I shall use as much of the local material as is necessary to understand the point of view of the west towards the speculator, the absentee owner, and the working of the land system. While in the western field I hope to find material on land companies similar to the papers of the Susquehanna Land Company and the Woodman manuscripts in the Wisconsin Historical Society.

AVAILABILITY OF MATERIAL

There is an abundance of material in the Public Land Office in the Department of Interior in Washington and in some of the state capitals which has not been used by historians to any great degree.

LEADING INSTITUTIONS TO BE VISITED AND AUTHORITIES TO BE CONSULTED

Public Land Office in Department of Interior, Washington; Library of Congress; Wisconsin Historical Society Library. The state and county archives to be visited cannot be determined until the material in Washington has first been used.

December 17, 1932

Professor Paul W. Gates,
Department of History,
Bucknell University,
Lewisburg, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Gates:

About the time your letter of December 5 was received, I was laid low with the Influenza, which accounts for my not having acknowledged it before. I had previously received, however, a request from the Social Science Research Council "for my opinion on your application," together with a copy of your "program of study", and I had written them a strong letter of endorsement, both of yourself and of the project, which appeals to me very strongly. As I had to return the copy of the program of study that they sent me, I am very glad to receive one from you, which I assume I may keep. The need of studies along the line that you propose has been apparent to me for a number of years and it happens that a few years ago I suggested an intensive study of this sort, with special reference to the State of Minnesota, to Mr. Verne E. Chatelain for his doctor's thesis at the University of Minnesota. Mr. Chatelain has done a great deal of work on this subject, though I do not know just what state it is in at the present time. He now holds the position of historian of the National Park Service in Washington, D. C. It might be worth your while to get in touch with him.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:M

Peweesburg, Penna. Feb. 26, 1933

Dear Dr. Buch:

Our library has not received
a copy of "Abstracts of Theses..." which
is published by the U. of Pennsylvania. If it is not
too much trouble I should appreciate a
copy for my own use - after which I would
return it or turn it over to our library.
The copy may have been lost in transit.
Mr. French is sending out the proceedings
next week.

Ans by pc 2/28/33

Sincerely yours
Paul W. Giles

FEB 28 1933



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Dr. Solon J. Buch
Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania
4338 Bigelow Boulevard
Pittsburgh
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2301-2311 Prairie Avenue, Chicago
February 8, 1929

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

Dear Sir:

At the suggestion of Professor Bolton, author of Bolton's History of the Americas, we are sending a copy of this book to you with our compliments. We believe you will be interested in reading it at your leisure.

Very truly yours,
Ginn and Company

GW

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2301-2311 Prairie Avenue, Chicago

August 14, 1931

Professor Solon J. Buck
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Professor Buck:

We take great pleasure in sending you today a copy of Martin's History of the United States, Volume II, by Professor Asa E. Martin. This is the companion volume to the book published some time ago and presents the history of the United States since the Civil War.

This book, in a style that is clear and concise, with a fine balance between the economic and social phases of the period of American history, treats the years since the Civil War in a way that will appeal to students interested in that important period of our national development. More than half of the book is devoted to the period since the Spanish-American War.

We hope that you will have opportunity to examine this book as a possible text to be used in your classes during the coming year.

Very truly yours
Ginn and Company

JH

September 2nd, 1931.

Ginn and Company,
2301 Prairie Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Gentlemen:-

Your letter of August 14th and the copy of Martin's History of the United States, Volume II, that you so kindly sent me, reached me in Minneapolis just as I was leaving for Pittsburgh, where I have taken the positions of Director of the Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey and Professor of History in the University of Pittsburgh. While I do not expect to teach a general course in American History, I shall be much interested in looking over this volume as soon as I can find the time.

Very truly yours,

SJB:M

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UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

BOULDER, COLORADO

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

July 11, 1930.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
Minnesota Historical Society,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Buck:

Under separate cover I am sending to you two copies of The Trans-Mississippi West, and a package of reprints of your article on "The Problem of Adequate Historical Collections".

On behalf of the University of Colorado in general, and of Professor Willard in particular, I wish to thank you for your co-operation in making possible the Conference and this volume.

Sincerely yours

Colin B. Goddard

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July 17, 1930

Professor Colin B. Goodykoontz
University of Colorado
Boulder, Colorado

Dear Mr. Goodykoontz:-

The two copies of The Trans-Mississippi West and the package of reprints have been received. I think the University of Colorado has been very generous with the contributors, and I am very grateful.

Since my part in the volume is very small, I can say with becoming modesty that it impresses me as a very valuable work, and I am sure that it will be most useful to me in connection with my course at the University on the History of the West. The separates also will come in very handy in connection with my work as chairman of the Joint Committee of the ACLS and the SSRC on Materials for Research.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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Minneapolis

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Feb. 13, 1949

My dear Mr. Buck:

The enclosed letter might well be in the hands of the nominating committee. I have shown it to Wallis.

Sincerely,

ASG.

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
THE LAW SCHOOL
MINNEAPOLIS

February 2, 1929

Professor Harold S. Quigley,
~~Secretary Gown in Town Club.~~

My dear Mr. Quigley:

I understand that the Club has under consideration the name of Professor Ralph H. Dwan, of the law faculty, for membership. Mr. Dwan is now assistant professor of law, and associate editor of the Minnesota Law Review. He is steadily growing in the estimation both of the faculty and student body of the law school. While not especially aggressive, he is a man of positive opinions, able to express himself well, of pleasing personality--perhaps too modest for his own good. If the club chose him as a member it would like him the better the better it knew him. I think he would be a valuable member and hope you will invite him to join.

Sincerely yours,

Henry J. Fletcher

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February 24, 1931

Professor N. S. B. Gras
Harvard School of Business
Administration
Soldiers Field
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Gras:-

Will you have your secretary send me the address of Paul W. Gates, whose article appears in the Journal of Economics and Business History for February, 1931? Gates was my assistant the summer I taught at Harvard and I saw him at the Boston meeting but I do not know his present address.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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HARVARD UNIVERSITY

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GEORGE F. BAKER FOUNDATION

SOLDIERS FIELD

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

February 27, 1931

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

In answer to your note of
February 24 I am very glad to send you
the address of Mr. Gates.

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Dr. Paul W. Gates
28 University Avenue
Lewisburg, Pennsylvania

Very truly yours,

Emily C. Nichols

Secretary to N. S. B. Gras

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GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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SOLDIERS FIELD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

19 Aug. 1931

Dear Buck:

Please accept my best thanks for your suggestions regarding the "Critical Guide". I hope to be able to discuss the work with you personally later.

Your new work has great promise and interest. I shall expect to learn more about it later.

Just this year I discussed with a responsible member of a big, and I have reason to believe great, university about the possibility of getting you to come East to fill a chair that may be created. Economic conditions, however, will probably delay the whole matter.

When you are in this direction, please come to Cambridge. I shall be glad to show you what we are doing in business history.

Sincerely

N. S. Gross,
South Hero,
Vermont.

Mr
September 4th, 1931

Professor N. S. B. Gras,
Graduate School of Business Administration,
Harvard University,
Soldiers Field,
Boston, Massachusetts.

Dear Gras:-

Your letter of August 19th reached me just before I left Minnesota and this is the first opportunity I have had to reply to it.

I started work here September 1st but as we have almost no equipment and the staff is new to the job, it will be some time before we are able to make much progress. We do not know, ourselves, as yet just what we are going to try to do and I shall want to talk the matter over with you and get your advice and suggestions at the first opportunity.

The paragraph of your letter about a position in an Eastern university was naturally very interesting to me. The current depression seems to have prevented or postponed a number of projects of this sort.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck.

SJB:M

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BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

January 30, 1932

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

Dear Buck:

I hope that you are going to visit us sometime soon. Our Business History group holds its weekly luncheon on Tuesdays at 12:30 at the Faculty Club of the School of Business. On this occasion outsiders speak or somebody in the group holds forth. We should be very glad to have you join us. This then would be an occasion to exchange our problems. You would have an opportunity to observe and study if you wish what is going on in the Baker Library and in the Business Historical Society.

I should hope that you would be able to stay until at least Thursday noon, when at 1:00 o'clock the history department of Harvard College holds its regular departmental luncheon. I have no doubt you would be invited to attend this luncheon. I should try to arrange it.

Let me hear from you at your convenience. I hope you can come.

Sincerely yours,

N. S. B. Gras

N. S. B. Gras
Professor of Business History

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February 8, 1932

Mr. N. S. B. Gras,
Professor of Business History,
Harvard University, Boston, Mass.

Dear Gras:-

It was very kind of you to invite me to attend a weekly luncheon of the Business History group, but unfortunately there seems to be little prospect of my getting away from here in the near future. Important things needing to be done are pressing in upon me from all sides and I shall have to stick pretty closely to my desk until I get our work better organized than it is at present.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

October 5, 1933

Professor N. S. B. Gras,
Graduate School of Business Administration,
Harvard University,
Soldiers Field, Boston, Mass.

Dear Gras:

Sometime ago you extended to me a very kind invitation to visit at Harvard but I was unable at that time to accept it. I am now planning to attend the meeting of the American Antiquarian Society in Worcester on Wednesday, October 18, and I want to take advantage of the opportunity to spend a little time in Boston and Cambridge. As I am going to attend a meeting in the eastern part of Pennsylvania on the preceding Saturday, I think that I shall go from there to Boston, arriving probably Monday morning, October 16, and spending Monday and at least part of Tuesday there before I go to Worcester. I hope that it will be possible for me to see something of you at this time.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

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GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

GEORGE F. BAKER FOUNDATION

SOLDIERS FIELD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

October 7, 1933

Dr. Solon J. Buck
Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania
4338 Bigelow Boulevard
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Buck:

I am glad to learn that you are coming this way. If it is at all possible for you to stay Monday night, I hope you will let me put you up at the Harvard Faculty Club on Quincy Street. If you are here by Monday noon, I shall be glad to have you meet some people in whom I am sure you will be interested, say at a luncheon at 12:30 or 1 o'clock. You might come to my office on Monday at 12 o'clock, if convenient. The rest of the things will follow from then on.

On Tuesday, October 16th, our business history group has its regular meeting in the form of a luncheon. Please stay over for that if you can. We sit down at 12:30 o'clock and generally finish by 2 o'clock.

Please let me know at your convenience what time you are going to arrive and particularly whether you will be here for the Monday luncheon.

Sincerely yours,

N. S. B. Gras

N. S. B. Gras
Professor of Business History

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October 7, 1933

Professor N. S. B. Gras,
Harvard University,
Graduate School of Business Administration,
Soldiers Field, Boston, Mass.

Dear Gras:

I shall probably arrive in Boston Monday morning and certainly in time to get to your office by twelve o'clock. I assume that your office is where it was in the summer of 1928. As it will not be necessary for me to go to Worcester until Tuesday evening or even Wednesday morning, I shall be very glad to attend the luncheon of your business history group on Tuesday.

I am also very glad to accept your offer to put me up at the Harvard Faculty Club. If you will make the necessary arrangements in advance, I will go there Monday forenoon and then will go from there to your office.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

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November 6, 1933

Professor N. S. B. Gras,
Graduate School of Business Administration,
Harvard University, Soldiers Field,
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Gras:

Herewith I am returning to you the report on the
Tench Cox Papers, and I want to thank you for your courtesy
in allowing us to make a copy of it. I want to take this
opportunity, also, to thank you for your many kindnesses
to me during my visit to Cambridge. It was a great
pleasure to have the opportunity to meet so many people
at the two luncheons.

I trust that the arrangements for the Chandler Papers
are proceeding satisfactorily. I had occasion to write to
Julian Boyd recently and I could not resist telling him
that I had located the papers of the Northern Railroad.
Naturally, he is much excited and wants to get them for his
collection. I have told him, however, that I think they
will be more useful in the Baker Library.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

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HARVARD UNIVERSITY

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BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS

November 8, 1933

Dr. Solon J. Buck
The Historical Society of
Western Pennsylvania
4338 Bigelow Boulevard
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Buck:

I received your letter of November 6th, together with the report on the Tench Coxe papers. I am glad that this report is of service to you.

Cole told me the other day that he has an appointment with Mr. Chandler. Cole is very much interested in the papers of the Northern Railroad, and will do, I am sure, everything that is possible to have them properly deposited, in case Mr. Chandler wishes to have them go out of his possession.

It was a pleasure to have you with us, and I hope that you will come again.

Sincerely yours,

N. S. B. Gras

N. S. B. Gras

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P. S. I am enclosing a pamphlet which is self-explanatory. It might be of real service to some of your students who will find themselves unattached at about the beginning of the new year to know that it is possible for them still to obtain a full course of instruction in the academic year of 1933-34. Perhaps you could conveniently attach it to some bulletin board where it might be seen. This is merely a suggestion.

N. S. B. G.

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

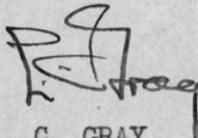
February 24, 1933

Professor Solon J. Buck,
University of Pittsburg,
Pittsburg, Pa.

Dear Professor Buck:

In view of your special interest in agricultural history, I am taking the liberty of sending you, under separate cover, a complimentary copy of my History of Agriculture in the Southern United States to 1860, which has just been issued by the Carnegie Institution of Washington. I hope you will find the book of interest. It is the product of my spare time through a period of nearly twenty-five years.

Sincerely yours,


L. C. GRAY

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March 6, 1933

Dr. L. C. Gray,
Bureau of Agricultural Economics,
Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Gray:

It was very kind of you to send me a complimentary copy of your History of Agriculture in the Southern United States to 1860. The books have been received and I have looked them over with much interest. You have certainly made an outstanding contribution to American history and I am sure that the volumes will be very useful to me, particularly if I ever have occasion again to teach courses on "The West in American History."

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

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August 16, 1932.

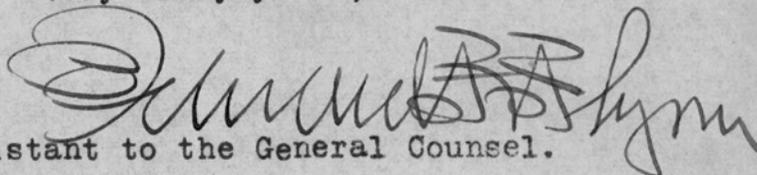
Mr. S. J. Buck,
Historical Society of Western Penn.,
Bigelow Blvd. and Parkman Ave.,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Mr. Buck:

Enclosed are two copies of program used at the dedication of Glacier National Park and Waterton Lakes Park as an International Peace Park, which took place June 18th last at Glacier Park. The affair was a very interesting and inspiring one. Our Canadian friends with their officials, Mounted Police and Canon Middleton added dignity to the affair. The address of Sir Charles Mander was the outstanding talk. It was estimated about 2000 people were present, nearly half being Rotarians, many of whom were on their way to the International Convention at Seattle.

If you know of any one you think would be interested in having copies of this program, I should be glad to forward same.

Very truly yours,



Assistant to the General Counsel.

EFF/c

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August 23, 1932

Mr. E. F. Flynn, Assistant to the General Counsel,
Law Department, Great Northern Railway Company,
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Flynn:

Thank you very much for sending me copies of the program for the "Opening and Dedication of the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park". I have looked them over with much interest, not only in the subject matter but also in the unusual form and style of the program itself. The dedication must have been a very interesting and significant occasion.

With reference to the distribution of the program, my suggestion would be that copies be sent to the principal libraries and historical societies in the United States and Canada, especially to those in the Northwest.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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July 1929

1018 S.E. 4th St.

Tallahassee

Mr S. J. Buck.

Kindly let me if
for 220 su. "Research in Selected -
Historical Fields" I could take
"Stephen Douglas".

I am working for my M.A.
and would like to choose for my
subject Stephen Douglas and hope
to use course 220 su to develop the
subject. (my field is American Hist.)

Kindly let me so I may make
plans to remain for the 2nd session.
Thanking you for an early reply.

Very truly

Margaret Greeley

sent to
Copy for Mr. Elegen.

November 3, 1931.

Mr. P. J. Green,
University Station,
Grand Forks, N. Dakota.

Dear Mr. Green:

Your letter of October 29 addressed to me at the Minnesota Historical Society was forwarded to me here, where I am now situated.

I agree with Dr. Libby that there would not be enough material to make a thesis on "Calhoun and the Northwest". I am inclined to think that the same would be true of the topic "The Influence of the South on Minnesota". If, however, you broadened this latter topic to include more territory, say the upper Mississippi Valley and particularly the lead region in Illinois, Wisconsin and Iowa, it might be suitable.

As I am no longer in touch with the available materials in that region I am sending your letter, together with a copy of this reply, to Dr. Theodore C. Elegen, who is now Superintendent of the Minnesota Historical Society, with the suggestion that he write to you.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck.

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THE UNIVERSITY



OF NORTH DAKOTA

DEPARTMENT OF EUROPEAN HISTORY

UNIVERSITY STATION
GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA

November 13, 1931

Dr. Solon J. Buck
Pittsburg, Pa.

My dear Dr. Buck:

I am writing to thank you for your suggestions concerning a subject for a Ph. D. Thesis.

I am following up several leads now and hope to have chosen a topic in the next few days.

I thank you for your kind interest,

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Yours truly,

P. J. Green.

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June 14, 1929

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

I am sending you a copy of
my frontier book, which I hope will inter-
est you.

Some day soon I hope to see
you again. Do you come East very often?

With very best wishes, I am

Yours faithfully,

Sydney Greenbie
President

SG/MK

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June 29, 1939

Mr. Sydney Greenbie, President
Floating University
International University Cruise, Inc.
Graybar Building
New York City

Dear Mr. Greenbie:-

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of your recent book. I am planning to take it on my vacation, which will be spent with the family at a lakeside cottage in northern Minnesota.

I was in Washington for a while last spring, but have not been in New York since 1936, and do not know when I shall get there again. If your travels ever take you through this region, be sure to look me up.

Sincerely yours

B/P

May 25, 1931

Professor Evarts B. Greene
Columbia University
New York City

Dear Greene:-

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 so 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

APR 29 1930

DR. J. H. GREENE

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7956 Clyde Avenue, Chicago, Ill. April 27, 1930.

Solon J. Buck,
C. W. Alvord Memorial Commission,
Minnesota Historical Society St. Paul.

Dear Mr. Buck:

I have been so busy transferring my household to this place I had no time to really consider your letter of April 7th informing me you were at Illinois University in 1914 which was not far from the time I was called there by sudden death of my son-in-law Thacher Guild author of "Illinois Loyalty." Inasmuch as I was an early member of the Non-Partisan League and fought the Bowers that be after the death or rather spiritual death of Edmund Janes James whose ouster was decreed by his successors I enjoyed a fairly strenuous time.

We expect to visit there next week with my daughter now the wife of Jacob Zeitlin former friend of Thacher and whom I greatly admire and whose sabbatical year soon takes them to Russia and on the continent afterward. I have a host of friends there my friend Paul van Brunt Jones recently sending me "The Origin of the World War" by Fay. It may interest you if not already known that Prof. Alvord once told me he thought he was the only historian there who had read Karl Marx which was enough to earn his dismissal. I am enclosing something which will show you I still retain my interest in certain measures there promoted by economic professor of the School of Commerce without a great measure of success a few of whose meetings I attended and also dined once with another white 'nigger' at the caravansary, picture herein enclosed. Mr. Edward Berman is the Professor of Economics who has long tried to get some degree of justice for all colored people and Eurasians.

Very sincerely,

J. H. Greene

APR 29 1930

It is safe to say that half of the beliefs held by mankind are not founded on any known verifiable facts; nor is there biologic justification for most of the paraphernalia of modern civilization. We accept it naively because we grew up in it; we suffer it as we do disease, crime, poverty, and ignorance; because we became habituated to it in childhood; and the imbecilities and stupidities are handed on from generation to generation. "The Nature of Man" Dorsey.



The only known public place near the campus of the University of Illinois where any well behaved "nigger" be he white, black, yellow, piebald or speckled, can obtain welcome and food without walking three or four miles.

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Handwritten

February 20, 1931

Mr. Donald Robertson
Ski-U-Mah Office
Pillsbury Hall
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Robertson:-

The kind invitation from Sigma Delta Chi to attend the Tenth Annual Gridiron Banquet is much appreciated, but unfortunately I have another engagement which makes it impossible for me to accept.

Sincerely yours

Western Teachers' Agency
The Plymouth Building
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Erma M. Grussendorf

My acquaintance with Miss Grussendorf is not sufficient to enable me to answer all of your questions. She is doing graduate work in history at the University of Minnesota this year, and is a student in my seminar in American History, where she has made a very good record. She is also writing a thesis for the M.A. degree under my direction, but has not made enough progress in it yet for me to have any opinion about its quality. She has a good personal appearance, an agreeable personality, and I should expect her to be a successful teacher.

April 3, 1929

Professor of History

April 2, 1939

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Rocky Mt. Teachers Agency
813 Lumber Exchange
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Grussendorf, Erna M.

April 5, 1929

My acquaintance with Miss Grussendorf is not sufficient to enable me to answer all of your questions. She is doing graduate work in history at the University of Minnesota this year, and is a student in my seminar in American History, where she has made a very good record. She is also writing a thesis for the M.A. degree under my direction, but has not made enough progress in it yet for me to have any opinion about its quality. She has a good personal appearance, an agreeable personality, and I should expect her to be a successful teacher.

Gubbins

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c/o Lt.- Com. R. Tufnell,
46, Eaton Square,
London, S.W.I.

26 June, 1932.

Dear Sir,

I have been told of the great work you have done and are doing in organising American folk-museums. For many years I have been gathering material for a similar type of thing in South Africa. You will have heard of the Gubbins Library of Africana, originally collected on a Rand farm, and subsequently housed in the Witwatersrand University. The disastrous fire last Christmas Eve destroyed the greater part of the whole Library, and committees have been formed in South Africa and in this country to replace it.

What we have in mind for the new Gubbins section of the University Library is a combined Museum and Repository, the former illustrating every side of South African History and culture: racial, linguistic, political, social and economic - with the written records and documents behind it for purposes of study.

Our funds are limited, but a good deal of interest in the project has been aroused, and I hope to secure the collaboration of the Johannesburg Municipality. If we could lay a concrete scheme before the various parties interested: the Municipality; the Witwatersrand University; the Universities, Libraries, Museums, Educational Foundations and private individuals in this country and your own, I have every expectation of doing for South Africa what you and your disciples have done for the American Middle West.

I should therefore be eternally grateful if you could give me a few leading ideas, and, if possible send me any copies of literature on the subject of organising such a venture, which you may possess. I should be happy to get into touch with other scholars and public men, who might be interested in the project, but have thought it best at the outset to write you personally.

I shall be in England till the beginning of August, thereafter on the Continent for a week or two, before setting out for the Cape by a rather roundabout route: to wit, the Far East! Any reply addressed here would reach me in good time.

Trusting that this, not troubling you unduly on a matter of such great importance to scholarship,

Yours very truly

John G. Gubbins

Our "Americaine" section is not unimportant. Mrs Wilson
the first white woman to die in the Transvaal was an American
Board Missionary. I recovered her tombstone & we are
treasuring it as the first Transvaal monument.

University of the Witwatersrand

:: Johannesburg ::



*The Gubbins Library
of Africana*



The Gubbins Library of Africana

This library, which originated twenty-five years ago on a farm in the Western Transvaal, is now housed in the University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, and is being developed in close co-operation with the University of Pretoria.

The object of the library is to build up in one organic whole a collection which will present to South Africans a picture of South Africa in all its phases, and it is the intention to vitalise each phase by securing the active co-operation of the bodies and individuals whose special interests are concerned with each particular section. In addition, it is our intention to prepare an index for recording the whereabouts of literature and manuscripts relating to South Africa, which it is hoped will develop a system of interchange between institutions and so form a co-ordinating centre for all workers on South African subjects. In order to further this idea of co-ordination, the University is willing, at its discretion, to lend books to other libraries, provided that the necessary facilities as to safe custody are provided by the Governing Body concerned. So far, agreements of this sort have been arranged with the University of Pretoria, the State Library, Pretoria, the Johannesburg City Library, the Library of the Botany Section of the Department of Agriculture and others. The index will also provide the material for a South African Dictionary of National Biography.

The collection is freely open to anyone interested in the study of the subjects concerned, and all visitors will be welcome. Indeed, it is hoped that the library will eventually become a place of pilgrimage for all who are interested in South African tradition.

The activities of a community are roughly covered by the following heads: Religion, Culture, Occupation and Race (each main head having many subdivisions), and wherever possible these divisions will be shown as separate entities. In matters of controversy, however, a further point arises, namely, the necessity of viewing all sides of the question, and no section will be considered complete until the rival views are fully set out side by side.

The need for a library of this nature is shown by the interest which has already been evinced in certain sections. Thus, under Religion we already have the active support of the Archbishop and Synod of the English Church, the Dutch Reformed Church, the Wesleyan Synod, the London Missionary Society, the Congregational Union, the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, the Moravian Missionary Society, the American Board and many others. The records already made available by these bodies are proving a mine of invaluable information, the very existence of which was hardly known.

Culture includes Science, Art, Literature and the study of the habits and customs of the peoples who inhabit South Africa. Here special attention is devoted to the historical development of each head and the personalities of the people concerned.

The occupations of our people, including as they do all activities from banking to hunting, provide a wide field of interest, and various organisations have promised their unstinted aid.

The study of racial questions and relations in South Africa is of supreme importance, and sections will be devoted to every race which has had any concern in the development of South Africa. In this we are promised the support of the Dutch Historical Society, the S.O.E. Historical Committee, the Federation of Caledonian Societies, the Jewish Historical Society, the Institute of Race Relations and other bodies.

From what has been said above it will be understood that the library will not have realised its ambition until it has secured the active support and co-operation of every section of the community and is in a position to place at the disposal of any enquirer the South African information which he seeks.

August 24, 1932

Mr. John G. Gubbins,
c/o Lt.-Com. R. Tufnell,
46, Eaton Square,
London, S.W.I., England

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of June 26 arrived while I was away for a vacation, which accounts for the delay in my reply. I am afraid that your compliment to me is not deserved as I have done very little work in the museum field, that is with physical remains. I have, however, been somewhat active in promoting the collection and preservation of the literary remains of the past. For suggestions with reference to museum work, I would suggest that you write to Mr. Laurence Vail Coleman, director of the American Association of Museums, Washington, D. C. Among the more active institutions in the collection of historical material in this country are the Wisconsin Historical Society, Madison, Wisconsin, of which Dr. Joseph Schafer is the superintendent, and the Minnesota Historical Society, Saint Paul, Minnesota, of which Dr. Theodore C. Blegen is the superintendent. I would suggest that you correspond with these gentlemen.

Two suggestions that I have to offer are: (1) Do not fail to collect material relating to the present while it is readily available, for the present will soon be the past, and a subject of historical interest. (2) Make use of modern methods of reproduction, such as the photostat and the film-slide process, for obtaining facsimiles of material when the originals are not available.

Last spring a report prepared under my direction was published under the title "Survey of Activities of American Agencies in Relation to Materials for Research in the Social Sciences and the Humanities". I shall be glad to send you a copy of this report if you will supply me with an address at which I can be sure that it will reach you.

I was very much interested to know about the Gubbins Library of Africana and I wish you every possible success in your enterprise.

Very truly yours,

Solon J. Buck

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T. S. S. "ULYSSES"

3 Dec 1932.

Messrs. Dabbs

Ottoshoop
 Transvaal
 South Africa.

Dear Mr Buck.

I am very grateful for your kind letter of Aug 24th which followed me to Australia. I am just ending a complicated trip via Ceylon Java [where I secured a portion of von Ruben's tombstone - the founder of Celebes -] Celebes & ~~so~~ so on.

In Australia I made contacts with a number of historical societies & found much historical material of interest to S. Africa.

I must strongly agree with your point

as to the collection of "present"
material: as an example I found
that there seems to be no existing
specimen of an early ^{S. African} cinema programme
the only available matter is the
newspaper advertisement or report.

I found in Australia 7 active
historical societies. Not one
exists in S. Africa.

I should ~~to~~ very much appreciate
a copy of your report & survey
relating to research in Social Sciences
& the Humanities the Ottoshoop
Transvaal address always reaches
me.

I hope you will let me know if I
can be of any service as regards
S. African information.

Yours sincerely.

John G. Gubbins.

As matters progress I hope you will
allow me to forward you anything
published.

JOHN SIMON GUGGENHEIM MEMORIAL FOUNDATION
 FELLOWSHIPS *for* ADVANCED STUDY ABROAD
 UNITED STATES *of* AMERICA, 1934

IN order to improve the quality of education and the practice of the arts and professions in the United States, to foster research, and to provide for the cause of better international understanding, the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, established by former United States Senator and Mrs. Simon Guggenheim as a memorial to a son who died April 26, 1922, offers a limited number of Fellowships, tenable under the freest possible conditions, for research in any field of knowledge and for creative work in any of the fine arts, including music. Heretofore the Fellowships have been granted only for work abroad; but for 1934-35 a limited number may be granted for work in the United States. Such Fellowships will be granted by the Trustees upon nomination made by a Committee of Selection.

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5. THE TRUSTEES may subsidize the publication of important contributions to knowledge produced by holders of Fellowships on the Foundation; but they do not undertake to aid in publishing all works so produced.
6. FELLOWS are expected to present a complete report to the Foundation on retiring from their Fellowships, and informal reports at such times as the Foundation may suggest. Applications for reappointment must be accompanied by preliminary reports of work accomplished. Such applications should be received at the office of the Foundation before February 1, 1934.
7. APPLICATIONS for Fellowships must be made in writing on or before November 1, 1933, by the candidates themselves, in the form prescribed, addressed to Henry Allen Moe, *Secretary*, John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, 551 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y. Final selection of Fellows for 1934-35 will be made early in March, 1934. Application forms will be mailed by the Secretary upon request.

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APPOINTED FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

MR. GEORGE ANTHEIL, Composer of Music, Trenton, New Jersey: Continuation of creative work in musical composition, abroad. (Renewal)

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DR. FRANCIS BITTER, Research Physicist, Westinghouse Research Laboratory, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania: Studies in the field of magnetism with especial reference to the structure of crystals, chiefly at the Cavendish Laboratory of the University of Cambridge.

MR. ARNOLD BLANCH, Painter, Woodstock, New York: Creative work in painting, abroad.

MRS. LUCILE BLANCH, Painter, Woodstock, New York: Creative work in painting and lithography, abroad.

MISS LOUISE BOGAN, Poet, New York City: Creative writing, abroad.

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MR. EMIL GANSO, Painter, Etcher and Lithographer, Woodstock, New York: Creative work in painting and the graphic arts, abroad.

DR. HERRICK LEE JOHNSTON, Assistant Professor of Physical Chemistry, Ohio State University: A study of the advances in molecular spectra, and their application to problems in chemical equilibria and to photochemistry, in certain German research institutions.

MR. MATTHEW JOSEPHSON, Writer, Gaylordsville, Connecticut: The writing of a book *Benjamin Constant and Madame de Staël*, abroad.

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MR. ARTHUR LOVERIDGE, Associate Curator of Herpetology, Museum of Comparative Zoölogy, Harvard University: A continuation of ecological studies on the vanishing vertebrate fauna of the tropical rain forest remnants in East Africa, with a view to elucidating the origins of certain genera only known from the Uluguru and Usambara forests, and throwing light upon the dispersal of isolated, sylvicoline forms common to the Cameroon Mountains of the west and the Usambara Mountains of the East Coast.

MRS. GWEN LUX, Sculptor, New York City: Creative work in sculpture, abroad.

DR. BARBARA McCLINTOCK, Investigator in Plant Cytology and Genetics, National Research Council Fellow in the Biological Sciences: Cytogenetic researches in the field of the mechanism of heredity, at the Kaiser Wilhelm Institut für Biologie, Berlin.

DR. CARL ROBERT NOLLER, Assistant Professor of Organic Chemistry, Stanford University: A study of the methods in use at certain European laboratories for determining the constitution of naturally occurring organic compounds, especially the sapogenins and sterols.

MR. PAUL NORDOFF, Composer, Philadelphia: Creative work in musical composition, abroad.

MRS. CARLOTTA PETRINA, Artist, Brooklyn, New York: Creative work in lithography, in France.

DR. THOMAS CHARLES POULTER, Head of Department of Physics, Iowa Wesleyan College, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, and Research Physicist to the projected Byrd Antarctic Expedition II: Studies and observations in the field of physics in connection with the Second Byrd Antarctic Expedition.

DR. LOWELL JOSEPH RAGATZ, Associate Professor of History, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.: A study of the social and economic structure of the French Antilles during the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries.

DR. CHARLES FREDERICK ROOS, Permanent Secretary, American Association for the Advancement of Science, Washington, D. C.: The writing of a book on dynamical economics, in consultation with European scholars.

DR. HENRY SCHULTZ, Professor of Economics, University of Chicago: Studies in the field of mathematical and statistical economics in Europe.

DR. KENNETH SCOTT, Professor of Classics, Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio: Research in the religious and political history of the Roman Empire; in particular a study of the development of Roman Emperor worship in the first century A. D.

MISS MARY L. TARLETON, Sculptor, New York City: Creative work in sculpture, abroad.

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New York, N. Y.
March 27, 1933.

HENRY ALLEN MOE
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September 10, 1931.

My dear Doctor:

Will you kindly inform me if you are to continue as Secretary for the Committee on Local Arrangements for the coming AHA Meeting. Should I congratulate you on the transfer to Pennsylvania? We have all so long identified you with Minnesota historical progress, that it will be hard to re-localize a scholar of your attainments.

Philadelphia was the scene of my high-school, college and seminary (1897-1907), so secretly, I imagine, I am glad Pennsylvania has secured you. Best of luck.

Devotedly yours,

Dr. Solon J. Buck, Secretary,
Committee on Local Arrangements,
67 Barton Avenue, S.E.,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.



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September 18, 1931.

Rev. Peter Guilday, Ph. D., Secretary,
The American Catholic Historical Association,
305 Mallen Memorial Library,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Father Guilday:-

One of the consolations involved in leaving Minnesota was the fact that I was escaping service as secretary of the Committee on Local Arrangements for the AHA Meeting. Professor Earnest Osgood of the History Department of the University of Minnesota takes my place.

Whether or not I should be congratulated on my transfer to Pennsylvania only the future can tell. Sometimes I feel that it was a rash step but, at any rate, the step has been taken.

I assure you that your good wishes are deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck, Director.

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April 26, 1929

Mr. H. S. Simmons, Manager
Clark and The Brewer
Teachers Agency
Globe Building
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Sir:

Your inquiry concerning Miss
Dora Gunderson has reached here during
Mr. Buck's absence from the city. It
will be called to his attention next
week when he returns.

Very truly yours

Secretary to Mr. Buck

Clark & Brewer Teachers Agency
Globe Building
Minneapolis, Minnesota

The Rocky Mountain Teachers Agency
410 U. S. National Bank Bldg.
Denver, Colorado (June 28, 1929)

Miss Gunderson has done graduate work in history under my direction at the University of Minnesota, and has received a master's degree. She has a good mind, is a thorough worker, and produces satisfactory results under direction. Unquestionably she has the knowledge and intellectual ability requisite for a first class teacher, but she is very shy, thinks and speaks slowly, and might, I am afraid, be found lacking in the initiative and aggressiveness that a teacher needs.

5/3/29

University of Minnesota

Professor of History