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CONFIDENTIAL
Duplicate for Professor Buck

January 4, 1933,
Evansville, Indiana.

Dr. John W. Oliver,
Pittsburgh University,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dear Doctor:

Gradually increasing deafness which prevented my listening to regular sessions of the Mississippi Valley Historical Society at Lexington a year ago last April, prevented my attending the recent session in Canada.

Young Delos Otis, an instructor in Dr. Paxson's department before the latter went to California, was retained after he left and is still engaged in teaching at the University, where he had previously met my granddaughter Emily Iglehart as a co-ed in the University proper and whom he married, and I spent Christmas Day with him in Indianapolis last week, from which he left in time to go to the meeting at Canada, where he was expecting to meet Dr. Paxson.

I have arrangements substantially completed under which Dr. Coleman, in charge of bulletin printing, has agreed to give me the entire bulletin for our Society as soon as my manuscript is in his hands, and my hope and plan is to get it out this Spring as early as possible, and I am devoting my entire time to it, with competent stenographic and typewriting assistance.

Without taking the time to go into details as to just why I want a little information and assistance, perhaps which can be given in a word, let me say that my elaboration of my address delivered before our Southwestern Society in Evansville on the 9th of June last is the basis of the new bulletin in which I am dealing with the Turner doctrine of the frontier and am also deeply interested in the questions of

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Jan. 4, 1933.

sections, where the new book of Turner promised the first of December, has been for some reason indefinitely delayed in the publication but I hope to see it before my manuscript leaves my hands.

When I asked Turner several years ago where I would find his discussion of the sections, spoken of by Kate Hazard in her book, which I had not seen, he referred me to the Yale Review, about 1922, where I found it, and from a letter written by Max Farrand since Turner's death, I judge that the drift of the new book is largely indicated in this magazine article, enough for my present purposes till the last minute, as the subject of sections seems to be practically so well settled as not to give me anything special which I wish to deal with.

But I am interested and I cannot take the space now time to tell you just why, in Alvord's review of Turner's printed volume of essays issued in 1920, as you know, which in 1921 Alvord, as managing editor of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review, gave a review of the Turner concept outlined in his first great essay and especially also in the "Old West", essay No. 3, as well as for that matter the entire list of essays published in the volume of essays in 1920.

To me, as an interpreter, there is a fascination in Alvord's work, in his vision, and his mastery as a research worker, which makes him akin to Turner, to whom he gives all the credit for his discovery, but with whom he worked not only as a follower but as an original research worker with a keen, equal appreciation of the Turner concept in his great discovery, where he rose as master above them all. I regard Alvord's review as something more than a review along the line of his special knowledge and opportunities, and fitness and appreciation in full sympathy of Turner's great life work, in which he is in a class, to me, by himself in such particulars, and I need not indulge in comparisons with others beside Turner as comparisons are odious and seldom perfect.

The finest biographical sketch I have found of Alvord is in the December number, 1928, of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review, page 309 to 320 inclusive, by Solon J. Buck. I have already obtained from Professor Curti and Professor Rice, editor of "Methods in Social Science", together with authority back of all of that to use such part of Curti's analysis of Turner's methods printed at the beginning of 1931, as well as similar authority from Ray Stannard Baker, who seems to be the literary executor of Woodrow Wilson, for such

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of Wilson's great works, in which, while admitting priority of Turner with much grace, he rises to his greatest stature and builds his endorsement and cooperation of and with Turner's great historical discovery, not as a mere follower but as a co-laborer of supreme value in reaching public opinion among the readers of American literature. This I will show clearly.

Handwritten: This is a

I would like to have the consent of the proper person to use a portion of Mr. Buck's fine biographical sketch, including his frontier work and publications, in my essay, exactly how much and exactly what, I have not finally determined to describe it, for which I would be glad to give credit and say nothing to the discredit of the article for which I have no critical mood, but I think Professor Buck is entitled to the thanks of every person for this timely preservation of these important facts contained in his sketch and in his bibliography in the same number of the magazine.

It is this that I would like to have talked to you about but you will catch the idea and no doubt you are well acquainted with Mr. Buck, who does not know me, and if you could see him and if necessary let him read this letter, for which I will send you a carbon for Mr. Buck's use in case he gives such consent, I will be under many obligations, because I think that I will, within reasonably narrow compass, take the high points of Mr. Buck's paper, be able to get what I want without over-padding my paper.

I am at the point where it is important for me to know whether I can obtain such consent and without taking your time further, I will submit these facts to you and shall be under renewed obligations for your many favors and kindness in the past, of which I have kindly recollections. I wish you all success in the coming new year.

Sincerely yours,

John E. Feltner

JEI:VP
Enc.

Buck -

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See what you can make of this?

Then say yes —

and write him, or
give me the signal,
and I will

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January 10, 1933

Mr. John E. Iglehart,
Evansville, Indiana.

Dear Sir:-

Dr. Oliver has forwarded to me the duplicate of your letter of January 4 to him, and I have read it with much interest and appreciation. I am very glad, indeed, to authorize you to make any use that may seem desirable to you of my biographical sketch of Clarence W. Alvord and of the accompanying bibliography. In order to facilitate such use I take pleasure in sending you by mail with my compliments a reprint of the article and the bibliography.

If you will send me a copy of your work when it is published, the favor will be much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

cc to Dr. John W. Oliver

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 Evansville, Indiana,
 March 30, 1933.

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

Dear Doctor:

Many thanks for your copy of your magazine address on Clarence W. Alvord, Historian, copied from the Mississippi Valley Historical Review, containing also bibliography of Alvord's published works.

I am about to publish a bulletin through Dr. Coleman's direction of the Indiana Historical Bureau, dealing with recent literature, especially Professor Curti's analysis of Turner's Methods, etc., with which you are doubtless familiar, and am specially interested in Clarence Alvord's review of Turner's book of essays published in 1921, in which with much latitude and ability twenty-eight years after Turner's publication of his first great essay, Alvord furnished a review of Turner's book of essays and added some illustrations which he seemed to think were corroborative of Turner's original essay, and altogether I regard Alvord's review mentioned as a remarkable paper and am not sure that there is anything quite equal to it, unless it be the purely scientific analysis of Curti, which I think is a very able paper.

I would like in my manuscript to have free right to review Alvord's review of Turner's book of essays and am writing you to know whether it is worth while for me to try to get it either from the heirs of Alvord or from the Mississippi Valley Historical Review, which published Alvord's review as stated in 1921. And would it be asking too much to inquire whether you could aid me in getting this consent? Trusting I am not imposing on your good nature, I am,

JEI:VP
 John E. Iglehart,
 918 Citizens Bank Bldg.,
 Evansville, Indiana.

Sincerely yours,

John E. Iglehart

April 1, 1933

Mr. John E. Iglehart,
Southwestern Indiana Historical Society,
Evansville, Indiana.

Dear Mr. Iglehart:

I am quite sure that no one will have any objection to your quoting as extensively as you may desire from Alvord's review of Turner's essays. The Mississippi Valley Historical Review was not copyrighted at that time and consequently any one has a perfect right to quote freely from it. I know Mrs. Alvord very well and I am sure she would be glad to have you utilize the material. Her home address is 56 Clarence Avenue, S. E., Minneapolis, but she is at present, I believe, in Washington, D. C., or in Virginia. If you feel that it is necessary to write to her, a letter to her home address would probably be forwarded. The present editor of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review is Professor Arthur C. Cole, Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio. He would, undoubtedly, be glad to give you permission to use the material but, as I have indicated above, I consider that quite unnecessary.

I trust that I will receive a copy of your bulletin when it is published. Turner and Alvord were the two men who had the most to do with my training for historical work and, naturally, I shall be very much interested in your publication.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

Illinois College

Mr. Solon J. Buck regrets that it is impossible for him to accept the very kind invitation of the President, Trustees and Faculty of Illinois College to be present at the Centennial Celebration of the founding of the College.

September 20, 1929

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ILLINOIS HISTORICAL SURVEY
OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

THEODORE C. PEASE
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

426 LINCOLN HALL URBANA, ILLINOIS

August 12, 1931

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

Dear Buck:

I should have acknowledged the
receipt of your package several days
ago. Please accept my best thanks.

Sincerely yours,

Theodore C. Pease

Theodore C. Pease

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FEB 21 1929



OTTO L. SCHMIDT, CHICAGO, PRESIDENT
CHARLES H. RAMMELKAMP, JACKSONVILLE
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February 19,
1929.

*Please
answer
me*

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

My dear Doctor Buck:

As you know we have to secure our speakers early for the annual meeting of the Illinois State Historical Society, which this year will be held on May 9-10. I would be very happy, indeed, to have Mr. Theodore C. Bleger as one of our speakers and have written him two letters with regard to it but as yet have received no reply from him. Do you suppose you could take the matter up with him and see if he will be able to give us an address at the annual meeting and let me know as soon as possible?

With kindest regards,

Yours very truly,

Georgia L. Osborne

Librarian, Illinois State Historical Library.
Secretary, Illinois State Historical Society.

February 23, 1929

Miss Georgia L. Osborne
Illinois State Historical Library
Springfield, Illinois

My dear Miss Osborne:-

Dr. Elegen is spending the year in Norway on a Guggenheim Fellowship, which doubtless explains his failure to reply to your letters. Presumably they have been forwarded to him, but a reply has not had time to reach you.

Since he will not be available, I would like to suggest Professor George M. Stephenson of the History Department of the University of Minnesota as a substitute for him. Professor Stephenson is the author of a history of immigration and spent last year in Sweden, also on a Guggenheim Fellowship, doing research work on the subject. He is an excellent speaker, and I am sure that you would find him very satisfactory for your purpose.

Sincerely yours

B/P

FEB 27 1929



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February 25, 1929.

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Dr. Solon J. Buck,
Secretary and Superintendent,
Minnesota Historical Society,
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Doctor Buck:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 23d and wish to thank you for the information with regard to Doctor Blegen. I have, by this mail, written to Professor Stephenson, and wish to thank you for suggesting that he appear on our program at the annual meeting.

Thanking you for your continued interest in the department, I remain,

Yours respectfully,

Georgia L. Osborne

Librarian, Illinois State Historical Library,
Secretary, Illinois State Historical Society.

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OTTO L. SCHMIDT, Chicago, President.
GEORGIA L. OSBORNE, Springfield, Secretary



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May 2, 1929.

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

My dear Doctor Buck:

By this time you have received a program of the annual meeting of the Illinois State Historical Society and I trust it is so you can be with us on this occasion.

Can you give me some information about Professor George M. Stephenson which Doctor Schmidt or who is chairman of the meeting can use in introducing him to the audience? I do not find any biographical sketch of him in "Who's Who." Thanking you for this information, I remain,

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Georgia L. Osborne

Secretary, Illinois State Historical Society,
Librarian, Illinois State Historical Library.

9-10

May 6, 1929

Miss Georgia L. Osborne, Secretary
Illinois State Historical Society
Springfield, Illinois

My dear Miss Osborne:-

Dr. Stephenson has a Ph.D. from Harvard, and is associate professor of history in the University of Minnesota. His first book was his doctor's thesis on "The Political History of the Public Lands from 1840 to 1862," which was published in 1917. His main interest of late has been in the history of immigration, and especially Swedish immigration and the Swedish element in this country. (He is of Swedish descent.) He is the author of "A History of American Immigration," published in 1926, and of "The Founding of the Augustana Synod," a book published in 1927; also of numerous articles in historical magazines; and he is the editor of the publications of the Swedish Historical Society of America. He spent the year 1927-28 in Sweden, on a Guggenheim Fellowship doing research on the history of Swedish immigration.

I trust that this information will serve your purposes and that it will reach you in time. I should like to be present at your meeting, but it is impossible for me to get away at this time.

Sincerely yours

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67 Barton Ave., S. E.
January 27, 1930

Miss Georgia L. Osborne, Librarian
Illinois State Historical Library
Springfield, Illinois

Dear Miss Osborne:

Is the booklet entitled George Rogers Clark and the Revolution in Illinois by Dr. and Mrs. *Pease* to be distributed to members of the Illinois State Historical Society? If not, I trust that an exception may be made in my favor. I should also like to receive a personal copy of the 20th Biennial Report of your library.

Sincerely yours

SJB/S



OTTO L. SCHMIDT, CHICAGO, PRESIDENT
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January 29, 1930.

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Dr. Solon J. Buck,
67 Barton Ave., S. E.,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

My dear Doctor Buck:

I am in receipt of your letter of January 27th and in reply will say that we take great pleasure in sending you the booklet, "George Rogers Clark and the Revolution in Illinois," by Professor and Mrs. Theodore C. Pease. We are sending you two copies of this booklet, a cloth bound book and one paper bound. We are also sending the Twentieth Biennial Report of the Board of Trustees of the Illinois State Historical Library.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Georgia L. Osborne

Librarian, Illinois State Historical Library,
Secretary, Illinois State Historical Society.

67 Barton Ave. S. E.
Minneapolis, Minnesota
February 5, 1930

Miss Georgia L. Osborne
Illinois State Historical
Library
Springfield, Illinois

My dear Miss Osborne:-

Thank you very much for sending me copies of George Rogers Clark and the Revolution in Illinois and of the Twentieth Biennial Report of your Board of Trustees. I had already read the library copy of the report and am now reading the book on Clark with much interest.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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January 9, 1931

Miss Georgia Osborn
Illinois State Historical Library
Springfield, Illinois

Dear Miss Osborn:

In getting my file of the Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society in shape for binding recently I discovered that I lack one number and several of the separately printed indexes. The missing number is volume 7, number 2, for July, 1914. Is there any possibility of your supplying a copy now, and if not, could you suggest to me how I might pick one up? The date is about the time I was moving from Illinois to Minnesota, which probably accounts for my having failed to receive it. The indexes that I lack are those for volumes 1, 3, 9, 10, 12, and 15 to 22. I note that the Minnesota Historical Society's bound file also lacks the index to volume 9. Was one published? If you can supply me with the missing number and any of these indexes, I assure you that the favor will be much appreciated.

The material should be sent to my home address, 67 Barton Avenue, S.E., Minneapolis, in order to avoid confusion at ~~the~~ historical society. If a copy of the index for volume 9 is available however, we should like to have one sent to the society.

Sincerely yours

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CHARLES H. RAMMELKAMP, JACKSONVILLE
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January 14, 1931

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

Your letter is at hand and I am sorry I cannot supply
Volume 7 No.2. of the Journal which is out of print.
If you will watch the lists of the old book dealers
you might sometime find this number listed as they pur-
chase private collections. It might be well to write
Powners Book Store of Chicago of your wants.

Under separate cover I have sent to your home address
all copies of the index with the exception of 18 which is
out of print and 22 which is in the hands of the printer.
I am however including, however, a general index to all
the publications of the Library and Society, which will be
of help to you.

|| Under separate cover I have also sent to the Minnesota
Historical Society index to volume 9 of the Illinois Historical
Society Journal. The general index will be mailed later
when our regular shipment is sent out.

Very truly yours, *Georgia L. Osborne*

Librarian, Illinois State Historical Library.
Secretary, Illinois State Historical Society.

P.S. I find No.10 is also out of print.G.L.O.

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12, 15, 16, 17
19, 20, 21.*

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January 26, 1931

Miss Georgia L. Osborne, Librarian
Illinois State Historical Library
Springfield, Illinois

My dear Miss Osborne:-

Thank you very much for sending me the indexes to the Journal. My set is now complete with the exception of volume 7, no. 2, and the indexes for vols. 10 and 18. I shall write to Powners Book Store about these as you suggest. Should copies of them ever turn up there, I would appreciate it very much if you will call them to my attention.

The general index to all the publications of the library and the society will undoubtedly be very useful, and I am glad to have a copy.

Sincerely yours

H/P

November 6, 1931.

Illinois State Historical Society,
~~Springfield, Illinois.~~

Gentlemen:-

It will be much appreciated if you will correct
your mailing list as follows:-

Dr. Solon J. Buck's address should be changed from
#67 Barton Avenue, S.E., Minneapolis, Minn., to

#5839 Darlington Road,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Thanking you, in advance, for your prompt
attention, I am,

Very truly yours,

Office Secretary.

A. M.

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September 13, 1933.

Professor Lawrence M. Larson,
University of Illinois,
Urbana, Illinois.

Dear Larson:

On returning from a brief vacation I find here a letter from Dr. John D. Barnhart of West Virginia University to the effect that he is applying for an assistantship in the history department at the University of Illinois. Barnhart, as he has doubtless explained to you, has been dropped from the faculty at West Virginia University for reasons of economy. From what the other members of the department have told me, I judge that this is no indication of lack of ability on his part. The administration felt that they could get along with one less man in history, and as he was the last one appointed he had to be the victim.

Am. I knew Barnhart as a graduate student at the University of Minnesota some years ago, and I have seen something of him off and on since coming to Pittsburgh. He impresses me as a man of very considerable ability, both as a teacher and as a scholar. He has a good personality and lots of energy and ambition. If you have anything that will help him to tide over the present emergency it would be better for him than going into business or secondary school teaching, and I am sure that he would render more valuable services than the ordinary graduate assistant.

I am looking forward to seeing you and my other friends at Urbana during the meeting of the American Historical Association.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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MAY 28 1929

INDIANA HISTORICAL BUREAU

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Room 334 State House
Indianapolis, Ind.

The Historical Bureau has received, and thanks you for *your*
answer to my inquiry about the writings
of Selon Robinson

CHRISTOPHER B. COLEMAN
Director



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YOUR
CORRESPONDENTS
OF CHANGE
OF ADDRESS



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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

4338 Bigelow Boulevard,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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

November 17, 1933

Dear Coleman:

I must confess that I had forgotten all about the committee of the Conference of Historical Societies of which you say I am chairman until I received your letter of November 6. So far as I can see, about all there is for the committee to do is to report to the Conference on the status of two projects of the Joint Committee on Materials for Research. Binkley has had in preparation for some time a second edition of his report on methods of reproducing research materials and I have written him for information as to when it is likely to be published and also as to the present status of the project for a publishing service. When his reply is received, I will transmit copies of it to the other members of the Conference committee and ask them if they have any suggestions for our report. If it seems advisable, a meeting of the committee can doubtless be held in Urbana in advance of the meeting of the Conference.

I note in the October number of the Indiana History Bulletin that the title page and index for volume 9 will be mailed on request. I should like to receive a copy. Would it be possible for you to let me have a copy of volume 19 of the Indiana Historical Collections? I have an almost complete set of the Collections up to and including volume 17. I am particularly interested in the subject matter of volume 19 because I have hopes of getting something of the same sort done for Pennsylvania. If you can send it to me, I will write a note about it for publication in our magazine. Has volume 18 been published? I should, of course, be glad to receive a copy if available, as I like to keep my sets of historical publications as complete as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

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

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
4338 Bigelow Boulevard, Pittsburgh, Pa. December 1, 1933

Dear Coleman:

Thank you for sending me Volumes 18 and 19 of the Indiana Historical Collections. I am very glad to have them and, as I wrote you, a note concerning volume 19 will be published in our magazine.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

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

HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
4338 Bigelow Boulevard, Pittsburgh, Pa. December 4, 1933

Dear Coleman:

In response to my request for the title page and index to volume 10 of the Indiana History Bulletin, I received instead a second copy of volume 11, number 1, of the Bulletin. I do not suppose that you want me to return this, but I should be glad to receive the title page and index.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

MAR 1 1930

UNITY CHURCH
PORTLAND AVENUE AND GROTTO STREET
ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

F
Informal Club

FREDERICK M. ELIOT, MINISTER
807 FAIRMOUNT AVENUE

March 8th, 1930.

Dear Dr. Buck:

I hope very much that you may be planning to attend the meeting of the Informal Club next Monday evening, March 10th, at which Professor Scammon is to speak on "The Research Spirit". If you are present, I hope you will be willing to speak briefly, after the main address is concluded, perhaps taking up the same general theme from the point of view of research in the field of history. The Informal Club feels greatly honored to have Dr. Scammon as its guest for this occasion, and we want to be sure that the discussion is participated in by those best qualified to do so. We should all very much appreciate having you with us on this occasion.

Faithfully yours,

FME.B

Frederick M. Eliot

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

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UNITY CHURCH

Portland Avenue and Grotto Street
Saint Paul, Minnesota

FREDERICK M. ELIOT, Minister

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Frederick M. Eliot
Minister*

November 12, 1930.

Dear Dr. Buck:

I very much hope that you are planning to attend the Informal Club meeting next Monday night, November 17th, when Professor Quigley is going to talk on the subject, "Does Japan Threaten World Peace?" If you are at the meeting, I hope you will let me call on you for a contribution to the discussion.

Faithfully yours,

Frederick M. Eliot

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

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UNITY CHURCH
Portland Avenue and Grotto Street
Saint Paul, Minnesota
FREDERICK M. ELIOT, Minister

November 28, 1930.

Dear Dr. Buck:

My suggestion that you take part in the discussion at the last Informal Club meeting brought such satisfactory fruit (even if it was at second hand) that I am venturing to try the same plan again. This time, however, I hope that it may be your own voice that we shall hear. Dr. Herrmann's talk about the relation between disease and history raises all kinds of interesting questions, and I am sure that it has many applications in the field of our own American history. I very much hope you can come to the meeting and that you will be willing to give us your reaction to what the doctor says.

Faithfully yours,

Frederick M. Eliot

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

*Telephoned
S J's request
FME.B*

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-Prof. Clark

March 18, 1931

Rev. F. M. Eliot
807 Fairmount Ave.
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Eliot:-

It is a matter of much regret to me that circumstances have prevented me from attending a number of recent meetings of the Informal Club. I am leaving town today and shall not be back in time for the meeting next Monday night, but I hope to be more regular in my attendance in the future.

Sincerely yours

B/P

International Commission on Folk Arts

Elizabeth Burchenal, Chairman

See Folk Arts

2/20/32

5839 Darlington Road,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

November 3, 1932

University of Iowa,
Service Bulletin,
Iowa City, Iowa.

Gentlemen:-

Please change my address on your mailing list
from 67 Barton Ave., S. E., Minneapolis, to 5839 Darlington
Road, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Very truly yours,

Solon J. Back

SJB:AM

March 1, 1939

Dean James A. James
Northwestern University
Evanston, Illinois

Dear Mr. James:-

Enclosed herewith I am sending you proof of my review of your George Rogers Clark, which will appear in the March number of Minnesota History. You will gather, I think, that, while I do not altogether agree with your conclusions, I consider the book a very valuable contribution to western history.

Sincerely yours,

B/P

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April 1, 1929

Dean J. A. James
Northwestern University
Evanston, Illinois

My dear Mr. James:-

Some time ago I wrote you a letter stating that I was enclosing a clipping from the proof from the March number of our magazine, consisting of my review of your George Rogers Clark. I strongly suspect, however, that the clipping was not actually enclosed but instead was put into another letter that was being mailed out at the same time. At any rate, I am sending you herewith another clipping from the magazine as printed.

Sincerely yours

B/P

APR 6 - 1929

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
THE GRADUATE SCHOOL
EVANSTON, ILLINOIS

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

April 5, 1929.

Dr. Solan J. Buck,
c/o Minnesota Historical Society,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Dr. Buck:

I have been interested in reading your review
of Clark.

Sometime before the death of Professor Alvord
I suggested that we bring it up for discussion at the meeting
of the Mississippi Valley Historical Society and we asked them
to come and take part in such a discussion.

I do not know that we can come to a definite
decision regarding the real effect of Clark's expedition of the
winning of the northwest, but I am making every effort in trying
to do so. Personally I shall welcome any new material which may
be produced which will help in this direction.

Thanking you for the enclosure, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. A. James
Dean

JAJ:MK

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NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
THE GRADUATE SCHOOL
EVANSTON, ILLINOIS

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

April 16, 1929

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
c/o Minnesota Historical Society,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Dr. Buck:

I am very glad to know that you are to take part in the discussion on Clark at Vincennes. I think I have given my position in the life of Clark, which you have already read.

I shall welcome any new material which may be brought out in the discussion.

Sincerely yours,

J. A. James
Dean.

JAJ:MK

James, J. A.



The
WASHINGTON DUKE
HOTEL

DURHAM, N. C.

Dear Buck:-

I hope you may
 have time to drop into the
 Chicago Hist. Society and look
 over plans for new building.
 I should like your views
 on any possible modifications.
 If you have the time come
 out to Evanston.

Phone me University 1900.

Sincerely yours,
 J. A. James

I leave 11:15 A. M. to-day.



Duke

January 15, 1930

Dean J. A. James
Northwestern University
Evanston, Illinois

Dear James:-

Because of the pressure of work connected with our annual meeting, this is the first opportunity that I have had to write to you since my stop in Chicago. In the first place, you will be interested to know that Dr. Schmidt and I had lunch with Lessing Rosenthal and extracted \$250 from him for the Alvord Fund.

I then went out to the Chicago Historical Society, looked over the plans and talked with the director. It seemed to me that those responsible for the plans had conceived of the Chicago Historical Society as primarily a museum and lecture organization. Those are, of course, the features that interest the general public the most, and I presume that it is necessary to play them up in order to get the money for the building. I know, of course, very little about museum organization and equipment, but the plans along this line are certainly very impressive. For the library, however, and especially for newspaper and manuscript collections, it seemed to me that the arrangements are much less adequate. Chicago, with a population equal to that of the state of Minnesota, should provide the society in a few years with a manuscript collection as large as ours; and yet the space provided for manuscripts would not hold a tenth of our collection. In addition there should be space for the sorting, cleaning, repairing and filing of manuscripts, and for their consultation. The newspaper collection also ought to have not merely bookstacks but a workroom for sorting, filing, preparing for binding, and also a consultation room with properly equipped tables or standards. I doubt also if the arrangement for the main library with reference to accessioning, cataloguing, accessibility of books to the reading room, etc., would prove to be altogether satisfactory. Would it not be a good plan to have some professional librarian, such as Mr. Utley of the Newberry Library, go over the plans from the point of view of library service?

While the plans provide two studies, presumably for the use of visiting scholars (working places in the stacks will also be needed), there seems to be no provision for research, editorial, and publication activities on the part of the staff. If the society contemplates any considerable amount of publication, it will certainly need office space for editorial assistants, typists, proof readers, etc.

J.A.J. 1/15/30 -- 2

The director, whose name escapes me for the moment, suggested that he might make a trip, together with the architect, to look over our building, and I think it would be well worth while for him to do so, and also to visit the Wisconsin Historical Society. He might thus get a more adequate conception of the importance and needs of historical activities other than those of a museum character.

This letter is for your own information, of course, but should you want from me a statement that could be used with the directors I shall be glad to prepare one.

Sincerely yours

B/P

FEB 5 1931

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NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
THE GRADUATE SCHOOL
EVANSTON, ILLINOIS

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

February 3, 1931

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

You will receive within a few days notification that you are invited to serve on the History Committee connected with the Century of Progress Exposition. I trust that it may be possible for you to accept.

I do not believe that the duties connected with the work of this committee will prove burdensome. It may mean one trip to Chicago within the next few months, and beyond that the duties will be largely advisory. It was my desire to have your judgment on certain questions of program which would come up in connection with this Exposition.

As you may know, it is now coming into form rapidly. Fort Dearborn is practically completed. The Transportation and Administrative buildings are well under way. It is my judgment that it will surpass in all respects the Exposition of 1893. It is now planned to open on June 1, 1933.

Trusting that you may find it possible to accept a place on the committee, and with very best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. A. James

J/S

Enclosed find \$25 the amount
of my subscription to the Alford
Fund.
J.

February 6, 1931

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

Dear Dr. James:

The invitation to me to serve on the History Committee of the Century of Progress Exposition came in the same mail with your letter of February 3. I ought not to take on anything more at present but, in view of what you say as to the limited nature of the duties involved, I have decided to accept this appointment. I feel, of course, that it is a very real honor to be asked to serve on this committee.

Thank you very much for your check for \$25 covering your subscription to the Alvord Fund.

Sincerely yours

B/H

MAY 5 1931

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY
THE GRADUATE SCHOOL
EVANSTON, ILLINOIS

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

Sunday a. m.

Dear Buck:-

I find on returning to Chicago that May 16 will not be a good date for holding the meeting of the History Committee of the Century of Progress. The crowds will be large on account of the formal opening of the Fort [Dearborn] & we shall not be able to take up, in satisfactory fashion, the questions with which we are to deal.

Will you hold May 23 as a tentative date?

Sincerely yours,
J. James

Admit One

to

Dedication Fort Dearborn

May 16, 1931

2:00 P. M.

Admit One

to

Dedication Fort Dearborn

May 16, 1931

2:00 P. M.

OFFICIAL CAR

Dedication of Fort Dearborn

A CENTURY OF PROGRESS

MAY 16

1931

International Exposition Chicago 1933



The President and Board of Trustees
of
A Century of Progress
announce the completion of
Fort Dearborn
and
extend a cordial invitation
to
Dr. Solon J. Buck
to attend the ceremonies
and
inspect the buildings
Saturday, the sixteenth of May
Nineteen hundred thirty-one

An historical Exhibit
will be on display

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May 9, 1931

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

Dear James:-

I did not get back to my office until yesterday when I found your letter changing the date for the meeting of the History Committee. May 23 will be much more convenient for me than May 16 would have been, and I shall hold it open until I hear from you further.

Sincerely yours

B/P

MAY 31

MAY 31 1890

J. F. Jameson

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May 27, 1930.

Dear Mr. Ford:

As I think you know, an anonymous donor has placed at my disposal a fellowship of \$1000, by which each year a young woman whom I may select may from October to June have the advantages attendant upon historical study in Washington. I should be glad to hear of any candidates whom you may feel able to recommend strongly for this opportunity for the ensuing year. The candidate should be one who has had at least one year of graduate work in history, who wishes to work in American history next year, and who is a scholar of high quality, likely to be a successful person thereafter.

Very truly yours,

J. F. Jameson
LB

JFJ:LB

Prof. Guy S. Ford,
University of Minnesota,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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J. Jameson

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September 19, 1930.

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

My dear Buck:

Thank you very much for your pamphlet on the Problem of Adequate Historical Collections which I find here on returning to my desk and in which I find much to interest me, especially in its relation to the subject matter of the conference which by your kindness I was invited to attend a week ago.

With cordial regard,

Very truly yours,

J. Jameson

Chief, Division of Manuscripts.

JFJ:LB

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July 25, 1931

Dr. J. Franklin Jameson
Library of Congress
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jameson:-

Mr. Oliver W. Holmes, a former student of mine, who has written a Ph.D. thesis for Columbia University on ~~Early Stage-coaching in the East~~, tells me that the contract office papers in the files of the Postoffice Department in Washington contain the best material for this subject. He has used them himself, but was writing with reference to another student here who is thinking of writing a thesis on ~~Stagecoaching in the Northwest~~.

The real point of this communication is the fact that Holmes states further that "the file clerk has the authority to destroy the contract office papers that remain whenever he needs the room. They may be gone now." I am passing this information on to you with the thought that you will give the matter such attention as, in your opinion, it may deserve. Do not bother to acknowledge this.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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April 27, 1933

Dr. J. Franklin Jameson,
Library of Congress,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Jameson:

Miss Marian Silveus of Pittsburgh informs me that she is interested in a research fellowship for women that is at your disposal. It was called to her attention by one of her former professors at the University of Wisconsin and I believe that she has written to you about it. Miss Silveus received her doctor's degree under Paxson at Wisconsin last June but has been unable to obtain a position. I have had a number of contacts with her since coming to Pittsburgh and she has made a very favorable impression upon me. At my request she read a paper on the campaign of 1896 in Western Pennsylvania at one of the meetings of our society. The paper was a very thorough piece of work, well organized, and well written, and we are planning to publish it in the next number of our magazine. I believe that, should she receive the appointment, she would do a very creditable piece of work.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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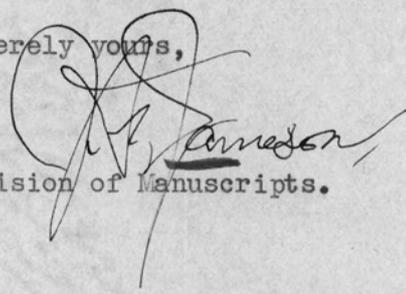
April 28, 1933.

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

I thank you for your letter of April 27 respecting Miss Silveus. I have been presented with similar recommendations concerning her, and I feel sure that she is of high quality, but I have felt obliged to award the fellowship a day or two ago to another young woman.

Sincerely yours,



Chief, Division of Manuscripts.

JFJ:LB

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June 19, 1933.

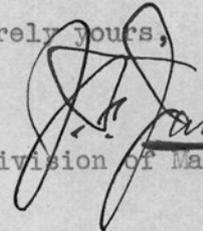
Prof. Solon J. Buck,
Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Dr. Buck:

Miss Gertrude MacKinney, state librarian of Pennsylvania, asked me, if I could, to recommend someone for an archivist of that state. I have recommended Dr. Garrison of my staff -- and pretty good of me, I must say, considering how great his loss would be here -- and at her invitation he went up a few days ago to see her and Dr. Rule. He gathered from talk there that you had had some conversation with Miss MacKinney on the subject, and if you have made various visits to the Harrisburg offices, as I think likely, you may probably have some information which I should like to have.

Garrison has a family to consider, and I could not be willing to have him go from here, to a position not enormously better in money than what he has here, if there is any large chance that his tenure there would be insecure. Dr. Rule has been there, I suppose, a dozen years, Miss MacKinney only two or three, and is directly an appointee of Governor Pinchot. Do you know enough of the situation there to say whether Garrison, if he should go there, would incur a risk that the turns of Pennsylvania politics might before long set him adrift? If you feel able to prophesy to this extent, I should be very glad to have, confidentially, your estimate of the situation.

Sincerely yours,


Chief, Division of Manuscripts.

JFJ:LB

June 21, 1933

Dr. J. Franklin Jameson,
Library of Congress,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Jameson:

I regret to have to say in reply to your letter of June 19th that the general impression on the part of people in Pennsylvania who know the political situation much better than I do seems to be that the tenure of the Archives position would be very insecure. I have had some correspondence with Nichols, of the University of Pennsylvania, and with Miss Dorrance of the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society concerning possible candidates and both of them feel that it would be unwise for anyone who has a secure position to accept the appointment.

The last I heard from Miss MacKinney was to the effect that the Governor's office was insisting upon the appointment of a Pennsylvanian to the position. Since then, I have been told by another member of the Department of Education that the prospects are that the position will be left vacant in the interest of economy. I am, of course, very anxious that a competent person should be appointed, as I feel that, given permanence of tenure, he could do a valuable piece of work, not only in connection with the Archives, but also in forwarding our new Pennsylvania Historical Association. I feel that his office should become the focus of state historical work in Pennsylvania, as is the office of the state historian in New York.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

June 26, 1933

Dr. J. Franklin Jameson,
Division of Manuscripts,
Library of Congress,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Jameson:

Since writing you the other day I have had another letter from Miss MacKinney in which she tells me that Dr. Garrison has been recommended for the position. She says, "We are asking the Governor to appoint him without any political sponsorship, and I trust the historicans of the State will lend the weight of their influence towards securing the appointment as well as retaining him in the position." She asked me to write Governor Finchet urging his appointment, and I have done so.

For the sake of our Pennsylvania historical interests, I hope that he receives the appointment and also that he accepts it. I feel sure that, if a trained and competent person such as Dr. Garrison is appointed without political sponsorship, the historical scholars of the State will do what they can to retain the position for him, but whether or not they could prevail against the politicians in a new administration, I do not know. I think it very doubtful that Miss MacKinney will outlast the present administration very long, as her appointment was a political one. It might be noted that Dr. Shenk held the position for many years and through different administrations but I understand he had the support of a member of the legislature from his district.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Back

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June 27, 1933.

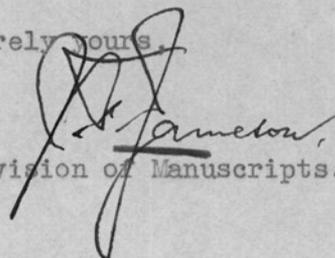
Prof. Solon J. Buck,
Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey,
Historical Building,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Dr. Buck:

Thank you for your letters of June 21 and June 26. Garrison seems inclined to make the venture, if appointed, though I myself feel a little dubious. It should be said, with reference to one remark in your letter, that he is sufficiently Pennsylvanian for purposes of appointment. His parents lived in Pennsylvania in the year in which he was born, ^{though} ~~that~~ it so happened that he was born in New York State; and he spent his childhood in Pennsylvania.

I should be very sorry to have him go, but it is gratifying to me, as I am sure it would be to him, to know that he will have support from the historical fraternity in the state. With that, and with perhaps a year and a half in which to show what he can do, he may succeed in making himself relatively permanent.

Sincerely yours,


J. H. Jameton,
Chief, Division of Manuscripts.

JFJ:LB

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August 17, 1933

Dr. J. Franklin Jameson,
North Edgecomb, Maine.

Dear Dr. Jameson:

Dr. John B. Barnhart, who has just been let out at West Virginia University for reasons of economy, informs me that he is applying for the position that is vacant, or likely to be vacant, in the manuscript division of the Library of Congress, and has asked me to write to you about him.

Barnhart was an assistant in history at the University of Minnesota eight or ten years ago and took some work with me. He went on from there to Harvard, where he got his doctor's degree, and he has been teaching for some years at West Virginia. He is, in my opinion, a thoroughly competent scholar and he has a pleasing personality. He has not had, so far as I know, any experience with the care and classification of manuscripts but he has used manuscripts extensively in his research work and I should expect him to make good in the position if appointed.

I do not think that the dropping of Barnhart by West Virginia University should be construed as any reflection upon his ability. As I understand it, it was felt that the department could get along with one less man in American history, and he was the victim because the other appointments were all of longer standing.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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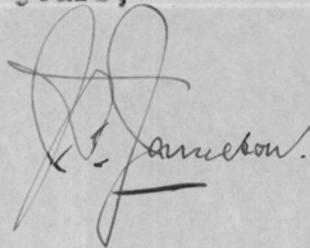
AUG 21 1933

August 19, 1933.

Dear Dr. Buck:

I thank you for your letter respecting Dr. Barnhart. I shall consider his name very attentively, but can make no decision till late September.

Sincerely yours,



J. B. Jamieson.

FEB 27 1932

6 1608-7th Street, S.E.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Feb. 25, 1932

Dr. Solon J. Buck
W. Pa. Hist. Soc.
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Mr. Buck,

I am taking the liberty of writing this letter to you in order to ask a favor, or rather
5 two favors. I am applying to the Universities of Minnesota and Chicago for teaching fellowships in History for next year, and I would appreciate it very much if you would write letters for me to the above schools.

Is your new work progressing as you wish it to, and do you enjoy your new location? I am sorry that I couldn't finish my work under you, but I am glad that you secured a better position. By the way, did you see the article about your speech before the Learned Societies in the Time magazine some weeks ago?

Respectfully Yours,
Merrill E. Jacobow.

March 1, 1932

Mr. Merrill E. Jarchow,
1608 Seventh Street, S. E.,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Jarchow:-

I was glad to hear from you and to know that you were planning to go on with your work. I am writing letters about you to the Deans of the Graduate Schools of the Universities of Minnesota and Chicago, and I hope that you succeed in obtaining a satisfactory position.

Yes, I have seen the article in Time. I do not read the magazine but it was called to my attention by some of my friends here.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

March 1, 1932

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

Dear Sir:-

Mr. Merrill E. Jarchow informs me that he is applying for a teaching fellowship in history for next year. Mr. Jarchow was in my seminar in American history at the University of Minnesota last year and did very good work. He is young and somewhat immature but he impressed me as a man of promise. He takes his work very seriously and has considerable initiative. He has an attractive personality and I should think that he would be successful as a teaching assistant.

Very truly yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

March 1, 1932

Dean of the Graduate School,
University of Chicago,
Chicago, Illinois.

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Very truly yours,

Solon J. Buck

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The University of Chicago
Department of History

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May 29, 1929

Prof Solon J. Buck
Univ of Minnesota
St. Paul
Minn.

My dear Buck.

Am all carrying

out here a piece of research-
fiction relating to the early
history of immigration, Colonial
period and on to about 1830.

Would you be willing for Sister
Eucarda to draw off from
your cards on bibliography
of travel, or your ^{other} lists those
items dated before 1840, - such
as emigrant guides, tracts, etc. letters.

The University of Chicago

Department of History

that directly discuss the question
of emigration or immigration, as
shown in the letter? I do not
care to have a general list of
travel but only those items that
seem to cover the special question
of emigration or immigration. If
you are agreeable I will write
Sister Eucharista what I want.

Sincerely yours
- M W Ferguson

June 4, 1929

Professor M. W. Jernegan
Department of History
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Jernegan:-

I shall be very glad to permit Sister Eucharista or any other competent person to use the cards of the Travel Bibliography for such purposes as you indicate in your letter of May 29. It might be well for you to have her see me about it in the near future as I shall be away the third week in June and most of July. She will be able to work while I am away but I should want to talk the matter over with her before she starts.

Sincerely yours

B/P

JUL 3 1929

The University of Chicago

Department of History

Edgerton
Mass
June 29, 29.

Dear Prof Buck:-

In the hurry of going
a way from Chicago I neglected to
thank you for your kind note in
allowing Sister Eucanota to look
over your travel cards for material
on Emigration and Immigration. So I
thank you now. I am here
at my summer home, but working
as usual.

With kind regards
W W Ferguson

JAN 10 1930

THE MINNEAPOLIS JOURNAL

CARL W. JONES, PUBLISHER
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

January 9th, 1930.

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

My mother and I take great pleasure in inviting you for dinner in honor of the Past Presidents and Officers of the Minnesota Editorial Association, Thursday evening, January 16th, at 6:45, at her home, 2505 Park Avenue.

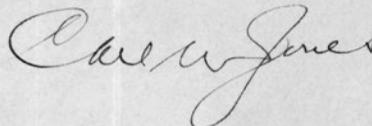
We believe you will enjoy seeing the library which my father devoted his life collecting, especially the books on the discovery and development of America, from Columbus 1492, to the Gold Rush to Alaska.

Mr. E. C. Gale will give a talk on the romance of Americana, and will exhibit several of the volumes.

I am asking you to outline in a five-minute talk the historical records you collect for the Society, and the importance of these records to Minnesota. The thing I want to accomplish is to show the country editors the importance of the work you are doing, and you can bear this journalistic point of view in mind in your discussion.

Business suit will be the fashion.

Very sincerely,



CWJ:EH

THE
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY
HISTORICAL REVIEW

M. M. QUAIFE
MANAGING EDITOR
DETROIT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Dear Sir:

I shall be glad to receive, as soon as may be convenient to you, the review of

which you have kindly promised. Let me remind you that, for insertion in the next number, it should reach me by

Very truly yours,

M. M. QUAIFE,

Managing Editor.

Sept. 5, 1933

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Dear Dr. Buck:

Would you kindly pass the word about at the Historical Survey and the University that I am available to aid young scholars polish, check, and "doctor-up" their historical compositions as well as to dig up fresh material or collate old notes for those not so young? Every such task will be given careful, painstaking attention equal to that bestowed upon the pages of the M. V. H. R.

Your recommendations will be highly appreciated.

Sincerely,

B. E. Josephson

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