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SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA

March 31, 1931

Professor Solon J. Buck,  
67 Barton Avenue, SE,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

My dear Professor Buck:-

The accompanying notice may be of interest to you. On Friday evening, April 10, at 6:30 o'clock, a dinner will be given preceding Professor Paxson's lecture on "The Panic in American Life." Will you be able to attend? (A member of the family or an interested guest may be invited.) Reservations may be mailed to me at the address given below or telephoned to Dale 0244. It will be necessary to close reservations not later than Wednesday noon, April 8. Seventy-five cents a plate.

Very sincerely yours,

*Charles J. Ritchey*  
Charles J. Ritchey,  
1003 St. Clair Street

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St. Paul, Minnesota

Through the provisions of the Funk Memorial Foundation, the History Department of Macalester College has been able to secure as the first Funk lecturer Professor Frederic Logan Paxson of the University of Wisconsin. On Thursday, April 9, and Friday, April 10, at Wallace Hall Macalester and Summit Avenues, at eight o'clock, Professor Paxson will speak on the subjects, "The West and Its Politics" and "The Panic in American Life." The public is invited to attend these lectures.

As a teacher, writer, and lecturer Professor Paxson is one of the foremost interpreters of American life, especially in its western phases. Significant among his publications are "The History of the American Frontier" and "Recent History of the United States". The subjects of the lectures and Professor Paxson's unusual insight into American problems assure us of an exceptional program.

March 1, 1933

Dean of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences,  
Duke University,  
Durham, North Carolina.

Dear Sir:-

Mr. David K. McCarrell, who is now enrolled as a graduate student in your institution, informs me that he is applying for a fellowship in history there for next year. I made the acquaintance of Mr. McCarrell last year while he was an instructor in history in the Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburgh. Learning of the research that he was doing on the early history of the Pennsylvania Railroad in this section, I invited him to read a paper at the summer meeting of the Historical Society, and his paper was so good that we are publishing it in the next number of our quarterly, the Western Pennsylvania Historical Magazine, under the title, "The Coming of the Railroad to Western Pennsylvania".

Mr. McCarrell impresses me as having very considerable ability for research in history. He organizes his material logically and he writes unusually well for a graduate student. I believe that he would profit by a fellowship at your institution and I take pleasure in recommending him for the appointment.

Very truly yours,

Solon J. Buck

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May 9, 1931

Mr. Cyrus Hall McCormick  
606 S. Michigan Ave.,  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:-

On returning to my office from a week's absence, I found there a copy of The Century of the Reaper by Cyrus McCormick, which you very kindly sent to me, presumably at the suggestion of my friend, Mr. Herbert A. Kellar. I shall take pleasure in reading the book at the first opportunity, and I want to assure you that your courtesy in presenting me with a copy is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours

B/P

November 2, 1931.

Mr. Cyrus H. McCormick,  
20 East Burton Place,  
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Mr. McCormick:-

Several weeks ago I received a copy of Cyrus Hall McCormick Seed-Time, 1809-1856 by William T. Hutchinson in the special de luxe edition, with your card and those of Mrs. Blaine and Messrs. Harold F., and Stanley McCormick enclosed. I was already somewhat familiar with this valuable contribution to American history and I am very glad, indeed, to have a copy of it in so attractive a form. I assure you that your courtesy in having it sent to me is very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck.

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November 16, 1931.

Mr. Harold McCormick,  
675 Rush Street,  
Chicago, Ill.

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Mr. Stanley McCormick,  
Riven Rock, Montecito,  
Santa Barbara, California.

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Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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November 24th

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

Dear Sir:

Mr. McCormick is pleased that you enjoyed  
the book. He read it carefully with a great deal  
of interest.

Sincerely yours,

*Robert Lewis Richards*

Robert Lewis Richards, M. D.

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June 30, 1929.

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

My dear Dr.Buck:

If I can get my thesis into satisfactory  
shape I expect to attend the second summer session at  
Minnesota this year.

I have been trying since the first of the  
year to borrow the ne cessary books and find it a tedious  
process. I feel I have made enough progress, however, to  
warrant my going ahead with my plans. Will you be teaching  
the second session? I am very anxious to know as your  
absence would probably mean I should have to postpone my  
attendance until a later session.

Very truly yours,

*Hazel McCulloch*  
Hazel McCulloch.

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July 2, 1929

Miss Hazel McCulloch  
State Teachers College  
Minot, North Dakota

Dear Miss McCulloch:-

I expect to teach at Minnesota  
during the second term of the summer  
session, and shall be very glad to  
see you.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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*Aug. 1931*

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August 13th. 1931.

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

I have just had the pleasure of reading  
The Story of the Grand Portage, and have found it tre-  
mendously interesting. As a great lover of Minnesota's  
Northland I consider your story to have much historic  
value and would like to have two or three copies to  
pass on to my children when they grow old enough to  
appreciate the romance of this last great wilderness.  
I am writing to you to ask where I might secure copies  
of the pamphlet and the cost of same, and would appreciate  
hearing from you.

The story has so fired the imagination of two  
of my friends and myself that we plan on going over the  
Portage early this Fall. I want to tender my thanks to  
you for this very fine little historic gem.



Cordially yours,

*J. A. MacFadyen*

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Mr Salmon J. Buck.

Dear Sir;

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Do you think the results of that Commission could be secured by us in Canada?

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Any suggestion you may be able to make to us would be very gladly welcomed. by hundreds throughout Canada who have been

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Caught in this trap.

The names under which they operate in Canada are.

- I The Source Research Bureau
- II Home and School and Education Society.
- III International Research Institute "Winnipeg"

This is a real Call for help and anything you can do to help us will make us most grateful to you.

I am yours Very Sincerely

H. J. MacKay

1904 Davenport Road  
Toronto Ontario Canada

March 10, 1930

Rev. H. J. MacKay  
1904 Davenport Road  
Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Dear Sir:-

With reference to "The Source Book" I would suggest that you write directly to the Federal Trade Commission, Washington, D. C. In this country, the company used the name Perpetual Encyclopaedia Corporation of Chicago, although I understand it was also called Source Research Council Incorporated, and H. M. Dixon Co., and North American Publishing Co.

I have never learned anything about the results, if any, of the investigation, but I am writing today to the attorney for the Commission who asked me to testify, and if I obtain any information I shall be glad to pass it on to you.

Very truly yours

B/P

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**Grand Portage**

Earliest White Settlement in Minnesota

Grand Portage, Minn.,  
August 12, 1930.

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

Your letter, outlining plan of your trip north, has been received, and am very pleased that you are planning on staying in Grand Portage a day or two. We have a small cabin which will be at your disposal during the time of your visit here. If our little cabin is too small, a new cabin has been built on the lake shore, by Mrs. Kate Lesage, which I could arrange to get for you. It has three small rooms.

I have thought some of the crowds that may come could stay at the Naniboujou Club or at the Boundry. There are a number of cabins to be had at that point, and others could stay at Grand Marais.

We would like very much to have you stay in our cabin at Grand Portage for as long as you can stay here.

Am hoping our Meeting will be a success. It is rather an unusual undertaking and a great deal will depend upon the weather and the attendance.

With kind regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

*Effie M. McLean*

*W. J. ...  
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Grand Marais ...  
Minnesota*

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June 25, 1931

Mrs. Effie McLean  
Grand Portage, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. McLean:-

Some friends of ours, Mr. Charles Sommers and family, are planning to stop at Grand Portage on Tuesday or Wednesday of next week, and would like to stay there a day or two if they can find any place to sleep. The cabin that we occupied last summer would doubtless serve their purposes if it is available. At any rate, I have suggested to them that they get in touch with you, and I am sure that you will be glad to help them to make arrangements if possible.

You will find the Sommerses very fine people. He is a prominent business man of St. Paul, and was, for a number of years, a regent of the university. Anything that you can conveniently do to make their visit enjoyable will be very much appreciated by them and also by me. One thing that I have suggested to Mr. Sommers is that they go up the trail around Mt. Josephine to the ridge above Teal Lake. I do not know whether they would be equal to going all the way over to the High Falls. I advised against their trying to do the Grand Portage Trail.

Mrs. Buck and I are looking forward to spending some time in Grand Portage again this summer. It will have to be in advance of the meeting, as we shall have to get back promptly after the meeting in order to get to Pittsburgh with our household goods by September 1. Our plans are very indefinite as yet, for we do not know how soon we can get away, but I shall write you again later on.

Sincerely yours

B/P

August 1, 1931

Mrs. Effie H. McLean  
Grand Portage, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. McLean:-

Mr. Sommers, about whom I wrote you, tells me that his party was delayed in getting to Grand Portage and, while they did drive down and spend a few hours there, they did not have time to remain over night. I feel that they should have called on you, at least, in view of the fact that at their request I had asked you to arrange accommodations for them, but they neglected to do so. I got the message from your sister, but they had already left on their trip and I was unable to notify them that you had accommodations for them. I had told them, however, that I felt sure you would take care of them in some way. I regret very much any trouble and inconvenience that this matter may have caused you.

Mrs. Buck and I are struggling to get things in such shape that we can get away, and we hope now to leave here some time during the second week in August, and drive directly to Grand Portage. We want also, if we can arrange it, to get over to Isle Royale and visit Miss Andrews at Washington Harbor and Mr. Bailey at Tobin's Harbor. We hope to bring Mr. Bailey back with us for the meeting. Our plans are so indefinite as yet that I shall not ask you to make any reservation for us now. I shall write again later, however, and trust that something will still be available.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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October 21, 1929.

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

Dear Sir:

Mr. William Stearns Davis suggested that you might be interested in his new romance of the French Revolution--"The Whirlwind"--so we are delighted to send you a copy. We hope that you will thoroughly enjoy the novel, and will, perhaps, have opportunities to recommend it to others who may also be interested in it.

Very truly yours,  
*Rosa E. Hutchinson*  
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E. G. HELGESON

December 11, 1930

Dear Professor Buck:

We have been approached by the Copyright Committee of the National Association of Book Publishers to assist them in getting before the representatives and senators of various states an enthusiastic endorsement of the Vestal Bill for General Copyright Revision, which the Committee hopes will be acted upon in the present session of Congress.

There is no doubt in our mind but that the United States should adopt the Vestal Bill, and have it become the copyright law of our country. We unhesitatingly recommend to you that you assist in the passage of this bill by writing to the representative and senator in Washington from your locality.

The attached sheet will give you a resume of the more important points in connection with this bill and will show you the proponents and opponents to it.

We as a Company have consistently refused to bother our authors in any way. We continually refuse to permit the use of our mailing list of authors for any purpose whatever, but we do feel that this matter is of such importance not only to ourselves, but to our authors, that it is really worthy of being called to your attention. We hope that you will give this request of ours serious consideration and that you will actually write the letters which we are asking that you write.

We are enclosing an addressed stamped envelope for your convenience and ask that you be so kind as to send us a copy of the letter which you send out. In sending us this copy, will you not kindly indicate your willingness to permit us to quote from this letter, if by so doing we feel that we can aid in this worthy cause?

Faithfully yours,

*George P. Brett, Jr.*

GENERAL MANAGER

## THE VESTAL BILL FOR GENERAL COPYRIGHT REVISION

### What the Bill Will Do

1. Will enable the United States to enter the International Copyright Union. (Only Russia, China, Mexico and U.S.A. are outside.) Union membership will give the American owner of copyrights full protection in all Union countries. Our rights in Canada are now threatened by recent legislation, our method of getting European rights by publishing in London will be cancelled if the proposals of the Rome Conference of 1928 take effect August 1, 1931, as expected.
2. Will give the United States the term of copyright for the life of the author and fifty years after death instead of fifty-six years after publication. Fifty years is the common European term. There is some opposition to this in Congress because legislators seem to believe that long copyright terms raise the price of books, though popular copyright series disprove this.
3. Will make copyright protection automatic on creation as in other countries instead of being dependent on formalities of printing and publishing. Registration is made advantageous but not essential to protection. America's present insistence on formalities keeps us out of the Union.
4. Will make copyright divisible. At present there is only one copyright and that goes with first publication and registration. If a magazine publisher should fail to re-transfer to the author the rights he acquires by first printing, the right which the author subsequently assigns to the book publisher is without value.
5. It abolishes, with full agreement of the printing unions, the manufacturing clause except as applying to books and other copyright material of American authorship.
6. This Bill's passage will put America on a sound and ethical basis with the rest of the world in respect to literary property. We have been wanting this for a century.
7. It will give us a sound and modern copyright law abolishing many of the anachronisms and unfair features of the old law.

### Proponents:

The proponents include, among others, all these groups. Stress this fact in conversation and in letters.

National Association of Book Publishers	American Federation of Labor
National Publishers Association (periodicals)	Theatrical Managers' Association
American Newspaper Publishers' Association	Authors' League of America
International Allied Printing Trades Association	American Library Association
Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America	New York Bar Association
American Booksellers Association	National Education Association
American Academy of Arts and Sciences	American Historical Society
American Institute of Arts and Sciences	

### Opponents:

1. Three (out of eighty) Play Producers who have been taking this way to fight the dramatists. These three, Shubert, Brady and Woods, are now recorded as favorable.
2. A few Congressmen who believe in curtailing the area of control of the Composers' Society in the smaller public performance rights. This group has already obtained amendments to that effect in the early section of the Bill and should now favor the Bill as amended.

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A Vestal Design Copyright Bill passed the House in July and goes to the Senate. The two do not overlap, nor are they antagonistic. A so-called Short-Cut Bill to take us into the International Copyright Union without improving our own code is not desired by publishers or authors, and would probably fail to accomplish its purpose if enacted.

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

Dear Professor Buck:

Thank you for your letter of June 23rd with the good word that you are asking your students in your seminar in American History to purchase copies of Hockett: INTRODUCTION TO RESEARCH IN AMERICAN HISTORY. We are temporarily out of stock in our New York office and are therefore asking our Chicago office to send you a complimentary desk copy.

Ordinarily presentation copies are sent out only from New York, but under the circumstances we are glad to send a copy to you as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

*Cecile O. Phillips*  
THE MACMILLAN COMPANY  
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July 11, 1931

The Macmillan Company  
College Department  
Sixty-fifth St.,  
New York City

Gentlemen:-

Thank you very much for the complimentary desk copy of Hockett's Introduction to Research in American History with which you have supplied me. I am making some use of it in my seminar in American history this year, and I am sure that it will continue to be useful in connection with my work with graduate students.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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New York City  
February 13, 1932

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

Dear Solon:

I was sorry I didn't have an opportunity to see you when I was in Pittsburgh just before Christmas, but I was busy all the time I was there.

Now I am preparing to ask a favor. The Association of History Teachers of the Middle States and Maryland is meeting in Washington on May 6 and 7, and it seems to devolve largely upon me to get up a satisfactory program. We are planning for the Saturday morning meeting, the 7th, to have some papers on various phases of recent American history. One thing I had thought of as a topic that would be very much worthwhile if we could get it discussed adequately was something about the relation of the frontier to modern industrial or technological society involving the sudden shift from an agrarian society to an industrial one. It seems to me that, with your interests in the earlier agrarian movements and the Pittsburgh industrial area, you are indicated as the ideal person to tackle the job if you can be induced to do so. Of course, this rather indefinite statement of mine is simply intended to indicate the general line of the paper, and you would be at liberty to phrase your subject as you chose.

I should indicate in advance that participation in the program for the Middle States meeting is largely a work of charity as we have no honorariums other than the payment of traveling expenses.

I hope you will be able to do something for us along this line and that I may have a favorable reply from you soon.

Very sincerely yours,

*Dr. Donald L. McMurry*

DLM:AL

February 16, 1932

Dr. Donald L. McMurtry,  
316 Library, University of Minnesota,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Don:-

I see you are still trying to find out how the agrarian crusader gets along in the melon patch. I thank you for the compliment of the invitation contained in your letter of February 13 and I wish it were possible for me to accept.

Much to my regret, I have had no time to do any research work myself and I see little prospect of my being able to do any in the near future. Possibly I might be able to discuss the subject you suggest with intelligence five years from now but, certainly, I could not do it now.

Why not ask Oliver to do it? A man who gives courses on the history of the American frontier and the history of American industry and technology ought to be in an excellent position to prepare a paper on the relation between these two phases of American history.

I was sorry that I did not have the opportunity to see you when you were here recently, and I trust that you will get in touch with me the next time you come to Pittsburgh.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

This letter mailed to:

Mr. Donald L. McMurtry,  
1004 Physics Building,  
Columbia University,  
New York City, N. Y.

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149 Lincoln Avenue  
Lexington, Kentucky  
April 19, 1933

Dr. Selon J. Buck  
University of Pittsburgh  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

My dear Dr. Buck:

I am writing you at the suggestion of Dr. Charles M. Knapp, who told me this afternoon that you can tell me where to locate material that may give me valuable information on my dissertation subject. I understood Dr. Knapp to say that you have found data on the heads of families, collected for the Census of 1850 but not published. If statistics are given for Kentucky that material will be very helpful in my study, which has to do with Eastern Kentucky. I shall be very grateful if you will write me where it may be found.

I spent the few days of spring vacation in Pittsburgh, and would have remained to

ask you to discuss the subject of the settlement of "Appalachia" with me, if I had known of your interest in it. However, Dr. Knapp did not know where to reach me there.

Can I get the information I want by writing to Washington, or do you think it will be necessary for me to go there, if I find that the information is available?

I shall be sincerely grateful for your help.

Very respectfully yours,  
Virginia McClure

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Miss Virginia McClure,  
149 Lincoln Avenue,  
Lexington, Kentucky

April 27, 1933

My dear Miss McClure:

The material that I suggested to Dr. Knapp for use in your study consists of the original schedules of the census of 1850, which are on file in the Bureau of the Census in Washington. In taking that census, for the first time, the enumerators listed every individual with his age, country or state of birth, etc., and also with information as to the nativity of his parents. I have used the schedules for studying the settlement of Minnesota and I know that much can be learned from them about the settlement of any region. They are very bulky, of course, and it takes considerable time to work the information out of them. If one's time is limited, however, it is possible to study intensively a few sample townships.

I do not see any way that you could use this material except by going to Washington and staying there for some time, unless of course you could afford to have photostatic copies made of some of the schedules. It might be worth while for you first to study the printed ~~report~~<sup>census</sup> of 1850, if you have not already done so, in order to familiarize yourself with the general information contained therein.

Very truly yours,

Solon J. Buck

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149 Lincoln Avenue  
Lexington, Kentucky  
May 11, 1933

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Dr. Solon J. Buck  
Historical Building  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

My dear Dr. Buck:

The material contained in the original schedules of the Census of 1850, about which you wrote me a few weeks ago, will, I believe, be of more help to me than anything I have found. I am planning to go to Washington next month to work through the schedules. To whom shall I apply for permission to use them? It occurs to me that perhaps I should make arrangements

about that before I go.

It has come to be an accepted fact, at least in Kentucky, that the people of the Kentucky Highlands are of almost pure Anglo-Saxon descent. I have spent some time in the section, and from information that I can gather, which is, however, mainly the statements of individuals concerning the nativity of their ancestors, I have come to have very serious doubts as to the truth of the assertion. I am preparing a list of names concerning which I hope to find definite information at Washington.

I am attempting also to show by map all the possible routes by which pioneers may have come into Eastern

Kentucky. I have found rather detailed information about the Great Valley-Cumberland Gap routes, but am unable to find enough here about those from the east to Pittsburgh to enable me to plot them on a map. I have William Brown's itinerary of his journey from Hanover, Virginia, to Kentucky, but the greater number of the places at which he stopped I cannot, of course, locate. I am unwilling to offer a map which is not as nearly correct in detail as it can be made. Have those routes been described in any of the Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey publications? I have not been able to locate even Braddock's road, though I know that the

old road-bed is still visible in many places, and at others it is used by modern highways.

I am very grateful for the help you have given me, Dr. Buck, and shall appreciate any further favor.

Very sincerely yours,  
Virginia McClure

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May 19, 1933

Miss Virginia McClure,  
149 Lincoln Avenue,  
Lexington, Kentucky

My dear Miss McClure:

I think you will have no difficulty in getting access to the original census schedules in Washington. Your application should be made to the director of the census. If you have any difficulty, I would suggest that you get in touch with Dr. J. Franklin Jameson, chief of the department of manuscripts of the Library of Congress. He is always glad to help any student who comes to Washington for historical work.

The routes of Braddock's and Forbes' Roads are pretty well known, although there is some dispute about details and I think you will have no difficulty in obtaining information about them sufficient for your purposes, especially in the Library of Congress. I am enclosing herewith some suggestions supplied by our librarian. ✓

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

JUN 5 1931

DR. WILLIAM J. MAYO  
ROCHESTER, MINN.

June 5, 1931

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

I have learned with great regret that you are leaving Minnesota for a position in the East. I wish to express to you our high regard for the work you have done in gathering together the threads of history of Minnesota and in sponsoring publications which have made available to the public now and for all time the story of pioneer days in our state. Minnesota congratulates herself that she has had the benefit of your splendid work, and we all wish you equal success, we could wish you no better, in your new field.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

W. J. Mayo

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June 8, 1931

Dr. W. J. Mayo  
Rochester, Minnesota

Dear Dr. Mayo:-

Thank you very much for your kind letter of June 5. It is always gratifying to be able to feel that one's efforts have been appreciated. I have greatly enjoyed my work and my associations in Minnesota, and it is going to be very hard for me to leave. The Pittsburgh position offers me, however, a considerably better salary and more opportunity to do research work; and I did not feel that I could refuse it.

Sincerely yours

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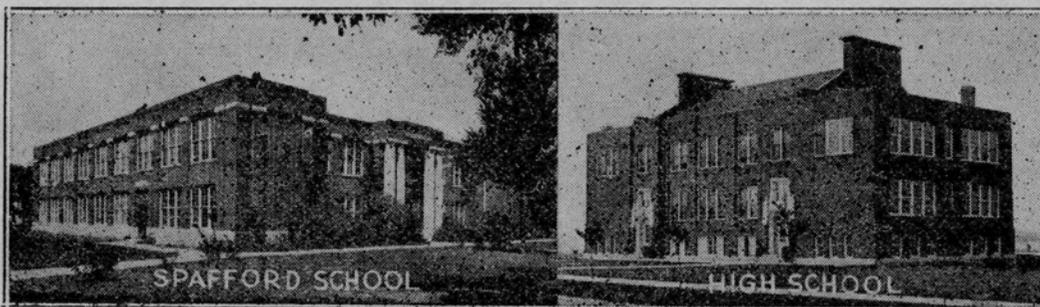
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Flandreau, S. Dak.,

December 5, 1929.

Professor Buck,  
History Department,  
University of Minnesota,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Buck:

You may remember that you had a student in one of your history classes last summer by the name of A. E. Mead from Flandreau, South Dakota. I talked to you at that time about making application for the Fellowship, and you may recall that you stated there was a favorable possibility. I am making application for that Fellowship at this time and have suggested your name along with several others. I would be glad to have you give the committee, when you are called upon, your honest opinion of my ability and work.

I thank you for this favor,

Very respectfully yours,

*A. E. Mead*

A. E. Mead,  
Supt. of Schools,  
Flandreau, S. Dak.

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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA  
GRADUATE SCHOOL  
MINNEAPOLIS

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Dec. 10, 1929

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

Dear Professor Buck:

Arthur Emmett Mead has applied for a position as  
Teaching Fellow in History 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. S. J. Buck  
219 Old Library  
University of Minnesota

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

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Mead

December 18, 1929

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

Dear Mr. Ford:

Arthur Emmett Mead, applicant for a position as teaching fellow in history, took my course, "New Viewpoints in American History," last summer. I was much impressed by his personality, and at first he did very good, if not excellent, work; but the quality of his work in the latter part of the term was disappointing. I think that he would probably do very well as a teacher of sections and he might achieve a master's degree with some credit, but I doubt if he would be equal to anything beyond that.

Sincerely yours

B/H

June 2, 1932

Professor Frederick Merk,  
Harvard University,  
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Merk:-

What would you think of the feasibility and desirability of getting out a co-operative work on "The West in American History" organized along the lines of your and Turner's List of References? We have had a number of works on the history of the West lately but it has not seemed to me that any of them have covered the ground or organized their material as effectively as Turner used to do in his lectures. None of them, it seems to me, gives enough attention to physiography and to the regional aspects of the history of the West. Shippee and I had a project at one time to write a book along these lines but I was unable to carry it out.

It seems to me that a very valuable work might be produced by taking approximately the headings of the List of References and assigning each one as a chapter of some 25 pages to the man most qualified to handle the subject. Most of them would doubtless be former students of Turner and in some cases one man might write two or more chapters. With approximately 40 chapters we would have a book of some thousand pages, which could be got out in a 2-volume edition and also in a 1-volume edition on thin paper for the use of college graduates.

Would you be interested in joining with me in editing such a work? It would serve in a sense as a memorial to Turner, as well as be a contribution to American history. This may be a pipe dream on my part. I have not said anything to anyone else about it and I have not thought it through, but I should like to have your reaction to it.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

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Mark

JUN 16 1932

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41 Lincoln St, Cambridge  
June 14, 1932

Dear Buck: I have been away from Cambridge for several days and your letter reached me only yesterday. Your suggestion seems to me in theory attractive, but in practice very difficult to carry out. The cooperative method is a satisfactory one for extended series of volumes, though even there its results are not uniformly good. It is less well adapted to a single volume of essays, even when the contributors have considerable latitude in their choice of subject and their mode of approach. I think it

would be least likely to succeed in  
a volume developing a thesis, and  
involving the united effort of forty  
or more men. I should be much  
surprised if such a volume would  
produce for its editors anything but  
grey hair, and that it would be  
a success as a text seems to me  
highly unlikely.

I have been asked by McMillan to  
write a history of the sort you mention  
either alone, or in cooperation with  
Hedges of Brown. I have discussed  
the matter with Hedges, and we may  
decide to undertake it, though the

cooperative method even when only  
two are involved, and they close friends,  
seems to me to be not ideal. I  
am sorry if these obstacles interfere  
with our doing what you suggest,  
for I should find great satisfaction  
otherwise in being associated with  
you in such a work.

Harvard has little news to offer.  
M. Carver has resigned as you  
probably know. Professor Hackett  
seems to have established a kind  
of equilibrium - he does not improve  
nor yet get perceptibly worse -  
Cordially yours,  
Frederick Mark

June 20, 1932

Professor Frederick Merk,  
Harvard University,  
Cambridge, Mass.

Dear Merk:

Your point about the difficulties connected with getting out a co-operative work of the sort that I had suggested are well taken. As I wrote you, I had not really thought the matter through, and I now realize that it would be absurd for me to undertake anything of the sort with the multitude of other things that I have on my hands.

I am delighted to know that there is a prospect that you will write a history of the West. If anyone can present the authentic Turner interpretation of the subject, you ought to be able to do so, and that is what I want to see done. It is a curious fact, I believe, that none of the recent histories of the West is the product of a student of Turner.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

January 29, 1932

Dr. Solon J. Buck  
67 Barton Avenue  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Dr. Buck:

The enclosed sheet explains itself. The second paragraph contains the perennial supposed quotation from Lincoln which has never been authenticated. There seems to be a clue, however, that apparently has not been followed out. The question is "Are the Elkins papers in existence anywhere and have you them possibly in the collection of the Minnesota Historical Society? If you can give us any clue worth following I should welcome it.

Very truly yours,

*H. H. B. Meyer*  
Director  
Legislative Reference Service

"Mr. Presidents, you will recall that the National Monetary Commission had previously been created. This, of course, was a mere sham, for already the Money Trust knew what it wanted and proposed to get it, and finally did. The National Monetary Commission was a 'just make believe' to deceive us. It was ridiculous to send those men at great public expense to Europe to study finance to frame a bill for Congress to pass. Europe has not been economically successful. That was not it at all. The whole scheme had been planned long before. One of the greatest of you, President Lincoln, had warned those of you who followed in succession, and warned the people as well during the Civil War, in the following language:

"Yes, we may congratulate ourselves that this cruel war is nearing the close, but I see in the future a crisis approaching that unnerves me and causes me to tremble for the safety of my country. As a result of the war corporations have been enthroned, and an era of corruption in high places will follow and the money power of the country will endeavor to prolong its reign by working upon the prejudices of the people until wealth is aggregated in a few hands and the republic is destroyed. I feel at this moment more anxiety for the safety of my country than ever before in the midst of the war.'

"Yes, Mr. Presidents, the above quotation from Lincoln's letter to Mr. Elkins, of Illinois, became quite well known at the time as well as other of Lincoln's statements to the same effect. Those were the admonitions of one of the world's greatest of the great - came from the lips and the pen of the one of you who piloted us through the dark days of the Civil War. He knew whereof he spoke and wrote, for the evidences were already clear as to what the corporations sought and the means they used to deceive the people."

The above is taken from the book, "Why Is Your Country at War and What Happens to You after the War and Related Subjects," by Charles A. Lindbergh, published by the National Capital Press, Inc., Washington, D. C., in 1917.

February 8, 1932

Mr. H. H. B. Meyer, Director,  
Legislative Reference Service,  
Library of Congress,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Meyer:-

Your letter addressed to me in Minneapolis has been forwarded to me here. I fear that I cannot give you any help in the matter of the reputed Lincoln quotation or the Elkins papers. I am quite sure that there are no such papers at the Minnesota Historical Society. As Elkins is referred to as "of Illinois", it would seem to me more likely that his papers would be found in that state. I would suggest that you write to Dr. Theodore G. Pease of the University of Illinois, Urbana, if you have not already done so.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

October 7, 1929

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

Dear Fuller:

Volume 40 of the Michigan Historical Collections, which was received by the Society in August, has just come to my attention and I find that it contains considerable material of special interest to me. As you will doubtless recall, I have an almost complete set of the Collections and I trust that you will find it possible to send a copy of this volume to me at my home address, 67 Barton Avenue, S. E., Minneapolis.

Sincerely yours

SJB/H

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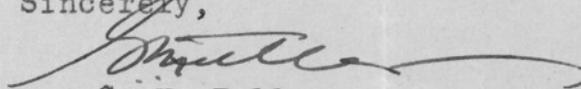
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Dear Buck,-

Under another cover I am sending you a complimentary copy of our Vol. 40 of the Michigan Historical Collections. Our first mailing of this Volume covered only the libraries and schools, which accounts for your not receiving your copy earlier.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,



G. N. Fuller

GNF/PA

The wonderful editing in this volume is due to a "rush" policy to "save the appropriation." Man had almighty device some policy to save the next volume from the miseries of politics.

October 18, 1929

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

Dear Fuller:-

Thank you very much for the complimentary copy of volume 40 of your Collections. It will be very useful to have the documents in print, even without extensive editing.

We have our troubles with the politicians also, so I can appreciate your difficulties.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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September 23, 1939

Mrs. A. A. Milne  
1148 Portland Ave.,  
St. Paul, Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Milne:-

Upon returning from a vacation, I find here two more St. Paul directories that you have very kindly presented to the Society: those for 1963 and for 1939-90. We appreciate very much your courtesy in presenting these to us.

Sincerely yours

B/P

APR 24 1931

MRS. CARROLL K. MICHENER  
1203 MOUNT CURVE AVENUE  
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

April 22, 1931

My dear Mr. Buck:

I wish to repeat my very sincere thanks for your kindness in addressing the Minneapolis College Women's Club last week. Your talk was enjoyed by every one of us. No more absorbing and thoroughly interesting address could have been given for our final program of the club year.

I am enclosing a check for ninety cents, in payment for your day letter so kindly sent in answer to mine, during your visit in Pittsburgh. If for any reason you were charged more for your message than I was for mine, please let me reimburse you for the difference.

Thanking you once more, let me remain,

Very truly yours,

*Sally Michener*

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October 6, 1930

Mr. Russell A. Plimpton  
Minneapolis Institute of Arts  
301 E. 34 St.,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Plimpton:-

I have just learned that Charles Fabens Kelly of the Chicago Art Institute is to be here on Friday, October 31, to speak at the state teachers' meeting. Kelly is an old friend of mine, and I am hoping that he will stay over two or three days. He has never been here before and I am sure that he will want to see something of your Institute. It occurs to me that you might like to arrange for a lecture by him while he is here, and, if so, I would suggest that you write to him direct.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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THE MINNEAPOLIS INSTITUTE OF ARTS  
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

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October 7, 1930.

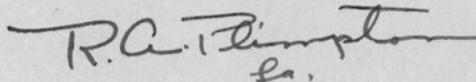
Dear Mr. Babcock:-

I have just received a letter on the stationery of the Historical Society unsigned except for the letters B/P, which I assume stands for your noble name.

It advises me that Kelly of the Chicago Art Institute is coming here on October 31st and there may be some chance of his speaking here at the Institute. I am delighted to know this and have eagerly followed your suggestion, hoping that he may be able to stay over and speak here on November 2nd. I have long wanted to have him and this seems to be a most opportune time. You are very kind to write and I trust it may result in Kelly being able to stay over.

With many thanks, I am

Sincerely,



Director.

Mr. Willoughby M. Babcock  
Minnesota Historical Society  
St. Paul, Minnesota

October 9, 1930

Mr. Russell A. Plimpton  
Minneapolis Institute of Arts  
301 E. 24 St.,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Plimpton:-

Your letter of the seventh addressed to Mr. Babcock has just arrived. The letter which you received with the initials B/P was written by Mr. Buck; unfortunately he seems not to have signed the letter and I overlooked the lack of a signature when sending it out.

Mr. Buck is not here today but I am sure that he will be very glad to see your letter when he comes tomorrow and to know that you are interested in having Mr. Kelly here.

Very truly yours

Secretary to Mr. Buck

67 Barton Ave. S. E.

March 1, 1939

Hon. Fred D. Vibert  
Minnesota Arrowhead Association  
315 W. Superior St.,  
Duluth, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Vibert:-

Mr. John S. Pardee informs me that you have copies of his pamphlet, "The Children's Heritage," available for distribution, and that you would probably be willing to supply some for the use of members of my class in Minnesota history. If you care to send me about a dozen copies, I shall be glad to turn a couple of them over to the library of the University, so that they will be available for future students, and to distribute the remainder to students in my class.

I assure you that your coöperation in this matter will be much appreciated.

Sincerely yours

B/P

The University of  Minnesota Press

Minneapolis

SEP 5 1930  
September 4, 1930.

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

My dear Professor Buck:

We received today the copy of your letter to Miss Belle Sweet,  
Albuquerque, New Mexico in regard to the Reminiscences of  
Dr. Folwell, but her letter, which you stated would be sent  
to us, was not enclosed.

We shall appreciate receiving this for our files.

Very truly yours,

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA PRESS.

*E. E. Fayrer*

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JAN 15 1931

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The University of  Minnesota Press

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Minneapolis

January 14, 1931.

Mr. S. J. Buck,  
State Historical Society,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Mr. Buck:

Professor Hicks writes me that he is to be in Minneapolis on the 19th and 20th, and wishes to consult with me on the 20th concerning his manuscript on "The Farmers' Alliance and the People's Party." In looking over your recommendation to the Press, I notice you say "The bibliography might be improved in arrangement and form of entry." Could you make your recommendation more specific?

Very truly yours,

*M. S. Harding*  
Mrs. M. S. Harding,  
Managing Editor.

MSH:EF

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January 16, 1931

Mrs. M. S. Harding  
Managing Editor  
University of Minnesota Press  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Harding:-

I am afraid that I cannot make more specific recommendations concerning the bibliography to Hicks's book without having a copy of it in hand. Perhaps Hicks and I can arrange to go over it together while he is here.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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June 8, 1932

Mrs. Margaret Harding,  
University of Minnesota Press,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota. ☺

Dear Mrs. Harding:

I was much interested in the attractive folder advertising the books by Hicks, Humphrey, and others. I was gratified to note that the first two have been so well received as I recommended both of them to the Press for publication. You may be interested to know that I wrote a review of Hicks' book, which has just been published in the June number of Current History.

Would it be possible for you to send me a copy of Stephenson's book for review in the Western Pennsylvania Magazine? I find that there are quite a number of Swedes in this section.

Has the autobiography of Dr. Folwell been spurloss versenkt?

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

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The University of  Minnesota Press

Minneapolis

June 14, 1932.

JUN 16 1932

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

I am very glad that you liked our circular, and I am glad to say that we are beginning to have some returns from it. We were much pleased to have the review in Current History appear simultaneously. There was also an article in Time in the May 30 number, and we are promised additional reviews in other journals.

Did you happen to see the extremely enthusiastic review of the Humphrey in the Historical Outlook? The poor old man died a few weeks ago.

We are sending you Professor Stephenson's "Religious Aspects of Swedish Immigration" for review in the Western Pennsylvania Magazine as you request.

As to Dr. Folwell's Autobiography, when we found ourselves so involved with "The Birds of Minnesota"--you should receive your set some time next week; the first thousand bound were exhausted almost immediately after publication on the sixth--we decided to postpone the Folwell and make it a centennial affair. You remember that he was born on February 14, 1833.

Please say hello to Elizabeth for me and tell her that we miss her.

Sincerely yours,

*Margaret S. Harding*  
Mrs. M. S. Harding,  
Managing Editor.

MSH:EF

The University of  Minnesota Press  
Minneapolis

December 27, 1932.

Mr. S. J. Buck,  
5839 Darlington Road,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Buck:

You will be glad to know that we are making progress on the Folwell. I hope to send you galley proof early in January.

I haven't seen Axel since receiving your letter and check. I left them at home, and he called during my absence and Lillian gave him both. I didn't intend that he should have the letter, and he has never returned it.

I have no further information about the house, but I am told that the Engel boy is not in Minneapolis.

Cordially yours,

*Margaret S. Harding*  
Mrs. M. S. Harding,  
Managing Editor.

MSH:EF

5839 Darlington Road,  
January 26, 1933.

Mrs. Margaret S. Harding,  
The University of Minnesota Press,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Mrs. Harding:

I am wondering what has happened to the Folwell proof. You wrote me on January 9 that you expected to begin sending it that week, but none has been received as yet. Both Elizabeth and I are very busy, and we will not be able to drop other things and devote all our time to this proof when it arrives. Consequently, it would promote the work if you will send the proof to us in small batches as it is ready. I do not see now how you can possibly get the book out by February 14.

We had a visit yesterday from Idress Alvord, who was on her way to Washington. She said she went through our house in August, or September, and found it in fairly good condition then. She says she could have rented it for us then if she had known who had charge of it. I have had some correspondence with Dr. Morse, but am doubtful if we can make a satisfactory arrangement. He wants to occupy the place rent free until January 1 in return for making such repairs as may be necessary, but I am unwilling to tie myself up so that I could not sell or lease at a reasonable figure in the fall. I have made him some counter propositions.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck.

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January 26, 1933.

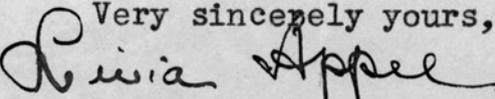
Dr. Solon J. Buck,  
Western Pa. Historical Survey,  
4338 Bigelow Blvd.,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Mr. Buck:

I am sending you today by parcel post the page proof of the first five chapters of the Folwell autobiography. I hope we can send the rest of the proofs in a day or two.

We are still planning to get it on the presses next week. Everything is in type except the editor's preface, and I think we haven't had copy for that. Can you get it to us in a few days? I'm sorry to have to rush you so, but we're all working like mad to get it out for February 14.

I hope you and Elizabeth and all the rest of the family are entirely recovered from the siege of flu you had. Remember me to Elizabeth--I intend to write her some day.

Very sincerely yours,  
  
Livia Appel,  
Assistant Editor.

LA/EF

5839 Darlington Road,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

January 28, 1933

Miss Livia Appel,  
The University of Minnesota Press,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Miss Appel:

The first installment of the Folwell-proof has reached me at a very inopportune time. The annual meeting of our society comes next Tuesday and in preparation for it and for committee meetings that accompany it, I am obliged to prepare various and sundry reports and to bring to a head negotiations with reference to the re-designing of, and contracting for, the printing of, our magazine. I expect to work all day tomorrow on these matters, tomorrow being Sunday, and I do not believe that I will be able to do anything with the proof until after Tuesday. Probably Elizabeth will be able to look it over tomorrow and I will give it, and the matter of an editor's preface, my attention just as soon as I can.

Thank you for your kind wishes. The Buck family has fully recovered from the flu.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

February 4, 1933

Mrs. Margaret S. Harding,  
University of Minnesota Press,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Mrs. Harding:

Herewith, the preface. Please supply the front name of Miss Hawley. I did not see any point in mentioning the copying of the original reminiscences, so I left that out. I am not certain that it was Dr. Keogh of the Yale University Library with whom I corresponded there. Please check this, if possible, with the Minnesota Historical Society, where all the correspondence is filed. The proof will go forward this afternoon and should reach you Monday. We could not send part of it until it was all finished on account of the cross references.

You have given the Buck family a strenuous week, which might have been avoided if you had sent us galley proof. We will forgive you, however.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

  
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February 7, 1933.

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

Thank you for getting the proof and the preface to us promptly. The book went to press yesterday.

Our haste was in part due to the fact that the University is celebrating Charter Day ~~and~~ a special convocation in honor of the Makers of the Name, of whom Dr. Folwell heads the list. To tie more closely with this occasion, Dean Ford took some liberties with your preface.

I enclose herewith the key to your house. I have heard nothing further in regard to it from anyone. I was out of the city on an eastern business trip for two weeks in January, and have not seen the Wangensteens since my return.

With good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

*Margaret S. Harding*  
Mrs. M. S. Harding,  
Managing Editor.

MSH:EF  
Enclosure.

5839 Darlington Road,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

February 18, 1933

Mrs. Margaret S. Harding,  
The University of Minnesota Press,  
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mrs. Harding:

Thank you for returning to me the keys to our house. I assure you that the trouble that you took in connection with the house is much appreciated. The prospects are now that Dr. Morse will rent the place at a nominal rental until fall, after which he may be willing to pay a more reasonable sum, and in the course of time he may buy the property. I shall be very glad to get someone into the house.

I trust that you will find it possible to send me a few copies of the Folwell book when it is out. I would like to suggest, also, that a copy be sent to the Hobart College man who is mentioned in my preface. I assume that review copies will be sent to the leading historical magazines. I would suggest that you include among them New York History, edited by Dr. A. C. Flick, New York State Historical Association, Albany; and the Ohio Archaeological and Historical Quarterly published by the Ohio Archaeological and Historical Society, Columbus.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

*Miss C. P. Ross*

March 10, 1933

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

Dear Ford:

Writing the letter to you about Kahn reminds me that I have not written to you or Mrs. Harding to thank you for the four copies of the Folwell autobiography that I received. I think you have made a very attractive book and I believe that it will prove of interest to many people. I was sorry to see it come out without an index, and I trust that if another edition is called for, an index will then be provided.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

July 10, 1933

Mrs. Margaret S. Harding,  
University of Minnesota Press,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.     

Dear Mrs. Harding:-

I am forwarding the enclosed review for your information. You may keep it, if you wish but, if you have received a copy or do not care to keep it, I should like to have it back.

I am glad that the Fur Trade Journals, edited by Gates for the Colonial Dames, are to be published by the Press. I suggested such an arrangement to the ladies when I first proposed to them that they finance the editing of these Journals. I hope that you or Gates will see to it that I receive a copy of the book as soon as it is published.

Elizabeth and I would like to be headed for Minnesota now, as we were about a year ago, but there seems to be no prospect of our getting out this summer. We enjoyed a visit from Mrs. Osgood recently. We hope that you will stop over with us some time when you are going East.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Back

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 The University of  Minnesota Press  
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July 25, 1933

Dr. Solon J. Buck  
University of Pittsburgh  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

My dear Mr. Buck:

You will be sorry to learn that Mrs. Harding has been ill and has been forced to go away for a rest. She left about ten days ago for Hewes-Kirkwood, an inn at the foot of Long's Peak in Colorado, which she says is a delightful place and just what she needs.

Thank you for the interesting clipping from School and Society. I had not seen it before, though I find there is a copy of it in our files and am therefore returning it to you as you requested.

We expect to have the Fur Traders of the Northwest off the press about the first of September, and I have made a memorandum of your request to have a copy sent you. We feel that it will be a most attractive volume, and that the Colonial Dames have every reason to be proud of it.

Very sincerely yours,

LA/SS

*Livia Appel*

P

Mrs. Margaret S. Harding.

University of Minnesota Press,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

4360 Center Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

November 15, 1933

Dear Mrs. Harding:

Many thanks to you and Miss Appel for sending me a copy of Gates's Five Fur Traders. It is a fine piece of bookmaking and a firstclass job in every way. I am proud to have had some part in promoting the project.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

January 27, 1930

Mr. Floyd G. Shoemaker, Secretary  
State Historical Society of Missouri  
Columbia, Missouri

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Dear Shoemaker:

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My zeal for the preservation of historical material has got me into trouble. You may recall that in June, 1925, I wrote you about some manuscript material found in Minneapolis that appeared to be from the Missouri State Archives, and offered to ship it to you with the understanding that no questions would be asked. I am now in a position where I had better tell you the whole story. These papers were found ~~at~~ kicking around a building of the University of Minnesota while some of the rooms in it were being remodeled, and it is a wonder that they were not destroyed. It happened, however, that I was consulted as to their disposition. Since Professor Alvord had had his office in that building, I suspected in view of Mrs. Alvord's Missouri connections, that she was responsible for their being there. It seemed to me, however, that they ought to be in some public depository, and also that, if they were hers, her neglect and abandonment of them would indicate that she did not value them very much.

Doubtless I should have written to her about the papers, but instead of doing so, I acted on the impulse of the moment and offered to send them to you. An additional lot of the same papers that turned up in November, 1927, was forwarded to you at that time.

Mrs. Alvord is now living in Minneapolis, and recently she started to make inquiries as to what had become of these papers. She spoke to Shippee about it, and, although he was as much responsible as I for their disposition, he slid out from under by telling her that he thought that I might know what had become of them. There was nothing left for me to do, therefore, but to tell her that my recollection was that some such papers had been found and that, as no one knew what they were and they seemed to be Missouri archives, they were shipped to your Society. She is now very anxious to get them back and I told her that I would write to you about them.

She tells me that they were selected by her with the approval of state officials from discarded papers in the basement of the capitol of Missouri, and that they would probably have been destroyed had she not rescued them. She was at the time

Mr. F. G. Shoemaker  
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librarian of the Missouri Historical Society, and the papers were destined for that institution. Some of them are there now, she said, but these she brought with her when she came up here, as she was intending to do some work with them, and then return them to the Missouri Historical Society.

Under the circumstances and if it is feasible, I think that the papers had better be returned to Mrs. Alvord, or, if you prefer, to the Missouri Historical Society. What do you think about it? She would probably be willing to reimburse you for any expenses involved. I am very anxious to avoid any break with her, as we are working together in the matter of the Alvord Memorial project. Please keep this matter strictly confidential and let me hear from you soon.

Sincerely yours

SJB/S

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THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF MISSOURI  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
COLUMBIA

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February 5, 1930.

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

Pardon my delay in answering your letter of January 27. I am sorry you got into any trouble through your kindness of spirit in trying to forward the Historical Society cause and this Society in particular.

Kindly let me know if you desire the material returned to you or to Mrs. Alvord. I suppose it would be best for me to return it to you but I shall await your word. If you desire it returned to Mrs. Alvord be sure to give me the exact address, which might be different from the address at which I am carrying her on our mailing list.

Very fortunately, Buck, we kept this material separate and put it in boxes which have not been changed since receipt of the material. I had intended having it all handled together with some other material in the future. So there cannot possibly be a single chance of a single piece missing.

Hoping everything is going well with you, I am

Sincerely,

*Floyd S. Shorwater*

Secretary.

FCS:ZMF

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February 7, 1930

Mr. Floyd C. Shoemaker, Secretary  
The State Historical Society of  
Missouri  
Columbia, Missouri

Dear Mr. Shoemaker:-

I appreciate very much your willingness to return the papers about which I wrote to you, and I am much relieved to learn that they have been kept together. Please send them directly to Mrs. Clarence W. Alvord, 56 Clarence Ave. S. E.; Minneapolis. If you will let me know what the expenses are, I shall be glad to reimburse you.

With best wishes

Sincerely yours

B/P

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY  
COLUMBIA

February 10, 1930.

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

Dear Friend:

Pursuant to your favor of February 7 I am sending the material to Mrs. Clarence W. Alvord, 56 Clarence Ave., S. E., Minneapolis, Minnesota. I am sending it by insured express as I do not want you to have any more trouble on the matter.

Hoping everything works out all right, I am

Sincerely,

*Floyd S. Shoemaker*  
Secretary.

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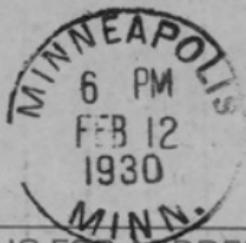
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February 14, 1930.

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

Dear Friend:

I am enclosing herewith a notice just received from the Express Company at Minneapolis in regard to the freight shipped to Mrs. Alvord.

Trusting the package is delivered all right,

I am

Very truly,

*Floyd S. Shoemaker*  
Secretary.

FCS:ZMF

Enc.

*Have written the Exp. Co. that you will handle the shipment.*

*I called up the Exp. office & was told that it had been delivered.*



February 26, 1930

Mr. Floyd S. Shoemaker, Secretary  
State Historical Society of Missouri  
Columbia, Missouri

Dear Shoemaker:

I am sorry that you had to have some more trouble with reference to the papers desired by Mrs. Alvord. Your letter of February 14 came in while I was out of town. My secretary called up the express office and was informed that the shipment had finally been delivered.

Sincerely yours

SJB/S

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

In accordance with the announcement  
recently received I understand that you are  
to have the direction of affairs in the Society.  
As a member I wish to extend my felicitations  
and good wishes to you, as I have no doubt  
whatever of the high success of the Society under  
your direction. You have my good wishes in every  
way, and if it may be possible for me to cooper-  
ate in a definite manner I shall be happy to do  
so.

With personal regards,

Very truly yours,

*Orra Eugene Monnette*  
Orra Eugene Monnette

OEM:S

July 29, 1931

Mr. Orra E. Monnette  
350 S. Oxford Avenue  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Mr. Monnette:

Your letter of July 15 has been forwarded to me here, as I do not take up the work in Pittsburgh until September 1.

I am sure that I shall find Western Pennsylvania a very interesting field in which to work, and I appreciate very much your kind words about my appointment.

Sincerely yours

B/H

MAR 23 1931

6534 Kenwood Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois  
March 20, 1931

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

Dear Professor Buck,

The University of Chicago Placement Bureau has asked me to give them the names of two professors at the University of Minnesota who know something of my past experience and record. I have taken the liberty of mentioning your name and will be grateful to you if you will make some statement in case the Bureau writes you.

I have finished my course work and after standing the examinations have my thesis to complete. I am looking forward to a real Minnesota reunion next December.

I hope you and Mrs. Buck are well and again I shall be grateful if you will make some statement to the Placement Bureau in case they write you.

Sincerely yours,

*Edmund A. Moore*  
Edmund A. Moore

March 23, 1931

Mr. Edmund A. Moore  
6534 Kenwood Ave.,  
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mr. Moore:-

Your letter of the twentieth has just arrived. Mr. Buck is out of town and will not be back for about ten days, but I am sure that he will be glad to give the Bureau a statement about you if they write to him.

Sincerely yours

Secretary to Mr. Buck

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May 8, 1929

Professor Dana C. Munro  
1140 Woodward Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Munro:-

*Thorvald B.*  
The address of Dr. Blegen, which I  
promised to send you, is Frogner Høspits,  
33 Frederik Stangs Gate, Oslo, Norway.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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THE CENTURY CO.  
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October 26, 1929

Mr. S. J. Buck  
State Historical Society  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Buck:

How are <sup>you</sup> and Shippee getting on with the History of the West? As you know, we need that volume very badly, and I should like very much to feel that we might expect it in the near future. I trust that you have some progress to report.

I was away all through the summer, in Scandinavia, and I am just beginning to catch up with the correspondence now. Boyce and I are busy with the new edition of Paetow's Guide which I hope will be ready sometime next year.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

*Dana C. Munro*

DCM:T

November 1, 1929

Prof. Dana C. Munro  
Princeton University  
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Munro:

I wish I could give you a favorable report on the prospects of our book on the West, but I am obliged to say that my part of it, at least, has not made much progress as yet. Shippee has drafted about half of the part that he is supposed to write. I am, of course, continually accumulating material and working it over in my mind, especially in connection with the course that I give at the University on the subject, but I cannot seem to find time to do any writing during the school year. My two half jobs really amount to a job and a half. Then I find it necessary to teach in summer school in order to balance the budget. I do not see much prospect, therefore, of my ever completing the work unless I make some change in my present position, or take a term off sometime. I have long been entitled to a sabbatical at the University, but unfortunately the Minnesota Historical Society does not provide for such things, and I could scarcely live on half of a half-time salary.

There are some possibilities, however, that I may be able to arrange things so, in the course of a year or two, that I will have more time for research and writing, and if so this project will receive my first attention. I suggested to Shippee that he write the entire work, but he seems to feel that he is not competent to do so. We both of us feel that you would be perfectly justified in cancelling the contract and arranging for someone else to write the work, but if you decide not to do that, we shall complete it as soon as possible.

Among other things, I am engaged just now in putting through the press the fourth volume of Dr. Folwell's History of Minnesota; in supervising the arrangement of his voluminous collection of papers, which have been turned over to us, and writing a sketch of him for the Dictionary of American Biography; in directing the work of an assistant on the bibliography of American travel; in supervising the compilation of a

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bibliography of Minnesota newspapers and inventory of files; in pushing the Alvord memorial project and making arrangements for the editing of the first volume of the series; in revising a new inventory of the Minnesota archives, which has been made for the Public Archives Commission; in editing the second volume of Minnesota in the War with Germany; and it looks as if I shall have to edit for the University of Minnesota Press a volume of reminiscences by Dr. Folwell.

I hope to see you at the A.H.A. meeting.

Sincerely yours

SJB/H

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November 11, 1929

Dr. S. J. Buck  
State Historical Society  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Buck:

I am extremely sorry to hear that you have not been able to do anything with the book. I am looking forward to it, but I can understand perfectly well how you are loaded down with work. From what you tell me, however, I do not see how even you, with your ability to accomplish things, will get at the book in a year or two unless you can put some of the work aside. Of course, we hope to have the money for the Bibliography of American Travel next year, and that will add still more to your duties.

I do not expect now to go to Durham. I am sorry as I should like very much to have the opportunity of meeting you and other men there, but I do not feel that I ought to take the time this year. I find the work on Paetow's Guide very time-taking and the work on the A.C.L.S. requires several conferences between now and the first of February.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

*Dana C. Munro*

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October 3, 1930

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

Dear Buck:

Have you and Shippee been able to do anything about the History of the West? We are very anxious to get the volume and especially so because we feel the competence of you two men to write it. I hope that you can make some favorable report.

I read the account of the Historical Pilgrimage with very great interest. I think that it was an excellent idea and that now it has become an established fact. I congratulate you.

Yours sincerely,

*Dana C. Munro*

DCM:EW

October 15, 1930

Professor Dana G. Munro  
Princeton University  
Princeton, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Munro:-

I regret to say that I cannot report any noticeable progress on the History of the West that Shippee and I were supposed to write. As I wrote you a year or so ago, I do not believe there is any prospect of the book being completed, unless I make some change in my present arrangements. I am revising my lectures and syllabus in connection with my course at the University on this subject, but I cannot squeeze out enough time for any effective writing.

Neither Shippee nor I would make any objections to your canceling the contract and arranging for someone else to write the book, if you so desire; if not, the best we can do is to promise that you shall have it when and if it can be produced. I suppose you know that Houghton Mifflin have brought out a book by Regel of Dartmouth entitled America Moves West. It is a very slipshod piece of work. E. Douglas Branch's Westward, published by Appleton, is a better job, but is distinctly popular in character, and could not be used as a textbook. If Parrish of the University of California at Los Angeles ever produces his book for the Knopf Series, it will undoubtedly be a good one.

I had hoped that I might see you at Branford last month. I went there to attend a meeting of the Joint Committee on Materials for Research of the ACLS and the SERC. Doubtless I shall see you in Boston in December.

Sincerely yours.

B/P

JUN 15 1931

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DANA C. MUNRO  
119 FITZ RANDOLPH ROAD  
PRINCETON, N. J.

June 12-1931

Dear Bucke

I am very much obliged to  
you for sending me your interest-  
ing "Making a Farm on the Frontier."

I wish it might have been  
some chapters of your History  
of the West.

I am just leaving for Wa-  
quoit, Mass., for the summer

Sincerely

Dana C. Munro

June 20, 1931

Professor Dana C. Munro  
Waquoit, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Munro:-

The receipt of your note of June 13 stimulates me to write a letter that should have been written some time ago. I have felt for a year or more and have so intimated to you, I think, that there was not much prospect of the book on the West ever being written by Shippee and me. Now I am sure of it, as I have accepted the directorship of a research project in the history of western Pennsylvania and will be leaving Minnesota September 1.

This project, which is financed by the Buhl Foundation, is to be under the joint auspices of the University of Pittsburgh and the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania. I am to be also a professor of history in the University, teaching one course, and to have general supervision over the work of the Historical Society.

I am very sorry that we ever undertook to write the book on the West, for I suppose our doing so has prevented you from arranging to have such a book written by someone else. Professor John C. Parrish of the University of California at Los Angeles has been writing a book on the history of the West for several years. It was to have been published by Knopf, but I heard a rumor some time ago that they had dropped the series in which this book was to have been included. My impressions of Parrish's scholarship are very favorable.

It is very hard for me to leave Minnesota after having been here for seventeen years. One of the consolations, however, is the fact that I shall probably see my friends in the East more frequently.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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Waquoit, Mass.  
June 27, 1931.

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

Dear Buck:

I congratulate you upon your new position, but I am extremely sorry that you are not going to be able to write the book. I am obliged to you for your hint about Parrish, and I have written to him to inquire about his manuscript.

I shall expect to see Pittsburgh become a new historical center now.

Yours sincerely,

*Dana C. Munro*

JAN 4 1933

DANA C. MUNRO  
119 FITZ RANDOLPH ROAD  
PRINCETON, N. J.

January 3, 1933

Dr. ~~Slon~~ J. Buck,  
Historical Society  
Pittsburg, Pa.

Dear Buck,

I have been meaning to write and thank you for your interesting "Making a Farm on the Frontier". I enjoyed reading it. I do not remember whether I sent you some reprints a while ago. I had only a limited number at first. But I shall look up my list, and if I did not, I shall forward some.

With the best wishes of the season,

Yours sincerely,

*Dana C. Munro*