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March 19, 1930

Dr. A. P. Nasatir  
State College  
San Diego, California

Dear Mr. Nasatir:-

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of the pamphlet containing your articles published in the Mississippi Valley Historical Review. I had read them as they came out but it will be very convenient for me to have them in this form.

Sincerely yours

B/P



April 8, 1929

Mr. J. W. Beatson, Secretary  
National Economic League  
5 Beacon Street  
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

I shall appreciate it if you will have my name omitted from the ballot for membership on the National Council of the National Economic League. I belong to more organizations now than I can afford to pay dues to, and my time is fully occupied with my present activities.

Very truly yours

SJB/H

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6 Beacon Street  
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THE PURPOSE OF THE NATIONAL ECONOMIC LEAGUE IS TO CREATE AN INFORMED AND DISINTERESTED LEADERSHIP FOR PUBLIC OPINION— A LEADERSHIP THAT IS FREE FROM PARTISAN BIAS OR CLASS INTEREST AND THAT WILL BE ACCEPTED AS REPRESENTING THE BEST THOUGHT OF THIS COUNTRY.

June 16th, 1931.

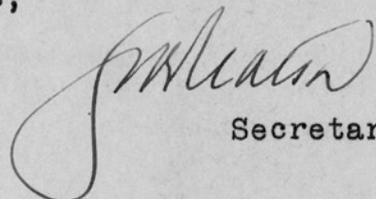
My dear professor Buck:

It gives me pleasure to notify you that you have been nominated for membership on the National Council of The National Economic League to represent the state of Minnesota. If you have any objection to your name being used on the ballot, a proof of which is enclosed, will you kindly let us know?

The principal function of our Council is to select the issues for consideration, to nominate members for Special Committees, and to vote on the questions and reports submitted by these committees. This work, we have found, can be done satisfactorily through the mail. Members are not called upon to perform any detail duties. There are no financial obligations other than the payment of the annual membership dues of five dollars.

We are sending you, herewith, some literature describing the purpose of our League.

Sincerely yours,

  
Secretary.

Prof. S. J. Buck.

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June 20, 1931

Mr. J. W. Beatson  
Secretary, National Economic League  
6 Beacon Street  
Boston, Massachusetts

My dear Mr. Beatson:

In view of the fact that I am moving away from Minnesota in about two months, I shall have to ask you to omit my name from the ballot referred to in your letter of June 16.

Sincerely yours

SJB/L

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**National Geographic Society**

WASHINGTON, D. C.

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It is my pleasant duty to notify you that the Board of Trustees, upon recommendation of the Membership Committee, has approved your application for admission to the National Geographic Society, as attested by the enclosed Certificate of Membership.

Your membership, as the extracts from the By-Laws explain, will be dated from January 1, 1932, and will run for that calendar year, bringing to you all twelve issues of the National Geographic Magazine for 1932. The remittance received, therefore, has paid your dues in full through December 31, 1932.

That you as a new member, however, may not have to wait until January to receive and enjoy The Magazine, I have arranged to have copies of the October, November, and December, 1931, numbers mailed you as issued, with the compliments of The Society.

May I suggest a careful reading of the enclosure, which explains your right to nominate others for membership and makes clear your other privileges as a member? Permit me, also, to express the hope and belief that your connection with The Society will prove a source of great benefit and unalloyed pleasure for all in your household.

Sincerely yours,

O. P. AUSTIN,

Secretary



# The National Geographic Society

Through the Board of Trustees at  
a meeting held in Washington District of  
Columbia in the United States of America  
on the second day of December 1931  
has elected

Solon J. Buck

of

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
a member of that Society

In Witness Whereof, this certificate has been  
signed and presented

W. C. C. Austin

Secretary



of address, should be transmitted direct to The Society and not through any other agency.

Members who, after notice, fail to remit their dues, are first suspended and, finally, after special notice, are dropped from the rolls of The Society and recorded as being in arrears to the organization.

Members who delay resigning until they have received several extra copies of The Magazine, naturally, are expected to restore their names to good standing by payment of dues or, at least, to clear their financial record with The Society by payment for the additional magazines they have received.

Inasmuch as a member's failure to remit dues promptly involves additional cost for correspondence, which must be taken from the sums available for The Society's educational work, all members are urged to give prompt attention to such notices.

A Life Membership may be secured upon payment of \$100.

**To Change Your Address** As the hundreds of thousands of magazine wrappers for each issue of The Geographic must be addressed thirty days in advance, *The Society must have a full month's notice of change of address, giving both the old and the new address.* For example, a request to change the address of the May number must be received by April 1. Members changing address on shorter notice are requested to notify The Society and also to leave with their local postmasters postage for forwarding the coming number of The Magazine, as otherwise the Postoffice will not forward it. The Society cannot undertake to replace copies of The Magazine that go astray where members fail to give ample notice to The Society and neglect to make forwarding arrangements with their postmasters.

**Your Right to Nominate Members** As The Society has no endowment and does not solicit gifts or financial donations, it is dependent for support and extension of its activities wholly upon maintenance of and growth in membership.

As it employs no solicitors and does not advertise to the public for members, The Society relies for expansion upon the cooperation of members

in nominating worthy and interested friends and in encouraging them to enter The Society.

You, as a member in good standing, are privileged, of course, to nominate as many desirable friends as you wish. You may use either the regular nomination blanks or transmit your nominations by personal letters to the Secretary of the National Geographic Society, 16th and M Streets, N. W., Washington, D. C.

On receipt of such nominations, the Secretary of The Society apprises your nominees of your courtesy, informs them of the purpose of The Society and its value to members and invites them to apply for election. Their applications when received are passed upon by the Membership Committee and those found eligible are recommended to the Board of Trustees for election to The Society.

Nomination imposes no financial responsibility upon the nominator. *All nominations are carefully checked against membership records to prevent duplication.*

Those making a present of membership are notified if the recipient already is receiving The Magazine. The fee, in such cases, is returned or applied as the sender directs.

Brief inquiry will establish that many of your associates desire membership but hesitate to ask you directly to nominate them. Many members present memberships to friends as a valuable and graceful gift, which is gratefully accepted and appreciated.

GILBERT GROSVENOR,  
President.

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## Privileges and Duties of Members of the National Geographic Society

**Y**OUR election to the National Geographic Society, attested in your Certificate of Membership, admits you to the greatest scientific and educational organization in the world. The sole objects of The Society are to increase geographic knowledge and to diffuse it in popular form among the people.

The Society has a membership of intelligent, progressive men and women who with their families profit greatly from the delightful and valuable information it diffuses in text and picture.

Instead of an organization supported by a few philanthropically inclined millionaires, it is a matter of pride that its work is supported by the small annual dues of hundreds of thousands of people, eager to take part in such an educational project. It has no political or other entanglements, does not request donations, and is responsible solely to its membership.

The individual annual dues of its members, small sums in themselves but important in the aggregate, finance The Society's activities for the increase of geographic knowledge and its diffusion among the people. Each member, therefore, has an equal share and pride in The Society's remarkable achievements.

To familiarize yourself with The Society's more important accomplishments you are requested to read carefully the résumé published on the inside cover of the National Geographic Magazine.

**Origin of The Society** The National Geographic Society was formed in 1888 by a small group of technical geographers, who, to exchange their carefully compiled and scientifically valuable information, inaugurated a learned journal which was intended for the technician and consequently was unintelligible to laymen.

Discovering, later on, the deep and well-nigh universal interest of mankind in humanized geography, the founders determined to admit, on nomination of members, men and women of good standing for whose interest in geography the nominator would vouch.

The highly technical journal of The Society, thereupon, was completely transformed, through publication of popular articles and wealth of photographs, full-color plates and maps, into what has become the most sought-after of illustrated publications for young and old and a treasured educational agency in many discriminating homes and progressive schools.

As a result of this wise reconsideration of values, The Society within 43 years has grown from a handful to an enlightened membership covering every nation and region of the world. Among them will be found many men and women distinguished for local and national service to science, industry, education, and civic welfare.

The Society has never deviated from its original altruistic purposes and educational policies. With growth of membership, however, it has been enabled, without soliciting donations, greatly to extend its research and educational activities and to make the National Geographic Magazine one of the noteworthy publications of modern times.

**An Altruistic Organization** The National Geographic Society is wholly altruistic. No individual or group has any financial interest whatever in its income whether from dues, sales of publications, or other sources. Every dollar is invested in supporting The Society's explorations and research work, in improving The Magazine and The Society's other publications and in maintaining its vast educational extension activities through the schools and the press. All income is administered in the interest of the membership by a Board of Trustees of international reputation. The names of these twenty-four trustees and of The Society's officers and principal executives are given on the cover of The Magazine.

**The Geographic Magazine** The National Geographic Magazine is issued as The Society's chief agency for diffusion of its information among its members. The Society makes no effort to extend its sales on news stands or otherwise to casual readers. It endeavors to restrict copies to those who will appreciate and benefit from the material, and who will make its information available to members of their households, friends, business associates, local schools, clubs, and other organizations.

The twelve copies of The Magazine are supplied each year to each member without additional charge. To defray the cost of producing the member's personal copies and to meet the Postal Laws, a percentage of each annual membership fee is designated as a subscription fee to The Magazine. The remainder of the dues is devoted to the general educational purposes of The Society.

Membership, therefore, is in no sense to be confused with subscription to a commercially published periodical.

Those who wish The Magazine but who are not nominated by a member of The Society are permitted to obtain the publication. Such subscribers, however, pay for The Magazine more than the total annual membership fee.

**Other Publications** The Society also publishes and makes available only through its headquarters, valuable and richly illustrated volumes: "Book of Wild Flowers," "Book of Fishes," "Wild Animals of North America," "The Horses of the World," "Cattle of the World," "Book of Dogs," "Book of Birds," "Washington, Capital of Our Country," "Katmai—the Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes," "Scenes from Every Land," and its unique Pictorial Geography. In addition, it issues many thoroughly modern maps and a series of exquisite geographic scenes and nature subjects suitable for mural decoration. All income from these publications is reinvested in The Society's projects.

Because first cost of plates and material is borne by The Magazine, these *de luxe* publications, above described, are made available at a low price to members who can purchase them for their own use or as gifts to friends, schools, clubs, etc. These publications are obtained only

from the Washington headquarters. Descriptive illustrated circulars supplied on request of members.

**Annual Dues—How Determined** The annual dues of The Society are fixed at the lowest possible figure which will enable The Society to produce the member's own copies of The Magazine and leave a balance necessary to support its scientific and educational activities.

The dues of the members, supplemented by all other income from The Magazine and from sales of books and maps, have, by careful business management, enabled The Society to support its ever-growing activities without appeal for donations.

**Membership Dues—When Payable** Membership fees in The Society cover the calendar year from January 1 to December 31. All membership fees, therefore, are due and payable in advance for the following year on January 1.

For example, members paying their dues and entering The Society say, in June, 1931, would be recorded as 1931 members. They would receive at once the six back numbers of the Geographic Magazine for 1931 and then would receive, as issued, the remaining six numbers of that year. Their dues for the second year, or 1932 would become payable on January 1, 1932. *Dues should be paid direct to the Treasurer of The Society, who alone is authorized to collect dues. Dues transmitted through subscription agents cannot be accepted.*

The Society and its Magazine employ no solicitors or representatives at large. No one is authorized to collect membership fees or contributions. When a member of the Editorial Staff is sent out he is equipped with credentials making specific requests for the data desired.

As is the practice in all such organizations, members who do not resign are considered as desiring to maintain their membership for the next year. The Society, therefore, after notification that dues are payable, continues, in default of their instructions to the contrary, to retain them on the rolls for a marginal period. Those made members through gift of friends are, of course, regular members. Resignations, as well as changes

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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
WASHINGTON

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April 13, 1932.

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

There is attached a copy of a press release of March 28 telling of events connected with the early history of Yellowstone National Park. I am sending you a copy with the thought that it may be of interest to you.

Very truly yours,

*Vernon E. Steketee*

Incl.

*How is your work going? Satisfactorily, I hope.  
I have just returned from our Superintendents  
Conference in Hot Springs, Arkansas. I saw  
several of the military parks of the War Department  
on the way. Very interesting to see how they are handled.*

April 18, 1932

Mr. Verne E. Chatelain,  
National Park Service,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chatelain:-

Thank you for sending me a copy of the press release concerning the history of Yellowstone National Park. I wish we had a sufficient staff here to enable us to get out press releases, clip sheets, etc. I believe that sort of work is very valuable in building up interest in historical activities. Perhaps we will get something of the sort started next year.

We are swamped with work all the time but I can see by looking back occasionally that we are making some progress.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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Dr Buck-

I do not think we have sent you one of the enclosed booklets, done by the new roto-printing process. Remember your very able discussion in December at the Conference of Local History Societies of this problem of printing.

We believe here that we have hit upon a very cheap and adequate method of turning out some of our work. I hope it will meet with your approval.

With kindest regards, remaining  
Very truly yours  
Chatslain.

April 28, 1932

Mr. Verne E. Chatelain,  
National Park Service,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chatelain:

Thank you very much for sending me the pamphlet entitled Wakefield and the Colonial National Monument. I was interested in it, both for its contents and as an example of reproduction. If you will send a copy of it to Professor Robert C. Binkley, Flora Stone Mather College, Western Reserve University, Cleveland, O., I am sure that it will be appreciated. He is now chairman of the Joint Committee and he has interested himself particularly in methods of reproduction. I am writing him that I am asking you to send a copy so that it will not be necessary for you to write to him.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

ADDRESS ONLY  
THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
WASHINGTON

April 29, 1932.

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

I have your letter of April 28, dealing with the booklet on Wakefield and Colonial. I have, at your suggestion, sent Professor Binkley a copy of the same and will be glad to assist further in any way I can.

With kindest personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

*Verne H. Chatman*

P.S. I think I am going to get out to Minnesota again to the Summer Convention.

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THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE  
WASHINGTON

October 13, 1932.

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

You may be interested in browsing through the third number of Historical Notes, prepared by the staff of the Colonial National Monument. I am inclosing a copy with the hope that you will, if you have the time, send any criticisms or suggestions for its improvement which may occur to you.

Sincerely yours,

*Severin H. Stratton*

Inclosure.

October 17, 1932

Mr. Verne E. Chatelain,  
National Park Service,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chatelain:-

Thank you for sending me the third number of Historical Notes. I looked it through with much interest but I do not believe that I have any criticisms or suggestions to offer. It impresses me as a very interesting experiment.

I trust that you will continue to send me copies of this and any other publications you may issue. I turn them over to our library for filing.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM



July 14, 1931

Professor Jean Elizabeth Wier, Secretary  
Nevada Historical Society  
Carson City, Nevada.

Dear Miss Wier:-

This will be handed to you by Mr. Merrill Jarchow, a graduate student in the University of Minnesota. Mr. Jarchow has done excellent work in my seminar the past year. He is planning to write a thesis on some aspect of Nevada history and any assistance you can render to him will be much appreciated by him and by me.

Sincerely yours

SJB:E

January 28, 1929

Professor Allan Nevins  
c/o The World  
New York City

Dear Nevins:-

Naturally I am much pleased with your characterization of my sketch of Alvord in the Dictionary of American Biography, but I am obliged to differ fundamentally with your conclusion about the influence of Alvord's ill health upon his career. The reason I said nothing about his ill health in the article is the fact that I consider it comparatively unimportant and certainly not worth mentioning in a six hundred word sketch. It is true that at one time a wide-spread but unfounded rumor about the state of his health almost became a dominant factor in his career. That was at the time when he moved from Illinois to Minnesota; and I had to put up a vigorous fight to convince the Board of Regents of the University that he was not an invalid. The statement in a sketch of his published in a recent number of the Journal of the Illinois State Historical Society that he moved to Minnesota in the hope that his health would be benefitted is absurdly wrong.

I was in intimate contact with Alvord from January, 1910, to August, 1914, seeing him practically every day, either at the office or at his home; and, at no time during that period, did I think of him as an invalid. In fact he impressed me as a man of exceptional vigor and endurance. I was with him again for several months in the summer of 1916, and at that time he was suffering considerably from rheumatism, but was still attending to his work. Later he became worse, and for about a year he was incapacitated. He made a complete recovery, however; at least so I have been assured by D. O. L. Schmidt of Chicago, and so my own observation would indicate, but this illness left him with asstoop that probably was responsible for the wide spread report that he was a permanent invalid. His health during his three years at Minnesota, from 1920 to 1923, was perfectly normal so far as I could see, but I understand that after he went abroad he has a number of periods of sickness. Dean Ford, who knew Alvord at Illinois several years before I did, agrees with me that his ill health was a comparatively unimportant fact in his career.

A. M. 1/28/29 -- 3

Under separate cover I take pleasure in sending you a somewhat longer article about Alvord, together with a bibliography of his writings, that I prepared for the Mississippi Valley Historical Review.

I trust that you are finding it pleasant to be back in New York and that you are busily engaged in preparing some more books. I have always hoped that some time you will continue your work on the history of the states. I envy people who have time to write books; I can think of so many projects that I would enjoy putting through if only I had the time to spare.

Cordially yours

B/P

448 Riverside Drive, N.Y. City  
February 10, 1929

Dear Professor Bück:

I was glad to have your note, and I am greatly obliged indeed for your admirable paper on Alvord--it could not have been better done. Probably I exaggerate the extent and effect of his illnesses. What I had chiefly in mind was the last phase of his life in Europe, when a career still full of promise was so sadly shattered. It costs me a pang to reflect that the three men who influenced me most when I was an undergraduate--Stuart P. Sherman, Raymond M. Alden, and Alvord--have all died prematurely and rather tragically.

Never fear that I shall cease to write; I have a book well along on the stocks now, and larger projects in view. But how about yourself? When shall we have more from your most capable and most careful pen?

With warm regards,

*Allan Nevins*

January 2, 1929

Dr. Alexander C. Flick  
State Historian  
Albany, New York

My dear Dr. Flick:-

Some years ago you were kind enough to put my name on the mailing list for the quarterly journal of the New York Historical Association, and I always preserved the copies in my library after examination. While I was in New York City in 1926, the issues came to me there, but, since 1926, no copies have been received; either the change of address was not made when I returned to Minnesota or else my name was dropped from the list. I should be very glad to receive future issues if it is feasible, and would also appreciate receiving back numbers so that my file may be as complete as possible. It consists at present of volume 2, numbers 2 and 4; volume 5, numbers 3, 4; ~~and~~ volume 6, numbers 1, 2, and 3; and volume 7 complete to the end of 1926. I trust that you are receiving regularly personal copies of our quarterly magazine, Minnesota History.

Sincerely yours

B/P

P. S. My home address, 67 Barton Ave. S. E., Minneapolis, should be used to avoid confusion with publications designed for the library of the Minnesota Historical Society.

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Sept. 23, 1929

Dr. A. C. Flick  
State Historian  
Albany, New York

My dear Dr. Flick:-

Somebody in your division was kind enough to send me, a few years ago, a copy of the first volume of the Court Minutes of Albany, Rensselaerwyck, and Schenectady. I note now that volume 2 has been published, and I wonder if I might have a copy of this volume also. I am much interested in this period because of the material that it contains on the fur trade and frontier conditions.

Sincerely yours

B/P

P. S. The book should be sent to my home address, 67 Barton Ave. S. E., Minneapolis, to avoid confusion with books intended for the Historical Society.

October 7, 1929

Dr. A. C. Flick  
State Historian  
Albany, New York

My dear Dr. Flick:

Thank you very much for sending me a personal copy of volume 2 of the Minutes of the Court. I am very glad indeed to have this publication.

Sincerely yours

SJB/H

P  
NY State Historian

July 18, 1931

Dr. Alexander C. Flick  
State Historian  
Albany, New York

My dear Dr. Flick:-

I am indebted to you for another volume of the Johnson Papers, and want to assure you of my appreciation of your kindness in having it sent. Now that I am about to move to Pittsburgh and to work in the history of Western Pennsylvania, this set will probably be of more use to me in the future than it has been in the past, although I have found some important material in it relating to the Northwest.

Sincerely yours

B/P

5839 Darlington Road,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

September 20, 1932

Dr. A. C. Flick,  
State Historian,  
Albany, New York.

My dear Dr. Flick:

It is doubtless to you that I am indebted for a copy of Volume III of the Minutes of the Court of Albany, etc., and I am very glad to have the opportunity of adding this volume to my collection of New York records. The book was sent to me at my old address in Minneapolis and I had to send postage to have it forwarded. I will appreciate it, therefore, if you will instruct the proper person to change my address on the mailing list so that future publications may be sent to me here.

I assure you that your courtesy in supplying me with this volume is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

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THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
THE STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT  
ALBANY

ARCHIVES AND HISTORY DIVISION  
ALEXANDER C. FLICK, STATE HISTORIAN  
DIRECTOR

September 28, 1932

Dr Solon J. Buck  
5839 Darlington road  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

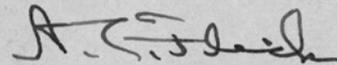
My dear Doctor Buck:

I am sorry that our address list was the cause of having your complimentary copy of Volume III of the Minutes of the Court of Albany sent to you in Minnesota. I knew personally, of course, of your change of address but our address lists are not revised as frequently as they might be, and hence the error. I shall have the correction made at once.

With best regards, I am

Yours sincerely

ACF:HLM

  
A. C. Flick

March 21, 1932

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

My dear Dr. Fox:-

I have been greatly interested to learn of the plans of the New York State Historical Association for the expansion of its activities. I have, as you know, been actively associated with state historical work for over twenty years and I have endeavored during that period to keep myself informed concerning the organization and functioning of state historical agencies throughout the country. There are, as you know, a number of different types of such agencies, and that is as it should be, for the historical background and other conditions vary greatly from state to state. Thus, in New York, with its group of strongly entrenched local societies and the archives and history division of the state library, a different set-up was needed from that of Minnesota, for example, where the the Minnesota Historical Society has long been the only active agency in the field.

The New York State Historical Association impresses me as a unique type of state historical agency and one that is eminently suited to the conditions that prevail in the Empire State. Bringing together, as it does, the professional scholar and the enthusiastic layman, serving as a medium of co-operation for the local societies, and working in close harmony with the archives and history division of the state library, it has been a very effective agency for promoting and improving the quality of historical work. Its remarkable growth in a comparatively short period to one of the largest historical societies in the country is evidence that it has met a very real need.

As for the specific projects that the Association contemplates in the future, I feel competent to speak only concerning the proposed inventory of manuscript material. I have long been of the opinion that such inventories are one of the outstanding needs for the promotion of research in American history. Vast quantities of original materials have been collected by agencies throughout the country but the student has no practical means of knowing what materials are available or where they may be found. I believe, also, that the compilation of such an inventory would stimulate the holding agencies to take better care of their collection, to arrange and catalog them, make them available to students, and, of course, to build them up by further collections. The plan of maintaining a clearing house of information about historical collections is an excellent one but it is to be hoped that ultimately some method of publishing from time to time the information collected might be developed.

Professor Dixon Ryan Fox

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March 21, 1932

I very much hope that you succeed in obtaining the money necessary to finance this project and I am sure that if you do, it will be well administered and productive of most valuable results.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

JUN 14 1932

# NEW YORK STATE HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

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Annual Meeting, 1932, Southampton, L. I., October 6-8

State Education Bldg  
 Albany, New York  
 June 10, 1932

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

My dear Doctor Buck:

You are familiar, of course, with the fact that Mr Julian P. Boyd has been editing the Susquehanna Company Papers for the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society. Three volumes of the papers have come to the editor of NEW YORK HISTORY for review. Perhaps it would be most appropriate to have this review come from some historian in Pennsylvania rather than in New York. Hence I am writing to ask whether you would consent to review these three volumes in a review of not to exceed 800 words. If you do not have these three volumes in your own library or do not find them easily available for the review, I shall be glad to send you on loan the set sent to the New York State Historical Association.

It is gratifying to learn of all the worthwhile things you are doing in western Pennsylvania.

While I am writing you, I wish to mention another matter. Dr Christopher B. Coleman of Indianapolis writes me that I have been made chairman of the Conference of Historical Societies to be held this year at Toronto. I should like to have your help in getting up a worthwhile program. Would you be willing to prepare a paper and also will you suggest the names of some other colleagues who might participate? Should we try to arrange our program around some general topic? I suppose most of us would like to hear particularly about your activities in western Pennsylvania. I shall be glad to receive any suggestions you have about the program.

Sincerely

*A. C. Flick*  
 A. C. Flick

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June 14, 1932

Dr. A. C. Flick,  
New York State Historical Association,  
State Education Building,  
Albany, New York.

My dear Dr. Flick:-

I should be glad to review the Susquehanna Company Papers for New York History if I could be supplied with a review set for that purpose. I feel, however, that a reviewer is at least entitled to keep copies of the books that he reviews. As an editor of long standing, I realize what you are up against in this case. When books of importance in the field of my magazine are published and the publishers refuse to supply review copies, I usually content myself with the publication of a brief news note, though occasionally I have asked members of my staff to review them from the library copy.

With reference to the Conference of Historical Societies at the Toronto meeting, I should be glad of course to say something about our work here but I would suggest that an effort be made to avoid an experience meeting and to have some general topic to which the whole program can be related, for example, a discussion of the marketing and distribution of historical society publications might be worth while. Professor Robert C. Binkley of Western Reserve University, who is now chairman of the joint committee on material for research of the ACLS and the SSRC, might be willing to lead a discussion of this subject. He has been making a very thorough study of the problems connected with the publication and marketing of source materials and the results of research.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM



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June 17, 1932

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

My dear Doctor Buck:

I am pleased to learn from your letter of June 14th that you will review the Susquehanna Company Papers for NEW YORK HISTORY, so I am forwarding you today three volumes which we have here in the office. I fully agree with you that a reviewer should be allowed the privilege of retaining copies of the books he reviews. Perhaps under the circumstances Mr Boyd will be willing to supply us with an additional set. Of course we could review the books here but we shall be glad to have your name appear in NEW YORK HISTORY in this connection.

Thanks so much for your suggestion that the marketing and distribution of historical society publications might be a fruitful theme for our discussion in the section of the American Historical Association devoted to historical societies. It is a problem in which many of us are deeply interested.

I shall write Professor Binkley at once. Do you have any suggestions about our Canadian brethren who might be interested in such a program?

Sincerely

ACF:HLM

A. C. Flick  
A. C. Flick

June 20, 1932

Dr. A. C. Flick,  
New York State Historical Association,  
State Education Building,  
Albany, New York.

Dear Dr. Flick:

I have received your letter of June 17 and also the first three volumes of the Susquehanna Company Papers. I shall be glad to review these for you with the understanding that I may keep the volumes. When do you have to have the review?

The only further suggestion that I have to offer with reference to the program for the Conference of Historical Societies is that you might get someone connected with the Champlain Society to tell something about how they finance their publications.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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Ticonderoga, N.Y.  
 October 12, 1933

My dear Dr. Buck:

My morning mail was enlivened by a fat packet from Butler, Pennsylvania, containing various testimonials and not a few newspaper clippings extolling the merits of C. Hale Sipe and mentioning incidentally his latest work. In one of the clippings from the Post-Gazette of October 3, I notice that ~~the~~ author takes a pot shot at you and your magazine. Having once incurred Mr. Sipe's wrath, I extend my deepest sympathy.

For some time I have been urging Dr. Fox and the editors of NEW YORK HISTORY to do something about the format of the magazine. We now publish an undistinguished magazine in everything except contents, and I hope we can effect some sort of change similar to the one you accomplished. I imagine, however, that your new format is more expensive than any that we might be able to adopt. Could you give me some information about its cost per page? Also, how do you arrange to have the magazine bound up for your members? Do they return the quarterly issues and merely pay for the binding, or do you ask them to pay in advance and then furnish a bound volume at the end of the year in addition to the four numbers, as we do?

Our annual meeting was very successful, and the papers were uniformly excellent. Next year our magazine is going to have some splendid articles in it, especially Dr. Fox' story of the rise of the scientific spirit in New York and Professor Nevins' article on Abram S. Hewitt and the election on 1876.

I have just located two splendid files of Essex County newspapers which go back to the 1860's, all bound and in excellent condition. We are making some progress in the acquisition of early local newspapers for Northern New York.

With best wishes, I am,

Cordially yours,

Julian P. Boyd

October 27, 1933

Mr. Julian P. Boyd,  
Director, Headquarters House,  
New York State Historical Association,  
Ticonderoga, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Boyd:

Your letter of October 12 arrived while I was away on a trip to New England but it was duly appreciated upon my return, especially your expression of sympathy at our having incurred the wrath of Dr. (not Mr.) C. Hale Sipe (he has an LL.D. from Thiel College). We are bearing up under it as well as could be expected.

I agree with you that the format of New York History might be improved. Moreover, a good format is not necessarily more expensive than a poor or mediocre one. In fact, our magazine is not costing us any more this year than it did last. What is needed is not money but knowledge, although, of course, if that is lacking in the staff, it has to be paid for. We engaged the services of an expert in typography but we were fortunate in being able to get one for \$50.00. Of course, it took also a great deal of my time and that of my editorial assistant while we were working out the details of the format. After that we had to train our printer to do things the way we wanted them. Our magazine costs us approximately \$5.00 a page for an edition of fifteen hundred copies. It should be noted that by using a close-set type, we get more words on the page than is the case with most other fonts of the same point sizes.

I started here last year the procedure with reference to the binding of the magazine that I had worked out some years ago at Minnesota. A part of the edition of each number is delivered to us folded but uncut, unbound, and without covers. At the end of the year we can have one hundred copies bound up at a cost of not to exceed 40¢ a volume. We then offer these in exchange for unbound copies, plus 50¢ to cover binding and postage, which is less than half what members would have to pay for binding their own files. Theoretically it is an excellent scheme but in practice very few people take advantage of it. I am inclined to think that comparatively few members really have any desire to preserve the magazine permanently. In view of my own experience of the rate at which such things accumulate, I do not know that I blame them. It has always seemed to me that the procedure of your association in this matter was very wasteful. I suspect that most of the copies of the magazine and many of the bound volumes of the Proceedings ultimately reach the paper mill.

You will be interested in a find that I made during my visit to New England. Following a clue concerning some papers of western Pennsylvania interest, I discovered in an old farm house about twenty-five miles from Boston a very large collection of the papers of a prominent New England family running back for several generations. I did not find the western Pennsylvania material that I was looking for but I am convinced that it is there, as the family had inter-married with a Pennsylvania family and thus acquired some of its papers. The New England material

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Mr. Julian P. Boyd

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October 27, 1933

was very important, however, especially for economic and business history. The items that will be of most interest to you are the minutes, letter books and correspondence of the Northern Railroad that was constructed from Ogdensburg to Lake Champlain. I felt sure that you would like to have this material but I did not think that the present owner of it would be willing to send it to New York State and I did think that I could convince him to turn over the whole collection to the Baker Library of the Harvard School of Business Administration. In fact, he practically agreed to such an arrangement and, when it is consummated, you can, of course, have access to the material of New York interest.

On my way to New England, I attended a meeting of the Federation and of the council of the P. H. A. at Williamsport. It was a good meeting and we made plans for carrying on the work of the P. H. A. The next meeting of the Association is to be held in Harrisburg in April. From Williamsport, I had the pleasure of driving with Miss Dorrance to her home, where I met the other members of her very interesting family and spent the night. The following day, I drove with Miss Dorrance to Athens for a meeting of the Pennsylvania Society of Archaeology and then back to Wilkes-Barre, where I took a train for New York. I regretted that I did not have an opportunity to visit the building of the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM



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October 31, 1933

Dr. Solon J. Buck  
 4338 Bigelow Boulevard  
 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Buck:

I appreciate very much your good letter of October 27 giving me the benefit of your counsel in regard to a better format.

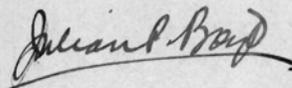
I agree that many changes for the better can be made at no increase in cost, but I am astonished that your magazine cost no more in the new format than it did in the old. Does this mean that you have cut down the number of pages? Five dollars a page is a good bit more than we are paying at the present time, but I think it is obvious that we could sacrifice some of the material we are printing and achieve an improvement in contents as well as in format. I have suggested to Dr. Fox that we use a much more condensed face than Caslon, though I recognize its great beauty and propriety. I am also glad to know about your manner of handling the bound volumes and I am going to make a recommendation that our practice be changed.

I am very much interested to learn of your discovery in New England, and I congratulate you upon it. I appreciate Dr. Gras' objectives and I have sent some things to him myself, but should certainly like to give vault space to the records of the Northern Railroad here. It happens that I am planning a trip to Boston this week end, and although I do not in any way want to interfere with any arrangements which you have consummated, I thought I might mention this fact so that in the event you thought there might be a remote possibility of my persuading the owner, you could feel free to give me his name. You understand the entire circumstances and can judge of the propriety of my suggestion. I am on very cordial terms with Dr. Gras and I do not wish to interfere in any way with his objectives. However, he must be seriously in need of space by this time. I do know he is glad to see regional and state archives preserve material which properly belongs within their precincts.

I am just sending back the proof for the index and introduction to volume 4 of the Susquehannah Company papers. If you have not yet sent in your review of the first three volumes, you might like to include the 4th in your comments. It should be out within the next month. Next year our meeting is probably going to be in western New York, perhaps near Fort

Niagara. In that case you must certainly plan to attend.

Very cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Julian P. Boyd". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

Julian P. Boyd

JPB:MFM

*Faint, illegible text, possibly a stamp or bleed-through.*

November 6, 1933

Mr. Julian P. Boyd,  
Headquarters House,  
New York State Historical Association,  
Ticonderoga, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Boyd:

Instead of decreasing, we increased the number of pages in our magazine. The simple explanation is that the Society was being badly gouged by the printer under the old régime. I still maintain that good printing costs no more than poor printing if the purchaser knows what he wants and insists on getting it. In other words, if he supplies the taste, knowledge of typography, and care about details for which expensive printers make high charges.

You have probably had a talk with Gras before this and know more than I do about the situation with reference to the manuscript material that I discovered in the vicinity of Boston. Looking at the matter from a purely objective point of view, I am not so sure that the Baker Library is not the best place for the railroad material in which you are interested. The enterprise apparently was backed by Boston capital and many of the meetings of the board of directors were held there. Moreover, this material would be more accessible to the students in Boston than in Ticonderoga, and it would be most useful in connection with other material for railroad and business history accumulated by the Baker Library. I have no personal interest in the matter, of course, except that I hope nothing will be done to prevent the deposit of all the material in some public depository where it will be sorted, cared for, and made available. Any arrangements that you may make with Gras and the owner of the papers will be entirely satisfactory to me.

I should like very much to have the fourth volume of your Susquehanna Company papers but I have delayed so long in writing the review of the first three volumes that I haven't the nerve to ask Flick for it. It may be that I will get at the review in a week or two, but I am making no promises. The pressure of my work here has been and will continue to be very heavy and we have had from one to three people sick in the family most of the time since last spring. I thought at first that it would be a simple matter to review the books. I expected merely to read some of the introduction and then write the review but the more I dipped into them, the more I found that interested me, and I have really read much of the documentary material. I find a great deal that is of importance for western Pennsylvania and New York history, and I want to write something about the set for our magazine also.

I am very glad to know that the next meeting of your association will be in western New York and I shall certainly make an effort to attend. Some time we ought to try to arrange for a joint meeting of the New York and Pennsylvania associations.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

# 5839 Darlington Road,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

January 27, 1932

New York Herald-Tribune,

New York City, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

Please enter my name as a subscriber for one year to your publication entitled Books. I do not know the subscription rate, but if you will send me a bill, I will make payment promptly.

Very truly yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

67 Barton Ave. S. E.

February 13, 1929,

Hon. Walter H. Newton  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Newton:-

Would it be possible for you to have sent to me a copy of the Statistical Abstract for 1928, published by the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce of the Department of Commerce? If so, the favor would be much appreciated, as the book would be useful to me in connection with some of my research.

Sincerely yours

B/P

WALTER H. NEWTON  
5TH DIST. MINNESOTA

COMMITTEE ON  
INTERSTATE AND FOREIGN COMMERCE

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 15, 1929

MRS. W. H. HUNTER  
SECRETARY

Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
Department of History,  
University of Minnesota,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

My dear Mr. Buck:

Your letter of the thirteenth is at hand  
and I shall be glad to have a copy of  
the 1928 Statistical Abstract forwarded  
to you. If you do not receive it in the  
course of a few days, kindly let me know.

Do not hesitate to let me know whenever  
I can be of further service to you.

Yours truly,

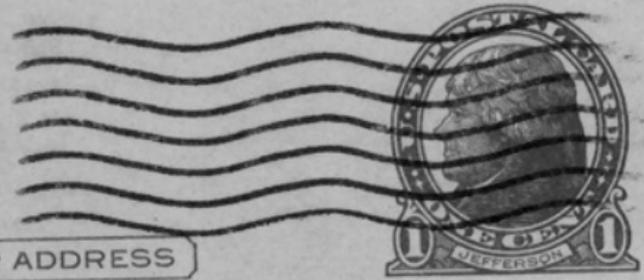
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*Walter H. Newton*

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Dr. Solon J. Buch  
9 Harvard Club  
27 W. 44 St.  
New York City

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Dear Bud,

Jan. 17, 1933  
~~James D. Barnes~~  
~~Temple Center~~

We are planning a department dinner  
at the Temple Club Tuesday eve. to which  
I have invited Barnes of Temple and our  
Librarian, Mr. Thompson. I am reserving  
for you at the University Club for Monday &  
Tuesday evening (16th & Louisa St.) Please  
call me when you arrive Evergreen 4043.

Cordially, R. F. Nichols

Don't to be!

MAY 3 1933



UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA  
THE COLLEGE

History

Philadelphia

May 2, 1933.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,  
State Historical Society,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Dr. Buck:

I was very sorry to have to leave before I was able to say good-bye to you. Needless to say, I had an extremely good time at the convention and I think we got off to a very effective start. I was sorry to miss the Executive Committee meeting but will be glad to fall <sup>in</sup> ~~into~~ <sup>with</sup> whatever plans were there indicated.

I hope it will not be very long before we meet again.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richards", with a horizontal line underneath.

RFN/M

May 18, 1933

Dr. Roy F. Nichols,  
University of Pennsylvania,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Nichols:

I suppose you know by this time that Shenk has been retired from his position in the State Library and that the vacancy is to be filled. Miss MacKinney told me that this was to happen some time ago but with an injunction to secrecy. She asked for suggestions about filling the position and I gave her quite a number but I do not know that they will have any effect. It seems that it is not determined as yet whether or not the position of executive secretary of the Commission will continue to be combined with that of head of the archives division of the State Library. If it is, the salary available will be considerably larger and a much more competent person could be obtained. Most of my suggestions were of people outside the state but I understand that pressure is being brought to bear from above to force the appointment of a Pennsylvanian. Among the Pennsylvanians that I have suggested are Holbrook of my staff and Bining. If the two positions could be combined, it might be that the salary would be large enough to tempt Julian Boyd to come back to Pennsylvania and the fact that he has lived in Pennsylvania and is about to take his doctor's degree at the University of Pennsylvania might make him acceptable to the powers that be.

I am, of course, vitally interested in this appointment, not because I want to see any particular person get the job, but because a good appointment will be of very great help in advancing our work here and in making a success of the Pennsylvania Historical Association. If the person appointed has the right qualifications, I am inclined to think that he should be made secretary of the Association or perhaps editor and his office should become the focus for state historical activities. As I wrote to Miss MacKinney, this is a great opportunity and, if it is not seized, it may be a long time before it occurs again.

I am wondering if it would not be a good plan for you to write to Miss MacKinney, if you have not already done so, writing in your capacity as an officer of the Association, and offer the assistance and co-operation of the Association in working out a satisfactory plan. If you do so, perhaps you had better not state that I wrote to you about this matter, although I assume that the injunction of secrecy is off, as Shenk's connection with the State Library ended on May 15th, and information about it has now come to me from two outside sources.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM



UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA  
THE COLLEGE

History

Philadelphia

May 22, 1933.

Professor Solon J. Buck,  
Western Pennsylvania Historical Building,  
Pittsburg, Pa.

Dear Buck:

Thank you for your letter of the 18th. The notice of Shenk's retirement appeared in the press recently. I understand that the question of filling the vacancy is rather complicated by the fact that in all probability anybody that Miss MacKinney chooses will be kicked out when she goes a year and a half from now. I do not know this for a fact nor has anybody suggested it to me but knowing Pennsylvania political conditions, I strongly suspect that that is what will happen. It therefore seems to me desirable to try and get somebody that will be satisfactory to both sides who will have some chance of being permanent.

I am somewhat embarrassed by the fact that I have no candidate. I would not want either Bining or Boyd to take anything that was at all uncertain so consequently I am rather at sea. I am hoping to be able to find out something from Hamilton shortly which will clarify the situation as I would like very much to co-operate with Miss MacKinney and shall do so. Please keep me in touch with the situation as it develops in your region and I shall do the same here.

I spent yesterday afternoon with Fox and he gave me a great many leaves out of the book of the New York Association. Our path would be straighter had we a promoter like him who would be willing to give as much time and energy and intellectual equipment to the project. I presume we should have a Council meeting shortly and I am taking the matter up with Hamilton.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Nichols*

RFN/M

AUG 21 1933



HURRICANE LODGE  
IN THE ADIRONDACKS  
HURRICANE, ESSEX CO., N. Y.

August 18, 1933

Dear Buck,

One of the U. of Pa. students, Wilbur C. Wolf, is writing a masters' essay on the formation of the Republican party in Pennsylvania. He tells me he is to be in Pittsburg in the next few days and I instructed him to make himself known to you. I commend him to you.

Received a letter from Hamilton yesterday suggesting a council meeting in September.

Cordially,  
Hedrick

JUL 6 1929

THE TULANE UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA  
NEW ORLEANS

DEPARTMENT OF  
HISTORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE

July 2, 1929

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

I want to thank your office for the clipping from Minnesota History, Vol. 10, No.2, of a note on my article "Precursors of Turner in the Interpretation of the American Frontier," South Atlantic Quarterly for January. I am also grateful for the meritorious criticism with mention of Henry George, which came with added pointedness, since I was just going into Progress and Poverty with a class in American History from 1875 to 1900.

After an excursion into the field of international relations, including a trip to Europe, I am getting back more intensively to my first love, American history since the Civil War.

Very sincerely yours,

*H.C. Nixon.*

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YALE UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

7 March, 1929

NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

WALLACE NOTESTEIN

My dear Buck:-

I am grateful for your paper about Alvord which is well done. Alvord deserved better than he ever got from American historians. He never received all that was coming to him. I am glad that I knew him and that we were friends I shd l not forget our golf games together.

The paper is well done, very well done.

Please remember me to Elizabeth.

Cordially Yours,

*Wallace Notestein.*

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YALE UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

MAR 23 1932

WALLACE NOTESTEIN

21 March, 1932

NEW HAVEN, CONNECTICUT

Dear Buck:-

Thank you for your letter and for your suggestion that there might be a place at the Wyoming Historical Society at Wilkesbarre. I have told Barker to write there. It is a hard year to find men jobs, the hardest I have ever known.

Remember me to your wife. Hope I run into you at some of the various historical meetings. I am in this country this summer.

Cordially Yours,

Wallace Notestein

SEP 11 1933

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838 Lincoln Avenue,  
St. Paul, Minn.  
August 30, 1933.

Dear Mr. Buck:-

I am going to apply for a Guggenheim fellowship next year to complete my book on Radisson and Groseilliers. I could hardly send the Foundation a list of persons qualified to speak of me and my work without including your name, though I know you have many calls on your time and energy. If you could write a letter of recommendation for me, I should be very much pleased, needless to say. Dean Ford suggested the idea of a fellowship to me and he and Mr. Blegen will write for me. I will send you my "Plans for Study," if you write me that you are able to send such a letter for me.

I think you will be interested in some of the points of view I have taken since getting thoroughly conversant with Radisson's and Groseilliers' careers. Duluth is so much involved, too, that I shall have to perfect our knowledge of his life. I have found some tremendously interesting material and, with the help of a fellowship, I think I can find more. For one thing, I have located the Radisson family and am in touch with them. I have also found written evidence that Groseilliers was in Three Rivers in the famous summer of 1656. Perhaps in your letter, you would feel able to state that I have what Mr. Turner used to call "a nose for finding source material."

I went East by train this summer and so missed my opportunity for accepting your kind invitation to visit you and Mrs. Buck. Please give her my warm regards.

Cordially yours,

Grace Lee Nute

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September 13, 1933.

Dr. Grace Lee Nute,  
838 Lincoln Avenue,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Miss Nute:

I shall be very glad indeed to endorse your application for a Guggenheim fellowship. If you will send along your "Plans for Study" I can write more intelligently about the project.

Elizabeth and I have just returned from a week's vacation on the Blue Ridge in Virginia. We are sorry that you couldn't stop here this summer, and trust you will remember that the latch string is always out.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Back

SJB:H

JOHN SIMON GUGGENHEIM MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

Confidential Report on Candidate for Fellowship

Name of Candidate -- Dr. Grace Lee Nute

10/11/33

Reply made to

Henry Allen Moe, Secretary

Some fifteen years ago, on the recommendation of the late Frederick Jackson Turner, I selected Miss Nute for the position of curator of manuscripts on the staff of the Minnesota Historical Society, a position which she still holds. Until I left the Society, about two years ago, she worked under my immediate direction and the amount and quality of her work were always a source of great satisfaction to me. Miss Nute has an attractive personality and her standards of scholarship are of the highest. She has a remarkable ability of finding material and she works with enthusiasm, industry, and thoroughness. Her position calls for extensive contact with people and the supervision of several assistants, in all of which she has been very successful. Under her administration, the manuscript collections of the Society were more than tripled in bulk and were effectively organized, catalogued, and made available to workers. Never satisfied, however, with routine work, she plunged into research and editorial activities along several lines and she could always be counted on to get results. Thus she has assembled and partly edited for the society an enormous collection of transcripts of documents relating to the Indian Missions in Minnesota.

The project of a biography of Radisson and Groseilliers that Miss Nute has outlined seems to me to be one of very great importance and should result in a valuable contribution to many aspects of American history. I have long felt the desirability of a thorough study that would clear up some of the many mysteries connected with the careers of these men and, if possible, put a stop to the historical controversy<sup>ed</sup> concerning their activities. I have been aware for some time that there were materials available and that this was a promising field for research, but my conviction has been greatly strengthened by the information in Miss Nute's statement concerning additional sources of information that she has unearthed.

I am sure that you will make no mistake in giving Miss Nute an opportunity to carry out this project and that, if you do so, you will be much gratified by the outcome.

Professor of History, University of Pittsburgh, and  
Director of the Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey.  
Historical Building,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

October 11, 1933

A STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES RELATING TO ZONING AND  
PLANNING IN THE OAK STREET-PROSPECT PARK DISTRICT.

February 28, 1929

The executive committee proposes the adoption by the Oak Street-Prospect Park Residents' Association of the following principles, or as many thereof as the members may approve.

Resolved:

1. That our fundamental purpose is to preserve the integrity of this area, lying from Oak Street to the eastern city limits, south of Washington and University Avenues, as a residential district, in which the safety of homes and streets shall be the dominant aim; and that we are opposed to any and every attempt, whether by change of zoning or otherwise, to authorize the expansion of industries or to do any other thing which would make this area less desirable for residents and the owners of residential property.
2. That we are firmly opposed to the rezoning for industrial purposes of the blocks north of Dartmouth Avenue between 27th and St. Mary's avenues, as proposed by a plan now before the city planning commission.
3. That we are also opposed to any so-called general settlement of the planning and zoning problems of this area which does not specifically provide for the removal of the industries chiefly detrimental to the area within a reasonable and definite period of time.
4. That we further oppose the vacation or the leasing of any alleys or streets in this area for the benefit of any industry, since this can lead to nothing but the further growth of industry in this district and the injuring of residential property.
5. That we petition the city council for the annulment of the vacation of Chandler Street between Franklin Avenue and Yale Avenue and for the reopening of the same for travel, in order to provide the most direct access to Prospect Field and the Sidney Pratt School for all residents on Franklin Avenue, East River Terrace, and East River Road.
6. That we urge upon the city council the rigid enforcement in this area of the zoning ordinance provisions forbidding the expansion of existing heavy industries in light industrial districts, that we urge the council not to grant any further special permits to industries in this area which are non-conforming uses under the present zoning ordinance.
7. That we further urge the passage, in the interests of public safety, of an ordinance forbidding the wholesale storage of gasoline and other highly inflammable substances within 300 feet of any residence, such ordinance to take effect within a reasonable period of time not exceeding two years.

8. That we further petition the council to order the extension of the Oak Street carline and service from its present terminus up Yale Avenue, across the Milwaukee spur track, and thence south-easterly to a terminus at Cecil Street.
9. That we are opposed on principle to a new arterial or inter-city highway through this district, since such a highway will in a short time have a seriously detrimental effect on the residential character of the area.
10. That before any consideration is given to such a highway, measures should be taken to change the statutes, the city charter, and the ordinances that the city as a whole, or the specially benefitted commercial and industrial areas thereof, or both, shall pay for (a) the original acquisition and improvement, (b) the pavement when necessary, and (c) the repavement from time to time, of such arterial; and that the adjacent residential property shall pay none of the cost, on the principle that residential property is more injured than benefitted by adjacent arterial highways.
11. That the interests of this residential district will in time compel the complete removal of the Milwaukee spur track from the river to Washington Avenue southeast. In the meantime we urge the immediate abolition of all switching, car storage, and train make-up service on this line south of Franklin Avenue, and the strict enforcement of the ordinances forbidding the undue blocking of street crossings by freight trains and cars; and in addition we urge either (a) the early separation of grades at crossings throughout this area, including Washington and University Avenues southeast, or (b) the cutting of the spur track at Washington or University Avenue southeast, so that the track to the south of Washington Avenue shall be used solely to serve the industries now existing south of Washington and University Avenues.
12. That we favor the early acquisition by the school board of a tract of land somewhere in the triangle between Franklin Avenue, the eastern city limits, and the river, for the establishment of an elementary school near the center of this area; but we urge that the land so acquired be not immediately adjacent to either the railroad right of way or any arterial or heavily traveled street.

October 28, 1929

**MR. SOUTHEAST RESIDENT:**

A meeting is called to inform the community and to pass upon the Substitute Plan for improvements in our district.

**Much Less Expensive.**

**A real and permanent solution of ALL our problems.**

This is your last chance to SAVE yourself from the adoption of the \$200,000 plan.

GET THE FACTS at first hand. Let the city know where you stand. Be sure to come to the Sidney Pratt School, Monday evening, November 4th, 1929 at 7:45 P. M. and take part in the discussion.

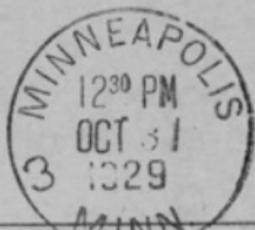
**MOST IMPORTANT!** Notify your neighbor on each side of you.

**TIME**—7:45 P. M.

**DATE**—Monday, November 4th, 1929.

**PLACE**—Sidney Pratt School.

**Oak Street-Prospect Park Residents' Association**



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



S. J. Buck  
67 Barton  
City

Cab St

Monday Sept. 23.

Prospect Park Assn

Dear Mr. Buck,

In conformity with the resolution passed at the meeting of residents at Sidney Pratt School last Friday evening, I am appointing a nominating committee to nominate a new executive committee of the residents' association, the nominating committee being yourself, Mr. Geo. Linton and Mr. C. H. Rawdell.

Cordially,

A. D. Mudgett

10-23-1929.

S. J. Buck

A few suggestions for the  
Prospect Park committee.

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R. G. Blakey (much interested)

→ D. E. Minnick

→ Anthony Zelensky

~~E. W. Hawley (?)~~

Mrs. A. C. Pulling

→ Mrs. J. B. Garver

~~Mrs. D. D. Paterson~~

→ D. G. Paterson himself.

→ Anna Benson (Incumbent)

↓ Ralph Ingman (incumbent) ✓

B. S. Mudgett (incumbent)

O. P. Bailey (incumbent)

~~J. S. Young (?) omit~~

↓ E. R. Swanson

~~Mrs. Harry Johnson~~

Mrs. Ingman

yours,

Wm-a.

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April 5, 1932

Miss Adelaide Oakley,  
8020 Westmoreland Ave.,  
Edgewood, Pennsylvania.

Dear Miss Oakley:-

Having overlooked it last night,  
I am writing this note to ask you to be prepared to  
present a report of progress at the meeting of the  
seminar next Monday night.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

JUL 26 1933

GRADUATE SCHOOL  
ELBERT J. BENTON, DEAN

July 20, 1933

Dear Colleague:

After further study of the various possibilities for a September History conference for Ohio and adjacent areas, the undersigned committee recommends that the conference be held again at the Wild Waves Hotel, Mitiwanga Beach, Huron, Ohio. This hotel is on the Lake Shore on Route 2 and can be reached by the electric interurban from Toledo, Sandusky, Cleveland, etc., as well as by good auto roads. This arrangement was endorsed by the newly organized Ohio Academy of History at Columbus, April 6.

Please note that we shall meet this year for the week-end of September 15-17. As many as can should plan to arrive on Friday afternoon; others will find it convenient to come for a briefer stay.

The hotel offers us room accommodations at \$1.50 to \$2.50 per person depending upon the number of persons occupying a room. The meal rates will be either a la carte service or meals from \$.50 to \$1.00. The dining room is in charge of Mrs. Ward, an O.S.U. home economics graduate. The cooking is excellent as are the other accommodations. It would be preferable to make early reservations at the hotel.

The committee urges a good attendance at this conference. Please come and bring your families for a pleasant outing. The members of the history department at Western Reserve University promise to repeat their conspicuously good example of last year.

We must have some idea of the number who are planning to attend. Will you be good enough therefore to canvass your department and find out just how many can be expected to attend? Please send this information, giving names, to A. C. Cole, Western Reserve University, at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully,

Wilmer C. Harris, Ohio University  
Carl Wittke, Ohio State University  
Arthur C. Cole, Western Reserve  
University

Committee

ACC:G

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Ohio Hist Conf

Historical Building,  
4338 Bigelow Boulevard,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

August 3, 1933

Professor Arthur C. Cole,  
Western Reserve University,  
Cleveland, Ohio

Dear Cole:

Thank you for sending me copies of the circular concerning the projected history conference at Mitiwanga Beach. I am hoping that it will be possible for me to attend but I cannot be sure at the present time. I am planning to take my vacation in September and I may be too far away to get there.

I turned the extra copies of the circular letter over to Oliver for distribution to other members of the department. It is always best to send such things to him, as he is the head of the department here. He thought that he might be able to attend the conference.

I received your report on the Mississippi Valley Historical Review and read it with interest, but I have no suggestions to offer at present.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

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May 23, 1930

Secretary  
Oklahoma Historical Society  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sir:-

In looking over my file of Chronicles of Oklahoma the other day, I noticed that the issue for December, 1929, vol. 7, no. 4, is missing, and I do not think that I ever received it. As I am anxious to keep my file of this publication complete, I shall appreciate it very much if you will have a copy of this number sent to me.

Sincerely yours

B/P

November 6, 1931.

Oklahoma Historical Society,  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

Gentlemen:-

Will you please change the address of Dr. Solon J.  
Buck from #67 Barton Avenue, S. E., Minneapolis, Minn., to

#5839 Darlington Road,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Your prompt attention to this request will be much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Office Secretary.

A. M.

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April 27, 1931

Dr. Solon J. Buck  
Head of the State Historical Survey  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Buck:

Your man Elliott in Psychology is apparently a candidate for our deanship of Liberal Arts and Sciences. I am very much interested to find out whether or not Elliott has had any connection directly or indirectly with work in Education, that is to say whether or not he is pretty much an Educational Psychologist. In that connection I have heard the report that he is distinctly unpopular with the Dean of the College of Education. If so, do you happen to know or could you conveniently find out the real or alleged reason for such friction? If it should turn out, as I surmise, that the Dean of the College of Education should feel that Elliott in one fashion or another was trespassing on his bailiwick, that would be of very great interest indeed to a number of us down here, no matter whether, objectively considered, the Dean's feeling was entirely justified or not.

Also what can you tell me about the work of the Institute of Child Research? Is that restricted solely to problems in pure psychology, sociology, and medicine, or does it have any squint or leaning toward Educational Psychology? This is another point that concerns some of us a good deal. We have a President who is an Educational Psychologist. Rumor has it that we are likely to get other Educational Psychologists as Dean of Men and as Vice-President. If we should have to have one as Dean of our College, too, it strikes me that would be putting it on pretty thick.

As ever,

Sincerely yours,

WAO  
Prof - W. A. Oldfather.

April 30, 1931

Professor W. A. Oldfather  
University of Illinois  
Urbana, Illinois

Dear Sir:-

This will acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 27 to Mr. Buck, which has arrived during his absence. He will be back some time next week and will give his attention to your letter as soon as possible.

Very truly yours

Secretary to Mr. Buck

May 11, 1931

Professor W. A. Oldfather  
University of Illinois  
Urbana, Illinois

Dear Oldfather:-

My delay in replying to your letter of April 27 was due to an absence from the city. I heard very confidentially several weeks ago that Elliott had been offered the deanship at Illinois and was giving it serious consideration. I am not intimately acquainted with Elliott, but I have known him for many years, and have a high opinion of him as a scholar and a gentleman. I have never thought of Elliott as an Educational Psychologist and I strongly suspect that the unfriendly relations between him and the Dean of the College of Education are due to the fact that his ideas about such colleges are very similar to yours and mine.

I do not think that Elliott has or has had anything special to do with the Institute of Child Welfare. The director of the Institute is one John Anderson. Its purpose, as I understand it, is to study children of the pre-school age and to disseminate information among parents about the best ways in which to deal with such children. It maintains a nursery school, which two of my children have attended with much satisfaction to us. It is supported by a grant from one of the Foundations.

I shall be at the University tomorrow and will make some discreet inquiries. If I find out anything, I will write to you again.

Sincerely yours

B/P

May 13, 1931

Professor W. A. Oldfather  
University of Illinois  
Urbana, Illinois

Dear Oldfather:-

I made some inquiries about Elliott at the University yesterday and I am convinced that he is distinctly a philosophical psychologist rather than an educational psychologist. I gather that the friction between the Psychology Department and the College of Education has been due to encroachment upon the work of the Department by the College rather than the other way around.

I can look at this matter objectively as I am leaving Minnesota also in the fall, having accepted a position as director of an historical survey in Pittsburgh and professor of history in the University there.

Sincerely yours

B/P.

DEC 5 - 1929

LUE A. OLDS  
GRANITE FALLS, MINNESOTA

Dec. 4, 1929

Dr. S. J. Buck,  
Historical Building, St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear Dr. Buck:

The enclosed letter explains the purpose of mine but since I am asking a favor may I tell you the whole story.

It was possible for me last August to spend two or three days a week at the University. I went to the office of the Graduate School to find out what I could get in so short a time. I had hoped to take a short credit course but finding this impossible I asked if I might audit two history courses. I was assured that I could do so but that I should register for one as a credit course and have it canceled at the close of the session.

This seemed an irregular proceeding so I asked all sorts of questions, whether I should tell the teacher of the class I was an auditor only, etc., etc. I was told very specifically that absolutely nothing was necessary except to register as advised and cancel later. I obeyed these instructions exactly and when at the close of the session I returned to the Graduate School for my cancellation slip it was given me without question.

Since I asked no favor but cheerfully paid the amount required for full credit courses and carefully followed all instructions I felt much aggrieved at receiving a failure in History 140.

You, I realize, are in no way responsible as you were not told I did not have time to do the work of your course and was in your class really as an auditor. You are, however, the only one who can help me now so I ask you please to sign a petition for me to cancel course without grade.

I confess that I am indignant over the whole thing. I am a very busy woman and have found it difficult to get even a moment for this letter. Then I very much regret that I must trouble you with the matter. The one bright spot is that I did hear fourteen of your lectures on New Viewpoints in American History.

If you feel that you can sign this petition will you please do so and return it to me with the other enclosed papers.

Very truly yours

Lue A. Olds

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May 8, 1931

Professor John W. Oliver  
University of Pittsburgh  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Oliver:

Here is a summary of the ideas that I intended to express in the conference at Lexington. I trust it will serve your purpose.

I was away so long that it will take me some time to dig out from under the accumulation of work. I shall send you a picture, however, as soon as I can get one, and in the meantime will assemble the other publicity material. Matters of equipment and personnel will be taken up as soon as possible. I did considerable thinking on these subjects on the way home, but will have to make some investigation and to formulate my ideas.

You and Mrs. Oliver were very kind to me while I was in Pittsburgh, and I assure you that your hospitality was much appreciated. Please give my best regards to Mrs. Oliver.

Sincerely yours

SJB/S

June 29, 1931

Dr. John W. Oliver  
History Department  
University of Pittsburgh  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Oliver:-

Under the circumstances, I certainly do not think that you should make any attempt to entertain the Bucks while we are in Pittsburgh. Mrs. Buck and her mother will probably drive in about Sunday evening, July 5, and I have told them to go directly to Webster Hall. If there is any question as to their being able to get accommodations there, I would appreciate it very much if you will make the necessary arrangements. As they are driving from Vermont, it is possible, of course, that they may not get in until Monday. I expect to arrive by train Monday morning, and shall go at once to Webster Hall, and wait there for them if I do not find them there.

My mother has been quite sick for the last two weeks, and I feared for a while that I might not be able to get away, but she is now definitely better, and unless something unexpected develops, I shall be there a week from this morning.

Sincerely yours

B/P

P. S. Thanks for the enclosure from Fox. He had written me something to the same effect. His Irish ancestry is sometimes quite evident.

July 13, 1931

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

Dear Oliver:

The items inclosed herewith will speak for themselves. I hope that they will meet with your approval.

Elizabeth joins me in sending best regards to you and Mrs. Oliver. I assure you that your kindnesses to us during our recent visit are very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours

SJB/L

December 12, 1930

Miss Marion O'Neil  
Bancroft Library  
University of California  
Berkeley, California

My dear Miss O'Neil:

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of the reprint of your article on "The Maritime Activities of the North West Company." I have long been interested in the Northwest Company and am very glad to have a copy of this article.

Sincerely yours

B/H

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September 23, 1929

Dr. E. S. Osgood  
History Department  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Osgood:-

Here is the reading list for my lecture in the so-called "History of American Life" Seminar. Doubtless I shall see you in a few days, but, as this is already overdue, I think I had better send it by mail.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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DR SOLON J BUCK=

MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY STPAUL MINN=

CAN YOU GIVE ME BY WIRE ANY AVAILABLE INFORMATION CONCERNING  
 HISTORY DEPARTMENT AT TOLEDO UNIVERSITY OHIO ALSO TOLEDO  
 HISTORICAL SOCIETY STOP HAVE OFFER OF FORTY SIX HUNDRED  
 HISTORY PROFESSORSHIP AND PRESIDENCY OF HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
 WHATEVER THAT MAY MEAN HAVE ONLY TELEGRAMS TO BASE OPINION ON  
 DO YOU KNOW ANYONE THERE=

OSGOOD.

Night letter collect

Telegram sent September 6, 1930

Dr. Ernest S. Osgood  
Cody, Wyoming

I know no one at Toledo and nothing about the University except that it is a municipal institution. Stop. Can find no information about an historical society there. Stop. Carl Wittke at Ohio State might be able to give you information. Stop. Would suggest a visit to Toledo before accepting.

Solon J. Buck

June 22, 1933

Dr. William D. Overman,  
210 North Main Street,  
Kenton, Ohio

Dear Overman:

Thank you very much for the partial inventory of Greene County newspapers. I am sure that the information contained in it will be very useful to us.

I have suggested your name to the State Librarian at Harrisburg for the vacancy in the Archives Department there, Mr. Shenk's position, he having been retired for age. I understand, however, that there is a strong probability that the position will be left vacant in the interest of economy. We are very sorry that you will not be in Waynesburg during our summer tour.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

JUN 30 1933

June 29, 1933  
210 N. Main St.  
Kenton, Ohio

Dear Dr. Buck:

Thank you for your letter of June 22nd and for suggesting my name to the State Librarian for the position which Dr. Shenk held. I will be driving through Pittsburgh before long and will drop in to see you.

Please extend my regards to Mrs. Buck.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. D. Overman,

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CHATEAU LAURIER

OTTAWA, ONT.

*Winnipeg*

July 8, 1933

Dear Mr. Buck:

I am well  
established now and have already  
done two days work in the John  
A. Macdonald papers. I have gotten  
permissions to get into the Baring  
papers for certain purposes  
only. It seems that Adam  
Shortt's son has preemptive  
rights to exploit the whole of them.  
However after consulting Prof.  
B.G. Trotter I will continue  
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P.S. I stopped at Edinboro on the way up and found that they had reorganized but made no provision for me. They transferred men from other departments to history.

permission to use the Baring papers for that purpose. Trotter is keen on the reciprocity idea especially since I have gotten the ground broken. He thinks its a great subject to specialize in.

Prof. Burt, who tells me that he once shared an office with you, is working across the room from me. When he found that I came from near Pittsburg he asked me if I knew you.

Best wishes.

Wm. O. Vermau

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The Albert Teachers' Agency  
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Re: William D. Overman

I have had a number of contacts with Dr. Overman during the past year while he has been teaching at Waynesburg College. I cannot speak from direct observation of his success as a teacher, but I understand that he has a very good reputation at Waynesburg. As for his scholarship, the fact that he has a Ph.D. from the University of Ohio is perhaps the best available evidence. He impresses me as a man of high general ability with a very keen mind. He is retiring rather than aggressive in personality, but I should expect him to make good in any teaching or research position to which he might be appointed. In ordinary times he would have no difficulty in obtaining a good university or college position, and I would consider that any secondary school that could obtain his services as a teacher of history would be unusually fortunate.

University of Pittsburgh

Professor of History

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I am very glad to have a copy of The Growth of the American Republic by Morison and Commager and shall examine it with care at the first opportunity. As I have already read and liked very much Professor Morison's Oxford History of the United States, on which I understand this volume is based, I expect to find it a very interesting work.

I am not at present teaching the general course in American history and consequently will not have occasion to use such a work as a text. I shall be glad, however, to call it to the attention of those members of our department who are teaching the general course.

Sincerely yours

SJB/H