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Department of History
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota
December 11, 1931

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

I am taking the liberty to ask two favors of you while you are attending the American Historical Association meeting here. If at all possible, I would like talk with you concerning possible fields for further graduate work. My research for my master's thesis upon Mr. Marshall is apparently sufficient, but the Marshall papers which have at last been given to the Indiana State Library are of little value. Mr. Marshall destroyed his private correspondence and I feel that there is insufficient material otherwise for a doctor's thesis. I would like your opinion upon work in American economic history, especially since I am taking my minor in economics.

Furthermore, I hope to be able to teach a few years to "season up" before finishing my work. At present I am being considered for a possible teaching position at Purdue University. Mr. Sears from that university is to inquire concerning my qualifications while he is attending the American Historical Association meeting, but he will probably not approach you. If the occasion should present itself, however, I would appreciate your comments to him concerning my work with you last year. I feel that you were better acquainted with my work than any one in the department.

I will certainly be very glad to be at your service while you are in Minneapolis.

Yours truly,

George A. Palmer

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December 15, 1931

Mr. George A. Palmer,
Department of History,
University of Minnesota,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Palmer:-

I am sorry to learn that you feel that there is not sufficient material on Marshall for a doctor's thesis. I shall be very glad, of course, to talk with you during the AHA meeting. I expect to have a room in the ~~Nicholas Hotel~~ *Nicholas Hotel* and you can doubtless get in touch with me without difficulty.

I shall be glad to talk with Sears about you if I chance to see him and, if not, I shall write to him.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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Department of History
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota
February 6, 1932

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

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I have made an application for a teaching-
assistantship at Western Reserve University for the coming
year and I would appreciate a letter from you to one of the
men in the history department there. My application was
entered with Dean Elbert J. Benton.

Although you warned me of the limited facilities
for graduate study at Pittsburgh, I am considering applying
for an assistantship there because of the apparent shortage
of openings in many of the universities.

Thanking you for your time, I remain

Yours truly,

George A. Palmer

February 15, 1932

Mr. George C. Palmer,
University of Minnesota,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Palmer:-

As requested in your letter of February 6, I have written about you to Professor Arthur C. Cole at Western Reserve University. I do not know much about the situation in the history department here but from what I have heard, I doubt if there would be much likelihood of your being able to obtain an appointment.

I hope that you find something that is satisfactory to you.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

February 15, 1932

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

Dear Cole:-

Mr. George C. Palmer, a graduate student in history at the University of Minnesota, informs me that he is applying for a teaching assistantship at Western Reserve University for the coming year. Mr. Palmer was in my seminar in American history at the University of Minnesota and did excellent work. He is well trained in history, is a hard worker, and has considerable initiative. He has an agreeable personality and I should expect him to be successful as a teacher.

I cannot give him the very highest recommendation because he does not write very well, although he expresses himself well orally. He recognizes his handicap in this respect and will doubtless overcome it, and I believe that he will make good.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

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December 26, 1929

Prof. John C. Parish
University of California at
Los Angeles
Los Angeles, California

Dear Parish:

Thank you very much for the copies of volume 2 of the Proceedings of the Pacific Coast Branch. One copy has gone into our library and I am retaining the other for my own collection. I found a number of articles in it of considerable interest to me and especially your own contribution.

I am wondering if any copies of volume 1 of this series are still available. Our library has one but I should like one for myself. I have an almost complete collection of the publications of the American Historical Association and would like to have a complete file of those of the Pacific Coast Branch as well.

Sincerely yours

B/H

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT LOS ANGELES

ERNEST C. MOORE,
DIRECTOR

February 10, 1930.

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

My dear Buck:

I am sending you herewith copies
of Volume I and Volume III of the Proceedings
of the Pacific Coast Branch. The first two
volumes have become pretty rare because we
did not print many copies. The third volume
is just off the press.

Very sincerely yours,

John C. Parish
John C. Parish.

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March 10, 1930

Professor John C. Parish
University of California
Los Angeles, California

Dear Parish:-

Thank you very much for sending me copies of volumes I and III of the Proceedings of the Pacific Coast Branch. I am very glad indeed to have a complete file of this publication. The last volume contains a number of papers of considerable interest to me, especially the one by Robinson, which gave me some useful ideas in connection with my work as chairman of the joint committee on materials for research of the Social Science Research Council and the American Council of Learned Societies. One of the things that this committee has undertaken to do is to discover what types of materials that are needed by scholars are not adequately available, and it is evident from Robinson's paper that the records and papers of party organizations comprise one important type that should be included in our list.

Sincerely yours

B/P

December 22, 1930

Prof. John C. Parish
University of California
405 Hilgard Avenue
Los Angeles, California

Dear Parish:

Thank you very much for sending me
a separate of your "Intrigues of Doctor James
O'Fallon." I had noted this in the Review,
but I am very glad to have it in pamphlet form.

With best wishes for the holiday
season.

Sincerely yours

B/H

P.

August 3, 1931

Professor John G. Parish
University of California at
Los Angeles
Los Angeles, California

Dear Parish:-

Some months ago you very kindly sent me a copy of your "Reflections on the Nature of the Westward Movement," which I read with a great deal of interest and approval. My neglect to acknowledge it before this is no indication of lack of appreciation but merely of the fact that my usual routine has been much upset by plans for my removal to Pittsburgh, where I am to direct a research project in the history of Western Pennsylvania.

Sincerely yours

B/P

P. S. After September 1, my address will be Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania, Bigelow Boulevard and Parkman Ave., Pittsburgh. My home address will be 5839 Darlington Road.

ROBERT G. SPROUL
PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
AT LOS ANGELES
September 30, 1931.

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ERNEST C. MOORE
VICE-PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR

Dr. Solon J. Buck
Historical Society of
Western Pennsylvania
Bigelow Blvd. and Parkman Ave.
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Buck:

Let me first congratulate the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania on securing you as superintendent of the projects they have in mind. Nobody in the country is better prepared to do the work ~~more~~ successfully than yourself.

You wrote me some time ago mentioning the fact that you did not have the 1929 copy of the Proceedings of the Pacific coast branch. I withheld an answer so that I can send with it the 1930 number. I will enclose these two issues under separate cover and I am also filling the gaps in the files of the Minnesota Historical Society.

I am sending you also under separate cover an announcement of the Pacific Historical Review which I discussed with you in 1929. I shall be happy if your new organization and perhaps yourself find it interesting enough to subscribe. We are getting a strong backing on the coast and feel confident that a regional magazine covering the Pacific coast states and the entire Pacific ~~coast~~ basin will prove to be an undertaking well worth our efforts.

With best regards, I am

Very cordially yours,

John C. Parish
John C. Parish

JCP:IK

October 23, 1931.

Mr. John C. Parish,
University of California,
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Parish:-

Your letter of September 3 was duly received and the Proceedings of the Pacific Coast Branch for 1929 and 1930 have just come in. I am very glad, indeed, to have these for my file.

Your kind words about me are very much appreciated, of course. I have been somewhat discouraged over the situation here, at times, but I can see that we are making progress and, doubtless, things will move more smoothly as we go along.

I am very much interested in the announcement of the Pacific Historical Review and I believe that it is a move in the right direction. I am not subscribing to it, however, because its field is rather remote from my present interests and the difficulties of moving my library to Pittsburgh have convinced me that I should cut down on the acquisition of periodicals. The Western Pennsylvania Historical Society, lacking either funds or space for a comprehensive collection of Americana, is confining its collections to this region. I shall endeavor, however, to obtain a subscription from the library of the University of Pittsburgh and I presume that the Carnegie Library here will subscribe. I would suggest that copies of the circular be sent to the librarians of these institutions unless that has already been done.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck.

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HORATIO NEWTON PARKER
2777 PARK STREET
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

22 September 29.

Prof Solon Justus Buck;
Minneapolis, Minnesota

My dear Buck:

I am to attend the meeting of the
A. P. H. A. in Minneapolis the week of the 30th
and shall stop at the Hotel ^{Curtiss} ~~Wendell~~. Will you not
drop me a line there telling me how best to get
in touch with you. I shall be closely tied to the
convention but I must see you while I am in
the city.

With best wishes

Horatio Newton Parker



Minnesota Historical Society
St. Paul, Minnesota
November 20, 1929

Mr. Horatio M. Parker
City Bacteriologist
Engineer Building
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Horatio:

Many, many thanks for having a copy of The Young Marooners sent to me. I have looked it over and dipped into it here and there, and am planning to read it to Roger and Mary as soon as we finish the book we are reading at present. I am sure that they will enjoy it immensely.

You will be interested to know that I had a letter recently from our old friend, John Dent, who is now the head of the Department of Mechanical Engineering at the University of Pittsburgh. He saw my letter in a recent number of The Nation concerning the Alvord Memorial project and sent me a contribution for the fund that is being raised. I am not sure that I told you about this project, but the inside pages of this sheet will give you information about it.

It was a great pleasure to see you again, and I hope that our paths will cross again soon.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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HORATIO NEWTON PARKER
2777 PARK STREET
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

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24 November 29.

Prof S. Justus Buck.
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

My dear Buck:

I am glad the Young Warriors reached you safely at last. The first time it was returned to the publishers. As I told you the yarn is a true one; of course now-a-days the children would be devoured by realtors ere they cleared Tampa Bay. All that saved them on the island was that the Indians regarded it as enchanted. Here's hoping you and your good wife profit by the religious instruction imparted in the tale and that the Bucklets find it a jolly good story.

I am glad to know of Bert's whereabouts the last I knew of him was that he was at University of Kansas. Wouldn't you like to hear him reel off the state fish again?

I was interested to know that you are after a memorial for Alwood and I wish I felt able to contribute to the fund but I do not. Alwood was a fine chap and able man.

Pray do not forget to find out for me a book on Napoleon's bug hunters. I suppose I am rather more likely to be interested in the man and his statercraft rather than his military campaigns.

HORATIO NEWTON PARKER
2777 PARK STREET
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

It certainly was good to see you and your family
once more. Of course it was the first time the youngsters
had the opportunity to give me the once over. I
trust they passed a favorable verdict. Mrs. Beech
looked well and I judge she gets a kick out of living
with a compiler of encyclopedias. Is it possible you
hoo-doo the concerns you design to write for? You
remember we discussed our job you were connected
with and how out comes the new Britannica with
Jacksonville located on the St. James River?!
I was sorry not to have seen the other Illinois
minnesotans - Gray - Jones - Burton. I often think
of them and of Cuffy and Columbia too. Please give
them my best!

Of course it is obvious that you are leading an
incomplete life till you have seen Fox and Florida.
When is it to be?

With best wishes
Horatio Newton Parker

Fisher, Hal.

Home with Leo

Rose J. Hallard.

December 9, 1929

Mr. Horatio N. Parker
2777 Park St.,
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Parker:-

I have at last succeeded in getting expert advice with reference to a biography of Napoleon. It is to the effect that the best is the one by J. Holland Rose. I do not know the publisher but your book seller or public library can undoubtedly locate it for you. A good shorter biography is the one by Fisher in the Home University Library Series.

We are now just finishing the book that I was reading to the children when the Young Marooners arrived, and that will be next on our program.

I have often thought that it would be nice to take the winter quarter off and spend it in Florida some year, and it is quite possible that I may do so before long.

Sincerely yours

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FLORENCE FISHER
PARRY STUDIO

WILLIAM PENN HOTEL
PITTSBURGH

FLORENCE FISHER PARRY-STUDIO
NEXT TO LOEW'S PENN THEATRE

HORNE PARRY STUDIO
JOSEPH HORNE COMPANY

Dear Professor Buck

We have started a series of displays in our Sixth St Studio's of the citizens of Pittsburgh listed in "Who's Who in America" for 1933. This week we are displaying the photographs of Dr Thomas S. Baker and Mr Robert Garland.

We shall be extremely grateful to you if you will let us make your portrait for this series. May our receptionist call you for an appointment within the next few days?

Sincerely
The Parry Studios
Miss Virginia Irvine

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March 13, 1931

Dr. Theodore C. Pease
426 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Illinois

Dear Pease:-

One of our candidates for the master's degree at the University of Minnesota has just turned in a thesis on the History of Jubilee College, which was located near Peoria. In it she states that she made extensive use of a large collection of correspondence of Bishop Chase in the possession of Mr. Virginius Chase of Peoria; also of some records of Jubilee College in the possession of St. Paul's Church of Peoria.

It may be that you are aware of this material, but, if not, the information will doubtless be of interest to you. It seemed to me that these collections should be in some public depository.

Sincerely yours

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ILLINOIS HISTORICAL SURVEY
OF
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THEODORE C. PEASE
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

426 LINCOLN HALL URBANA, ILLINOIS

July 8, 1931

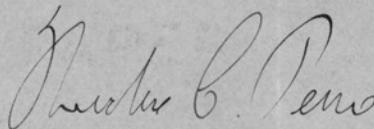
Professor Solon J. Buck
Minnesota Historical Society
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Buck:

Your letter was certainly a profound and most unpleasant surprise. I have been so used to thinking of you as a fixture in the historical world of the northwest that the idea that you are going to leave it comes as a very unpleasant surprise, indeed. It will certainly be a great loss to all your friends here. Beside such news, Miss Nute subsides into non-importance; perhaps she will get married anyway.

Hoping to hear from you again soon,
I remain

Sincerely yours,



Theodore C. Pease

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July 18, 1931

Dr. Theodore C. Pease
426 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Illinois

Dear Pease:-

I had taken it for granted that the news of my prospective departure from Minnesota had reached you some time ago. I am afraid you do not read our "Minnesota Historical News" very diligently, as my resignation was announced in the issue that went out about June 1. You are, I believe, on the mailing list for this clip sheet.

As you can readily imagine, it is very difficult for me to leave Minnesota after seventeen years of work here, but the opportunities offered by the Pittsburgh situation were such that I could not refuse them. I am consoling myself with the thought that I shall still be in the Mississippi Valley.

My principal job in Pittsburgh will be the direction of the Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey, which is financed, in the main, by the Buhl Foundation, and administered by a joint board of representatives of the University of Pittsburgh and the Western Pennsylvania Historical Society. I shall also have the title of professor of history in the University and teach not to exceed one course, and I shall have general supervision of the work of the Historical Society. It might seem that I am exchanging two jobs for three, but I hope that more of my time can be devoted to research and the direction of research than has been the case here.

Sincerely yours

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July 24, 1931

Prof. Theodore C. Pease
University of Illinois
Urbana, Illinois

Dear Pease:

In preparation for my removal to Pittsburgh I have been looking over some material that has not been touched for many years and in it I find a lot of Illinois material, some of which might be of use to you. Apparently most of it is material that I used in connection with the preparation of Illinois in 1818. It is as follows:

1. My original handwritten copy of my report on "Materials for Illinois History in the Archives of the U. S. Government at Washington," 53 pages. My recollection is that typewritten copies were made of this report at the time when it was prepared, and some years ago I wrote to you to inquire if a copy could be found in your files. You reported that no copy could be located. If you want to have a copy made from this one now I shall be glad to send it on for that purpose, but I should like to have it returned or to be provided with a carbon copy of it.
2. A typed transcript of Illinois census schedules of 1810, 101 pages.
3. A typed carbon copy of the historical part of E. B. Green's Government of Illinois with citations entered by hand in the margin, some of them in my handwriting.
4. A calendar on 4 x 6 cards of Illinois and Northwestern documents, covering the years 1738 to 1820, about 10 inches thick.
5. Notes on 4 x 6 cards arranged in the main according to the chapters of Illinois in 1818 and including some calendar cards, probably withdrawn from 4, about 24 inches thick.
6. Transcripts of manuscripts, newspaper extracts, etc., mostly carbons, about 11 inches thick.
7. Preliminary drafts by assistants, statistical compilations, etc., for Illinois in 1818, about 3 inches thick.

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ILLINOIS HISTORICAL SURVEY
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THEODORE C. PEASE
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

426 LINCOLN HALL URBANA, ILLINOIS

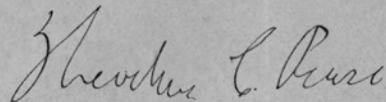
July 29, 1931

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

Dear Buck:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your letter of July 24. We would be very glad of items 1 and 2 in your list, including your report on "Materials for Illinois History" and the transcript of Illinois census schedules of 1810. If you will ship these to us, express collect, we shall be very grateful for them, indeed.

Sincerely yours,



Theodore C. Pease

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August 1, 1931

Dr. Theodore C. Pease
426 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Illinois

Dear Pease:-

In response to your letter of July 29 I am sending you by express collect my report on "Materials for Illinois History" and the transcript of Illinois census schedules of 1810. I am assuming that, in accordance with my letter, you will have the report copied and will either send me a carbon or return the original. I am including with these items a manuscript document which was found among the papers.

As suggested in my previous letter, I have destroyed the drafts and am turning the notes and transcripts over to the Minnesota Historical Society.

Sincerely yours

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April 18, 1932

Professor Theodore C. Pease,
University of Illinois,
Urban, Illinois.

Dear Pease:

In the annual report of the American Historical Association for 1930, I note in your "Report of the Historical Manuscript Commission" a statement to the effect that the Commission had dropped its plan for "Listing Printed Sources for American History" because of the fact that the A C L S had commissioned Holbrook "to prepare a list of all calendars of manuscript materials for American history". I assume that this refers to a Joint Committee project for making a bibliography of lists, guides, calendars, etc., to source materials for the social sciences and the humanities. I do not know just what was the nature of the project of the Historical Manuscripts Commission, but I doubt if there would have been much duplication. At any rate, the Joint Committee has dropped its project for the time being, and the Commission should feel free to go ahead with its original plan if it wants to do so.

Stevens has told me of the very material assistance that you have rendered to him in connection with the preparation of his volume for the Alvord Memorial Commission, and I want to assure you that we are both very grateful to you for this co-operation. I am now reading Stevens' "Critical Essays" on the various pamphlets and I am convinced that the volume is going to be a very valuable contribution.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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ILLINOIS HISTORICAL SURVEY
OF
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THEODORE C. PEASE
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

426 LINCOLN HALL URBANA, ILLINOIS

April 20, 1932

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

Dear Buck:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your letter of April 18. As far as the Historical Manuscripts Commission is concerned, I rejoice to say that I am no longer responsible for it. J. G. de Roulhac Hamilton was installed as chairman last December and so as Babe Ruth would say - "that is his headache." I hope I don't seem flippant on the matter, but after spending five years of vain exertion to get something or other done, I feel as though I had been butting my head against a stonewall for the corresponding length of time.

Of course, I have been very glad indeed to be of an assistance to Wayne in his project in every way that I could and, as far as our crippled funds will permit, I shall still do my best in that direction. Wayne has gone into the whole thing so thoroughly that I feel sure he will do a very worth while job. Incidentally, I wonder how carefully the typed copies for your volume have been checked? Wayne asked me to have his copy of Plain Facts compared with our photostat of the original; the assistant I have had on the job reports an average of two errors to the page. If the other pamphlets are typed by the same hand, it probably would be just as well to check up on them carefully.

Sincerely yours,

Theodore C. Pease

Theodore C. Pease

TCP:MLR

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September 26, 1930

Prof. Louis Pelzer
Iowa State University
Iowa City, Iowa

Dear Pelzer:

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of your "Financial Management of the Cattle Ranges." I am interested in the subject and am very glad to have this separate. Some reprints of a contribution of mine to Agricultural History have just come to my desk, and I take pleasure in sending one to you under separate cover.

Sincerely yours

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C O P Y

The Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey

February 4, 1932.

Miss Frances Dorrance, Secretary,
Pennsylvania Historical Commission,
69 S. Franklin St., Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Dear Miss Dorrance:-

I am very glad to learn from your letter of February 1 that you are planning to suggest to the Commission a project for the survey of materials for Pennsylvania history, and I am quite willing to endeavor to formulate such ideas as I have on the subject. It seems to me that the best procedure would be approximately as follows:

First, I would suggest that the Commission determine to start and finance a project which might be designated "A Survey (or inventory) of Materials for Research in Pennsylvania History", and that it determine how much money it can spare per year for the project during the next few years. There ought to be enough to pay a full time professional worker a salary of at least twenty-five hundred dollars and to provide for traveling and clerical expenses, supplies, etc. If possible, four or five thousand dollars should be available, but if that is not possible, the work could be started with less.

Next, I would suggest that the Commission appoint an advisory committee of five professional scholars in the field of history and ask this committee to formulate a plan for the project and lay it before the Commission for approval, and also to recommend to the Commission a competent person to carry it out. The possibilities of a project of this sort are so extensive and important that careful consideration should be given at the outset as to what things ought to be done first. Among the things that might be considered, for example, are: (1) a bibliography of published materials; (2) a calendar of published documents; (3) a bibliography of newspapers and periodicals with an inventory of extant files; (4) an inventory of state, county and local archives; (5) an inventory of non-archival manuscript materials in public depositories; and (6) an inventory of manuscript materials in private hands. Obviously, not all of these should be started at once but certain combinations should probably be made in order to save time. The proposed advisory committee should be kept informed of the progress of the work and make recommendations from time to time to the Commission.

I showed your letter to Dr. Oliver and we agreed that it would not be feasible for us to make a specific recommendation of a candidate to do the work without a more thorough canvass of the possibilities than the time would permit. There is no question, however, but that a thoroughly competent person can be found. I have on file dozens of applications from trained men and women--some of them Ph.D.'s -- for

Miss Frances Dorrance

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appointments with the Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey for next year, and I am sure that a letter to the heads of the principal history departments in the country would bring forth dozens of other applicants. If it is decided to undertake the project, I shall be very glad to make a recommendation after looking over the field.

One aspect of the situation that should be considered is this: the expenditure of four or five thousand dollars by the Commission, if properly managed, should bring results that would represent efforts amounting to several times that sum of money, for it would undoubtedly be possible to stimulate societies, libraries, and interested individuals to make contributions to the survey. For western Pennsylvania our organization here expects to do a good deal of work along these lines -- is already doing such work, in fact -- and the results of our work would be gladly made available to a state survey.

With reference to the result of the proposed survey, I would suggest that as soon as a convenient amount of information is collected, it should be published in pamphlet form, to be followed by other pamphlets, numbered serially and paged continuously, with the idea that ultimately the whole work could be bound up and indexed. At any rate, it would be a mistake, I think, to keep everything in manuscript until the completion of the entire survey.

I very much hope that the Commission will decide to undertake something of this sort, and I assure you that you can count on the co-operation of the Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey, the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania, and the history department of the University of Pittsburgh.

Sincerely yours,

SJB:AM

(signed)- Solon J. Buck

Solon J. Buck

Contrib. to Information
about Research Material
for Pa. History.

Suggestions for the
new collection, care,
& inventory of
manuscript materials.

~~Con~~ Public
Archives.

Learn ~~more~~ ^{possible} be a
study of the
problem of

poss. of preparing
a systematic plan
for the ~~study~~ ^{study} of
research material
for Pa. hist. either
as a continuation
of

including
private as ^{well as} official
documents ^{to papers.}

Tully road Harris
or Ephrata
or Bellefonte

Pa. State Library

May 4, 1933

Miss Gertrude MacKinney,
Director, State Library,
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Miss MacKinney:

I have been giving considerable thought to the problem of your archives appointment. It seems to me that it is of the very greatest importance from the standpoint of the interests of the new Pennsylvania Historical Association and of all other historical activities in the state that the right person be selected for the position. He should be competent not merely as a curator of archives and an historical scholar but also as a liason man between the historical workers and agencies and the state government. The right man in this position would come to occupy a key place in Pennsylvania similar to that occupied by Dr. Flick in New York and by Dr. Schafer in Wisconsin.

In considering possibilities for the position it is difficult to make suggestions without knowing whether or not the position of executive secretary of the Commission is to be combined with that of archivist. If the latter is the case, the salary should be sufficient to attract not only a competent and promising, but perhaps an experienced, person.

One possibility that occurs to me is our curator, Mr. Holbrook. He has had considerable experience with archival and manuscript materials as director of the War History Commission of Minnesota, later the War History Division of the Minnesota Historical Society, and also as curator of our collections here. I should hate very much to lose him but I would not want to stand in the way of his obtaining a better position. His salary here is less than the amount you mention for the position of archivist. He has the advantage, also, of being a citizen of Pennsylvania.

There might be an advantage in selecting a promising young man with sound training in historical work and flexibility enough to learn the best methods of archives administration. Of this type I have in mind two possibilities: One of them is Mr. Carlton C. Qualey, who is now a graduate student in history at Columbia University, having nearly completed his work for the doctor's degree. He has an attractive personality, sound scholarship, and much initiative and general competence. He spent last summer serving as field agent for the Norwegian-American Historical Association and collected large quantities of manuscript material for its archives. His report on this work and his recommendations for the care of the collections of the Association show a grasp of the fundamentals of archives administration.

Another somewhat similar possibility is ^{Ch.} Charles A. Gates, who is just about to complete his work for the doctor's degree in history at the University of Minnesota. His home is in New England and he has had work at Yale and at Harvard I believe. He, too, has an attractive personality, exceptional initiative, and

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May 4, 1933

high scholarship, and he has done some editorial work under the direction of a member of the staff of the Minnesota Historical Society. He is, I think, quite familiar with the methods of handling archives and manuscript materials at the Minnesota Historical Society. Both Mr. Gates and Mr. Qualey had graduate work with me at the University of Minnesota and I consider them about the two best graduate students with whom I have come in contact in many years of teaching. I should find it difficult to choose between them.

Unless the person appointed is a thoroughly experienced archivist and historical scholar, I think he would find it greatly to his advantage to have some kind of an advisory board with whom he could consult. Possibly a committee of the Pennsylvania Historical Association would serve the purpose. I have long been interested in the problems of archives administration, first as a member of the Public Archives Commission of the American Historical Association, later as chairman of the Joint Committee on Materials for Research of the American Council of Learned Societies and the Social Science Research Council, as well as of necessity in my position as superintendent of the Minnesota Historical Society; and I shall be very glad to give the new appointee the benefit, if such it be, of any ideas or information that I may have, provided, of course, he is open to suggestions.

Doubtless you will want to consult with others regarding possibilities and I would suggest that you write to Dr. J. Franklin Jameson, head of the manuscript division, Library of Congress, and to Dr. Waldo G. Leland, permanent secretary of the American Council of Learned Societies, 907 Fifteenth Street, Washington, D. C.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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May 16, 1933.

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

Am fearful of my ability to place a non-resident of Pennsylvania in our Archives position, therefore, am venturing to ask you more about your Curator, Mr. Franklin F. Holbrook.

I appreciate the fact that you are not desirous of losing his services and have, therefore, hesitated about securing further information concerning his qualifications. Would appreciate a statement as to his education and age. In your letter of May 4th you did give his experience.

No decision has been reached as to combining the position of the Secretary of the Historical Commission and Archivist of the Pennsylvania State Library.

Governor Pinchot's Secretary said it was very difficult for them to see why, with a population of eight million and several fine universities within our borders, we could not find a resident of Pennsylvania that would meet the qualifications for the position, so you will appreciate my problem.

Sincerely yours,

Gertrude MacKinney
Gertrude MacKinney,
Director.

GM'C

May 17, 1933

Miss Gertrude MacKinney,
Pennsylvania State Library,
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Miss MacKinney:

I am glad to give you more information about Mr. Holbrook. He is fifty years old, a graduate of the University of Minnesota, and has a master's degree in history from the same institution. He does not have a doctor's degree but I consider that the scholarly work that he has done is fully equivalent to that expected for a doctor's degree in any institution. You probably have in your library a number, if not all, of his works: the various publications of the Minnesota War Records Commission, including a printed report of the Commission in pamphlet form containing a valuable inventory of its collections; the two volume work, "Minnesota in the War with Germany;" a book entitled Survey of Activities of American Agencies in Relation to Materials for Research in the Social Sciences and the Humanities put out by the American Council of Learned Societies and the Social Science Research Council; and an Inventory of the Manuscripts and Miscellaneous Collections of our society published as Bibliographical Contributions no. 1 of the Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey.

In case you feel that you want a younger man than Mr. Holbrook, or one with a doctor's degree, I believe that it would be worth while to try to get Julian Boyd, and, if you could make the salary large enough by combining the Commission job with it, I think you might be able to get him. He is now, as you doubtless know, director of Headquarters House for the New York State Historical Association. He was a Pennsylvanian for a number of years, however, being employed by the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, and he is about to take his doctor's degree at the University of Pennsylvania. He undoubtedly has the scholarship, personality, and experience requisite for the position. He has been in close touch with the new Pennsylvania Historical Association, attending both the State College and the Bethlehem meetings after his removal to New York, and he would be in a position to make the office the focus of historical activities in Pennsylvania.

Another suggestion that occurs to me is Dr. Bining of the history department of the University of Pennsylvania. As you probably know, he has done and is doing extensive research on the history of the iron industry in the state and some of his work has been accepted, I believe, for publication by the Commission. At the Bethlehem meeting he was elected editor of the Pennsylvania Historical Association publications. He has not had the experience with archival materials that Boyd has had, nor has he as attractive a personality, but he is a Pennsylvanian, born and bred, his home being near Pittsburgh, I believe. If you are interested in him, I would suggest that you write to Dr. Nichols. He might also suggest other University of Pennsylvania men as possibilities.

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Miss Gertrude MacKinney

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May 17, 1933

Mr. Qualey, about whom I wrote you, has just passed his examinations for the doctor's degree at Columbia University. I am sure that he would make good in the position but he is not a Pennsylvanian. I can understand, of course, the situation you are in in this respect. I have experienced something of this provincialism here and, while it is unfortunate, its existence must be recognized.

If there is anything that I can do to help you in this matter, do not hesitate to call upon me. I am vitally interested, both from the point of view of our Survey and that of the new Pennsylvania Historical Association, in having a first-class person in charge of the archives division. It is a great opportunity and if it is passed up now, it may be a long time before it will arise again.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

June 22, 1933

Miss Gertrude MacKinney,
Pennsylvania State Library,
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Miss MacKinney:

I have been hearing various rumors about the Archives position. Mr. Dice, librarian of the University of Pittsburgh, told me that you had asked him about Mr. Shappee of Johnstown Center and also about Field and Baldwin of my staff. If you really are interested in any of these, I shall be glad to tell you what I know about them. I have also heard rumors to the effect that the position may be left vacant in the interest of economy; and it has been suggested that it would be unwise for a person with a secure position to accept the appointment because of the danger that he would be out of a job after the next election.

Another possibility that occurs to me is that of Professor W. D. Overman of Waynesburg College, Waynesburg, Pa. He has a Ph.D. from Ohio State University in history and has been teaching for two years as a substitute for other men at Waynesburg. I understand that they are very anxious to retain him there but the other men have returned and their funds are so low that it is not probable that they can create another position for him. He attended the meeting of the Pennsylvania Historical Association with me and you may have met him there. He is a small man, not very impressive in appearance, and he has not had any special experience in archives work. I am convinced, however, that he has much ability. He is young enough to have a flexible mind and to learn the job. I know that they think very well of him at Waynesburg and also at Ohio State University. Moreover, the fact that he is probably out of a job would make him willing to accept an appointment that might prove to be temporary. His address at present is 210 North Main Street, Kenton, Ohio. If you are interested in him, you might write to the president of Waynesburg College and also to Professor Carl Wittke, head of the Department of History at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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June 23, 1933.

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

We have considered many applicants and prospects for the position of State Archivist. Have asked a very few to inspect the Department and meet Dr. Rule and myself for a personal interview. We have come to the conclusion that anyone taking up this work should have experience in organizing a department and, therefore, a teacher of history does not exactly qualify.

Our budget has not been approved, but in the one sent through the Department to the Governor's office provision was made for this position. I have heard not even rumors that the position would be left vacant. Although our budget was much reduced, I would be very loath to see that reduction met by curtailing the activity of the Archives Division. There is no one on the staff that could possibly direct the work even for a short period.

Dr. Curtis W. Garrison of the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress is an applicant. He was here for a personal interview and both Dr. Rule and I were impressed with his personality. He has had the education and experience which the position requires, and Dr. Rule is ready to recommend him to the Governor. Dr. Jamison, in charge of the Division of Manuscripts, has given him very flattering recommendations. You, perhaps, have met him while doing research work in that Division. His position there is that of research assistant. He made a list of the manuscript collections in the Library of Congress for the American Historical Association, which was issued in their Annual Report for 1930. Dr. Jamison commends him very highly for this piece of work.

Unfortunately Dr. Garrison is not a citizen of Pennsylvania, but a resident of Washington, D. C. He has no established voting residence. He was born in New York State, but his parents came originally from northern Pennsylvania. His early childhood days were spent in Philadelphia, then the family moved to Richmond, Virginia, where he was educated. After securing his Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Richmond, he entered Johns Hopkins University, from which he received the degree of

Dr. Solon J. Buck - #2.

Ph. D. in 1926, in History, Political Science, and Political Economy. During the year 1927 he served Congressman Theodore Burton as a research secretary, and at the close of that year entered the service of the Library of Congress, doing desk reference work, from which position he was promoted to the Manuscript Division, where he has spent about six years. His education, experience, and intense interest in historical matters would seem to give him every qualification for the position despite his youth.

We are asking the Governor to appoint him without any political sponsorship, and I trust the historians of the State will lend the weight of their influence towards securing the appointment as well as retaining him in the position. Would appreciate your writing to Governor Pinchot, requesting that the position be filled and a person with the right qualifications be selected. If Dr. Garrison's application meets with your approval, would also appreciate your endorsing his appointment. I feel that you, as head of the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania, and Dr. Spofford, as head of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, should help us to secure the best person possible for this position, and a communication from both you and Dr. Spofford to the Governor would bear considerable weight. It is my intention to write to Dr. Spofford, giving him the same information I have given you, and ask him, if he approves of the appointment, to write the same kind of letter to Governor Pinchot.

I sincerely hope that you know personally Dr. Garrison and approve of the move we have made toward filling this position.

Sincerely yours,

Gertrude MacKinney

Gertrude MacKinney,

Director of State Library.

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June 26, 1933

Miss Gertrude MacKinney,
Pennsylvania State Library,
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Dear Miss MacKinney:

I have written to Governor Pinchot urging the appointment of Garrison or of someone else with equal qualifications and stressing the importance of having a trained person in this position. I very much hope that Garrison receives the appointment and that he decides to accept it. I do not happen to know him personally but I know of his work and I am sure that Dr. Jameson's recommendation can be relied upon.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

PERSONNEL BUREAU

June 29, 1933.

HARRISBURG, PA.

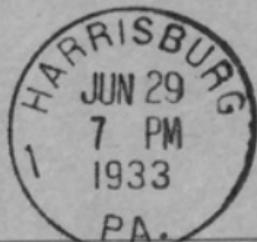
At the direction of Governor Pinchot I am acknowledging your letter of June 26th in the interest of Dr. Curtis W. Garrison.

This is just to say that your letter has been carefully noted and is being filed with Mr. Garrison's application for consideration at the first opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

Helen E. Pierce

Helen E. Pierce,
Acting Personnel Secretary.



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Mr. Solon J. Buck,
Director,
The Western Penna. Historical Survey,
Historical Building,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

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July 6, 1933.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
Director,
Western Pennsylvania Historical Soc.,
4338 Bigelow Boulevard,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dear Dr. Buck:

Many thanks for your cooperation in our effort to secure the appointment of Dr. Garrison as State Archivist.

The History Department of the University of Pennsylvania is organizing a campaign in Philadelphia to bring before Governor Pinchot their desire that Dr. Garrison be appointed for this position. They are quite enthusiastic because most of them have done work with Dr. Garrison and appreciate his ability and fitness for the position.

Am wondering if you would care to contact the historians of the University of Pittsburgh and secure their cooperation. Letters sent from the two leading universities of the State, coupled with those already written by the officials of the two historical societies, would present a very strong plea from those interested in history and consequently the chief users of the Archives facilities.

My knowledge of your interest in having this position properly filled must be my excuse for this additional request.

Gratefully yours,

Gertrude MacKinney

Gertrude MacKinney,
Director of State Library.

GM'C

July 10, 1933

Miss Gertrude MacKinney,
Pennsylvania State Library,
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

Dear Miss MacKinney:

Upon receipt of your letter of July 6, I took up the matter with several members of the history department of the University of Pittsburgh and they promised to write to the Governor and urge the appointment of Dr. Garrison. I was glad to do this, and I very much hope that the appointment is made.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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July 10, 1929

Mr. Dexter Perkins
University of Rochester
Rochester, N. Y.

My dear Mr. Perkins:-

This will acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the fifth to Mr. Buck. He is away at present on a vacation in the northwestern part of the state, but I am forwarding your letter to him and you will doubtless hear from him in due time.

Very truly yours

Secretary to Mr. Buck

July 17, 1929

Professor Dexter Perkins
181 Widener Library
Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts

My dear Mr. Perkins:-

In accordance with Mr. Buck's letter to you of July 13, I am enclosing herewith the statement which he drew up for the National Geographic Society regarding the travel bibliography, and also a copy of the paper which he read at the meeting of the Bibliographical Society in December, 1927. I trust that these will reach you in time to be of service.

Very truly yours

Secretary to Mr. Buck

March 12, 1930

Professor Dexter Perkins
University of Rochester
Rochester, New York

Dear Perkins:-

Our Joint Committee on Materials for Research of the ACLS and the SSRC takes as its field all problems connected with materials for research in the social sciences and the humanities up to the point where actual research work begins. This involves, therefore, such matters as collection, preservation (including durability of paper, etc.), accessibility (including bibliographies, etc.), and publication. It is the intention, apparently that all projects in this field presented to either of the Councils shall be submitted to the Joint Committee for consideration and recommendation; also that the Joint Committee will survey the field and initiate projects of its own. The Committee spent about a day and a half discussing general problems, and decided to have a list compiled of the important agencies active in its field, with brief summaries of their activities; also to have compiled a bibliography of guides, inventories, calendars, and bibliographies of important source material. These two jobs are now under way, the work being done by Mr. Franklin F. Holbrook under my direction. Gras and Wissler were appointed a sub-committee to compile a list of types of material needed for research in various fields, and they are sending out a letter to selected individuals asking them for statements with reference to their fields.

The two Councils had appropriated \$1,500 between them for the use of the committee, and it is expected that further appropriations will be available before the end of the year. Another meeting of the committee will probably be held in September. It seems to me that the committee has a wide opportunity for usefulness, but I am much afraid that it will take more of my time than I ought to devote to it.

Sincerely yours

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P. S. The committee also considered a number of projects, including the one from the Hist. Mss. Com., but took no action on the latter as Leland announced his intention of calling a special conference on it in the fall. There are two or three other groups interested in Mss. inventories and Leland wants to get them together.

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Rev. H. J. MacKay, Pastor
1904 Davenport Rd.
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Toronto 9, Feb 20th 1930.

Mr Salmon J. Buck
Supt. Minnesota Historical Society.

Dear Sir;

I have before me a Copy of "The Source Book"
Published by the Perpetual Encyclopaedia Corporation of Chicago.

On Page VIII your name appears as a Contributor
Reviser or Reviewer.

Would you be good enough to inform me Concerning
your Contributions. Also whether you are still sending
articles to the above mentioned Corporation?

An early reply would be very much appreciated
and thanking ^{you} in anticipation.

I am yours Very Sincerely

H. J. MacKay

1904 Davenport Road
Toronto Ont
Canada.

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Perfected Copy,

February 25, 1930

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

Dear Sir:-

I have received your letter of February 20, and am very glad to state the facts with reference to my connection with the work entitled "The Source Book." Some seven years ago or so, I was asked by a firm in Chicago if I would undertake to revise the article on Minnesota for an encyclopaedia that they were getting out. As the request came to me with the statement that a friend of mine had suggested my name to them, I undertook the work. Copy or proof for a very brief article was sent to me, and I went over it and made a number of corrections and then wrote them some suggestions for its further improvement. They sent me a check for fifteen dollars for my services.

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That is all that I had to do with them ~~at the time~~, and you can imagine my surprise when I discovered a year or so ago that my name was being used to further the sale of this work. At that time the Federal Trade Commission was investigating the practices of the publishers, and I took pleasure in stating the facts before the representative of the Commission. I then, for the first time, saw a set of the work, and it impressed me as being a very shoddy performance. The publishers have also used the name of President Coffman of the University of Minnesota without his authorization. It seems that some statistics about the University or something of that sort were sent to his office for correction and were corrected and returned as a matter of course, on the basis of which the company assumed to list Dr. Coffman as a reviser or contributor.

Very truly yours

B/P

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February 25, 1929

Chairman of the Committee on
Fellowships
Harvard University
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:-

Mr. Harold F. Peterson, who is an applicant for a Fellowship in History at Harvard, is a student of exceptional ability and promise. My acquaintance with him is not very extensive, for he did his thesis work under Professor Shippee and I was away one of the two years that he spent at Minnesota. He took a course with me, however, in the fall of 1925, and was one of two students out of a class of twenty-three, seniors and graduate students, to make a grade of A. I examined and read parts of his master's thesis, which seemed to me excellent, and sat in at his master's examination, where he handled himself very well.

Recently, at my request, he prepared a paper entitled "Some Colonization Projects of the Northern Pacific Railroad," based on a part of his thesis, and he read it effectively at the last meeting of the Minnesota Historical Society. When the paper first came to me, I made some suggestions for its improvement, and Mr. Peterson showed that he was able to take suggestions and profit by them. We are planning to publish the paper in the June number of our magazine, Minnesota History. In general, I believe that Mr. Peterson has the making of a scholar and an excellent teacher. The fact that he came from Elkhart, Indiana, to St. Paul at his own expense to read a paper before the Minnesota Historical Society would seem to indicate a deep interest in his work. I believe that he would profit to the full by the advantages of Harvard, and take pleasure in recommending him.

Sincerely yours

B/P

February 25, 1929

Dean G. Carl Huber
Graduate School
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Sir:-

Mr. Harold F. Peterson, who is an applicant for a Fellowship in History at Michigan, is a student of exceptional ability and promise. My acquaintance with him is not very extensive, for he did his thesis work under Professor Shippee and I was away one of the two years he spent at Minnesota. He took a course with me, however, in the fall of 1925, and was one of two students out of a class of twenty-three, seniors and graduate students, to make a grade of A. I examined and read parts of his master's thesis, which seemed to me excellent, and sat in at his master's examination, where he handled himself very well.

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Sincerely yours

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Yale University
The Graduate School

Harold F. Peterson

1. Mr. Peterson impresses me as a man of high character, with a vigorous and attractive personality. At my request, recently, he read a paper at a meeting of the Minnesota Historical Society, and he did it very effectively for one without experience in such things. His earnestness of purpose is evidenced by the fact that he came from Elkhart, Indiana, to St. Paul at his own expense in order to read this paper.
2. Mr. Peterson did his thesis work at Minnesota under Professor Shippee, but he took a course with me in the fall of 1925, and was one of two students out of a class of twenty-three seniors and graduates to make a grade of A. I examined and read parts of his thesis, which seemed to me excellent, and sat in at his master's examination, where he handled himself very well.
3. I should certainly rate Mr. Peterson among the first ten per cent of my students in comparable fields, and I believe that he would profit to the full by the advantages of graduate work at Yale. I take pleasure, therefore, in recommending him for a Fellowship in History.

Professor of History
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minnesota

February 25, 1929

(Mailed directly to the Dean of the Graduate School, Yale University,
New Haven, Connecticut)

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Y. M. C. A. Building
Elkhart, Indiana
February 18, 1929

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

My dear Dr. Buck:

In accordance with the suggestion of Dr. Shippee that it is perfectly ethical so to do, I am making application for Fellowships to three schools - Harvard, Yale and Michigan. If you care to say anything in my behalf, I should appreciate your doing so. I am also asking Dr. Shippee and Dr. J. L. Conger, of Knox College, to write for me.

11- According to my application blanks, the letter to Harvard should be sent to the Chairman of the Committee on Fellowships, the letter to Michigan to G. Carl Huber, Dean of the Graduate School, and the form for Yale is enclosed. All of the letters should be in the hands of the respective schools by March 1.

Sincerely yours

Harold F. Peterson

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February 27, 1929

Mr. Harold F. Peterson
Y. M. C. A. Building
Elkhart, Indiana

Dear Mr. Peterson:-

I was very glad to endorse your application for Fellowships at the various universities, and my letters went out last Monday, so that they ought to be received by March 1.

I trust that you will receive a satisfactory appointment.

Sincerely yours

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November 21, 1930

Mr. William J. Petersen
State Historical Society of Iowa
Iowa City, Iowa

Dear Mr. Petersen:

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of your Captain Daniel Smith Harris. I had noted it in the October number of the Journal but I am glad to have it in the form of a separate and I shall read it at the first opportunity.

I trust that you are enjoying your work with the State Historical Society of Iowa and are making good progress.

Sincerely yours

B/H

March 26, 1929

Mr. H. H. Phelps
Glendale, California

My dear Mr. Phelps:-

Some time ago you were kind enough to send to the Minnesota Historical Society a copy of your Personal Recollections. I have read this book with a great deal of interest, and, as I am making a collection of Minnesota material for my personal library, I am wondering if it would be possible for me to obtain a copy of this book.

If you are able to send me a copy, I would suggest that it be addressed to my home, 67 Barton Ave., S. E., Minneapolis, in order that it may not get mixed with books intended for the Minnesota Historical Society.

It seems to me that you have made an important contribution to certain phases of the history of the state, particularly the matter of the constitutional amendment, and I hope that many of our citizens will follow your example and write their recollections.

Very truly yours

B/P

1110 N Cedar St.

Glendale Calif, April 9th. 1929.

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Solon J. Buck,
Minneapolis Minnesota,

Dear Sir;-

Your letter of March 26th. asking for a copy of my book: "Personal Recollections", was duly received. Of course I got this book up for my friends and acquaintances and without any idea that the general public would care any thing about it. Consequently I only ordered a limited number, 75 copies, thinking the surplus would be in the way. I have been astonished at the demand and in a short time every copy was gone. We have been trying to get a copy for you, however, and thus far have not succeeded. The people who have a copy don't want to give it up. They think enough of the book to want to keep it. If I succeed in getting a copy will mail it to you at once. In the mean time believe me,

Yours Truly

H.H. Phelps

Let me have my
letter to him.
H. P.

Glendale Calif, April 20th. 1929

Solon J. Buck,

Minneapolis Minn.

Dear Sir;-

I have finally succeeded in getting a copy of my book,
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~~Per~~sonal Recollections, to send you and the same is in another cover
in this mail. If you receive it all right will you please write me
to that effect so I will know that it reached there.

Yours Truly

H.H. Phelps

May 3, 1929

Mr. H. H. Phelps
1110 N. Cedar St.,
Glendale, California

Dear Sir:-

Your letter of April 9 reached me just as I was leaving town for a trip to the East, and on my return the other day I found here your letter of April 20 and a copy of your Personal Recollections. It was very kind indeed of you to go to so much trouble to get a copy of this book for me and I assure you that it is deeply appreciated and will be a valued addition to my collection. The book contains so much material of interest to students of history that it is unfortunate that it was published in so small an edition, although that fact of course enhances its value to the collector.

Sincerely yours

B/H



Council of Phi Alpha Theta

Dr. H. Andrew H. Cleven
Permanent Honorary President

316 Semple St.,
Pittsburgh, Penna.,
Dec. 1931.

Dear Professor Buck:

I want to thank you formally for your acceptance of honorary membership in Phi Alpha Theta. The Fraternity is greatly honored by your gracious act.

I want to explain that there will be some demand upon your time, but not much, in connection with the routine of election and initiation into membership. By the rules and regulations of the National Organization, local chapters have the right of nomination, but not election to honorary membership. For that reason the local officers will have to present your qualifications. Will the data given in Who is Who be complete to date? If not, just gather together these and send them over to me. I will see that our secretary gets them. Toward the end of the first week in February, we shall need a photograph of you for newspaper publicity. You may send a photo to me before that time, if you care to do so. Then, too, as soon as the chapters have acted upon the action of the National Convention, each newly elected member will have a choice of emblem: a key or a pin. You might get this matter to me all at once and obviate any further need of troubling you about these things.

Sincerely,

H. A. H. Cleven

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December 23, 1931

Dr. W. Andrew W. Cleven,
Permanent Honorary President,
Council of Phi Alpha Theta,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Cleven:-

I am very much honored, as I told you,
by the suggestion that I might be an honorary member of
Phi Alpha Theta. I think that the information about me
in Who is Who is complete, with the exception of my
resignation of my Minnesota position and appointment
beginning September First as director of the Western
Pennsylvania Historical Survey and of The Historical
Society of Western Pennsylvania and professor of history
in the University of Pittsburgh.

Enclosed herewith, you will find a photo-
graph which you are welcome to use in any way you see fit.
If I am to have an emblem, I think it had better be a pin.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

February 8, 1932.

Professor Solon J. Buck,
Director of the Western
Pennsylvania Historical Survey
and the Western Pennsylvania
Historical Society,
Pittsburgh, Penna.

Dear Professor Buck:

Miss Eulalia Schramm, President of
Beta of Phi Alpha Theta, has arranged with Mr. Homer C.
Bower, a former president of the Chapter and a Former
National President, to call for you at your home to bring
you to the Twentieth Century Club for the initiation on
Saturday. The initiation will begin at 5 in the afternoon.
Mr. Bower will bring you in his car and will call in plenty
of time to get you to the Club for the initiation.

Hoping that this will be agreeable to you,

Yours sincerely and fraternally,

N. Andrew N. Cleven
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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

April 24, 1932.

Dear Professor Buck:

I am writing at the request of Miss Schramm, president of Beta Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta, to ask you to give us an address for our final meeting of the year on Tuesday evening May 10th. We want the meeting to be a family affair, as it were; for we have an initiation, election of the new officers, and the induction of these new officers. I do not believe that will be able to begin the program in which you will appear until nine o'clock, or even later.

I trust that you will be able to accept this invitation. You will doubtless have something already prepared which serve the purpose admirably.

Awaiting a favorable reply,

Sincerely and fraternally,

N. Andrew N. Cleven
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Professor Solon J. Buck,
Director, Western Pennsylvania
Historical Survey,
Pittsburgh, Penna.

April 26, 1932

Dr. N. Andrew N. Cleven,
Department of History,
The University of Pittsburgh,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

My dear Dr. Cleven:-

I appreciate very much the honor of being asked to speak at the final meeting of Beta Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta for the year. Unfortunately, however, I have an engagement to address the Triangle Photographers' Association that evening.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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Council of Phi Alpha Theta
1714 Seventh Ave.
Greeley, Colorado
Dec. 7, 1933

National Secretary

Dr. Solon J. Buck, Jr.
Professor of History
University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Buck:

Enclosed you will find a copy of the program of the Sixth National Convention of Phi Alpha Theta. It is to be held in Champaign, Illinois on December 29 and 30, 1933. The place of meeting is the Inman Hotel.

We cordially invite all of our honorary members to attend the sessions of the convention.

We have arranged a complimentary breakfast for the morning of December 29. We hope you can be there as our guest. The hour for the breakfast is 8:30.

May I have a word from you if you plan to attend?

Fraternally,

A. F. Zimmerman

A. F. Zimmerman
National Secretary

Phi Alpha Theta
Sixth National Convention
Proposed Schedule

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Friday, December 29

8:30 A. M. - Breakfast for National Council, members of Phi Alpha Theta in town for the American Historical Association meeting, delegates who may have arrived, and invited guests.

11:30 A. M. - National Council meeting and luncheon,

1:30 P. M. - First session of the Convention. The following items of business will be taken up:

1. Presentation of credentials.
2. Appointment of committees.
3. Reports of officers. The reports will be discussed and the recommendations will be referred to the proper committees.
4. Introduction of chapter resolutions. These will be discussed and referred to the proper committees.
5. Reports of special committees.
6. The introduction of any other business that should be referred to a committee for consideration.

(It is expected that this first session will adjourn early enough to allow committees to begin their work before dinner.)

6:00 P. M. - Dine informally in congenial groups or as committees.

7:30 P. M. - Second session of the Convention. Discuss matters that have not been referred to committees. The working of the new administrative set-up, the new ritual, the question of compensation for the National Secretary, and other items may be considered.

(It is expected that the second session of the Convention will adjourn early enough that committees can continue their work before retiring.)

Saturday, December 30

9:30 A. M. - Third session of the Convention. Committee reports will be submitted and acted upon, and all other matter of business will be completed, if possible.

12:30 P. M. - Group luncheon with guests. This is tentative.

1:30 P. M. - We shall have a fourth session of the Convention, if necessary. We hope to make a tour of the University of Illinois campus, and the balance of the afternoon will be free. A National Council meeting may be held during the afternoon.

6:15 P. M. - National Convention banquet and installation of officers.

(If the National Council does not meet during the afternoon, it will probably meet after the banquet.)

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December 16, 1933

Professor A. F. Zimmerman,
1714 Seventh Avenue,
Greeley, Colorado

Dear Mr. Zimmerman:

The invitation to me to attend the session of the National Convention of Phi Alpha Theta and especially the complimentary breakfast on December 29th is much appreciated. I expect to be in Urbana during the meetings on Friday, but I shall be so busy in connection with the activities of the American Historical Association that I doubt if it will be possible for me to attend any of the sessions of Phi Alpha Theta. I shall make a special effort to be present at the breakfast but I cannot commit myself now, as it is probable that a committee meeting that I shall have to attend will be scheduled at that time.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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Mr. Solon J. Buck,
67 Barton Ave., S. E.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Mr. Buck:

The prestige of Phi Beta Kappa jeopardizes that very prestige. Membership is sought by both individuals and institutions--more than two hundred colleges desire charters.

The enclosed announcements suggest some of the steps Phi Beta Kappa is taking to protect its standards and otherwise promote high scholarship. If you already know of THE AMERICAN SCHOLAR, please give the booklet to a non-member friend.

Your suggestions concerning Phi Beta Kappa matters are invited. Suggest to lawyers that they remember the Phi Beta Kappa Foundation when asked for advice by persons making wills. Note the character of our Senators.

Please fill in and return at once the enclosed blank. This information is desired chiefly for the Phi Beta Kappa general catalog. The blank may be used also to subscribe for THE AMERICAN SCHOLAR or to request a sample copy.

Yours sincerely,

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Phi Beta Kappa has the prerogative and opportunity, through assisting in the completion of studies and in the execution and publishing of worthy works of scholarship, to help save for democracy the priceless products of those of our students who are superior in ability and character. Present funds permit only a modest step toward this large opportunity. Members should keep in mind this unique agency for the administration of trust funds, gifts and bequests, to help create what a democratic civilization most needs and is perhaps most likely to lack.

ASSOCIATIONS

Since 1877 members of Phi Beta Kappa living in New York City have met three or four times a year for an address, discussion, and sociality. Many other younger associations meet at least once a year. Every community with at least five or six members might have an association. This office can furnish information and a list of members in any town or region.

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Announcements

No. 1

JANUARY, 1932

THE UNITED CHAPTERS

145 WEST 55TH STREET, NEW YORK, N. Y.

The names of more than 63,000 living members of Phi Beta Kappa have been placed geographically on an addressograph. It is proposed to send announcements occasionally to the total membership.

THE AMERICAN SCHOLAR is the successor to *The Phi Beta Kappa Key*. The accompanying booklet may be supplemented by giving the remarkable list of contributors to the first and current number: Frank Aydelotte, Joseph H. Beale, Julius Seelye Bixler, Karl T. Compton, John W. Davis, Alvan Duerr, Stephen P. Duggan, John Erskine, John H. Finley, Dorothy Canfield Fisher, Hermann Hagedorn, George Lyman Kittredge, Reginald Henry Phelps, David M. Robinson, Paul Shorey, Frederick J. E. Woodbridge, Mary E. Woolley, and Owen D. Young. Following the main articles are sections headed "In the Realm of Scholarship," "Discussion," and "Phi Beta Kappa Authors," the latter listing ninety-nine recent books.

COMMITTEE ON CRITERIA AND METHODS

President Frank Aydelotte of Swarthmore; Dean George H. Chase of Harvard; Raymond B. Fosdick; Frank P. Graves, Commissioner of Education for the State of New York; Professor Adam Leroy Jones of the Association of American Universities; and President David A. Robertson of Goucher, have been appointed by the Senate to study thoroughly the criteria and methods both for granting chapter charters and electing individual members. A grant of funds is being sought to make possible extensive research and careful recommendations with a view to preserving and increasing the significance of Phi Beta Kappa's choice of institutions and individuals.

ESTABLISHING NEW CHAPTERS

The National Council in session at Brown University, September 9-11, 1931, granted charters to Illinois College, University of Arizona, University of Arkansas, Wells College, and Wheaton College.

President Frank Aydelotte, Dean Guy Stanton Ford of Minnesota, Professor Theodore H. Jack of Emory, Professor Adam Leroy Jones, President David A. Robertson, and Dr. Henry Suzzallo of the Carnegie Foundation, have been chosen to serve as a Committee on Qualifications which is charged with the selecting of those colleges which shall be invited to accept new chapters. This is a permanent committee of six, half of whom are elected every three years.

It becomes improper to petition for a charter or solicit support of any sort. Aside from informal communications with the office of the United Chapters, institutions desiring chapters should await requests for information. Henceforth institutions will be invited to accept charters much as individuals are now invited to accept membership. The granting of charters can be not only just but dignified.

THE ENDOWMENT

Phi Beta Kappa in 1926 appropriated \$100,000 toward a memorial building, "Phi Beta Kappa Hall," at the College of William and Mary in Virginia, at the celebration of the 150th anniversary of the founding of Phi Beta Kappa. This was done through the agency of the Phi Beta Kappa Foundation, the Trustees of which must be Phi Beta Kappa Senators who in turn must be elected by the delegates of the chapters assembled in a triennial session of the National Council.

The Foundation has \$262,958 invested in approved securities and reports no decrease in income. This amounts to about \$13,347 annually, which for the most part has been allowed to accumulate since it is as yet hardly adequate for any general plan of encouraging scholarship.

The Executive Committee of the Foundation, consisting of Mr. Owen D. Young, Chairman; Dr. John Finley, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Raymond B. Fosdick; Professor Nelson G. McCrea; and Dr. Henry Suzzallo, has been instructed by the Trustees to prepare soon a plan for the use of the Foundation income. Suggestions may be sent to the Secretary.

STATE UNIVERSITY
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March 18, 1929

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

Dear Professor Buck:

I am writing to thank you for the sketch of "Clarence Walworth Alvord Historian" with a bibliography of his works, which you so kindly sent me. I have read it through with a great deal of interest, both because it is your own work, and because it describes a man of so many wonderful qualities. I have thought since reading this sketch that a gossipy life of Professor Alvord would make a wonderfully fascinating piece of reading, not merely for his own importance as historian, but rather for the study of a man who so fully revealed all of his whims and ideas without any attempt to cover them up.

Dean J. E. Miller, whom you probably remember as Burley Miller at the University of Illinois, and I have often laughed at some of the queer experiences with Professor Alvord.

Sincerely yours,

Paul C. Phillips

P. C. Phillips
Department of History

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February 6, 1932

Dr. Ulrich B. Phillips,
Department of History,
Yale University, New Haven, Conn.

Dear Ulrich:-

I was glad to receive your letter of January 12 and to know that you think well of Mr. Baldwin. I hope we may be able to make a place for him.

With reference to De Bow's Review, I am sorry to be obliged to report that we are restricting our field of collection rather closely to western Pennsylvania material. With the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh and the library of the University of Pittsburgh, both located within a few blocks of us, and with our limited space and still more limited funds, it would be quite unwise for us to collect general Americana, particularly as both of the other libraries are doing it.

The Carnegie Library has a set of DeBow's Review running from 1846 to 1852 and might, therefore, be interested in purchasing the latter part of your set. It might be worth your while to write to Mr. Ralph Munn, the director. The University library apparently has none of the Review. I spoke about it to John Oliver, the head of the history department, and he indicated that he would like to have it in the University library, but doubted if funds would be available at present for its purchase. You might write Mr. J. Howard Dice, the librarian.

Cordially yours,

Solon J. Buck

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MAX PLESE
THREE TWENTY SIX RAILROAD STREET
HIBBING, MINNESOTA

Dear Sir,

I am making a "scrap-book" and am taking most of the authors and the prominent men of Minnesota.

I would like to have your signature and a small verse written by you. If you can, please send me some photograph of yourself.

I have about fifteen authors already and would like to have yours. I am doing this for our school, as I was appointed to do this.

Yours truly,
Max Plese.

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October 18, 1929

Mr. Max Plese
326 Railroad St.,
Hibbing, Minnesota

My dear Young man:-

Dr. Folwell died several weeks ago so your letter to him has been turned over to me for reply, and I have also one from you of a similar tenor addressed to me.

Despite the fact that I think such requests as yours are impositions on the time of busy people, you will find my autograph at the close of this letter. I see no reason, however, why I should send a photograph, and I do not write verses.

Very truly yours

B/P

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JOHN L. PORTER

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DR. SOLON J. BUCK, Director,
Historical Society of Western Penna.,
Bigelow Blvd., Schenley Farms,
Pittsburgh, Penna.

Dear Dr. Buck:-

It delighted me very much to hear that you have been appointed Director of our Local Society, and that you will have direction of the Historical Survey which will be made of this section of the country.

I feel sure that you will find Western Pennsylvania to be filled with items of more than ordinary Historical Interest, and that each item, as you come across it, will give you a great thrill.

Bespeaking for you and the Society, great results, I beg to remain,

Very truly yours,



JLP-HL

July 29, 1931

Mr. John L. Porter
1409 First National Bank Bldg.
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Porter:

Your letter of July 24 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

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January 26, 1931

Bowers Book Store
1352 North Clark St.,
Chicago, Illinois

Gentlemen:-

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

Sincerely yours

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621 Plymouth Court

Feb. 20, 1931

Mr. Solon J. Buck, Librarian,
Minnesota Historical Society
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Sir:

We have searched in vain in Chicago for the Index Volume which you desire of the Illinois Historical Society Journal. Should we later locate them, we will advise you.

We can quote two copies of the volume 7, #2, of the Journal at \$1.00 each prepaid, and would be pleased to receive your order.

Very truly yours,

THE CHARLES T. POWNER CO.

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February 24, 1931

The Charles T. Powner Co.,
631 Plymouth Court
Chicago, Illinois

Gentlemen:-

Before receiving your letter of February 20, I had already ordered a copy of volume 7, no. 2, of the Journal of the Illinois Historical Society from another dealer. I have not, however, succeeded in obtaining copies of the indexes desired, and should you locate them I would be glad to be informed.

Very truly yours

B/P

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Pritchett, J. P.

Russell Sage College,
Iroy, New York.
February 5, 1930

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

Dear Dr. Buck:-

I had a letter a couple of days ago from Professor Libby of the University of North Dakota saying that you had given him my name "as one who might be interested in an opening" at North Dakota.

It was very kind of you to do this, and I appreciate it very much. I would like very much to go to North Dakota. Russell Sage has some attractions, but I can't say I am particularly enthusiastic over the college. Then, too, North Dakota is the centre of the country I am interested in historically. Winnipeg has some materials I would like to use, and it would be only a short journey from Grand Forks to Winnipeg.

I hope something may come from my application. I am very sincerely yours,
J. P. Pritchett.

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MAR 15 1930

RUSSELL SAGE COLLEGE
TROY, NEW YORK

March 14, 1930

Dr. Solon J. Bush,
University of Minnesota,
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Dr. Bush:-

I am very happy to tell you that I have been given the appointment at the University of North Dakota. I am to teach courses in U.S. and Canadian history; the opportunity to teach Canadian history especially pleases me. Also, Dr. Libby has asked me to become his assistant in the editing of the North Dakota Historical Quarterly.

I thank you very much for helping me get this position; I feel greatly indebted to you for many kindnesses.

I am very sincerely yours,
Hubery Pritchett

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March 26, 1930

Professor John P. Pritchett
Russell Sage College
Troy, New York

Dear Pritchett:-

We are all very much pleased to learn of your appointment at the University of North Dakota, and especially that you are to have a share in the editing of the North Dakota Historical Quarterly. I feel sure that you will find many opportunities there for interesting work.

Sincerely yours

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THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA



DEPARTMENT OF AMERICAN HISTORY

UNIVERSITY STATION
GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA

January 13, 1932

Professor Solon J. Buck,
5839 Darlington Road,
Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Dear Professor Buck:

Under separate cover I am mailing you copies of the North Dakota Historical Quarterly. If you have time to look them over, I shall appreciate any comment you might care to give me on them.

Things are coming very badly here. The University is planning to reduce teaching staff. Whether I am to be retained, as yet, I don't know. I would like to move. There is no chance for advancement here; certainly there is little encouragement.

I am very respectfully yours,

John Perry Pritchett

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February 6, 1932

Professor John Perry Pritchett,
The University of North Dakota,
University Station,
Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Dear Pritchett:-

Thank you very much for sending me the numbers of the North Dakota Historical Quarterly. I have looked them over with interest, and I continue to be impressed with the great improvement that you have made in the magazine.

I am sorry to hear that the situation there is unsatisfactory. Unfortunately, there appears to be very few vacancies at the present time and the number of people looking for positions is unusually large. Doubtless you have heard that Ritchie has been dropped at Macalaster or, rather, is to be dropped next summer. If I hear of any opening that would interest you, I shall certainly let you know.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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