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TORONTO 5, CANADA, January 12, 1933.

Solon J. Buck, Esq.,
Director:
Western Pennsylvania Historical Magazine,
4338 Bigelow Boulevard,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Mr Buck,

Thank you very much for your kindness in sending me a copy of your privately printed pamphlet on the story of Grand Portage. I have read this with the greatest interest, and I am very glad to have it for this library.

I am sending you with my compliments an offprint of the article on The pedlars from Quebec, in which I have embodied the first fruits of my stay last summer at Hudson's Bay House. *Rec 1-17-33*

Yours sincerely,

W.S. Wallace

W.S. Wallace,
LIBRARIAN.

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October 18, 1932

Miss Irene Stewart,
Carnegie Library,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Miss Stewart:

Miss Mary Louise Walsh, a graduate student in history in the University of Pittsburgh, is taking work in my seminar on the history of western Pennsylvania. In connection with this work she needs to consult some of the files of newspapers in the Carnegie Library for the period 1790-1810. If you can allow her this privilege, the favor will be much appreciated by me.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

FEB 3 1930

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HENRY S. WARDNER

160 Front Street

New York January 31, 1930.

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

Thank you for your letter of the 29th instant and for all the trouble you have taken to identify the Père Martini mentioned by Ira Allen in his history. I think perhaps I shall follow up your suggestion that I write to Dr. Kellogg and Mrs. Surrey, but I must admit that I have more confidence in you and in them than I have in the late Ira Allen.

Yours very truly,

H.S. Wardner

HSW:LMc

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POUGHKEEPSIE · NEW YORK

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November 7, 1933

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

You once mentioned to me a student who was collecting material about Ukrainians in America. I am eager to get hold of him to take part in a discussion group at the Urbana meetings on the subject of immigrant groups. Would you be good enough to send me his name and address and also the names and addresses of any others who might be especially interested in taking part in this meeting. It is a discussion meeting rather than a series of papers so I am anxious to get as many people interested in the field as possible to be present. I hope that this number may include you as well.

Very sincerely yours,

Caroline F. Ware

CW/M

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November 14, 1933

Professor Caroline F. Ware,
Vassar College,
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

My dear Miss Ware:

The man interested in the Ukrainians is Mr. Wasyl
Halich, 1919 Lamborn Avenue, Superior, Wisconsin. He is,
or was, in May, 1932, an instructor in the State Normal
School.

I shall be glad to attend your discussion meeting
if it does not conflict with some other session that I
have to attend.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

APR 21 1930

J. L. Washburn
1600 Alworth Building
Duluth, Minn.

April 19, 1930

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

Dear Doctor:

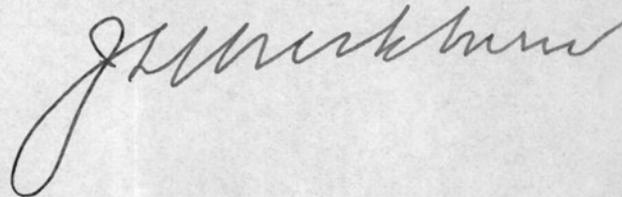
I received your nice little letter of April 14th but I had no opportunity while in Minneapolis to see you.

I can't say yet whether I will feel equal to that summer trip or not. If I do I will be most glad, in all reasonable probability, to accept your invitation to ride with you and Mrs. Buck. That would be worth while at least, but the trip is very long. You see I have quite a good-sized trip before you get started.

This trip is in country that I am quite familiar with. I came from Vernon, I practiced law at Mankato, and I used to attend the courts at Fairmont quite regularly.

With kindest regards to you and Mrs. Buck,

Yours sincerely,



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J. C. Washburn
1600 Alworth Building
Duluth, Minn.

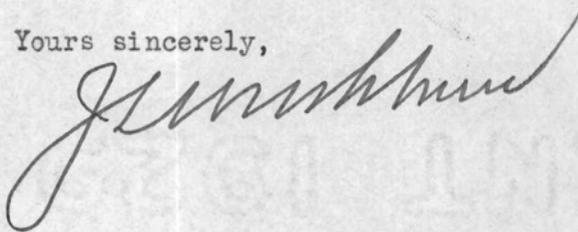
May 29, 1930

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

I have received the announcement from Mr. Babcock of the summer convention. I have just written him that I fear I cannot go this year, and I write you now to tell you how much I regret that I can't take this trip with you and Mrs. Buck--I think I might perhaps say Mrs. Buck and you. I hope to see you both up here before the summer is over.

Yours sincerely,



NOV 25 1930

J. C. Washburn
1600 Almarth Building
Duluth, Minn.

November 24, 1930

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

Dear Doctor Buck:

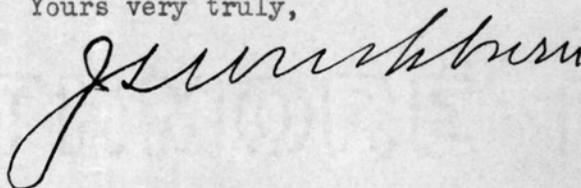
I beg to acknowledge the receipt of my
copy of Volume IV Folwell History, edited by you.

I have been reading a considerable number
of the volumes of Chronicles of America, given to me not
long ago. Among others I read with interest your volume on
the Agrarian Movement. Much of these activities is within
my own memory. I think the book very fair and comprehensive.
It is some art to write so as to hit the high spots with
enough but not too much of the details.

The present Farm-Labor activities are not
different than many preceding movements. The ultimate result
will probably show that the interest of no class can furnish
life for any permanent political party, but much--perhaps too
much--of what is deemed meritorious in the future as in the
past may be absorbed by the main parties and may be enacted
into law.

My regards to Elizabeth Hawthorne Buck.

Yours very truly,



JLW-McC

JUN 13 1931

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J. L. WASHBURN
1600 ALWORTH BUILDING
DULUTH, MINNESOTA

June
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1931

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

Dear Doctor:

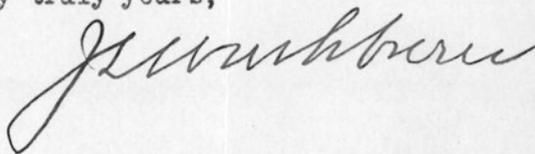
With no little degree of regret I have read in the Historical news and elsewhere of your intended leaving the State.

I don't know without adding them up just exactly how many people there are in the State of Minnesota, but I believe there are something over two millions and a half and less than three millions, and my present opinion is that we can spare about two million two hundred and fifty thousand of them better than we can spare you.

I don't see you often enough for you to know it, but I have become very much attached to both you and Mrs. Buck and imbued with the value of you both as citizens of Minnesota.

I can see from what little I have read of it that you have a great field before you in the place you are going to, and I have every belief that you will occupy that field to your own satisfaction and that of the people, but really I can hardly think of the Minnesota Historical Society and its activities in this State for the future without you.

Very truly yours,



JLW-McC

June 15, 1931

Mr. J. L. Washburn
1600 Alworth Building
Duluth, Minnesota

Dear Mr. Washburn:-

I cannot tell you how much I appreciate your nice letter of June 13. It is very hard for us to leave Minnesota where we have had so many pleasant associations, but the opportunity at Pittsburgh, both professional and financial, was such that I could not pass it up.

Elizabeth is in the East now for a few weeks, but I shall send your letter on to her. We shall probably be in Duluth several times during August and shall make a special effort to see you. We are planning to take a vacation at Grand Portage and on Isle Royale, and then to participate in the Society's summer tour along the North Shore during the third week in August.

As you have doubtless noted in the papers, the Council has selected Dr. Blegen as my successor. He is remarkably well equipped for the position, both by experience and by temperament, and I am sure that the affairs of the Society will run smoothly under his direction.

Sincerely yours

B/P

October 20, 1931.

Mrs. J. L. Washburn,
101 East Oxford Street,
Duluth, Minnesota.

My dear Mrs. Washburn:-

Your letter of October 14th, addressed to me in Saint Paul, has been forwarded to me here, where I have been located since the First of September.

I am, indeed, interested to know of the Memorial Fund about which you write and I take pleasure in sending you herewith a small contribution to the fund. I am making the check payable to you and you can transfer it to the proper custodian. I valued Mr. Washburn's friendship very highly and always found him ready to co-operate with me in anything in which I was interested. My wife, who had met him on one of our summer historical tours, and I, both, felt his death as a personal loss, and I know that he will be greatly missed by my successors at the Minnesota Historical Society.

As I am no longer in charge of the work of the society, I am sending your letter to my successor, Dr. Theodore C. Elegen, who will doubtless write to you concerning the picture or have some member of his staff do so.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck.

SJB:AM

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MRS. J. L. WASHBURN
TRYON
NORTH CAROLINA

Nov. 1, 1931

Hon. Solon J. Buck,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mr. Buck -

Your letter, with its enclosure, was awaiting me on my arrival in Tryon two days ago. Thank you for both. I have sent the contribution to the Memorial Fund to Dr. Bohannon, a letter from Mr. Blegen also was awaiting me.

Your friendship for Mr. Washburn was highly reciprocated. He always spoke in glowing terms of both you and Mrs. Buck. I am sorry that I troubled you with my questions. I did not know that you had left the state -
Sincerely - Alma Patten Washburn

STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
DULUTH, MINNESOTA

November 24, 1931

NOV 27 1931

Mr. Solon J. Buck
State Historical Building
St. Paul, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Buck:

Please regard this as acknowledgment of
the receipt of your contribution in the amount of five
dollars to the J. L. Washburn Memorial Fund which was
turned over to me by Mrs. Washburn. As soon as it can be
known what use will be made of the fund you will be advised
accordingly.

Very truly yours,

Carl Johnson

EWB*DW

December 4, 1931

Dr. E. W. Bohannon, President,
State Teachers College,
Duluth, Minnesota.

My dear Dr. Bohannon:-

I received a few days ago your letter of November 24 stating that Mrs. Washburn had turned over to you my contribution of \$5.00 to the J. L. Washburn Memorial Fund. I suppose this means that she turned the check over to you. At any rate, the check was not turned in to the First National Bank of Saint Paul before the end of November and, as a consequence, the bank charged me \$1.00 for service on the \$5.00 balance of my account there that I had left to cover this check, it being my intention to close the account as soon as the transaction was completed. I have written an explanation of the matter to the bank, and, if the check has not already been deposited, I trust that you will have it attended to immediately.

Very truly yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
DULUTH, MINNESOTA

December 7, 1931

DEC 9 1931

Washburn

Dr. Solon J. Buck
Historical Building
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

My dear Dr. Buck:

Your letter of December 4th has just been received. I find that we have not deposited the check referred to, and regret that we appear to have been negligent, due to the fact that we have been holding similar checks until accumulation of the amounts was great enough to justify us in purchasing a cashier's check. We will deposit your check today.

Very truly yours,

E. W. Bohannon

EWB*DW

March 30, 1932

Chairman, Committee on the
Inauguration of the President,
Washington and Jefferson College,
Washington, Pennsylvania.

Dear Sir:-

I have received the guest card and preliminary program for the inauguration of Dr. Hutchison, which I am to attend as a delegate from the University of Minnesota, and I am writing to advise you that Mrs. Buck will accompany me on this trip.

Should you have occasion to publish the names of the delegates at any time, please note that my middle initial is "J", not "T".

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

Cross Reference:-

Washington and Jefferson College

See letter filed: Minnesota, University of

JAN 10 1929

H. T. WATTS
CIVIL ENGINEER
VINCENNES, IND.

Jan. 8, 1929

Mr. Solon J. Buck
St. Paul, Minn.
Dear Sir;

I have read with interest your Illinois in 1818, especially the amusing incident told on pages 120 and 121 of the young "tenderfoot" and the Rutherford's where Mason and his companions passed the night.

I thought it might be of interest to you to know the location of the Rutherford tavern which was on the site of the town of Xenia.

In looking for data on the route of George Rogers Clark I found on the government township plats at Springfield a notation of the Rutherford cabin as located in 1818 when the survey was made. No others were noted of the list given by Mason. The only other house shown in the region was Brown's which was about two miles west of Olney.

On page 119 Gov. Coles is quoted as saying that no place of accommodation was to be found west of Vincennes in 1815. Wm. Spencer built a double log house at the crossing of the Embarrass and the trace in 1805 and John McCauley had a ferry at the Little Wabash in 1807 but at that time there was no settlement nearer than the Mississippi, west of the Little Wabash.

I have been working on the Clark route more or less for a year but as yet have come to no definite conclusion on the route except in the vicinity of Vincennes where the location is well known.

The question is, did Clark take the route later known as the mail route or did he take a more southern one as might be indicated by his and Bowman's diary.

I would like to make a trip to Madison and examine the Draper papers but it takes too much time all at once.

Should you be able to shed any light from your researches I would be deeply grateful for it and at the same time send you a sketch of the route definitely known around Vincennes.

I am only too sorry that I cannot spend more time on the subject for I am deeply interested in the work.

Yours very truly

H. T. Watts

January 11, 1929

Mr. H. T. Watts
Vincennes, Indiana

Dear Sir:-

I am glad to know that somebody is finding my Illinois in 1818 of some use. The work was completed under a great deal of pressure and was more or less mangled by the people who had charge of putting it through the press, so I have never been very well satisfied with it.

I was interested in the information contained in your letter but I fear that I cannot be of any assistance to you. It is now a good many years since I worked in the special field of Illinois history, and my memory of it is rather vague. Doubtless you are in touch with J. A. James of Northwestern University and T. C. Pease of the University of Illinois, both of whom would be much more likely to be in a position to assist you than would I.

I expect to visit Vincennes in the spring in connection with the meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, and hope to have the pleasure of meeting you at that time.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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NEW YORK CITY

TELEPHONE: STUYVESANT 0355

September 30, 1929

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

Dear Sir:

We have in preparation a reference work, to be complete in several volumes, designed for the use of children in the elementary and high school. We should like to have an article of from 3000 to 5000 words giving a general sketch of the State of Minnesota. The article will need to be written simply and clearly, to contain such information as an elementary school pupil is likely to want, and to be authoritative with regard to facts. If you will do so, please suggest to us the name of some person whom you consider qualified to prepare for us such an article on Minnesota.

We shall communicate directly with that person, and if we are able to bring our negotiations for the article to a successful close, we shall then supply data regarding the nature of the article that we want, and too, give help in preparing it in such fashion that it will meet our needs.

Very truly yours,

G. G. Dodds

G. G. Dodds
Managing Editor
The S. L. Weedon Company

GD:ML

October 4, 1929

Mr. G. G. Dodds, Managing Editor
The S. L. Weedon Company
300 Fourth Ave.,
New York City

Dear Sir:-

In response to your letter of September 30, I would suggest that you ask my wife, Mrs. S. J. Buck, 67 Barton Ave. S. E., Minneapolis, to prepare the article on Minnesota for your reference work. Some years ago, she and I wrote a little book entitled Stories of Early Minnesota, which was published by Macmillan and seems to be successful in meeting the needs of elementary school pupils in Minnesota. Actually Mrs. Buck wrote most of the book, and I believe that she has the requisite combination of ~~an~~ ability to write for children and ~~a~~ knowledge of Minnesota. She was formerly an instructor in English in the University of Minnesota.

Very truly yours

B/P

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TELEPHONE: STUYVESANT 0355

October 8, 1929

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

Thank you for your letter of October fourth, and for recommending your wife as a person quite capable of preparing for us an article on Minnesota. From what you say of Mrs. Buck's previous work, I am sure that she could take care of this writing for us most satisfactorily. We are not quite ready to have these articles prepared, but when we are, we shall certainly get in touch with Mrs. Buck.

Very truly yours,

Helen Mitchell

Helen Mitchell.
Associate Managing Editor.
The S. L. Weedon Company.

GD:MB

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TELEPHONE: STUYVESANT 0355

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March 7, 1930

Mr. Solon Justus Buck,
Director of the Historical Library,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Buck:

I write to ask whether or not I can arrange with you to prepare a 2250-word article on the State of Minnesota for inclusion in a children's reference work which we now have in preparation.

This reference work, to be complete in ten volumes, is encyclopedic in nature and designed for the use of children ranging in age from ten to fifteen years. It is to cover in its own fashion the whole field of knowledge in so far as children of the age designated are likely to consult such a work. The fact that the books are so comprehensive in scope in some measure explains why we can devote only 2250 words to the story of Minnesota.

An article you prepare would need to tell briefly the geographical characteristics of the state, and to deal chiefly with the history of Minnesota, especially with the colorful events in that history, and finally to make some mention of the industrial and commercial activities of present-day Minnesota. We want an article that will read like a story rather than one which is unattractively statistical. In short, what would a child living in some other state want to learn about Minnesota if he read about it in his own reference book.

We believe that since you have already prepared a very successful children's textbook of Minnesota history, you will find the preparation of this article we want no great task at all. If you care to have so much time you may get the article in to us any time within the next three months. And upon receipt of it I shall mail you a check for Forty Dollars.

I shall await a letter from you and if you then tell me you are willing to undertake this little task for us, I shall give you further information, although, indeed, you will need to know little more than I have said in this letter. Your familiarity with Minnesota history and with the needs of children in the schools is ample guarantee that you can turn out what we want without further instructions from us.

I shall await your reply with much interest and I am very hopeful, indeed, that you will be willing to contribute to the furtherance of education by undertaking the preparation of this little article for us.

Very kindly,

G. G. Dodds

G. G. Dodds,
Managing Editor.

GD:MB

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March 13, 1930

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

On March seventh we wrote you to ask if we might be able to arrange with you for preparing a 2500-word article on the State of Minnesota for inclusion in a children's reference work which we now have in preparation.

Since writing the letter above mentioned, we have found in our files a letter from you to us dated October fourth, 1929, in which you suggest that your wife, Mrs. S. J. Buck, 67 Barton Avenue, S. E., Minneapolis, be asked to prepare the article. Do you again suggest that we write to her directly or will you be willing to bring to her attention our letter to you of March seventh, 1930?

We are acquainted with the little book, "Stories of Early Minnesota" (Macmillan), and we know of its successful use by the elementary school pupils of Minnesota. It is precisely because you and Mrs. Buck have produced such a publication that we ask you to write the state article for our children's reference book. We know that if either of you prepares the latter, it will meet the needs of children.

We shall be glad to have you bring this matter to Mrs. Buck's attention or to notify us so that we may do so.

Very truly yours,

G. G. Dodds

G. G. Dodds,
Managing Editor.

GD:MB

March 15, 1930

Mr. G. G. Dodds, Managing Editor
The S. L. Weedon Co.,
300 Fourth Ave.,
New York City

Dear Mr. Dodds:-

I had just dictated a reply to your letter of March 7 when yours of March 13 was received. Since you allow three months for it, Mrs. Buck and I will take care of the article on Minnesota for your children's reference work in accordance with your letter of March 7. My part of it will consist in making suggestions and in revising the work, and you may publish it over our joint names or over Mrs. Buck's name alone as you may prefer.

I think I understand from your letter of March 7 what it is that you want, but we shall be glad to receive the further information referred to in your letter.

Sincerely yours

Yr.

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TELEPHONE: STUYVESANT 0355

March 18, 1930

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

You are very nice, indeed, to agree to prepare for us a 2250-word article on the State of Minnesota. It is very satisfactory that Mrs. Buck and you will prepare the article jointly.

The enclosed assignment sheet is part of our office routine which merely verifies the statements we have made in our letters to you. So far as concerns the preparation of this article, we leave the whole matter to you. As you see by the assignment sheet, we mention eleven topics but we do not insist that you treat them all or that you treat them in the order we propose. The main thing to do in preparing the article is to write such a one as will give the average child a fair notion of the history and of the characteristics of the State of Minnesota.

So far as concerns Education and Government in Minnesota those are, in our opinion, so little different from education and government in most other states that they merit no special mention. Perhaps there is nothing distinctive with regard to the People of this state except the fact that so many are of Scandinavian origin. That fact can be dismissed with a sentence. Position and Physical

Features and Climate need to be only briefly touched upon. The Principal Cities of the state, especially those of great consequence such as St. Paul, Minneapolis, and Duluth, will receive separate entries in this reference work and so need to be only mentioned in your article.

In general, then, we leave entirely to you what you will include in this presentation. We are very sure that your knowledge of the needs of average school children in the upper elementary grades will enable you to prepare precisely such an article as we most want to have. We shall, of course, be very glad to give you any further information you may request.

Very truly yours,

G. G. Dodds

G. G. Dodds,
Managing Editor.

GD:MB

March 17, 1930

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

(2250 words) Minnesota

- 1) Position and Physical Features
- 2) Climate
- 3) Agriculture
- 4) Minerals and other Natural Resources
- 5) Manufactures and Industries
- 6) Transportation and Commerce
- 7) The People
- 8) Principal cities
- 9) Education
- 10) Government
- 11) History

May 19, 1930

Mr. G. G. Dodds, Managing Editor
The S. L. Weedon Co.,
300 Fourth Ave.,
New York City

Dear Mr. Dodds:-

Herewith I am sending you the article on Minnesota for your children's encyclopaedia. It is the joint work of Mrs. Buck and myself. I am afraid it is not wildly interesting, but it is very difficult to work in much human interest and include also what seem to be the important facts, in the space allotted. There is plenty of color in Minnesota history that could be utilized, perhaps, by giving more space to that section and less to some of the others. If such a change or any other changes seem desirable to you, let us know and we will be glad to revise it. The historical section has been placed following the one on location and physical features because it seemed to fit in there best. If, however, you prefer to follow the usual encyclopaedia practice of putting the history last the section can be transferred without any change in wording.

Sincerely yours

B/P

MAY 29 1930

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NEW YORK CITY

TELEPHONE: STUYVESANT 0355

May 27, 1930

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

We received your letter of May nineteenth, together with the enclosed article on the State of Minnesota which you and Mrs. Buck prepared jointly. Thank you very much for your interest and cooperation.

Indeed, it is difficult to work in much human interest and also to include important facts about a great state like Minnesota in an article of only a couple of thousand words. Fortunately, we do not expect more than you so admirably did. The article you wrote is quite up to our standard and is satisfactory in every way.

I am enclosing a check for Forty Dollars in payment for the article, as in my letter of March seventh I told you I would do. Please accept the check and our best thanks.

Very truly yours,

G. G. Dodds

G. G. Dodds,
Managing Editor.

GD:MB

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June 2, 1930

Mr. G. G. Dodds
c/o The S. L. Weedon Company
300 - 4th Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Dodds:

Mrs. Buck and I were glad to learn that our article on Minnesota for your children's encyclopaedia is satisfactory, and we appreciate the check that accompanied your letter of May 27. There is one change that I think should be made in the encyclopaedia article. If I remember correctly, we refer to the present population of Minnesota as nearly three million. Such census statistics for 1930 as have already come out would seem to indicate that it is not much over two and a half million. We shall appreciate it if you will make the requisite changes.

Sincerely yours

SJB/S

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TELEPHONE: STUYVESANT 0355

June 4, 1930

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

Thank you for your letter of June second
and for the information contained there-
in. We have already made the population
correction which you suggest in your
letter.

Again let me thank both you and Mrs. Buck
for your interest and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

G. G. Dodds

G. G. Dodds,
Managing Editor.

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AUG 25 1930

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NEW YORK CITY

TELEPHONE: STUYVESANT 0355

August 21, 1930.

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

Now that we are getting copy ready for the printer, we are eager to have a complete "Who's Who" for each person who has contributed to our forthcoming publication. Since this is the case, we do, of course, want just such a biography from you. Won't you send us one at your earliest convenience?

Please make this as detailed as you care to do, giving us information about your training, and any other work you may have done. I shall be pleased to have this within the next few days.

Sincerely yours,

Helen Mitchell

Helen Mitchell,
Associate Managing Editor.

HM:MLW.

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August 25, 1930

Miss Helen Mitchell
S. L. Weedon Company
300 Fourth Avenue
New York City

Dear Madam:

Dr. Buck, who is away on his vacation, will return to the Society the latter part of the week. Your letter of August 21 with reference to the forthcoming volume of Who's Who will be called to his attention at that time.

Sincerely yours

GH

Chief Clerk

August 30, 1930

Miss Helen Mitchell
S. L. Weedon Company
300 Fourth Ave.,
New York City

Dear Miss Mitchell:-

On returning from my vacation I find here your letter of August 21 which was acknowledged by an assistant on August 25. The sketch of me that appears in Who's Who in America, to which you doubtless have access, contains, I think, all the information about me that you will need. Mrs. Buck, who is joint author with me of the article on Minnesota for your publication, was born in New York City. She was graduated from William Smith College at Geneva, New York, and received the M.A. degree from Radcliffe, after which she taught English for a number of years at the University of Minnesota. She was joint author with me of Stories of Early Minnesota, published by Macmillan in 1925, and she has served as editorial assistant on the Mississippi Valley Historical Review and on the publications of the Norwegian-American Historical Association.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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September 8, 1930.

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

Thank you so much for your letter of August 30. The sketch on yourself in "Who's Who," is quite satisfactory. The information about Mrs. Buck which you sent is also most satisfactory. As we have already told you, both Mr. Dodds and I are very much pleased with the excellent article you two prepared for us.

Sincerely yours,

Helen Mitchell -

Helen Mitchell
Associate Managing Editor

HM/RS

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February 3, 1931

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

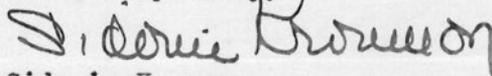
My dear Dr. Buck:

The first volume of our forthcoming encyclopedia is about to go to press. We are very eager to have your photograph in connection with our list of distinguished contributors, and should appreciate your sending us a print if you have one.

If your photograph is obtainable at any other source, we should be glad to get that information. Of course we shall be most careful to return your photograph just as soon as it comes back from the printers.

This matter is urgent and we should appreciate an immediate response very much indeed.

Yours very truly,



Sidonie Kronman
Researcher

SK:FR

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February 6, 1931

Miss Sidonie Kronman
The S. L. Weedon Company
300 Fourth Avenue
New York City

My dear Miss Kronman:

In response to your letter of February 3 I am sending you herewith one of my photographs. It was taken some years ago but I have nothing more recent. I should be glad to have it returned to me when you are through with it. ✓

I trust that announcements and other literature concerning your new encyclopedia will be sent to me when issued, as I should like to know more about the work.

Very truly yours

B/H

September 26, 1930

Mr. Fred Landon, Librarian
University of Western Ontario
London, Ontario

Dear Mr. Landon:

Thank you very much for sending me reprints of the material in the Ontario Historical Society's Papers and Records, volume 26. I have examined them with considerable interest. Separates of a recent contribution of mine to Agricultural History have just come to my desk, and I am sending one to you under separate cover.

Sincerely yours

SJB/H

July 25, 1933

Hon. H. G. Kump,
Governor of West Virginia,
Charleston, W. Va.

Dear Sir:-

In view of the close historical relationship between West Virginia and western Pennsylvania, I am sure that you will not feel that I am intruding if I make a suggestion concerning the position of state archivist in West Virginia, which I understand is vacant at the present time. The collection and care of archival materials and the promotion of scholarly work in history are professional in character and can be done satisfactorily only by men who are trained for that kind of work. It is just as important from the standpoint of results for a state archivist to be a professionally trained man as it is for the head of a state department of health to be a physician or the president of a university to be an educator.

I understand that Professor John Barnhart of West Virginia University is being considered for the position of state archivist. It seems to me that the state would be very fortunate to secure the services in this position of a person of his training and experience. I have known Dr. Barnhart for many years, making his acquaintance first when he was an assistant in history at the University of Minnesota, where I was professor of history and superintendent of the Minnesota Historical Society. Since coming to western Pennsylvania two years ago, I have had a number of contacts with him and have been impressed by the high quality of his scholarship, initiative, industry, and general ability. The fact that he has a doctor's degree from Harvard University is evidence of the soundness of his scholarship. The research work that he has done with archival and manuscript materials and his historical writings make him eminently qualified for the position of state archivist.

In general, it seems to me that the great Appalachian Plateau, of which West Virginia and western Pennsylvania are parts, has been more neglected from the standpoint of historical study than any other section of the country. This situation is now being changed, however, as a result of the very fine work being done by Prof. Ambler of West Virginia University and of the work of our organization and others in western Pennsylvania. If a thoroughly competent man, such as Dr. Barnhart, can be put in charge of the office of state archivist of West Virginia, he will be in a position to advance these movements very effectively and to help bring about a greater knowledge on the part of the people of this region of its history and a greater appreciation generally of the part that this region has played in American history.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

JUL 31 1933



STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
CHARLESTON

H.G. KUMP
GOVERNOR

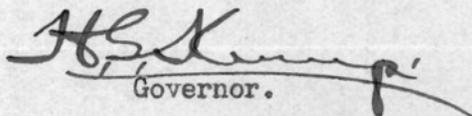
July 28, 1933

Mr. Solon J. Buck
Historical Building
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Buck:

Thank you for your letter of July 25th,
recommending Professor John Barnhart of West
Virginia University, for the position of state
historian and archivist.

Very truly yours,


Governor.

HGK F

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November 3, 1931.

Miss Mary Wheelhouse,
Minnesota Historical Society,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Miss Wheelhouse:

I think I asked Miss Palmes to let you know that the biographies were duly received. At any rate they were, and were very satisfactory. I made very few changes in them; had them re-copied, and sent them in.

Now I want to know how much I owe you for making the drafts; or perhaps I had better say how much time you put in on them, for it must have been a good deal and I do not intend to pay you more than I get from the DAB for them.

How is the work progressing on the War History? As you will doubtless recall, I am willing to look over the later chapters when they are ready if T. C. B. wants me to do so.

I am sure that Elizabeth would send her greetings if she knew that I was writing to you. She had a visit from her mother of about ten days, which helped her from getting too homesick.

to help her

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck.

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November 9, 1931

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

I am sending you in this mail the first chapter of the war history. You read the first draft of the chapter, but Mr. Holbrook has since rewritten a new introduction and I have done a considerable amount of revising, especially in the first half of it. Mr. Holbrook might like to read it too before you send it back. I expect to send you the two chapters that you have not read, the third and the last, soon.

I am glad the biographies were satisfactory. I did not keep an accurate record of the number of hours I spent on it, but I did keep track of the half holidays, Sundays, and evenings, and, as near as I can estimate, it was about sixty hours -- much more time than the results warranted, I am afraid.

The editorial staff is spending much of its leisure time designing preliminary pages, etc. for a course in typography. We expect to be experts before long.

We miss the Bucks very much. Tell Elizabeth I shall answer her nice letter very soon.

Sincerely yours

Mary Whelhouse

MEW/S

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December 1, 1931.

Miss Mary Wheelhouse,
Historical Building,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Miss Wheelhouse:

Mr. Holbrook and I have both read the chapter on "The Army On The Home Front", which you sent me recently. I like this chapter very much, and have only a few changes to suggest. My notations will be clear except in the matter of the first sentence. I would suggest that the quotation from Slosson be eliminated and the idea be expressed in some other way. It does not seem to me that one is justified in thus appropriating the clever language of a contemporary secondary writer even when due acknowledgements are made. Moreover, it is a confession of inability to say the thing as cleverly ourselves. I do not feel very strongly about this, but if you can work out some other way of expressing it I think it would be well to do so. You might consult with Mr. Blegen about it.

Mr. Holbrook suggests that one sentence on page four be eliminated, and I am inclined to agree with him.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck.

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Enc.

December 2, 1931

Miss Mary E. Wheelhouse,
Minnesota Historical Society,
Saint Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Miss Wheelhouse:-

I have just received the check from the Dictionary of American Biography for the three articles that you drafted for me recently. I have made it payable to you and am sending it herewith as compensation for your work.

You will be interested to know that I have been asked to do Sibley. I accepted because I have in my own library everything that will be needed, I think, and Elizabeth will doubtless do the work. I have told the editor, however, not to send me any more Minnesotans.

I am looking forward to seeing you in a few weeks.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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LONDON OFFICE 34 BEDFORD ST. COVENT GARDEN
CABLE ADDRESS HILANDERO

January 15, 1931.

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

My dear Professor Buck:-

We have a question concerning Douglas Branch's "Westward" which we should like to have your aid in settling, and if you have not a copy of the book I venture to ask your permission to send you one for this purpose. We want advice on the possible usefulness of the book for supplementary reading in high schools and perhaps in colleges. Neither the author nor ourselves have any illusion that it could take the place in colleges of the established basic texts in western history, but it seems to us to illuminate so many aspects of the westward movement that have to be more or less neglected in the more comprehensive and profound works, that there might be a useful supplementary place for it in history teaching. We should like to have your opinion on this point for use in promoting the educational sale of the book, and if you cannot give it from your present knowledge I hope you will permit me to send you a personal copy.

Very truly yours,

FGW/B

F. G. Wickware

January 20, 1931

Mr. F. G. Wickware
D. Appleton & Company
35 West 32nd Street
New York City

My dear Mr. Wickware:

As I already have a copy of Douglas Branch's Westward, and have read much of it, I can answer the question in your letter of January 15 immediately. In my course on the West in American history at the University of Minnesota, I have never used a text-book, preferring to furnish the outline of the course by means of lectures. I require a good deal of supplementary reading, however, both from general and special works, and this year I have found Mr. Branch's book very useful for that purpose. The style is such that the book appeals to the student, while, at the same time, it appears to be accurate in fact and interpretation as far as it goes. Moreover, for the Colonial period, it is the only general work that we have on the westward movement. It impresses me, therefore, as being very valuable for supplementary reading in connection not only with special courses on the West but also with general courses in American history.

Sincerely yours

SJB/SP

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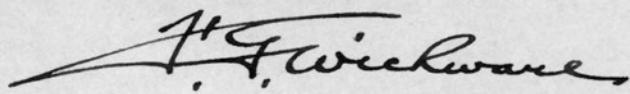
January 22, 1931.

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

My dear Professor Buck:-

I am very grateful for your letter of January 20th, on the subject of Branch's "Westward". Your cordial notes on the book are very gratifying, and I am delighted that you have found it useful for supplementary reading in connection with your course. I am assuming that we may quote from your letter in a special circular on the educational value of the book. You may be sure that any use we make of it will be thoroughly dignified.

Very truly yours,



FGW/B

Mr John C. Potter
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Ans June 15

June 6th 1931
New Orleans
La.

Dear Sir

I would like very much
to have two copies, if obtainable, of
the Western Pennsylvania Historical
Magazine April 1927. Volume 10 Number 2
There is an article in that issue
by Mrs Elbert M. Davis, which interests
us, as my husband is a great grandson
of Gen'l. James Wilkinson.

If you will kindly let me know, and
the cost, I will be glad to forward a
check.

Very cordially yours

Mrs James Gibkinson
6429 West End Blvd

Wilkins

Miss Emma D. Poole
Pittsburgh
Penn.

Ans. Aug. 13 +
sent 2 copies of
April 1927 number
told her to cancel
payment on 1st check
& send another.

My Dear Miss Poole

I received your letter of June 10th
and a few days later sent an order
for two copies of the April 1927 no
of the Historical Society Magazine
I enclosed a check for \$1.58 to cover
the charge. I have not heard from
you since, and as I have not
found the cancelled check, take
it for granted you have not re-
ceived the letter. I hope it is not
too late to get the Magazines. I want
the copies, to add to my collection of
family data. We are gathering every
thing written for and against Gen.

James Wilkinson, that we can. - The
Article by Mrs Davis in that number is of
interest to us. Mrs Davis and my husband
had some correspondence two years ago,
I hope to hear from you

Very truly yours

Mrs James Wilkinson

6429 West End Blvd



New Orleans
Aug 18th 1931

Miss Emma L. Poole
Librarian
Historical Society
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My Dear Miss Poole

I received the magazines, this morning, and thank you, for your promptness in answering.

I had already decided my first letter had gone astray

I am enclosing a check, for the required amount.

Thanking you again, I am

Very truly yours

Cecilia P. Wilkinson

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UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO
HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS
BOULDER

110 / Aurora Ave
February 8, 1929

JAMES F. WILLARD
EDITOR

Dear Buell:

Do you think that it would be worth while to publish the papers given at the Conference in one volume? I think that I could find the money if the plan seems to be good.

By papers I mean those presented by the leaders of round tables as well as those read during the afternoon sessions.

The programme is filling up with reasonable celerity. I expect to be able to report a completed list of speakers and leaders within ten days. Would it be possible for you to mention the Conference and the speakers in Minnesota History if I sent you the data?

kindest personal regards from

Sincerely yours
James F. Willard

February 13, 1929

Mr. James F. Willard
1101 Aurora Ave.,
Boulder, Colorado

Dear Willard:-

I certainly do think that it would be worth while to publish the papers at your Conference. Presumably many of them would ultimately find publication in other media if you did not bring them out but the publication of them in a single collection would have the effect of carrying the influence of the Conference to a much larger group than those who will be able to participate in it.

I had intended to include a brief note about the Conference in the March number of our magazine, which will go to press in about ten days, but I shall be very glad indeed to include information concerning the program if you will send the data to me at once. If we cannot get it in this number, we will put it in the June issue, but that will be pretty late.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

BOULDER, COLORADO

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

February 28, 1929

Dear Bursell:

The enclosed rough notes on the Conference are sent you too late - so of course, I have been held up by some of the men. What I hoped to do was to send in a full statement, but that is not possible as yet.

Rølvaag is seriously considering my invitation to read a paper. If you know him well you might be able to assist him in his decision. He telegraphed me on Tuesday "Cannot answer yet. Want to come but am not sure that I can make it. Letter." This is encouraging at least, I hope that he will be able

to come.

Parsons and F. J. Turner advised against publication. Gorky-Kornitz also opposes. So I imagine that the plan may as well be dropped - at least for the time being. I am of the opinion that it would be well to publish a brief pamphlet if nothing else is done.

Sincerely yours
James F. Willard

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March 6, 1939

Professor James F. Willard
University of Colorado
Boulder, Colorado

Dear Willard:-

I regret to say that your letter of February 28, arrived too late for the note about the conference to be included in the March number of our magazine. I shall put it in the June number, however, and that will appear about the first of June.

I have never met Rølvaag, and the attempt that I made to get him to speak before the Minnesota Historical Society last January was a failure, so I am afraid that I could not influence him. I should think, from his telegram, that he will probably go unless his other engagements interfere.

Your program seems to me a very promising one, and I still think that some report of the conference should be published; perhaps it could be multigraphed if printing does not seem advisable.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO
HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS
BOULDER

1101 Aurora Avenue
March 15, 1929

JAMES F. WILLARD
EDITOR

Dear Buck:

Rölvag has declined - with great regret. We have, however, secured Percy St. Boynton and Stanley Vertel for the session on the Western American Literature. With Pehofer as leader the round table on Surveys etc. our programme is complete.

I agree that some sort of publication of the conference will be worth while, even though I have abandoned any idea of getting out the papers in full. I have it in mind to ask each reader of a paper to send me a five or six hundred word summary for publication. Would it not be proper to ask the leaders of round tables to submit a similar statement of their introductory remarks? Do you think that I ought to ask the same leader for reports on the discussions? If not the leaders, who should do this?

Such reports as the above could be printed and sent out to libraries and men interested. I have more than enough money for this.

I am glad that you like the programme and hope that we are going to have an interesting meeting in June.

Sincerely yours
James F. Willard

March 18, 1929

Professor James F. Willard
1101 Aurora Ave.,
Boulder, Colorado

Dear Willard:-

Sorry to hear that Rølvaag had declined. Apparently he is besieged with requests for talks and is turning most if not all of them down. I heard yesterday that the University tried to get him for a convocation speaker without success.

It seems to me entirely proper to ask the leaders of the round tables to submit abstracts of their introductory remarks and I have been expecting to do this. I am inclined to think, however, that it will be better to get someone else to report the discussions. Unless the leader has a remarkable memory, he would have to take notes in order to prepare an adequate account of the discussion, and that would detract from his efficiency as a leader of the discussion. Perhaps the best plan would be to arrange for a stenographer to attend each session and get down as much as possible; then the leader might prepare a report on the basis of his memory and the stenographic notes.

Sincerely yours

B/P



JUN 5 1929

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

BOULDER, COLORADO

June 1, 1929

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Dear Buck:

I am writing to ask each of the men who are named on the programme of the Conference asking that he bring to Boulder a six or seven hundred word summary of his paper. Will you not bring such a summary with you in type-written form so that I may use it in a small printed bulletin of the proceedings of the Conference.

Please ask the railway company for a receipt for the money you pay for the round trip ticket to Boulder, so that I may have proper vouchers to present to our Bursar. The stub of the Pullman ticket will suffice.

It will be a pleasure to see you in Boulder soon.

Sincerely yours,

James F. Willard

June 25, 1929

Professor James F. Willard
University of Colorado
Boulder, Colorado

Dear Willard:-

I find that the space between our newspaper shelves is 5-3/4 inches in the clear -- that is from the top of the lower shelf to the bottom of the upper shelf. The width of the shelves, also in the clear, is 2 ft., 5-3/4 in., and they are 18 inches deep. A sample of our manuscript boxes is going forward as promised.

I have the memory of a very ^(while) enjoyable and profitable week to console me, ~~for~~ I am trying to dig through the work that accumulated during my absence.

Sincerely yours

B/P

JUL 8 1929

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO
HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS
BOULDER

1101 Aurora Ave
July 5, 1929

JAMES F. WILLARD
EDITOR

Dear Buck:

The filing box arrived this afternoon at my home. Many thanks. Thank you also for the other information.

This letter is written to thank you in person and also to state that our president and board of regents have authorized the publication in full of all papers read at the Conference. They will appear, if the men send them in, in a special volume devoted to the Conference.

You advised this long ago and so I know that I can depend upon your paper. (This, I trust, is correct).

I am writing to all the men this evening asking for their cooperation.

Sincerely yours
James F. Willard

Hand by hand.
July. 19

July 8, 1929

Mr. James F. Willard
1101 Aurora Ave.,
Boulder, Colorado

My dear Mr. Willard:-

This will acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the fifth to Mr. Buck. He has just left with his family for a vacation in northwestern Minnesota and will be gone for about three weeks. I shall forward your letter to him, however, so that he will know of your plans.

Very truly yours

Secretary to Mr. Buck

JUL 19 1929

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

BOULDER, COLORADO

July 17, 1929

Dear Buck:

Write me a line telling me that you will send in your paper in full. I have received replies from all of the men save you and Pelzer and should like to know if I am to be able to go ahead. The paper will not be needed for a month or five weeks.

Yours truly,
James F. Willard

The box came in late - having been held up in mailing.
Many thanks.

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

BOULDER, COLORADO

July 17, 1929

Dear Buck..

Your letter arrived a few minutes ago - My note started for St. Paul this noon. Pardon my impatience. I am relieved to know that you received the first letter.

The men have now agreed - save Skulbar - to send in their papers, though Stufen is a bit doubtful. Paxson, Lawer, Barker, Dechafer, & Paxson, who were leaders of discussions, have agreed to write (or to send in what they have) papers to be published. If you can get me a paper ready for the printer on or about September 1 you will not be much behind the other men. Lawer and Paxson have both asked for time, Lawer for about a month.

If you can do this you will add greatly to the value of the book. I should like to have a feller treatment than

is to be found in your summary.

Webb, by the way, was the most interested in the
publication of all the men. He seems to be very willing -
I know he is willing - to publish his paper. The
only man who has baulked is Hulbert. He thinks
that the publication of his brief paper would spoil
his book. This I doubt, but he has to decide. I
was not overbelieved with the paper and, though I should
like to see it included, I am not going to grieve
over the matter.

I hope that you are enjoying your vacation.

Cordially yours

James F. Willard

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September 3, 1929

Professor James F. Willard
University of Colorado
Boulder, Colorado

Dear Willard:-

Herewith and only a few days late I am sending you the magnum opus. "The mountain has labored and brought forth a mouse." I feel that the subject is much more suitable for discussion than for a paper.

I have just finished my work in the second session of our summer school, and am running off tomorrow for ten days in the North Woods. I trust that you have had a pleasant summer and that your plans for publication of the proceedings of the Conference are going forward smoothly. You might be interested to know that I had an opportunity while fishing with President Coffman at Battle Lake to tell him something about the Conference, and he expressed great interest in the idea. Perhaps we will be able to do something of the sort here at some future time.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

BOULDER, COLORADO

September 12, 1929

Dear Buck:

Many thanks for the paper. It arrived several days ago.

At the present rate of progress all the papers will be in before the end of September - I hope that this turns out to be true, for I should like to get the volume off my hands.

Kindest regards from

Cordially yours

James F. Willard

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UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

BOULDER, COLORADO

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

1101 Aurora Avenue
December 7, 1929

Dear Buck:

Again I write asking a favor.
Our president and regents are considering the establishment at the University of Colorado of a centre for the study of the history of the Rocky Mountain region. At present they wish to be assured of the need of such a study and of its value if it should be made.

Will you not write me a letter - a letter that I may use - in which you give your frank opinion of the status of our knowledge of the history of the Mountain States? Has there been much work done? - If there has been who has done it? I should also like your opinion of the need of such a study.

If the work is to be done there will be a large amount of material to be gathered, research assistants to be employed, etc. This is understood.

Please keep this project under your hat. I have no desire to have it talked about at present.

I have written to G. J. Turner and Patson today along the same line. You three are the only ones to whom

I expect to write,

The volume is about ready for the printer.
Hulbert's paper came in yesterday
afternoon - so we can move ahead, at
last.

kindest personal regards from

Sincerely yours
James F. Willard

December 18, 1929

Prof. James F. Willard
1101 Aurora Avenue
Boulder, Colorado

Dear Willard:

You ask my opinion as to "the status of our knowledge of the history of the mountain states." Despite the many books that have been written on phases of this subject it seems to me that the field is almost a virgin one for scholarly scientific exploration. Here and there a few patches have been thoroughly cultivated, documents have been assembled and published, and monographs have been written, but the amount that has been done in proportion to what is needed is very small. No general histories of the region of much permanent value have been written, nor can any such be written until much more fundamental work is done along the line of collecting, editing, and intensive research in restricted fields.

It seems to me highly desirable that everything possible should be done to promote and encourage more thorough and more extensive historical work with reference to the mountain states. It is not merely that these states need to know their background in order to understand themselves and plan wisely for the future but it is also true that the historian of the country as a whole needs to know more about this region in order to interpret its part in the general rôle of American history. General, social, and economic histories, such as are so much in demand at the present time, cannot be written satisfactorily without a great deal of information about the history of the various sections of the country.

Sincerely yours

B/H

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UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

BOULDER, COLORADO

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

1101 Aurora Ave
December 28, 1929

Dear Buck:

Mary Buck's greetings were most welcome. May I tell her Parents that she is a beautiful little girl?

Your letter is just what I looked for. Turner (H.J.) sent me one that is also of great value. I am now engaged in the task of seeking for information about the activities of the several historical societies of the Rocky Mountain region.

I wish you, your wife and Mary a very happy
new year.

Cordially yours
James H. Willard

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June 9, 1933

Professor C. C. Williams,
Law School, University of West Virginia,
Morgantown, West Virginia

Dear Mr. Williams:

In writing up the minutes of our recent meeting in New York I want to list Mr. Connolly among those present but I find that I have no record of his initials or of his position, as his name does not appear on the original committee list. I shall appreciate it if you will give me this information at your early convenience.

I am hoping to have the pleasure of seeing you again during our tour in July.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

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February 9, 1931

H. W. Wilson Co.,
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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.

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Mr. Solon J. Buck
Secy & Supt
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St. Paul, Minnesota

My dear Mr. Buck:

Referring to your letter of February 9th
we wish to advise that we can supply two copies of
the

JOURNAL OF THE ILLINOIS STATE HISTORICAL
SOCIETY Vol. 7, No. 2

at \$1.00 each postpaid.

Unfortunately, we do not have any copies
on hand of the separately printed Indexes for Volumes
10 and 18 of this publication; neither do we know where
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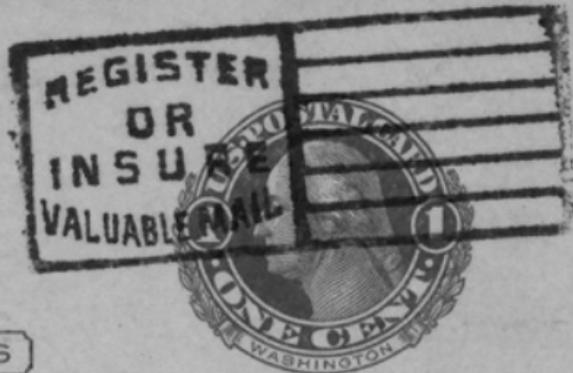
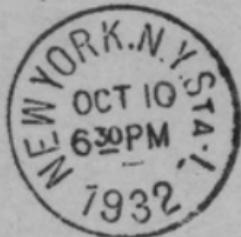
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LOUISIANA STATE NORMAL COLLEGE
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April 30, 1929.

PAUL WEISS
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CATHERINE Z. WINTERS

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

My dear Professor Buck:

I am planning to attend the University of Minnesota the last term of the summer quarter. I have my M. A. degree from the State University of Iowa.

If I come to the University of Minnesota this summer, I desire to take the course which you will offer 140 su, "New Viewpoints in American History". I had a course with same title under Professor Schlesinger. Would I receive credit for each course? I also wish to take 220 su. Will you permit me to take this course? My major is American History, and most of my teaching has been in American

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History. My minor is Modern
European.

I shall appreciate it very
much if you will advise me
in this matter.

Very respectfully,
Catherine Winters

May 8, 1929

Miss Catherine Winters
Louisiana State Normal College
Natchitoches, Louisiana

My dear Miss Winters:-

I would have no objection to your taking my course 140 su. next summer; but, in view of the fact that you have had a similar course with Professor Schlesinger, I should not advise you to take it; and I doubt if any institution would give you credit for both courses. There would be no objection to your taking 220 su. It will not be run as a class, but will consist merely of individual research under direction.

Sincerely yours

B/P

July 29, 1931

Mr. H. M. Egstad, Secretary
Wisconsin Alumni Association
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Egstad:

The marked item in the enclosed clip sheet contains some news that you may be able to make use of in the Alumni Magazine when you resume publication in the fall. My home address in Pittsburgh will be 5839 Darlington Road and I will appreciate it if you will make the change on your mailing list effective September 1.

In looking over some old pictures recently I came across one of a dining club at the University of Wisconsin taken in 1905, and I am sending it to you herewith for any use you may care to make of it. The last names of some of the people are written on the back of the picture.

Sincerely yours

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JAN 22 1929

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN
(TRUSTEE OF THE STATE)
MADISON

JOSEPH SCHAFFER
Superintendent

January 21, 1929.

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

Dear Buck:

I will be very glad to have you ask Miss Smith whether or not she cares to be considered by this Society for the position of Assistant Editor. If she does, I would be glad to have an application from her.

Personally, I consider your recommendation of her sufficient, but for the sake of bringing the matter formally before my committee, it will be well for her to submit a letter from Dean Ford and perhaps from Mrs. Harding.

Cordially yours,

Joseph Schaffer
Superintendent.

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FEB 4 1929

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN

(TRUSTEE OF THE STATE)

MADISON

JOSEPH SCHAFER
Superintendent

February 2, 1929.

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

My dear Doctor Buck:

Miss Nute has mentioned Alice E. Smith as a woman who would be well qualified for the headship of our Department of Maps and Manuscripts. The salary there would be at the same rate as that to be paid to the editorial assistant. But it would be possible, for perhaps a year, to get along with a half time assistant in the editorial work and there is a young woman available who has had special training and special experience in editorial work who is anxious to come here to take half time work in the graduate school. Under the circumstances I am asking both Miss Smith and this other young woman (who was induced to apply for the headship of the Manuscripts Division) if a mutual shift of objectives would not really suit both of them best.

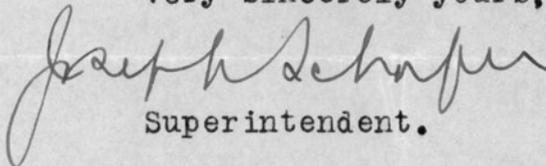
Now, there is one question which I want to put to you in strict confidence, as bearing upon Miss Smith's possible fitness for the headship of the Manuscripts Division: Is she a woman of sufficient force and independence to carry that work herself in the presence of a woman who is as eager and expansive as Miss Kellogg? We have had this difficulty in the Manuscripts Division, namely: a woman was put in a number of years ago to learn the work but never succeeded in learning it. When I was obliged to dismiss her she claimed, and I think rightly, that she had never been permitted to learn the work because whenever any person entered the room Miss Kellogg would instantly leave her desk, come over and find out what was wanted, and take the problem directly out of her hands.

The above is one side of the problem. The other side is this: Miss Kellogg is immensely useful in the Manuscripts Division and ought to be used in ways that are of greatest advantage to the Society. She is particularly valuable as a salesman for selling the Manuscripts Division to persons who have some historical status or some prominence in a social or political way. There ought

to be perfect understanding and accord between the person in charge of the room and Miss Kellogg. Latterly that has not been the case. We have had an extraordinarily competent person in charge who, however, refused to recognize Miss Kellogg, and insisted not merely on finding things in the ordinary way for workers but also in exhibiting the collections to all and sundry.

I think what I have said above will help you to understand the qualifications which our new Manuscript Division head must possess. She must be a woman of fairly strong individuality with enterprise and will to hold her own; but at the same time absolutely respectful to and appreciative of Miss Kellogg who is a distinguished scholar and a woman of rare gifts. I may add that I can moderate Miss Kellogg's zeal: in fact have done it to some extent heretofore; and I can also instruct the woman who comes in as to the proper attitude to take. Is Miss Smith the kind of woman who would fill the place? If she is and is willing to take it I shall doubtless be prepared to recommend her for work to begin as early as possible and certainly not later than June first.

Very sincerely yours,


Superintendent.

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Note: I received no formal notice of appointment as Chairman of the Committee on Policy. Whenever you are ready to send in your suggestions I will try to get to work on the problem, though I am tremendously crowded with a piece of writing that I want to get off.

[Handwritten mark]

January 4, 1929

Dr. Joseph Schafer
Wisconsin Historical Society
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Mr. Schafer:-

The personal qualifications that you want in the head of your manuscript department are almost superhuman, but it happens that Miss Smith comes as near to meeting them as anyone I know. She has initiative and independence, but, at the same time, is tactful and considerate of others. I would not hesitate to try her out in such a position. You understand, of course, that she has had no specific experience in the work of a manuscript division; she knows manuscripts, however, has used them in research and editorial work, and could probably learn the special features of the job in a comparatively short time.

Miss Smith has just been in to see me and I think she is somewhat disappointed at the turn of events. She feels that she is much better qualified for the editorial work than for the other position. I have told her, however, that, in my opinion, the latter offers as much opportunity as the former, and I think that she will accept. If she does, I trust that you will make it possible for her to do something more than the mere routine work of sorting and caring for manuscripts, making them available to readers, and perhaps calendaring some of them. If given the opportunity, she might make the position as important a one as Miss Nute has made the corresponding one on our staff.

Ramsdell has been sick, which may be the reason why you have not received notice of your appointment as chairman of the Committee on Policy. I shall send you my suggestions, however, as soon as I can get around to it.

Sincerely yours

FEB 27 1929

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN

(TRUSTEE OF THE STATE)

MADISON

JOSEPH SCHAFER
Superintendent

February 26, 1929.

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

Dear Buck:

Your letter in regard to policy came this morning. I am in the throes of preparation for the Carl Schurz centenary and will be unable to pay any attention to this matter until next week at least. I am exceedingly glad to have your communication, which I shall study with great interest.

I wrote to Miss Smith some days ago offering her the place in the Library as Curator of Manuscripts, salary \$1800 to begin with, and \$2000 after three months provided all is as satisfactory as we anticipate it will be. I have not yet heard from her but I hope she will accept and come to us as early as April first if possible. We failed to get the other woman we were considering in connection with her for the editorship and have not yet found a substitute. Temporarily at least, we may probably want Miss Smith to help us in the editorial work.

Very sincerely yours,

Joseph Schaffer
Superintendent.

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SEP 25 1930

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN
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MADISON

JOSEPH SCHAFER
Superintendent

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A. J. L.
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September 24, 1930.

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

We only want a brief review of Cole's Stagecoach and Tavern Tales for our Magazine, an appraisal not a publicity note -- the same kind of an article Miss Heilbron asks of me for Dr. Lyman's John Marsh. I have no interest whatever in its sales, I edited it simply out of friendship for Mr. Cole and as a kindness to his widow Mrs. Cole.

I am very much gratified by your report on the Alvord Memorial and enclose my check for the remainder of my subscription.

Matters seem to be progressing for the Mississippi Valley Historical Association. The membership campaign is progressing and the mid-winter program is arranged. At Berkeley I saw Bolton and one of his protégés named Kinneart, the latter is editing several volumes of Mississippi Valley material from the Bancroft collection, to be out soon.

My best regards to Mrs. Buck.

Sincerely yours,

Louise Phelps Kellogg

Minnesota History for Sept. has just come; please tell Mr. Larsen I think his review of Cole's book very fair, altho' perhaps he missed the point that it was prepared for entertainment rather than information.

September 26, 1930

Dr. Louise P. Kellogg
State Historical Society of Wisconsin
Madison, Wisconsin

Dear Miss Kellogg:

I have been refusing to write book reviews quite consistently of late, but I cannot refuse your request. My conscience usually makes me read a book through before writing a review of it, but I think perhaps I can supply you with a note that will serve your purpose in this case without reading the entire book.

Bolton told me last summer something about his plans for publishing the Spanish material relating to the Mississippi Valley in the Bancroft collection. That is all to the good. There is a great deal more material relating to the valley in the Spanish archives, however. I had a talk recently with R. R. Hill, who knows these archives as well as anyone in this country, about the possibility of publishing some of this material in the Alvord series. We have enough projects in sight to keep us busy for a few years, certainly, but it might be well to keep this in mind for the future.

If I had an up-to-date list of the Minnesota members of the MVHA and some appropriate literature, I might be able to get some more members in Minnesota. Now that the ~~Commission~~ has been abolished, I am willing to ask people to join. I note, however, that the allowance for clerical services, so called, has been increased to \$1200. It seems to me this is a goodly sum to pay to the secretary when she is also drawing a full-time salary from the Nebraska Historical Society. The rest of us work for the Association for nothing.

Sincerely yours

SJB/H

5839 Darlington Road,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

May 16, 1932

Dr. Joseph Schafer, Supt.,
State Historical Society of Wisconsin,
Madison, Wisconsin:

Dear Schafer:

Do you still make a practice of sending your
Bulletins of Information to members of the society who
request them? I find that I have numbers 77 to 95,
inclusive and number 97 but I seem to lack 96, 98 and
any later ones that may have been published. If these
can be sent to me, the favor will be much appreciated.

I suppose you took in the Mississippi Valley
Historical Association meeting. I was sorry that it
did not seem feasible for me to go this year.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

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JOSEPH SCHAFER
Superintendent

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN

(TRUSTEE OF THE STATE)

MADISON

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May 23, 1932

Dr. Solon J. Buck,
5839 Darlington Road,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Buck:

The increase in our appropriations long since failed to follow the increasing cost of printing, and the few Bulletins of Information we have printed we have not distributed even to the members. We have exhausted all our copies of Number 96, and have but a small supply of 98 on hand. However, I can and will send you a copy of the latter. As it was merely a bibliography of the Washington material in our library we did not think it prove of general interest and so published but a small edition for the benefit of Wisconsin libraries and schools. Glad to have you acknowledge the receipt of the Bulletin.

Both Miss Kelllogg and Dr. Schafer went to the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, and from reports I judge that "a pleasant time was had by all."

Cordially yours,

Annie A. Nunns

Annie A. Nunns, Asst. Supt.

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May 26, 1932

Miss Annie A. Nunns,
The State Historical Society of Wisconsin,
Madison, Wisconsin.

Dear Miss Nunns:-

It was kind of you to send me a copy of your Bulletin No. 98. I have looked it over with much interest and it seems to me that it constitutes a valuable bibliography and should be useful to anyone interested in the subject. In view of Washington's extensive connections with western Pennsylvania, I find it necessary to have access to as much material as possible about him and I am sure that this bibliography will be very useful to me.

Mrs. Buck and I are planning to drive to Minnesota soon after the middle of July and, if we go through Madison, we shall certainly call at the Historical library.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

THE UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN
Madison, Wisconsin

Bureau of
Guidance and Records

June 6, 1930

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

You may possibly have noticed in the March issue of the Alumni Magazine an article entitled, "Some Definite Steps in Student Counseling," which described some of the problems and stated the seven specific objectives of the Bureau of Guidance and Records at the university. One of the objectives was: "To take the initial step in a program which shall result in a continuous educational audit of the university."

In other words, as one of its activities the Bureau of Guidance is working on a program of fact finding,--the results of which are being made available to the university administration, faculty, and regents for use in curriculum planning, student counseling projects, and the shaping of various university policies. What we are attempting in the present survey is to gather the occupational histories of several thousand alumni, the members of five different classes.

The data obtained should give us answers to many questions of practical significance; such as, the relationship between professional or other special college training and the occupations engaged in after graduation, the amount of turnover of both positions and occupations, the average length of time necessary for graduates to become relatively settled in some occupation, and so forth. You will readily see, I think, that such an analysis of a large sample of occupational histories will give results which may be used in the wise counseling of students and in the discussion of curriculum revision.

Will you please send us on the enclosed blank an outline of your occupational history since graduation? I think you will find that five or ten minutes will suffice for the job. The success of the project depends entirely upon receiving returns from a high proportion of the persons addressed, and we are counting strongly upon your immediate reply.

A stamped envelope is enclosed for your convenience in replying. The information you send will, of course, be regarded as confidential and will be used for statistical purposes only.

Sincerely yours,



Director

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7th October 1933

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The Secretary,
American Council of Learned Societies,
907 Fifteenth Street,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Dear Sir,

It has just come to our notice that you have published a paper read before the annual meeting of the American Historical Association, held at Toronto, in January 1933:-

BINKLEY, Robert. Methods of reproducing research materials.

If copies of this publication are available for free distribution, we should be very glad to receive one, as this is a subject in which we are at present keenly interested; if not, could you supply and bill us a copy, please?

We should also be grateful for information about another paper read at the same meeting:-

BUCK, Solon. Publication of historical sources and their marketability.

Thanking you in anticipation of your kind assistance,

Yours faithfully

P. BRET (?)

Librarian

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9th November 1933

My dear Mr. Buck:

I enclose a copy of an inquiry which we could perhaps have answered with a simple "not yet", but Mr. Leland thinks it best to refer it to Professor Binkley and yourself. I would suggest that you reply directly.

Cordially yours,

Dallas D. Irvine
Dallas D. Irvine
Executive Assistant

Solon J. Buck, Esq.,
Historical Building,
4338 Bigelow Boulevard,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

November 17, 1933

Mr. P. Bret, Librarian,
University of the Witwatersrand,
Post Office Box 1176,
Milner Park, Johannesburg, South Africa.

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Dear Sir:

A copy of your letter of October 7, directed to the secretary of the American Council of Learned Societies, has been forwarded to me. I take it that our information is taken from the program of the meeting of the American Historical Association. The session at which Mr. Binkley and I were scheduled as speakers did not follow the program exactly, however. Mr. Binkley dealt with both of the subjects assigned to the two of us, and I merely discussed his remarks. No formal papers were prepared or presented. It is probable that a report of the discussion will ultimately be published in the Proceedings of the Conference of Historical Societies, which appears as a part of the annual report of the American Historical Association. It will probably be some time, however, before that comes out.

Very truly yours,

Solon J. Buck

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S. J. Buck, Esq.,
4338 Bigelow Boulevard,
Pittsburgh, Penn.,
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Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your letter SJB:AM of November 17th, giving information about your paper on "Publication of historical sources ..."

Yours faithfully,

I. Brer
Librarian.

P
Woodall

April 20, 1932

Dr. Guy Maxwell, President,
Winona State Teachers' College,
Winona, Minnesota.

My dear Dr. Maxwell:-

Probably you will remember me as the former superintendent of the Minnesota Historical Society. Mr. Allan Woodall, whom I knew as an instructor in English at the University of Minnesota and who is now an instructor in English in the University of Pittsburgh, informs me that he is applying for a position in your institution. While we were both in Minnesota, Mr. Woodall wrote an article at my suggestion on William J. Snelling, son of Colonel Snelling, for whom the fort was named, and this article I had published in Minnesota History. Mr. Woodall impressed me as a scholarly man with a very attractive personality. I have no information about his abilities or reputation as a teacher, but he has made a very favorable impression upon me.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

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#5839 Darlington Road,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

January 18, 1932

The World Calendar Association,

485 Madison Avenue,

New York City, N. Y.

Gentlemen:-

You have been sending the Journal of Calendar Reform to Dr. Solon J. Buck at 67 Barton Ave., S. E., Minneapolis, Minn.

Dr. Buck's new address is:-

#5839 Darlington Road,

Pittsburgh, Pa.

Will you kindly change your records accordingly? Your attention to this request will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Amy C. Mason,
Secretary to Dr. Solon J. Buck

FEB 3 1930

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Wray, G. M.

73 WALMER ROAD,
TORONTO.

Feb 1 1930

Dear Mr. Beale:

I have to thank you for your interesting and discriminating review of my "New France". So far as I know you are the only reviewer to the why Drake's voyage is included: it was of course to account for the modern Port of Columbus. Your corrections of slips as to local geographical points are most welcome. I finished the greater part of the book - that is the work of revision, not writing - when living in the South of France and I found that I could get almost no help from the library in Nice. I am satisfied that the printer did not make some of the

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He fell ill & to which the Clerk.
was true they sent the U.S.
to the printer without any saying
sh. Fine is a series of mistakes
unusual I hope. In a second
printing these matters will be
corrected. I am doubtful as to the
propriety of crowding a page with
foot notes. The London Times said
recently that his business would
good books which we are but
there are good reads. The
Union is justified if he shows
his sources without putting
them on every page & on

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bound to try, however
when I receive a book ✓
like the footnotes.

I have just returned
from China, ~~and~~ ^{and} have turned
to my great sorrow of the death
of Professor Bellin, a former
student here.

Yours very truly

George W. Wrong

Prof. John J. Buckle

There will be a fairly full account of
the first trade in Vol. III. Surely there is a
pretty full account of school life in Quebec.
Naturally too with my chief purpose in
looking to Canada I pass lightly over ^{some} other
regions. A title cannot be interpreted with exactitude
in so wide a group.

February 7, 1930

Professor George M. Wrong
University of Toronto
Toronto, Canada

Dear Mr. Wrong:-

I have read with much interest your letter of February 1 concerning your New France. The difficulties to which you refer are certainly ample explanation of many of the points in my review. In the matter of footnotes, I am not convinced that they annoy the general reader, and their omission, it seems to me, greatly diminishes the usefulness of a book to other scholars working in the same fields. At any rate I feel that a reviewer should indicate whether or not the work he is dealing with is annotated.

I did not mean to imply that no attention was given to social and economic history, and I do not belong to the school that would ignore political and military history, but I should have been willing to sacrifice some of the details, especially of military matters, to make room for more discussion of social and economic developments, and especially for the inclusion of an account of the fur trade.

You will understand, of course, that my review was intended primarily for people who are interested in Minnesota history, and that explains why I called attention to some of the things that such readers would not find in the work.

I read every word in the two volumes, not merely because I was going to review the work but also because I found it fascinating reading; and I am looking forward to the appearance of further volumes, especially the ones dealing with the period from 1763 to 1815, in which I am greatly interested.

Sincerely yours

B/P

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19th February, 1930.

Solon J. Buck, Esq.,
Secretary,
Minnesota Historical Society,
Saint Paul,
Minnesota.

Dear Mr Buck,

After an absence in Washington, I find on my return your letter of February 7th. If I can find a copy, I will send you a small volume which I wrote in Oxford long ago. You will observe that the footnotes are numerous. Since that time I have used ~~the~~ footnotes in special studies covering a limited period and written chiefly for scholars. In such studies and for such readers, the footnote is necessary. Books written, however, for the general public and covering a wide period of time are in another class. I think every author is bound to let his readers know the source of his information, but I am more than doubtful as to the wisdom of inserting footnotes to support every important statement. No doubt a great many people agree/

Solon J. Buck, Esq.

agree with you. The Cambridge Modern History, ^{planned} ~~planned~~ by Lord Acton, has no footnotes. On the other hand, the recent Cambridge History of the British Empire, somewhat similar in type, has abundant footnotes.

So there you are.

Many thanks for your letter. I wish we had an Historical Society here on the scale of your admirable one with a publication of its own.

Yours very truly,

George H. Wrong

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Dr. Solon J. Buck, Director,
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Dear Dr. Buck:

Since receiving your form and filling it out - I have just received a letter from Julian Boyd in which he comments on the fact that no one in reviewing the SUSQUEHANNAH PAPERS has said anything about Col. Reynolds' generosity in putting up the money. Such gifts are rare and if public expressions of appreciation were made perhaps we might get more of them.

If your Review has not gone to press - would you be willing to make some comment on Col. Reynolds' gift? It really is one to be emulated.

Sincerely yours,

Frances Dorrance

Director.

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November 8, 1933

Dear Miss Dorrance:

Thank you very much for your reply to my inquiry of October 31. The information will be useful to us in our membership campaign.

I shall be very glad to follow the suggestions in your letter of November 6 with reference to my review of the Susquehanna Papers provided I ever get around to write the review.

Sincerely yours,

SJB:AM

Solon J. Buck