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AGRICULTURAL HISTORY SOCIETY
Room 3035, South Building
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January 29, 1934

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

The suggestions and comments in your letter of January 18 concerning my article on the importance of preserving historical records have been very helpful and I assure you that they are very much appreciated.

I am familiar with Mr. Holbrook's Survey of Activities of American Agencies in Relation to Materials for Research in the Social Sciences and the Humanities. In expanding the article somewhat it has occurred to me that it would be well to emphasize ^{that} the agencies which I specifically mention are only the outstanding ones and that the Survey prepared by Mr. Holbrook is the convenient handbook to the various historical agencies.

We missed you at the history sessions at Urbana. Three of the five papers presented at the sessions sponsored by the Agricultural History Society will be printed in Agricultural History. Professor Hutchinson is saving his for a Festschrift for Professor Dodd. Professor Pelzer's paper was much the same as the article that he had in the Journal of Economic and Business History and it hardly seems necessary to print it in Agricultural History.

Very truly yours,

Everett E. Edwards
Everett E. Edwards,
Editor.

AGRICULTURAL HISTORY SOCIETY
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B A L L O T

The following names are submitted for officers for 1934-35 by the nominating committee consisting of Dr. Joseph Schafer of the State Historical Society of Wisconsin (chairman), Professor Harry J. Carman of Columbia University, Mr. Donald Jackson and Dr. Arthur G. Peterson of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and Professor Charles W. Ramsdell of the University of Texas. Check the nominees or indicate other choices in the space provided and return the ballot to the secretary-treasurer at the above address.

President - Dr. Edwin F. Gay, professor of economic history,
Harvard University.

Vice-president - Mr. Clifford V. Gregory, editor, Prairie Farmer.

Secretary-treasurer - Dr. O. C. Stine, U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Executive committee - (two to be elected each year, the others being
the ex-officio members and the ex-presidents.)

Dr. Kathleen Bruce, head of the history department,
Hollins College.

Dr. Frederick Merk, professor of American history,
Harvard University.

The executive committee of the Agricultural History Society is canvassing the society's members to ascertain how many would be interested in life memberships at \$50.00. If you are, please let us have your comments.

AGRICULTURAL HISTORY SOCIETY
Room 3035, South Building
13th Street and Independence Avenue, S. W.
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You are cordially invited to attend the sixteenth annual dinner and meeting of the Agricultural History Society. Please bring others who may be interested.

The place: Sholl's Cafe, 1032 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

The date: Monday, May 14, 1934. /
6:30 p.m. for the dinner. 8:00 p.m. for the
business meeting and program. If it is not
convenient for you to attend the dinner,
please come for the program.

PROGRAM

Dr. Dumas Malone, editor, Dictionary of American Biography... "Professor
Ulrich B. Phillips, Historian."

Dr. Louis Bernard Schmidt, president of the Agricultural History Society
and head of the department of history and government, Iowa State
College, Ames, Iowa.... "Some Significant Aspects of the Agricul-
tural Revolution in the Prairies and the Great Plains."

The dinner is 75 cents per plate. Please return the attached
dinner reservation by 12 noon, May 14, to Olive M. Ford, Room 3035,
South Building, U. S. Department of Agriculture, or call District
6350, Branch 4411.

Reserve _____ places for the dinner.

Name _____

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U. S. Department of Agriculture

March 20, 1935

Professor Solon J. Buck
4360 Center Avenue,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Professor Buck:

The approach of the seventeenth annual meeting of the Agricultural History Society is naturally the occasion to assay its progress. Our quarterly journal, *Agricultural History*, now in its ninth volume, has become widely recognized as the main medium for the publication of research and documents pertaining to the history of agriculture.

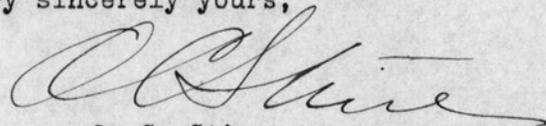
As is our custom we met with the American Historical Association and other historical societies during the last week in December. Our luncheon, at which the Hon. Henry A. Wallace spoke, attracted wide attention, and the papers presented at our session on Land Policies as Related to Agriculture were well received.

The Society is also continuing its cooperation with the Library of the U. S. Department of Agriculture in the development of a collection of materials for research in agricultural history as the national center for work in this field.

During the current year Professor Edwin F. Gay of Harvard University, internationally known economic historian, has served actively as our president. His presidential address at the forthcoming annual meeting will deal with the interrelation of the English agricultural and industrial revolutions.

Many members have stood by the society through these years of depression, but some have found it necessary to withdraw. We need not only to replace lost members but also to resume growth in order to continue the *Journal* and the development of the field of agricultural history.

Very sincerely yours,



O. C. Stine
Secretary-Treasurer

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

June 14, 1934

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

Dear Buck:

Thank you for a copy of the annual report and financial statement of the Alvord Memorial Commission. I have no suggestions and wish to leave this matter in your hands as I know you are very familiar with it and thoroughly competent to deal with it in every phase.

I wish to thank you also for your review of A History of West Virginia, which appeared in the recent number of the Mississippi Valley Historical Review. I am sorry that errors, which you point out, crept into the work, but, as you know, it covered a long span of history and for that and other reasons made such errors more possible than they would have been had I worked under other conditions. If I remember correctly you promised to send me a more detailed statement of other possible errors. As there is a possibility of having it reprinted soon, I would certainly appreciate such a list of suggestions from you.

Yours truly,

C. H. Ambler
C. H. Ambler

CHA:mw

June 21, 1934

Professor Charles H. Ambler,
West Virginia University,
Morgantown, West Virginia.

Dear Ambler:

In response to your request and in accordance with my promise, I am sending you herewith some notes on what appear to me to be slips in your History of West Virginia in addition to those noted in the review.

"Ohio Land Company" should be "Ohio Company" The word "Land" does not appear in the contemporary documents.

Is there any contemporary evidence that Trent was the person first sent by Dinwiddie to the French in 1753 (p. 82)? Dinwiddie, in his letter to the board of trade of November 17, does not give the name of "the person sent as a commissioner to the commandant of the French forces" and later on in the same letter he says that Trent was sent to the Indians.

The home of Shingiss was not at the Forks of the Ohio but at McKees Rocks (p. 82).

I do not agree that "the local response was all that could be desired" to Braddock's expedition (p. 85). It certainly was not all that Braddock desired.

Is there any evidence that the Provincials were "under the direction of Washington" at Braddock's defeat (p. 87).

The checking of the Mason and Dixon survey by the Indians in 1767 has no bearing upon the Pennsylvania-Virginia dispute (p. 109).

Dunmore did not send Connolly to Fort Pitt in 1774. Connolly was already there when the Governor arrived on his expedition against the Indians (p. 111). I think that you give Connolly too much credit for sincerity.

I do not agree that Dunmore's War Broke "the force of the savages' power in the Ohio Valley" (p. 113).

I question if Wood was sent among the Indians "to negotiate a permanent peace." He was sent to invite them to a treaty at Pittsburgh (p. 119).

Isn't the word "pro-slavery" in the third line on page 236 a misprint for "anti-slavery."

On page 264, line 10 of the quotation, the word "legs" is obviously a misprint for "logs."

(over)

It seems to me that the use of the term "Black Republicans" on pages 288 and 291 and the statement on page 291 that the planks in the Republican platform on internal improvements and public lands were put there for the purpose of "camouflaging the hostility of the North" betray a lack of objectivity.

The sentence beginning "the civilian vote" in foot-note 41 on page 333 seems to belong in foot-note 42.

I question the accuracy of your use of the word "nihilistic" in the fourth line on page 405. The last entry on page 594 should be "Egle"--not "Engle."

On some of these points there is doubtless room for a difference of opinion and others may seem to you insignificant, but you asked for them and I am sending them to you for whatever they may be worth.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

June 13, 1935.

Professor Charles H. Ambler,
West Virginia University,
Morgantown, West Virginia.

Dear Ambler:

In order to straighten out a misunderstanding which has arisen, I will appreciate it very much if you will let me know whether or not you gave a copy of your History of West Virginia to Field. I will explain this request to you the next time I see you, and in the meantime I trust you will treat it as confidential.

I trust that you will be making a trip to Pittsburgh before long, and will drop in to see us.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

June 15, 1935

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

Dear Buck:

In reply to your inquiry of June 13, I will say that I have no recollection of having given a copy of my A History of West Virginia to Mr. Field. At present I do not remember that he and I ever discussed the book. It is probable, however, that we did and that I may have said to him that in the event a review copy was sent to the Western Pennsylvania Historical Magazine I might call upon him to review it, but I have no recollection of such a conversation.

I am hoping to come up to Pittsburgh sometime in the near future. By the way, would you do me a great big favor? My "George Washington and the West" is now in press and the galley sheets will be at hand shortly. Would you have time to read them for me?

Yours truly,

C. H. Ambler
C. H. Ambler

CHA:mw

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June 19, 1935

Professor Charles H. Ambler
Department of History
West Virginia University
Morgantown, West Virginia

Dear Ambler:

Thank you for your letter of June 15. I should like very much to look over the galley sheets of your "George Washington and the West," and it is probable that I shall be able to do so if they come along in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

August 5, 1935

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

Dear Buck:

I have been promised galley proof of my "George Washington and the West" to be sent on August 15. If you could possibly find time to read the proof, I would certainly appreciate your attention to the matter.

I was delighted to hear you will be on Connor's staff, and I had already spoken to him repeatedly about you and your splendid qualifications for such a position. I hope that you will like the work, and that your work for western Pennsylvania can be carried to a degree of completion.

Yours truly,

C. H. Ambler
C. H. Ambler

CHA:mw

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August 6, 1935

Professor Charles H. Ambler
West Virginia University
Morgantown, West Virginia

Dear Ambler:

Thank you for your congratulations and for your recommendation to Connor. I have spent two days with the staff of The National Archives and I am sure that I shall enjoy my work there very much. We are planning to move to Washington about September first.

I am hoping to get away for a few weeks' vacation beginning early next week and if I can manage it I shall not be here on the fifteenth or thereabouts. I am very anxious to read the proofs of your book however, not only to oblige you but also because it might save me some mistakes in the book that I am working on. If I do get away and settle down somewhere, I shall write to you and let you know where to send the proof.

My work, which will probably be entitled "The Planting of Civilization in Western Pennsylvania" and which attempts to deal with pretty much all aspects of the history of the region down to the War of 1812, is by no means completed, but I am planning to work on it evenings and week-ends after I go to Washington and hope to finish it up around the end of the year.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

DSC

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

August 19, 1935

Dr. Solon J. Buck
Allegheny State Park
Quaker Bridge, New York

Dear Buck:

I am delighted to learn that it may be possible for you to read my proof and am sending it to you at once in the hope that it may reach you before you leave Quaker Bridge.

Of course I do not expect you to pay any attention to punctuation, capitalization and the like. I am more interested in your reactions as to statements of fact and to interpretation.

Yours cordially,

C. H. Ambler

CHA:mw

P.S. If you can find time to read
manuscript, will send it when it
comes
Ambler

August 26, 1935

Professor C. H. Ambler
West Virginia University
Morgantown, West Virginia

Dear Ambler:

The proof reached me in time for me to read it during my vacation, and I am returning it to you herewith. I was somewhat hampered by lack of access to books and more by the absence of the footnotes, but I did the best I could from memory. I assume that you wanted real criticisms and honest expressions of my opinions, even though they might be unacceptable to you.

Despite my criticisms, which I have indicated in the margins, I like the book. It is well organized, interesting, and very readable. My principal general criticism is that I seem to discern in it evidences of conflict between the scholar and the patriot. Your account of the Jumonville affair is **OK**, but I don't like your elaborate argument about the battle of Fort Necessity.

Much to my regret I shall not have time to read any more of the proof. Moving and getting settled in Washington, getting started in my new job, and completing the book that I am writing for the Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey will keep me on the jump for the next few months. My familiarity with the subject matter of the rest of the book is not such, anyway, that I would be likely to be able to make any suggestions of value.

We are moving on Friday of this week, and my address in Washington will be 5316 Twenty-eighth Street, N. W. Holbrook has been appointed as acting director of the Survey and will edit the magazine.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

DSC

P. S. On galley 42 you say that Washington "recommended a joint colonial commission, a forerunner of federal union." Can you give me the reference for this? One of my first jobs at the Archives will probably be to edit a volume of documents containing plans for union of the colonies.

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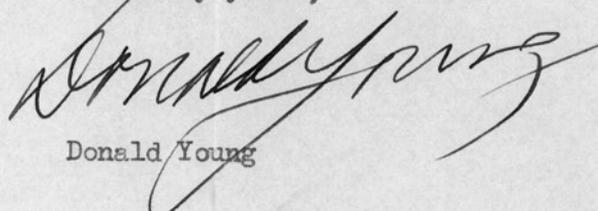
Dr. Solon J. Buck
Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

My dear Doctor Buck:

At the suggestion of Dr. Robert Binckley I am writing to ask whether you would be willing to write a brief review of about four hundred words on S. L. Davis' PENNSYLVANIA POLITICS 1860-63. This study has been issued in hectograph form as an experiment in low cost publication.

Dr. Binckley is very much interested in having it receive as wide attention as possible not only because of its contents, but also because of the experimental nature of its form of publication. A postcard is enclosed for your convenience in reply.

Sincerely yours,



Donald Young

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AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY

WORCESTER, MASS.

Clarence S. Brigham, Director

June 28, 1934

Mr. Solon J. Buck,
Pittsburgh, Penn.

Dear Mr. Buck:

We are ready to begin
the printing of your paper of last
October: *Journal of a Belated Puritan*.
How soon can you send it on to us?

You will remember perhaps
that each contributor is allowed 30 re-
prints with the compliments of the
Society.

Yours sincerely,

Clarence S. Brigham
Director.

CSB.N

July 11, 1934

Dr. Clarence S. Brigham,
American Antiquarian Society,
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Mr. Brigham:

I have delayed replying to your letter of June 28 because I did not know what to write. I find myself in a quandary. Ever since last fall, as a result of a combination of circumstances, I have been under such pressure that it has been quite impossible for me to do the work necessary to get the selections from the Boynton Journal ready for publication. It would not take a great deal of time but I do not see how I can possibly find the necessary time until near the end of the year, after which I expect to have more leisure. As an indication of the pressure that I am under, I may say that I am taking no vacation at all this summer.

There would seem to be three alternatives open to us; (1) I could probably get the material ready about six months from now; (2) I could perhaps employ someone else to make the selection under my direction and get it ready in a few weeks; (3) we could abandon the plan for publication entirely. Which would you prefer?

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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July 13, 1934

Mr. Solon J. Buck,
Pittsburgh, Penn.

Dear Mr. Buck:

Your letter of July 11 regarding the Boynton Journal has been received. If we get the article into the Proceedings for October 1933, at which meeting it was delivered, or rather, was on the program, then it would have to be in within four or five weeks, or six weeks at the latest. Therefore as concerns my own choice, I should be glad if you could find someone to make the selections of material from the Journal. If you limit the selections to those items which would be valuable in the study of political or social history, this might narrow the field. Of course we could omit Rev. Mr. Boynton's religious disquisitions or personal thoughts. I am hoping that the selection can be compressed into about 20,000 words, or about 50 to 60 of our printed pages.

Don't you think that this could be done? If you wrote only a short introduction and did not attempt to annotate the Journal, you might find time to get it out of the way in the time specified.

I should hate to abandon the article altogether, partly because it contains material of historical value, and also because it would require an explanation that the paper was read but that the Society was unable to print it, giving reasons.

Yours sincerely,

Clarence S. Brigham
 Director.

CSB.N

July 21, 1934

Mr. Clarence S. Brigham,
American Antiquarian Society,
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Mr. Brigham:

I shall find some way to get the selections from the Boynton Journal ready for you by September first and probably sooner. They will be kept within the limits that you indicate but I am unwilling to omit all of Boynton's religious remarks and personal thoughts because it seems to me that much of the interest in the document lies in the revelation of his curious character.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY

WORCESTER, MASS.

Clarence S. Brigham, Director

July 24, 1934

Mr. Solon J. Buck,
Pittsburgh, Penn.

Dear Mr. Buck:

Glad to get your letter of July 21, saying that the Boynton Journal will be ready before September 1st. Of course include whatever you think is right in regard to Boynton's religious and personal remarks. You know what is valuable for historical study.

Yours sincerely,

Clarence S. Brigham
Director.

CSB.N

August 29, 1934

Mr. Clarence S. Brigham
Director, American Antiquarian Society
Worcester, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Brigham:

Herewith I am sending you the selections from the Boynton journal. They are, I think, of about the length you suggested, and I trust that you will find the manuscript in satisfactory form. Much more annotation would have been possible of course, but it seemed to me unnecessary and I did not have time to do it. Should you wish to add further footnotes, especially with reference to the Worcester material, I would have no objection.

As neither of the books referred to in the first footnote is available here, I have used notes that I made some time ago and I am not sure that the titles and bibliographical data are correct. Perhaps you can have them checked in your library. These two accounts of Boynton's life differ from each other in several respects and the diary shows that neither of them is entirely correct. One gives the date of Boynton's birth as 1810 and the other, 1811. In the diary, under date of February 13, 1840, Boynton wrote that he was thirty years old that day, or at least not over thirty. He evidently was not sure of the year in which he was born, and so it seemed best to give both dates in the introduction.

Is it your practice to supply authors or editors with separates of material published in the proceedings?

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY

WORCESTER, MASS.

Clarence S. Brigham, Director

Sept. 5, 1934

Mr. Solon J. Buck,
Pittsburgh, Penn.

Dear Mr. Buck:

I have been looking over the Boynton paper, prior to sending it to the printer. I find that the Middlebury College Catalogue gives the date of his birth as 1811 and it would seem as if they ought to know as they were ordinarily accurate in obtaining the correct age of entering students. The Andover Theological Catalogue also says 1811. The only real doubt is where in his Diary under date of Feb. 13, 1840 he wrote that he was thirty years old that day or at least not over thirty--which would harmonize certainly with 1811.

In the introduction I have also inserted the names of his parents, the fact of his marriage and the exact date of his death. If any of these points you wish to change, you can do so in the proof. I have verified the references in the notes.

yours sincerely,

Clarence S. Brigham

Director.

CSB.N

September 10, 1934

Mr. Clarence S. Brigham, Director
American Antiquarian Society
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Mr. Brigham:

I am very glad that you were able to supplement my introduction to the Boynton extracts with additional biographical data. The resources for obtaining such information are very scanty here. I am curious to know whether or not the record of his marriage indicates that his wife was a widow when he married her. I suspected as much from the fact that she had visited Niagara before their wedding journey.

You did not let me know what your practice is with reference to the supplying of separates of material in the Proceedings.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:DS

AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY

WORCESTER, MASS.

Robert W. G. Vail, Librarian

SEP 17 1934

Sept. 15, 1934

Dr. Solan J. Buck, Director
Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Mr. Buck:

Thank you very much for your letter of the 12th regarding the first elephant. I had no idea she got as far west as Greenburg. I shall have to see if I can find a record of her having gone to Pittsburgh too. It is amazing the territory she covered by sailing vessel and on foot. I have had many letters on my circus study with reports of various shows and wild animals all over the country. It would be fun to do a really inclusive history of the American circus if one only had the time.

Very sincerely yours,

RWG Vail

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AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY

WORCESTER, MASS.

Clarence S. Brigham, Director

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Sept. 17, 1934

Mr. Solon J. Buck,
Pittsburgh, Penn.

Dear Mr. Buck:

It is true that Boynton married a widow. Sarah Judson Cole had previously married Rev. Albert Cole of Bluehill, Maine in 1838. This data will go into the introduction.

We will send you 35 reprints of the paper, with the compliments of the Society.

Yours sincerely,

Clarence S. Brigham

Director.

CSB.N

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AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY

WORCESTER, MASS.

Clarence S. Brigham, Director

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Oct. 2, 1934

Mr. Solon J. Buck,
Pittsburgh, Penn.

Dear Mr. Buck:

I am sending you under separate cover the galley proof of the Boynton Journal. I assume that you can correct it and send it back to us within a few days. I note in one or two cases that the words are spelled obviously wrong, like "Fryday". Perhaps this follows the manuscript, but if Boynton spelled a word incorrectly merely through a slip of the pen, should we print it as he would have written it if he had put down what he really meant to? However, I leave all this to you to do whatever you wish.

Yours sincerely,



CSB.N

Director.

October 8, 1934

Mr. Clarence S. Brigham, Director
American Antiquarian Society
Worcester, Mass.

Dear Mr. Brigham:

Under separate cover I am returning to you the corrected galley proof of the Boynton Journal. I hope I am correct in assuming that you do not care to have the copy returned.

Would it not be feasible for you to add to the first footnote references to the works from which you derived the additional information incorporated in the first paragraph? If so, I should be glad to have you do this.

It is necessary to do something to indicate the end of Boynton's Introduction and the beginning of the main text of the Journal. In the original, this is indicated merely by beginning a new page. Probably the best way to handle this will be to insert the heading "Journal" in brackets, as I have done on the proof. Possibly, however, the insertion of a space would be sufficient.

I quite agree with you that obvious slips of the pen should not be reproduced and consequently I have taken out the extra i in "Friday," thus leaving it as he usually spells the word. In the case of the name "Moseley," I was in doubt as to what to do. As Boynton spells it about as many times without as with the e in the last syllable. I finally decided, however, to insert the e.

In the original Journal Boynton regularly underscored topic headings and I did the same in the copy with the expectation that they would be set up in italics. You have changed this, in most cases, to roman, and I have no objection to the change. In two instances, however, I found such headings in italics and marked them to be changed to roman in order to be consistent.

Now that I have the opportunity to read the material in print I regret that I did not take liberties with the punctuation, at least to the extent of removing many of the superfluous commas.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:DSC

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December 15, 1934

Solon J. Buck, Ph.D.
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Mr. Buck:

Membership in the American Antiquarian Society is solely honorary. There are neither initiation fees nor annual dues, and members are elected either because of prominence in historical studies or to aid in the administration of the Society's activities. No call is made upon the members for funds, since the endowment takes care of all ordinary outlay, both to administer the Library and to issue its publications.

But the present financial stringency has made it impossible for the Society to keep up with its ordinary activities. Salaries of library assistants have been reduced and the staff has been curtailed, thus lessening the service which the Library is accustomed to perform. The Library, one of the largest existing collections of general Americana, with over half a million titles, has been compelled to forego the purchasing of greatly needed additions. Although never in recent years have the opportunities been so favorable to secure material, these possibilities have been neglected except when generous members have specifically supplied the deficiency.

To the Council it seems entirely proper to suggest to the entire membership that the Society needs funds for administration and for book purchase. Unless some assistance is forthcoming, the Library for the next two or three years will cease to function as an active force in aiding American scholarship.

What is suggested is an emergency fund of amounts from ten dollars to five hundred dollars. A printed slip is enclosed which is self-explanatory. No member is urged, or even asked, to give. But several members have queried as to how they could assist us at the present time, and here is the opportunity. Furthermore, any promise to this emergency fund is revocable and is not chargeable to a member's estate.

A report will be made to the members in due course on the success of this undertaking.

Yours sincerely,

Clarence S. Brigham

Director, for the Council.

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Fellow Member:

The Executive Committee has thought it necessary to call a special meeting of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the A. A. U. P. for the transaction of special ~~certain~~ business. The meeting will be held in the Old Faculty Club Room of the Hotel Scheuley, Friday Oct. 26, 1934. Luncheon will be served at 50¢ per plate, service beginning at 12.15. Kindly send reservations to me not later than Thursday.

SPECIAL BUSINESS

Representation in the Annual Meeting of the A. A. U. P. during the Thanksgiving Recess at Chicago.

N. Andrew N. Cleven,
Secretary-Treasurer

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CHAPTER LETTER NO. 6, 1934

1. Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting is to be held in Chicago, immediately following Thanksgiving, with headquarters at the Stevens Hotel. This is the first meeting held independently of other organizations since 1931, when the corresponding dates were selected for the meeting in Chicago. While representation may be less easily obtained, the freedom from distractions and concentration on the business of the Association are most important, and it is the hope of the officers that every chapter within 500 miles and many more remote will be represented. In order to facilitate such representation, there has been authorized an appropriation of \$2750 for traveling expenses of delegates. There will be no special subsidy for delegates coming less than 200 miles, but transportation up to \$50 will be defrayed for excess distance above 200 miles each way. This subsidy will be a first charge against Chapter Rebates payable January 15 next following. It will be appreciated that this appropriation, which is all that can at present be afforded, may prove inadequate. It is accordingly necessary to ask that applications be made in advance, and it is not expected that any financial aid (other than the ordinary Chapter Rebate) can be arranged for delegates arriving at the meeting without previous application and assurance from the Treasurer.

The program will be devoted largely to consideration by the delegates of the report of the Committee on Organization and Policy and other committees, and of matters which chapters may present in advance or from the floor. In addition to these and the usual reports from the officers, it is planned to devote one session mainly to consideration of a report from the Committee on Junior Colleges and of certain topics dealing with higher education in the recently completed National Survey of Secondary Education. Further details will be circulated in a later chapter letter and published in the November Bulletin, which will be mailed November 15-20 if possible.

In arranging the program the officers plan to provide ample opportunity for discussion. It will facilitate the efficient management of the meeting if chapters or delegates having specific matters to present will notify the Washington Office well in advance. We ask your cooperation in making this not only a representative meeting but the most significant in the history of the Association.

2. Committee on Organization and Conduct of Local Chapters. You will find enclosed a list of the members of the Committee, showing the regions for which each member is responsible. If you are interested in having a visit from a member of the Committee, or in promoting a regional meeting or cooperation of neighboring chapters, please write the member in charge of your region. The chairman of the Committee will appreciate it if you will write this member twice during the year giving an account of chapter activities.

3. Bulletin. The editor of the Bulletin invites news items with reference to important activities of the chapter, plans for the year, etc. Please use attached reply form.

W. W. Cook, General Secretary
Joseph Mayer, Executive Secretary

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October 5, 1934.