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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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House Office Building  
Room 1423  
July 21, 1935.

Prof. S.J. Buck, Director  
Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey  
University of Pittsburgh  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Prof. Buck:

Sometime ago I made application for a position with the National Archives. I am asking you, if you will, to write to Dr. Connor, Archivist, in my behalf.

The only particular qualifications I can present for a position with this organization are my two summers of employment by the University of Colorado Historical Collections under Dr. Willard and the summer I spent working on the MSS under Miss Nute at St. Paul. As you know I have my M.A. from the University of Colorado, 1929, and have finished all the work for my PhD at the University of Minnesota with the exception of my dissertation. This I have just about completed.

At present I am Secretary to Congressman Hook of Michigan, having taken the position primarily because it gave me an opportunity to use the Library of Congress.

I assure you that anything you may do for me will be appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

Robert L. Dahmer

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July 23, 1935

Mr. Robert H. Bahmer  
Room 1423, House Office Bldg.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bahmer:

Your letter of July 21 with reference to your application for a position in the National Archives has just been received. As you probably know I have recently been appointed director of publications in the National Archives and expect to take up my work there about September first. I shall be in Washington for a few days next week and shall have a talk with the man in charge of the personnel department of the Archives, after which I shall be in a better position to act intelligently with reference to your application.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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TEMPLE UNIVERSITY  
PHILADELPHIA

March 28, 1934

SCHOOL OF COMMERCE

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

Dr. Jameson and others have been assisting me for some time in an effort to raise funds for publishing a history of the Secretaries of the Treasury. The general plan is along the same lines as the Bemis' Secretaries of State. I have just written Mr. Mellon a very touching letter - I fear, however, that the blood letting will be small. At any rate, I took the liberty of giving your name as a reference; if he should inquire I hope you will tell him that the project is one sure way of immortality.

Do you think that you could ever find time or inclination to attempt a section in the project if it goes through? I hope you can.

I finally raised two dollars and joined the Pennsylvania Historical Association. I hope to see you at the meeting in Harrisburgh. I am planning to drive up, but I can never tell this year. One or the other of us has been in bed most of the year. We came back from our trip last fall tired out; in December my wife took double pneumonia with mastoid and sinus complications; when she was up we both had to go to Florida to get straightened up. I am getting very little writing done.

You told me, I believe, that you would put me on your mailing list if I were interested. I should be glad to have any material which you have for distribution.

Sincerely,

*James A. Barnes*

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April 4, 1934

Dr. James A. Barnes,  
Temple University,  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Barnes:

I am interested in your project for publishing a history of the Secretaries of the Treasury and I hope you succeed in raising the money. If I hear anything from Mr. Mellon on the subject, I shall be very glad to give it a strong endorsement. If you hear anything from him, I shall be glad to be informed, as we are naturally concerned about the possibility of interesting him in historical activities.

I do not think that there is any prospect that I would be inclined to attempt a section in the project if it goes through. It is somewhat out of my line and I have more irons in the fire now than I can attend to.

I am glad to know that you joined the Pennsylvania Historical Association and I hope that you will be able to attend the Harrisburg meeting. I expect to go and a number of others from here will probably be there.

I am sending you under separate cover a copy of the last number of our magazine and am putting you on the complimentary mailing list for the time being.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Back

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TEMPLE UNIVERSITY  
PHILADELPHIA

January 15, 1935

My dear Mr. Buck,

I had to hurry away from the meeting in Washington on Friday and did not get to ask you one particular question which has been on my mind for some time. You may without embarrassment decline to comment, but whatever answer you may give will of course be regarded as strictly confidential.

Dr. Turner who was at Pittsburgh has asked me to write a textbook on Recent American History for the McGraw-Hill series of history texts which he is editing. I am inclined to feel that he is fully capable of the editorial task and I am very favorably impressed with the keenness of his insight into the problems of recent society - my sole question is, will he be a happy individual to work with? I picked on you because you "are near enough but not too near" to answer soundly. But, as I said in the beginning, you may completely ignore the question without embarrassment to either of us.

Best wishes for the New Year.

Very sincerely,

*James A. Barnes*

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West Liberty State Teachers College

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July 8, 1935

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

TELEGRAPH, EXPRESS AND  
FREIGHT ADDRESS  
WHEELING, W. VA.

My dear Professor Buck:

I heard over the radio today about your appointment as Director of Publications in the National Archives. I am very glad that this has come to you, as I am sure it is the kind of a promotion that you have long deserved.

Enclosed you will find a copy of my article which appeared recently in the Mississippi Valley Historical Review.

Sincerely yours

John D. Barabast

January 21, 1935

Professor James A. Barnes  
Temple University  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Barnes:

I know of no reason why you should hesitate to undertake the book on recent American history for the McGraw-Hill series.

I am sorry that we did not have an opportunity to talk over things in general during the Washington meeting. I hope you will find it possible to attend the meeting of the Pennsylvania Historical Association in Pittsburgh on April 19 and 20. I believe that Nichols and Bining are planning to come.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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SCHOOL OF COMMERCE

April 28, 1935.

Prof. Solon J. Buck  
Western Pa. Hist. Society  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Mr. Buck:

I was sorry not to be able to get over to Pittsburgh for our meeting and I also missed the meeting at Cincinnati. The hospital has just started a new series of treatments of my wife's head and I did not feel that I could get away. I am sure both meetings were pleasant affairs as usual. How was our annual Kellar party at Cincinnati?

I don't know who is Chairman of the Program Committee for the Pennsylvania ~~Society~~, but if there is nothing better, I think Prof. Teeters might be able to give a very interesting paper next year on the History of the Pennsylvania Prison Society. He has dug up the old records of the Society--which are all intact--and is now writing a history of the organization. The material is really a great find and I think might prove of interest to the Association members. I am, of course, offering this merely as a suggestion.

Do you ever come to Philadelphia any more? If you should drop around, we certainly hope you will find it possible to come out and see us.

Very sincerely,

*James A. Barnes*

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May 20, 1935

Professor James A. Barnes  
School of Commerce  
Temple University  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Barnes:

We were sorry that you were unable to attend the meetings, but you had a good excuse. Both of them went off very well.

The next meeting of the Pennsylvania Historical Association is to be held in Philadelphia in October, and Roy Nichols will probably be the chairman of the program committee. At any rate, he is charged with the preliminary arrangements. I would suggest that you get in touch with him and tell him about Professor Testers.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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August 11, 1935

SCHOOL OF COMMERCE

My dear Mr. Buck,

I am not at all certain as to where you are now, but I shall send this to Pittsburgh in the hope that it will be forwarded to you. Roy Nichols told me that you had been appointed Director of Publications in the new Archives Department at Washington. Congratulations - and I hope that you will enjoy your new work immensely.

Nichols had several of us in at his home a couple of weeks ago to talk about a program for the Association meeting in ~~December~~<sup>later</sup>. I think that I am going to get our University to have a dinner on Saturday evening at which our Honor History Society will be host. Nichols suggested that it be a pay dinner, and it may be that we will have to do that - but whatever arrangements are made about finances I want the leading historians of the State (including you, in or out) as guests of the University. We also want you - if we could prevail upon you to be so good - to talk to us as the speaker of the evening on the Archives project. I know that you have a multitude of things to do and I know that "thank you" jobs come to be a nuisance, but the University and the students would be grateful to you if you could come up (or over). My students at least would be pleased with the opportunity to see you in the flesh - they have identified you as Speaker of the House in the eighties to a silent partner of J. Pierpont Morgan! Can't you come up and show them the real Buck in person? We haven't any money, but if you have to make a special trip, I shall try to raise your expenses at least. The program is not made out yet and Nichols is away for a few weeks so there is some uncertainty about the thing - but I am sure the plans will go through if you can come.

If your printing machines run dry, I have a fairly interesting Civil War diary here that should be printed. It is somewhat unusual in that it is the diary of a surgeon on a wind-jamming blockading boat that moved up and down the

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southern coast. He describes the means of getting food, the care of the contrabands, the destruction of plantation homes along the coast, the diseases among the sailors, the reading matter on board, and the rumors among the fleet - every strange sail that came in sight was #291 and the fleet apparently did not know that the ship was made in England.

If you come up we hope that you can be our guest for the night - and that includes Mrs. Buck should she come along.

Very sincerely,

*J. M. A. Barnes*

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August 14, 1935

Dr. James A. Barnes  
Temple University  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Barnes:

Your letter of August 11 catches me just as I am leaving for a vacation of about ten days. I cannot make any definite commitment until after I get to Washington and have a talk with Connor, but I am hoping to attend the meeting of the Pennsylvania Historical Association and I am inclined to think that Connor will welcome the opportunity to spread some information about the Archives. Personally I should be delighted to attend your dinner and to talk to the group. I am sure that I could convince your students that I am not a silent partner of J. Pierpont Morgan.

I expect to take up the work in Washington about September first and will write you more definitely as soon as possible thereafter. Whenever you come to Washington, be sure to get in touch with me. My home address there will be 5316 Twenty-eighth Street, N. W.

Your invitation to Mrs. Buck and me to be your guests is very much appreciated, but in that case again I shall have to postpone acceptance until we know more definitely what the situation is likely to be.

Your Civil War diary sounds very interesting and I shall be glad to keep it in mind.

You will be interested to know that Holbrook is to be acting director of the Survey and editor of the magazine for next year. Baldwin will be assistant director.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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West Virginia University  
MORGANTOWN, W. VA. Box 205  
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

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JAN 8 1934

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

January 5, 1934

Professor Solon J. Buck,  
Historical Society of  
Western Pennsylvania,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

My dear Professor Buck:

There is a vacancy in the teaching staff of Colorado College, Colorado Springs, Colorado, occasioned by the death of Professor A. B. Hulb̄art. May I ask you to write to Acting President C. B. Hershey a letter of recommendation supporting my application for this position? It involves the teaching of western history and editing of the publications of the Stewart Foundation.

I was sorry not to see you at Urbana and hope that illness was not the cause of your absence.

Do you know whether the Buell Foundation has reached a decision in regard to the matter about which you wrote me?

Very truly yours,

John D. Barnhart

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January 16, 1934

Dr. John D. Barnhart,  
Box 205,  
Morgantown, W. Va.

Dear Barnhart:

I have written to Acting President Hershey as requested in your letter of January 5th. I did not reply to your letter sooner because I wanted to find out what the Buhl Foundation had done. It now appears that they have made tentative arrangements for a part-time worker to explore the available material for the biography that they have in mind.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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Barnhart

January 16, 1934

Dr. C. B. Hershey,  
Acting President, Colorado College,  
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Dear Sir:

Understanding that there is a vacancy in your history department occasioned by the death of my old friend, Professor A. B. Hulbert, I should like to ask your consideration for this position of Dr. John D. Barnhart, whose address is Box 205, Morgantown, W. Va. / Until last June, Dr. Barnhart was a member of the history department of West Virginia University. The institution then found it necessary to economize by reducing the number of men in American history and, as Dr. Barnhart was the most recent appointee, he was the victim.

Barnhart did some graduate work with me at the University of Minnesota ten or twelve years ago and since then he has received his Ph.D. from Harvard University. During the two years that I have been at Pittsburgh I have seen him a number of times and have kept in touch with his activities. I understand that he is considered a very good teacher and I am certain that his scholarship is of a very high order. He has an attractive personality and is a hard worker. /

I understand that your position involves the editing of publications for the Stewart Foundation. I do not know that Barnhart has had any experience in editorial work but I should expect him to make good in that field.

Very truly yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

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West Virginia University  
MORGANTOWN, W. VA.  
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

January 25, 1934

Professor Solon J. Buck,  
The Historical Society of  
Western Pennsylvania,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

My dear Doctor Buck:

Many thanks for writing to Acting President Hershey. I appreciate your help in this and other instances.

Should the Buhl Foundation find that materials were available for the biography in question and wish to consider anyone else for the task of writing it, I should be glad to be considered. I am of the opinion that the Arthurdale project will not give me the means necessary for a good piece of work and that it may come to an end almost any time.

The University of Nebraska is considering the publication of my thesis.

*Professor Cole has just written that he will publish the paper which I read at Urbana.*

Very truly yours,

*John D. Barnhart*

West Virginia University  
MORGANTOWN, W. VA.  
COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

APR 4 1934

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Professor Solon J. Buck,  
Historical Society of  
Western Pennsylvania,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

April 3, 1934

My dear Professor Buck:

May I trouble you to write a letter to President H.W. McPherson, Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Illinois, in my behalf? He has written to me that there will be a vacancy in the history department. The institution is my Alma Mater.

Sincerely

*John D. Barnhart*

You may be interested in knowing that I am to be a member of the faculty here this coming summer.

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Professor John D. Barnhart.

Department of History.

West Virginia University.

Morgantown, W. Va.

4338 Bigelow Boulevard, Pittsburgh, Pa. April 5, 1934

Dear Barnhart:

I have written to the President of Illinois Wesleyan, as requested in your note of April 3rd. I hope it has the desired effect.

Sincerely yours,

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Morgantown, West Virginia,  
May 11, 1934.

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

My dear Professor Buck:

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May I trouble you again about a letter of recommendation? Professor S. F. Bemis is leaving George Washington University, and the work of the Division of the Social Sciences is to be reorganized. Professor Elmer Louis Kayser, Chairman, Division of the Social Sciences, George Washington University, Washington, D. C., has asked for my record and letters. A position there would be very attractive because of the Library of Congress and the opportunity it offers for research.

If I have not imposed too much on your good nature long ago, may I say that I should also appreciate a letter to the following presidents of Teachers' Colleges in West Virginia. Both have vacancies and I have sent in my application.

> President Joseph Rosier,  
Fairmont State Teachers College,  
Fairmont, West Virginia.

> President John C. Shreve,  
West Liberty Teachers College,  
West Liberty, West Virginia.

It may be that you have written to the former as Professor Ambler told me that Professor Cleven had, at his suggestion, asked the members of the department at Pittsburgh to write for me when Boughter was killed. I am inclosing stamps for these letters, although it would be more appropriate if I sent you a book of stamps. Perhaps one of these will come my way and I shall be saved the embarrassment of being such a nuisance to my friends.

Very truly yours,

*John D. Barnhart*

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Dr. John D. Barnhart,

Box 205,

Morgantown, W. Va.

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL SURVEY  
4338 Bigelow Boulevard, Pittsburgh, Pa.

May 16, 1934

Dear Barnhart:

I have written the three letters as requested in your letter of May 11 and I was glad to do so. I hope that something satisfactory to you eventuates.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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Dr. John D. Barnhart  
State Teachers College  
West Liberty, W. Va.

4338 Bigelow Blvd., Pittsburgh (13), Pa.  
July 23, 1935

Dear Barnhart:

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of your paper on "The Southern Element in the Leadership of the Old Northwest." I had read it in the Journal of Southern History, but am glad to have a copy of the reprint for my personal collection.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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May 16, 1934

Professor Elmer Louis Kayser,  
Chairman, Division of the Social Sciences,  
George Washington University,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Professor Kayser:

Dr. John D. Barnhart of Morgantown, West Virginia, informs me that he is an applicant for a position in the history department of your institution and asks me to write to you concerning his qualifications. Until last June, Dr. Barnhart was a member of the history department of West Virginia University. The institution then found it necessary to economize by reducing the number of men in American history and, as Dr. Barnhart was the most recent appointee, he was the victim.

Barnhart did some graduate work with me at the University of Minnesota ten or twelve years ago and since then he has received his Ph.D. from Harvard University. During the two years that I have been at Pittsburgh I have seen him a number of times and have kept in touch with his activities. I understand that he is considered a very good teacher and I am certain that his scholarship is of a very high order. He has an attractive personality and is a hard worker.

I believe that you would make no mistake in giving him an appointment.

Very truly yours,

Solon J. Buck

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May 16, 1934

President Joseph Rosier,  
Fairmont State Teachers College,  
Fairmont, West Virginia

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Very truly yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

May 16, 1934

President John C. Shreve,  
West Liberty Teachers College,  
West Liberty, West Virginia

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Very truly yours,

Solon J. Buck

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COLORADO STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE  
HISTORY AND POLITICAL SCIENCE  
GREELEY, COLORADO

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August 3, 1934.

Professor S. J. Buck,  
The Historical Society of  
Western Pennsylvania,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

My dear Professor Buck:

A reference in the press called my attention to the fact that Professor Ralph E. Turner was leaving the University of Pittsburgh. I do not know how recent the event may be, but I thought that a letter of inquiry to you would not be amiss. Should there be a vacancy for which I might be fitted I should appreciate having you notify me and mention my name to Professor Oliver.

I wish that you would not tell Professor Ambler that I wrote you. He thinks that he should not help me get a position that would take me away from West Liberty and that I should not seek another one for the coming year. I am sure you will understand when I say that I can justify my action.

I am enjoying my summer teaching here with Professor Dickerson very much.

Very truly yours,

*John D. Barnhart*

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August 13, 1934

Dr. John D. Barnhart,  
Colorado State Teachers College,  
Greeley, Colorado.

Dear Barnhart:

There is no prospect that the departure of Professor Turner will result in an appointment in the field of American history at the University of Pittsburgh. The prospects are that Turner's work will be absorbed by the department. I have not talked with Oliver about the matter recently but I suspect that, if any appointment is made, it will be of an instructor in English history. Oliver has left for Missouri now and I am sure that no action will be taken until the fall enrollment is known. If anything develops, I shall, of course, speak to Oliver about you.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

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August 6, 1935

Dr. John D. Barnhart  
West Liberty State Teachers College  
West Liberty, West Virginia

Dear Barnhart:

Thank you very much for your congratulations. The appointment has been confirmed and I have spent two days in Washington with the staff of The National Archives. This move may be "a promotion," as you express it, but it involves a considerable reduction in salary, for Uncle Sam is not very generous in such matters. The prospects of permanent employment, however, appear to be considerably better there than here, and I am sure that I shall enjoy the work there very much.

Thank you for sending me a copy of your M. V. H. R. article. I had read it with much interest in the Review, but I am always glad to have such items for my files.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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My dear Professor Buck,

Can you tell me of any source from which it might be possible to obtain a copy of Mrs. M. C. Darling's History of Colonel Bouquet and the Western Frontier of Pennsylvania, 1747-1764.?

I know that it was issued in a limited edition, and that it may well be virtually unobtainable, or only to be had at such a price as we could not pay. But if it is to be bought at anything like a reasonable figure, I should be very glad to be able to add it to the American History Library at University College. And I venture to bother you about it, because you are more likely than anyone else <sup>to know</sup> if there are still any copies in stock anywhere.

Yours sincerely

H. Hau Bellet.

A. M. Award, Jr.,  
Award's Book Store,  
925 No. Third St.,  
Harrisburg, Pa.

January 2, 1935

Professor H. Hale Bellot  
9 Well Walk  
N.W. 3, London, England

My dear Professor Bellot:

Your letter of December 9 was received just as I was leaving for the meeting of the American Historical Association. I regret to have to report that I am unable to locate any available copy of Mrs. Darlington's History of Colonel Bouquet. The only suggestion that I have to offer is that you write to Mr. A. M. Aurand, Jr., Aurand's Book Store, 925 North Third Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Mr. Aurand usually has the largest stock of second-hand books relating to Pennsylvania of any of the dealers that I know of, and if he does not have a copy he might be able to locate one for you. I should warn you, however, that his prices are usually rather high. It is possible, of course, that letters to the dealers in Americana in New York, whose names and addresses you doubtless have, would turn up a copy of the book.

We had a very successful meeting of the American Historical Association in Washington last week. I wish you could have been with us.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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June 5, 1935.

Professor H. Hale Bellot,  
9 Well Walk,  
N.W. 3, London, England.

My dear Professor Bellot:

A copy of Mrs. Darlington's History of Colonel Bouquet, about which you inquired last September, has just come to my attention. It is one of a number of books belonging to an estate which is to be closed up in August when one of the heirs becomes of age. I think that we can get the book for you at that time for seven fifty, which I consider a very reasonable price. If this is agreeable to you, let me know, and I will pass the word on to the person who has charge of the distribution of the books for the estate.

\$7.50

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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October 16, 1934

Professor Samuel F. <sup>m</sup>Ben<sup>is</sup>  
History Department  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Ben<sup>m</sup>is:

If you are looking for papers for the meeting of the American Historical Association, I should like to suggest that Dr. Leland D. Baldwin of my staff could give a good paper on "The Role of the Whiskey Insurrection in National Affairs." He writes well, has a good delivery, and I believe that his paper would be a contribution. He has recently completed the manuscript of a book on the Whiskey Insurrection.

I do not know, of course, whether or not such a paper would fit into your plans for the program. If it does not fit in elsewhere, perhaps it might be appropriate for the joint session with the Mississippi Valley Historical Association. I suppose the program for that session is arranged by someone representing that Association, but I don't know who it is. Perhaps you could forward the suggestion if you think well of it.

May I take this opportunity to congratulate you on your appointment at Yale. Doubtless it will offer you the opportunity of continuing your research and writing, as well as spreading the gospel among the graduate students.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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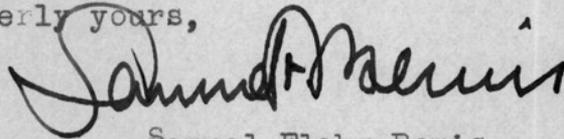
Adams House, Harvard College, Cambridge, Mass., Oct. 19, 1934

Dear Buck,

It is too late now for any more papers on the program, which has already gone in to the Washington office to be printed. So I am sorry to have to disappoint Dr. Baldwin. He has an important and interesting subject, which I have always thought needed to be worked up.

Thank you for your kind wishes. I hope to see you in Washington.

Sincerely yours,



Samuel Flagg Bemis

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GEORGE W. BENNETT, PH. D.  
PROFESSOR OF ORGANIC CHEMISTRY  
GROVE CITY COLLEGE

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OCT 31 1934

GROVE CITY, PA.

Oct. 30, 1934

Mr. Solon J. Buck, Vice President,  
Section L, A.A.A.S.,  
University of Pittsburgh,  
Pittsburgh, Penna.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of an invitation to join the American Association for the Advancement of Science. I have never been a member of this Association, but I would like to attend its Pittsburgh meetings in December.

I have prepared a paper on the life of Francis Julius LeMoyne of Washington, Penna., who was the first person to practice cremation of the human cadaver in the United States. LeMoyne also had wide scientific interests. It occurred to me that perhaps such a paper would be very timely for the Pittsburgh meeting in view of the fact that LeMoyne belonged to the Pittsburgh district, and <sup>that</sup> many of <sup>the</sup> memorabilia are still in existence.

I am writing to you to ask if such a paper would be desirable for the History of Sciences group, and if there would be time at this date to put the paper on the program. If it is possible I would, of course, become a member of the Association.

Very truly yours,

*George W. Bennett*

George W. Bennett,

407 Bessemer Ave.,  
Grove City, Penna.

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October 31, 1934

Dr. George W. Bennett  
(Grove City College)  
Grove City, Pa.

407 Bessemer Ave.

My dear Mr. Bennett:

I am very glad to know about your paper concerning Francis J. LeMoyné. The History of Science Society is not meeting with the A.A.A.S. this year but is meeting in Washington with the American Historical Association. Arrangements are being made, however, for a joint session of Section L (historical and philological sciences) and Section M (engineering) of the A.A.A.S. with the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania in the Society's building on Monday evening, December 31. The program for that meeting has not been completed as yet, and it may be possible to include your paper in that program. I will write you more definitely about this a little later.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Busk

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P. S. - Could you send me a copy of your paper? If that is not convenient, let me know how long it would take to read it.

SJB

folder enclosed ✓

**GEORGE W. BENNETT, PH. D.**  
**PROFESSOR OF ORGANIC CHEMISTRY**  
**GROVE CITY COLLEGE**

NOV 6 1934

GROVE CITY, PA.

Nov. 5, 1934

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

Dear Dr. Buck,

Enclosed is a copy of my paper on  
Francis Julius LeMoyné as per your request of  
October 31st. It takes me 20 minutes to read it.

Very truly yours,

*George W. Bennett*

George W. Bennett.

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November 9, 1934

Dr. George W. Bennett  
Grove City College  
Grove City, Pa.

Dear Dr. Bennett:

Thank you for sending me the copy of your paper on Francis Julius LeMoyné. I have read it with much interest and am referring it to Dr. Charles E. Skinner, who is the chairman of Section M (engineering), which is joining with Section L in the proposed joint program on science and engineering in western Pennsylvania.

Some new complications have arisen with reference to our program, and it is probable that the date will be changed from Monday evening, December 31, to the afternoon of that day. I do not yet know how the program itself is shaping up and so cannot be sure whether or not your paper can be included. I shall write you again about it as soon as I have definite information and I shall make sure that your paper is returned to you in due course.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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November 20, 1934

Professor George W. Bennett  
Grove City College  
Grove City, Pa.

My dear Dr. Bennett:

I regret to have to report to you that it did not seem feasible to those in charge of the program for the joint session of Sections L (historical and philological sciences) and M (engineering) of the American Association for the Advancement of Science to include your paper on Francis Julius Lemoyne in the program. Several papers that seemed to be of more general interest to the groups concerned were available, and the time for the session is strictly limited. I am returning the paper to you herewith. ✓

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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Bickford, M. F.

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Dr. S. J. Buck,  
University of Pittsburgh,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Sir,

Dr. S. F. Bemis, of George Wash-  
ington University, under whom I am  
studying the Jeffersonian period of  
American history, suggested that  
I write and ask you whether  
you could give me any reference  
to writings on travel in the  
United States in the days of the  
embargo, as the embargo is the  
subject of my special study.

I would very much appreciate  
any references which you may  
be able to give.

1808 - Mar 1809

yours very truly  
Mildred J. Beckford

3044 Shayer St., N.E.  
Washington, D.C.

4338 Bigelow Boulevard,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

April 13, 1934

Miss Mildred F. Bickford,  
3044 Thayer Street, N. E.,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Miss Bickford:

I am sorry to have delayed so long in replying to your letter of February 23 but the pressure of work here made it impossible for me to attend to this sooner. I am afraid, moreover, that I cannot be of much assistance to you. The bibliography of travel is not in such condition at the present time as to make it possible for us to locate the titles of all works for a given period. I have, however, noted the following references, which may be of some use to you:

Gaming, Fortesque, Sketches. Pittsburgh, 1810.  
Howe, John, Secret Reports. Am. Hist. Rev., 17:77  
Ingersoll, Charles J. Iniquin, The Jesuit's Letters.  
N. Y., 1910.  
Ker, Henry, Travels, Elizabethtown, N. J., 1816.  
Schultz, Christian, Jr., Travels. N. Y., 1810.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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# PENNSYLVANIA HISTORY

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ARTHUR C. BINING, EDITOR  
UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA  
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

OCT 31 1934

October 27, 1934

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

I wish to thank you for your kind invitation to read a paper at the meeting of Section L, American Association for the Advancement of Science about the end of the year. I am sorry that I cannot accept for two reasons. On our way back from Pittsburgh last Christmastime we had to combat icy roads all the way and we decided that we would never make the trip again in winter. Another reason is that our machine is not as efficient as it once was. We have had to eliminate all long trips. I am going to attempt the trip to Washington for the A.H.A. meeting and trust that I shall see you there. I would like to attend your meeting in Pittsburgh, but it will be impossible.

The printer is having difficulty in getting out the October number of Pennsylvania History, but I am still hoping that we will be able to distribute it before the end of the month. The list of members of the P.H.A. has just been revised and retyped. I find that we have 401 members, which is encouraging.

I trust that your work is going well and will look forward to seeing you at Washington.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur C. Bining  
Arthur C. Bining

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July 26, 1935

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

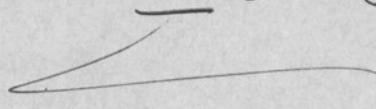
Dear Dr. Buck:

Permit me to congratulate you on your appointment as director of publications in the National Archives. I am very glad for your sake, but we are certainly going to miss you in Pennsylvania.

There are several things I want to see you about. I do not expect to visit Pittsburgh until the end of August, and am wondering whether you will still be there at that time.

Very sincerely yours,

*Arthur C. Bining*  
Arthur C. Bining



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August 5, 1935

Dr. Arthur C. Bining  
University of Pennsylvania  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Bining:

Thank you for your congratulations. I have spent a couple of days with the staff of the National Archives in Washington, and I am sure that I shall enjoy my work there very much. I expect, of course, to retain my membership and interest in the Pennsylvania Historical Association.

My present plans are to move to Washington about September first, and I hope to get in a couple of weeks of vacation before then. It is probable, however, that I shall be in Pittsburgh during most, if not all, of the last week in August, and if you are here then I shall be very glad to see you.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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The American Historical Review

HENRY E. BOURNE  
MANAGING EDITOR

40 B STREET S.W., WASHINGTON, D. C. December 13, 1934.

DEC 14 1934

Dear Dr. Buck:

As you know, there is to be a luncheon of editors of historical reviews at the Washington meeting. The question has arisen what we should discuss. I consulted Dr. Coleman in regard to the matter and he suggested you as one of the speakers, with the question - "Shall local and state historical societies confine their meetings and publications to local and state history?" I hope you are planning to be present, and will consent to discuss this or some other topic of interest to such a gathering.

Yours very truly,

*Henry E. Bourne*

Dr. Solon J. Buck  
Historical Building  
4338 Bigelow Boulevard  
Pittsburgh, Penna.

Dr. Henry E. Bourne, Managing Editor  
The American Historical Review  
40 B Street S.W., Washington, D.C.

Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania  
Pittsburgh, Pa. December 17, 1934

Dear Dr. Bourne:

I expect to attend the luncheon of editors of historical reviews and shall be glad to make a few remarks on the subject that you suggest.

Sincerely yours,

Walter J. Ruck

MAY 8 1934

OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

May 7, 1934

Dear Dr. Buck:

It gives me pleasure to ask you to come to a red-lemonade picnic, wooden-plate dinner, at my farm next Saturday afternoon, May 12. May I suggest that you put on old clothes, have an early luncheon, and start East on the Lincoln Highway. It takes about two hours and twenty minutes to go, with safe driving, from Pittsburgh to the farm. The farm is about one mile directly South of Schellsburg, which is about twelve miles this side of Bedford. It is located on the worst road to the right out of Schellsburg.

I am asking the faculties of The College and of the School of Education to join in this picnic.

Dean Sieg will arrange a committee to provide transportation for those who may need it.

Please let me know whether or not you will be with us.

With kind personal wishes, I am

Faithfully yours,

John G. Bowman

Dr. Solon J. Buck

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May 9, 1934

Dr. John G. Bowman,  
Chancellor, University of Pittsburgh,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

My dear Dr. Bowman:

It gives me pleasure to accept your kind invitation to attend the picnic at your farm on Saturday, May 12. I am planning to drive my car and to take several other members of the history department with me.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Back

SJB:AM

September 10, 1934

Mr. Julian Boyd  
Historical Society of Pennsylvania  
1300 Locust Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Boyd:

I was delighted to learn of your appointment to a position with the Historical Society of Pennsylvania and want to extend to you my congratulations. I think that the Society and the state are more to be congratulated perhaps than are you. It will be of great advantage to the historical interests of the state to have someone with professional training and experience such as yours in a strategic position in the Society. I suspect that you will find yourself confronted with many difficulties, but I believe that you have the requisite tact to handle the situation. I understand from Dr. Cappon of Virginia that you had the foresight to lay down some very definite conditions before accepting the position, and that ought to strengthen your hand. I am sure that you can count on the support and co-operation of the men at the University of Pennsylvania and on the professional element throughout the state. If there is any way in which I can be of assistance at any time, do not hesitate to call on me.

You may be surprised to know that there has been some question about the continuation of our work here. The Buhl Foundation has finally agreed, however, to continue its appropriation for another year, but it is still doubtful as to whether or not the project will be continued during the fifth year. I have been spending the summer writing a book and trying to raise money and have had no vacation as yet, but hope to get away for a week just before the University opens.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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September 12, 1934

Dr. S. J. Buck, Director,  
Historical Society of Western Penna.,  
Pittsburgh, Penna.

Dear Dr. Buck:

I cannot tell you how much I appreciate your very cordial letter. I feel that I am very fortunate in having your good wishes and I am certain that I shall stand in need of your counsel and experience in the future. I am looking forward to the next meeting of the new Pennsylvania Historical Association as I suppose that will be the first opportunity I shall have of talking with you.

My family are still at Ticonderoga and I learned last week that I had missed Mr. Baldwin of your staff. I hope that when any of your research assistants come to Philadelphia they will look me up.

I have been talking with Professor Sioussat who, I believe, is chairman of the library committee of the American Philosophical Society and he is interested in getting the various special librarians of this city together to discuss the matter of promoting some bibliographical contributions. I have been thinking of the great need of an index to the Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography and it occurred to me that it would be much wiser if instead of publishing an index to our magazine we should enter into an agreement with your Society and others in the State for the purpose of preparing a consolidated index to the various journals. The so-called bibliography of the historical societies of Pennsylvania published by the Historical Commission is, as you know, wholly inadequate and untrustworthy.

Do you think that it is feasible to talk about such cooperation at this time? Dr. Sioussat seems to think that the American Philosophical Society is in a financial position to underwrite some bibliographical ventures but whether that society would be willing to help in the compilation of such an index, I do not know.

I am very much disturbed to learn that there is a possibility of a termination of your work under the Buhl foundation. I certainly hope that in case the work is not sponsored by the Buhl Foundation some other agency or individual in Pittsburgh will take it up.

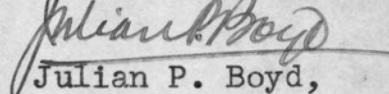
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In view of the unfortunate possibility of your work being brought to a close, I am very glad I had the opportunity to say something of your coming to Pennsylvania in an article on the development of American ~~h~~istorical societies which will appear in the October number of The American Historical Review.

With best wishes, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

  
Julian P. Boyd,  
Asst. Librarian.

September 13, 1934

Mr. Julian P. Boyd, Assistant Librarian  
The Historical Society of Pennsylvania  
1300 Locust Street  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Boyd:

Your suggestion of an index to the Pennsylvania Magazine and possibly others interests me very much, and it would certainly be a fine thing if the American Philosophical Society could be persuaded to support some projects along this line. Without making a careful study of the matter, my own feeling is that, if an ordinary alphabetical index to persons, places, and subjects is contemplated, it would be better to make separate indexes for each publication, so that they could be filed with the sets in libraries. If something in the nature of a bibliography or topical guide is contemplated, I should think it ought to cover even more ground than you suggest. I should like to see a classified bibliography of Pennsylvania history compiled, which would include not only books but also important articles in periodicals. If this were provided with an index it would be extremely useful. Might it not be well to have the Pennsylvania Historical Association set up a committee to prepare bibliographical and indexing projects for consideration by the American Philosophical Society?

I am looking forward with interest to your forthcoming article in the American Historical Review. Bourne consulted with me about this article last year and I was pleased when I learned that he had persuaded you to do it. The preparation of that article doubtless has given you a fund of information that will be helpful in your present position.

You may be sure that you will be called upon whenever any of our people visit Philadelphia. We shall be glad to see you here at the spring meeting of the P. H. A. I hope that you will also attend the American Historical Association meeting in Washington in December, and if you do I shall doubtless see you there.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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September 17, 1934

Dr. Solon J. Buck,  
Director,  
The Western Penna. Historical Society,  
4338 Bigelow Boulevard,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Dr. Buck:

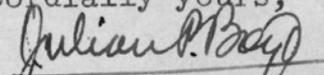
I do not know but what your suggestion of a separate index for each publication is preferable to a consolidated index of several publications. I have not yet seen the index of the latter type that has been made in Virginia. At any rate, in the outline of the publication policy which I expect to hand to Mr. Spofford this week, to be presented to the Council next Monday, I intend to urge the compilation of an index to the Penna. Magazine of History and Biography. That at least will serve to open the question.

You will be interested to know that I have just found stored away on the fourth floor a collection of manuscripts in several large boxes, which were given to the Free Library by Simon Gratz and which have evidently been stored here without use since his death. I only examined two boxes. The first contained about thirty bound volumes of manuscript sermons by famous New England divines from 1640 on. The second was a large wooden box containing a good many bundles of manuscripts. The first bundle that I picked up, and in fact the only one that I have so far examined, dealt with George Morgan and the Illinois country in the 1770's.

I intend to be in Washington at the meeting and I shall look forward to seeing you.

We are getting almost daily communications from Bulter, Penna., containing clippings from the Post-Gazette. I extend my sympathy to you.

Cordially yours,

  
Julian P. Boyd,  
Asst. Librarian.

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Dr. Solon J. Buck  
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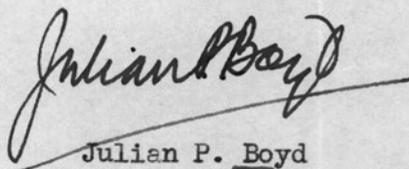
Dear Dr. Buck:

The only person I know who can equal you in saying pleasant things is Dixon Ryan Fox. I am very much pleased to know that the new format of the Magazine meets with your approval, and you are quite right in attributing the influence of your Magazine to it. I made use of it rather shamelessly.

I am very much disappointed that I shall not be able to go to Pittsburgh, and still more so since there is a prospect of going to Cincinnati with you. However, I simply cannot get away at this time, and unless I obtain a little more leisure soon I may have to back out on my paper for next week. I hope that may not occur however.

With best wishes, I am

Cordially yours,



Julian P. Boyd  
Librarian.

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APR 18 1935

My dear Dr. Buck:

I am terribly disappointed that I cannot attend this week and I am deeply chagrined that I cannot send my paper. I have no assistant here to whom I can delegate responsible duties - the magazine, exhibits, correspondence of every sort (in which I am far behind) all fall on my shoulders and I simply have not had time to begin the paper. My local duties cannot be shirked and as much as I dislike to do so, I must fall down on my promise. Please convey this to Dr. James, to whom I shall write tomorrow.

My heart wishes for a successful  
meeting. I have the P.H.A.'s interests  
much at heart as you will know.

Hastily

Julian P. Boyd

May 3, 1935

Mr. Julian P. Boyd, Librarian  
Historical Society of Pennsylvania  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Boyd:

I was very sorry that you did not turn up at our meeting or at the Mississippi Valley Historical Association meeting, but I can readily understand your reasons for not doing so. Both of the meetings went off very well.

In view of the fact that my situation when I took charge of the Minnesota Historical Society twenty years ago was in many respects similar to yours at the present time, I feel sure that you will not resent it if I offer you some advice. You were probably justified in sticking on the job instead of attending outside meetings at this stage, but you would, I believe, be making a serious mistake if you do not maintain constant contact with historical activities outside of Philadelphia and of Pennsylvania. I know by long and bitter experience what it means to be swamped with work, and especially with a great variety of tasks all pressing to be done at the same time. Sometimes, however, if one gets away for a few days he discovers that some of the tasks are not so pressing after all. Again, one should avoid starting too many new things at the same time. I am sure that you are full of ideas of things that could be done to improve your institution, but it is best to be patient and work them out gradually, one at a time.

It seems to me that your greatest need is the appointment of a number of competent people on your staff to whom you can delegate more and more of the work. You will find, however, that you can never delegate responsibility. The Minnesota Historical Society now has a staff of between twenty-five and thirty people, and at least ten of them are well trained scholars or experienced administrators.

I am going to offer one suggestion with reference to your magazine. It is that you reserve the use of caps and small caps in textual matter for the title of the magazine itself, or rather that you do not use them for the title of the Society. It is the practice of ~~most~~ magazines to indicate its own title in this manner, but I know of none that so indicates the name of the publisher. I am not inherently opposed to innovation, but in view of the frequency with which you will have occasion to print the name of your Society it seems to me that the practice will have a bad effect upon the appearance of your pages. I am going to call your attention also to your citation of the Bouquet Papers; as, for example, in the first note on page 110. Instead of "B.M., 21, 652," the correct form would be "B. M., Add. Mss., 21, 652." The figures belong together as a single number and they apply not to the British Museum itself but to its collection of additional manuscripts. On page 107, second line, I note that the word "England" is improperly divided. The river referred to in the footnote at the bottom of page 180 is French Creek, not the Venango River.

Mr. Julian P. Boyd

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On page 198, line four, James' middle initial is given as B instead of P. The reference in the middle of page 203 to me as "of the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania" is somewhat out of date, as I ceased to be an officer of the Society last January.

These are all very insignificant points, of course, and I may say for your consolation that I usually find similar things in each issue of our magazine after it gets into print. They illustrate, however, a point that I want to make, and that is that you need a thoroughly competent editorial assistant to relieve you of the burden, in part at least, of revising the English of articles, standardizing forms and references, reading proof, etc. Doubtless you are well aware of this fact. My own experience leads me to believe that it requires nearly the full time of a competent editorial assistant to keep a quarterly magazine going, including the making of the annual index.

If there is anything I can do at any time to be of assistance to you, do not hesitate to call upon me.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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P.S. I neglected to thank you for sending me a personal copy of the magazine. It was much appreciated, of course.

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May 6, 1935

Dr. Solon J. Buck,  
Director,  
The Western Penna. Historical Survey,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Dr. Buck:

I am extremely grateful to you for your very kind letter of suggestion and I accept it in the spirit in which it was written. I think all of your advice is very pertinent and I have no quarrel to make with any of it. I am being apprised constantly of errors of fact and typography that appeared in the April issue and I have about concluded that the errors are far more numerous than can be justified even by the fact that the issue and the new format had to be prepared after February first.

In accepting the very valid point which you make about maintaining contacts in Pennsylvania and outside, a policy which I have always tried to follow and which I certainly intend to follow in the future, I want to come back by asking your advice on another matter. I have been approached by Dr. Connor with what seems to me an interesting and worth-while proposition and in the face of the situation here I must admit that the temptation to go over to the Government is a tremendous one. Can you advise me on this as soon as possible?

Cordially yours,

Mr.

*Julian P. Boyd*  
Julian P. Boyd,  
Librarian

4360 Center Avenue  
Pittsburgh, Penna.

May 8, 1935

Mr. Julian P. Boyd, Librarian  
Historical Society of Pennsylvania  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Boyd:

I am immensely interested in the statement in your letter of May 6 that Connor has offered you a position. I am afraid, however, that I am not in a position to give you disinterested advice, for the prospects are that I shall also be in Washington as director of publications in the National Archives, and I should very much like to have you there. Connor has said that he intends to recommend me for the position. The appointment is a presidential one, however, and has to be confirmed by the Senate. Connor anticipates no objection from the President, however, and at his suggestion I have, through some of my friends, got Senator Guffey to recommend me to him, so that there ought to be no opposition in the Senate. This is very confidential, of course, for I do not want it to be known here until it is all settled.

Whether or not it would be wise for you to accept depends in part, of course, upon the work you would have in the Archives and also in part on the comparative salaries of the two positions. Certainly you would be justified in using the offer as a lever to improve the situation in Philadelphia. You might very well insist upon being given expert assistance on your staff, and perhaps also an arrangement whereby you could do some teaching at the University of Pennsylvania, as conditions of your remaining. I should hate to see the prospects of the rejuvenation of your institution lost, but it would be very pleasant for Mrs. Buck and me if you and Mrs. Boyd moved to Washington.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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July 10, 1935

Dr. E. Douglas Branch  
University of Montana  
Missoula, Montana

Dear Branch:

Doubtless you are wondering why I have not written to you before about your appointment here. The explanation is that, about the time the appointment went through, I was approached with reference to the position of director of publications in the National Archives, and what I would write to you would depend somewhat upon the outcome of that matter. It dragged on much longer than I had anticipated, but the President has now sent the nomination to the Senate and I do not expect any difficulty over confirmation. I do not know when I shall be going to Washington, but I hope that you will get here before I leave, as I should like to give you as much dope as possible, not only with reference to your work but also as to the general situation.

You understand, I think, that your appointment is outside the Survey, though it is expected that the two projects will be correlated, and I believe that the materials we have collected and the bibliographical work we have done will be of value to you.

I did not have the making of the appointment, but I was asked for suggestions and I proposed your name. I believe that you can produce the type of work that is wanted here and still have it make some contribution to knowledge, if anyone can do so.

I am including a chapter on transportation in the book that I am trying to finish up entitled "The Planting of Civilization in Western Pennsylvania," which is confined mainly to the period before the War of 1812. I have not exhausted the subject by any means, but I think you will probably find it advisable to begin where I left off or at least to treat the early period only in a very general way.

I read your latest book with a great deal of interest and was impressed with the amount of new material that you had dug up.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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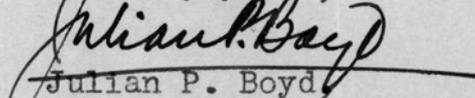
Dr. Solon J. Buck,  
Director,  
Western Penna. Historical Survey,  
Historical Building,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Dr. Buck:

I appreciate your letter very much and I wish that I had the opportunity to talk with you. Dr. Connor has offered me the place in the library of the National Archives and after talking with him a week ago I found it a great deal more to my liking than I had anticipated. It would certainly be a pleasure to be associated with you on the staff. I have not yet made up my mind what I shall do but I have talked with several members of the Council and I am inclined very strongly in that direction.

I congratulate you upon the offer that Dr. Connor has made you. It certainly should prove a most interesting office and one much to your liking.

Cordially yours,

  
Julian P. Boyd  
Librarian

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July 29, 1935

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Dear Dr. Buck:

Let me first congratulate you on your appointment. I suppose you will happily be free of the mechanical responsibilities that will go with the transfer of the archive materials to the new building, and able to do some judicious executive work. I've discovered how inordinately rare the combination of a historical and a managerial mind is; and your work in the Minnesota Historical becomes, in retrospect, increasingly prominent. I have to beg the question about the Western Pennsylvania Historical. I know practically nothing about the work there in the last few years. I have a great deal that I have to learn, and learn quickly.

I shall be in Pittsburgh on September the third, I think. I can reach there on August the thirty-first or even a day or two earlier, if your appointment has been smoothly ratified and you are planning an immediate move to Washington.

Whether in Pittsburgh or Washington, I want to see you before I have dipped into my Pittsburgh work. You will find that I know astonishingly little about the work expected of me. Oliver, in our brief exchange of letters, has been friendly, of course, but astonishingly taciturn. About all that I had to go on when I accepted the appointment was that (I gathered from Cole) you had recommended me, that therefore the job was worth my doing; and that the rank of Research Professor which went with the offer would give me full status just before I was thirty, and take care of that academic folderol thereafter.

I have really been a bit reluctant to go because my work here has been so keenly enjoyable. Aside from some downright satisfying classes there has been Frontier and Midland, which has been mine practically altogether for the last three issues, every step of the editorial routine from selection of materials to proofreading and makeup. Circulation has been my worry too; and the fact that the magazine made \$500 this year, the first profit it has shown in its eight years, pleases me more than any nickel I ever made for myself.

I look forward to meeting you again and to discussing the Pittsburgh work. Please let me hear from you at an early date. I shall be leaving Missoula



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for a fortnight's vacation in the mountains on August the tenth.

You may or may not know that I was divorced early in 1933. The whole subject embarrasses me, and I mention it now so that when we meet the absence of wife can be passed over without comment.

Thank you for the good comment on The Sentimental Years. Reviews in the Minnesota Quarterly, the MVHR, the New York Times, and nearly everywhere else were very pleasant. The AHR carried a rather mendacious, certainly inchoate, review by Bertha Monica-Stearns that irritated me by citing three errata in each of which my book was right and the reviewer was wrong, but I decided the business was too trivial to write the AHR about. Sometime I hope to get back into that antebellum period. Sumner interests me a great deal, as a touchstone to evaluate the changing times; and Warren Chase is another person I would like to know more about, and write about.

Yours very truly,

*E. Douglas Branch*

E. D. Branch



August 5, 1935

Dr. E. Douglas Branch  
University of Montana  
Missoula, Montana

Dear Branch:

Thank you for your congratulations. I have spent a couple of days in Washington with the staff of the National Archives and I am sure that I shall enjoy my work there very much.

As I am planning to transfer to Washington on September first, I am afraid that we will not be able to have a talk before you take up your work here. I am a little startled at your interpretation of my having recommended (perhaps suggested would be a better term) you for the position as a recommendation also of the job to you. I did not know, of course, to what extent your present position was satisfactory or likely to be permanent. On the whole, however, I do not think that you will regret the venture, although you will doubtless run into some difficulties here.

Nothing has been decided yet as to the future of the survey. The indications are, however, that it will be continued for another year at least, and a decision will probably be reached within a week as to who is to direct the work after my departure. I am sure that my successor and the members of the staff will be glad to co-operate with you in every possible way.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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875 MARION STREET  
DENVER, COLORADO

Aug 5<sup>th</sup>, 1934.

My dear Doctor Buck:

Since we last met  
in St Paul I've been doing  
considerable historical research  
work, and have now reached  
the point where I need advice  
from some one like yourself - a  
professional - while I am decidedly  
in the Amateur class.

I expect to pass thru Pittsburg  
about the last of September  
en route to New York and Washington,

and am sending this to ask  
if you will be in Pittsburg  
at that time and if you could  
spare me an hour or two.

If I should be thus  
fortunate, I'll send you in  
advance an abstract of some  
four or five subjects which I  
should like to take up with  
you. Hoping for a reply, and with  
warm personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours  
H. B. Brown

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August 24, 1934

General W. C. Brown  
875 Marion Street  
Denver, Colorado

My dear General Brown:

A variety of circumstances, with which I need not trouble you, has prevented me from replying before this to your letter of August fifth. There is a possibility that I may be away for a while during September, but I shall certainly be back here by the twenty-fifth and I should be very glad to have the opportunity to talk with you. If you can let me know just when you expect to be here, I shall make a special effort to be on hand at that time.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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875 MARION STREET  
DENVER, COLORADO

Aug 29, 1934,

My dear Doctor Buck:—

It was a pleasure  
to get your note of the 24<sup>th</sup>,  
and while in Chicago—about  
say Sept 14<sup>th</sup>—24<sup>th</sup>—I'll advise  
you when I expect to be  
in Pittsburg.

The subjects on which I wish  
to get your views are indicated  
in the enclosed typed Memorandum—  
— particularly the history of the  
Primitive Expedition for which  
we are trying to get a publisher.

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Scribner's will not publish  
unless they have \$2000<sup>00</sup> cash  
to start with.

Tompkins (the author) is willing  
to put up \$1000<sup>00</sup> if Scribner  
will do their share of advertising.

I have sent a check for \$100<sup>00</sup>  
worth of copies and another  
participant of the Expedition  
will give nice encouragement.

These large publishing houses  
seem to drive pretty hard  
bargains. The Century Co treated  
Gen Scott very badly in

handling his "Some Memories of a Soldier"  
and gave it practically no  
advertising whatever. This makes  
me somewhat cautious.

However, we will discuss  
that when we get together.

Thanking you for your  
willingness to give me some  
of your time I am

Sincerely yours  
W. L. Brown

THE W. M. CAMP  
RECORDS OF INDIAN  
WAR HISTORY

By  
Brigadier General William C. Brown,  
U. S. A. Retired

The avocation of W. M. Camp, Editor of the Railroad Review, Chicago, who died in August, 1925, was the study of Indian War History of the Great Western Plains.

As a result of his firsthand investigations for more than twenty summers, he was preparing at the time of his death to write and publish a book on our conflicts with the Red Man. While originally Mr. Camp intended writing, "A History of the Seventh U. S. Cavalry," this plan seems to have been dropped as his inquiries and notes cover a far wider scope.

His address at the Annual Meeting of the Order of Indian Wars, (Washington,) in 1920, affords a fair index of his labors, as well as the wide geographical range of his investigations. These extended from the White Bird affair of Northern Idaho to Miles' Expedition of 1874 on the Red River, Texas. Chronologically his researches covered such operations and engagements as the Grattan Massacre of 1854, the Connor-Cole Powder River Expedition, The Red Buttes Indian fight in which Sergeant Custard and some twenty soldiers were killed near the present site of Casper, Wyoming in 1865, the Fetterman Massacre of 1866, the Hayfield and Wagon Box fights of 1867, the Beecher Island fight and Battle of Washita in 1868. Likewise the battles of Adobe Walls and Lyman's fight of 1874 come in for a share of attention. There is a detailed map of line of march of troops in the Dept of Dakota in the Sioux Campaign of 1876.

The Reynolds court martial of January, 1877, gets attention to the extent of over one hundred pages.

He devotes especial attention to the Custer fight, going into the matter in great detail, and securing rosters of the various troops of 7th Cavalry. He made a map of the terrain of the battle of June 25, 1876, and also made copious notes of interviews with a large number of the survivors of those with Reno, including officers, scouts, soldiers, and Indians. There are about one hundred thirty pages devoted to the Reno Court of Inquiry. In some cases diaries of participants in this and other campaigns have been copied.

He gives the exact location of the Slim Buttes fight which had been lost, but through two persistent efforts on the part of Camp and General Anson Mills was accurately located and marked at the latter's expense.

His researches included General Miles' fight at Cedar Creek, Montana, Mackenzie's destruction of Dull Knife's Village, Baldwin's destruction of Sitting Bull's camp at the head of Redwater, the Battle of Wolf Mountain (including map of the field) the Lamé Deer fight (a map of this field had already been found with Baldwin's papers) Clearwater, Idaho, Joseph's surrender at the Battle of Bear Paw Mountain (1877,) the escape of the Cheyennes under Dull Knife in Nebraska, Frank D. Baldwin's fight (1880) on the Little Porcupine, down to and including the death of Sitting Bull and battles of Wounded Knee (with map) and Drexel Mission, December 30, 1890.

Over forty battlefields were personally visited and where possible data as to township and section of Land Office map have been secured so that the sites might subsequently be marked. The records include about one hundred photos and in many cases negatives of prominent officers, scouts, and Indians, who had been participants, and the work had progressed to such extent that over eighty cuts had been made. The weight alone of a thousand or more pages of manuscript is nearly fifty pounds. The value of these records lies in the fact that the data were obtained largely from active participants and in nearly every case these are dead.

Camp preferred to secure his information as near to the source as possible and acquired to a limited extent a knowledge of the Sioux tongue. He was a keen investigator and indefatigable. He knew what questions to ask and thus extract from these interviewed the maximum amount of information.

The undersigned is now engaged in classifying the material in order to determine to better advantage than has heretofore been possible its exact scope and extent. He acquired the collection in July last for Mr. R. S. Ellison, formerly chairman of the Historical Landmark Commission of Wyoming.

Taken all in all the rescue of these valuable historical records from practical oblivion will be a source of congratulation to those interested in the history of the Great West.

W. C. BROWN.

The subjects which I have particularly in mind are the following:

(a) The Indian War records and notes of the late W. M. Camp described in the enclosed extract from "Winners of the West."

(b) History of the Punitive Expedition in Mexico, 1916, by Colonel Frank Tompkins, U.S.A. Ret., who was prominent in repulsing the attack on Columbus, N.M., March 16, 1916, and was attacked April 12, 1916, at Parral. As I also commanded an Independent Cavalry Column (10th Cav.) I have been supplying much of the material for this, and we have used General Pershing's report and reports of various Independent Column commanders, diaries, etc. Tompkins' history will cover over 400 pages; five maps with the text; two large folding maps (copies of those which accompanied General Pershing's report); 16 photo illustrations, etc. It is the only history ever attempted of the Expedition, and in preparing it considerable attention has been given to the political situation. 1000 copies are to be printed of which 500 are to be bound. Publishers say the book should sell for \$3.00 to \$3.75 per copy.

General Pershing has read the manuscript and says of it, in part:

"It is indeed interesting because it covers a period of activity in which our cavalry was engaged on foreign soil, and its record under adverse conditions of lack of forage, food and water, among an unfriendly people, will always excite the pride and emulation of the American cavalymen."

Your views as to the probable demand for such a book from historical societies is requested.

(c) Biography of Bvt. Brig. Gen. R. F. Bernard, U.S.Cav, by Mr. Don Russell of the Chicago News. I supplied practically all the material for this, as Bernard had been my commanding officer in the Bannock Campaign 1878 and that against the Sheepeaters in Idaho in 1879. When he retired from active service Bernard's boast was that he "had participated

in 103 fights and scrimmages." He was a master of minor warfare in such tasks as fell to the Army between 1858 and 1881, and not only for such work was he one of the most efficient troop commanders carried on the rolls of the Army during his service as Lieutenant and Captain, *and in Leadership and as a Captain in Indian warfare he would not get far just,* Russell has about 130 pages of typed matter - enough for a small book - and we are trying to get a publisher.

(d) Old Military Posts, Trails, Battle Sites, and other historical features of the Southwest by Col. C. C. Smith, U.S.A. Retired. Besides his map (sample herewith) Smith - formerly one of my Captains during the Mexican border troubles - has some 75 typed pages of description of these old posts, etc., and is still working on it. It would seem that his work, which has required an immense amount of research, would be of much value as a work of reference, especially for those interested in the early history of that section.

(e) Gano's History of the U. S. Army (1924). This is a work of great importance to the Army but it is so badly in need of revision, that several years ago I went with Gano to the publishers (D. Appleton & Co.) to arrange for this. However we got no where. Besides the work which I put on it, Gen. Garlington and Gen. H. L. Scott interested themselves, the latter stating: "There is without a doubt a crying need for an accurate history of the Army of the U.S. from its beginning in order that the American people may better understand it x x x few men are competent to do it. Such a man must have had a military education and experience to enable him to evaluate his facts and assign them their proper proportions - he must have a passion for truth, a pleasing style, a judicial temperament, a back ground of deep culture, a wide historical research, a determination to accomplish results and in addition a sympathetic feeling that would make

the writing of such a history a labor of love. Few men in all our history have been able to meet all these conditions. Col. Ganoe however has already given promise in his first work of ability to fill them."

The value placed on this work by over fifty prominent people competent to pass on its merits is shown by the enclosed list of testimonials. The work should be considerably enlarged and made a work of reference as well as a history.

*Abstract of testimonial  
relating to The History of the U.S. Army  
by W. A. Gammal, Major USA*

It reads so smoothly that one does not realize what a tremendous amount of important history there is covered in one volume. I congratulate the author on a worthy work well done.--  
Major General William Harding Carter.

(The following letter, unsolicited, came to the author, who had no personal acquaintanceship with General Lewis and who had sent him no complimentary copy.)

I have read with much interest and enjoyment your book "History of the United States Army" and feel that I should offer my congratulations to you upon the production of such a thorough and excellent work. It is not only of tremendous historical interest, but it is most entertaining, especially to a member of our Army. In writing it you have conferred a great benefit to the Army and to the Country.

With much appreciation, I am

Yours very sincerely,

E. M. Lewis  
Major General, U.S. Army.

I have just read your book on the Army and send you my congratulations. You have done an exceedingly nice piece of work.--Major General Preston Brown.

It fills splendidly a niche that was very empty. - - -  
Major General Douglas MacArthur.

I have read, and parts of it I have re-read, your masterly work "The History of the United States Army"; and would remark that it has been a long time since I have read a book with so keen an interest.--Colonel W. C. Brown, U.S.A. (Retired).

I have read with very greatest interest and profit the "History of the United States Army". It strongly appeals to me as an American, as a soldier, and as a brother author. It could be read with profit by all members of the National Guard and by all members of Congress.--Eric Fisher Wood (Also Colonel 107th F.A.)

Your masterly History of the United States Army has afforded me great pleasure and profit.--Wade Millis, Lieut. Colonel, J.A.G.Res., President Michigan State Bar Association.

You have rendered a great service in the production of this work for which you are entitled to the gratitude of all good Americans interested in National Defense.-- B.H. Wells, Brigadier General, Commandant.

Hearty congratulations upon an excellent piece of work! You have made a difficult theme very interesting and readable,-- Colonel Lucius H. Holt, Ph.D. Professor of Economics, History and English. U.S.M.A. West Point, New York.

No more valuable and informative book has appeared, or will appear this year. -- C. M. Morrison -- full page review in NEW YORK EVENING POST (1924)

The author has been singularly successful in producing a picturesque, attractive and unconventional volume.---LONDON (Eng.) TIMES in course of column and a half.

A timely publication.-- H. E. ARMSTRONG in a front-and two-page review, NEW YORK TIMES.

It was a great old evening; Ganoë is plainly a writer who does not know how to be dull. ---GRANT OVERTON in the course of a column in COLLIER'S WEEKLY.

The best written historical work I have seen this year. -- INTERNATIONAL BOOK REVIEW.

It is always a human story, even though Major Ganoë is consistently the unimpassioned historian- He has confined himself to his work without argument or partnership.--- BOSTON HERALD.

This history, the first history of the United States Army ever published, should be read, marked, learned and inwardly digested by every pacifist in the country. -- BOSTON INDEPENDENT.

This book is not propoganda, but facts - a work of pains-taking scholarship, done with an enthusiasm and devotion that command your admiration. ---NASHVILLE TENNESSEAN.

A work of genuine historical merit and a valuable contribution to our literature.--W.E. WOODWARD, author of "Bunk" and "Lottery" in COLUMBUS ENQUIRER-SUN, Columbus, Georgia.

The author has contributed to the Atlantic Monthly, Scribner's, the Yale Review, but his full stature is uncovered for the first time in "The History of the United States Army", which sounds rather dry and conscientious and could easily have been made unreadable. Is it? It is not.--- STATE JOURNAL, Columbus, Ohio.

His book is one which every American should read for the mortification of a false national pride, fomented by uncritical school histories and for the purging of his own conscience as a citizen. The book is well conceived and constructed.-- NEW YORK TRIBUNE.

The presentation makes a valuable and attractive volume.-- DEMARCHUS C. BROWN in INDIANAPOLIS NEWS.

Major Gance has a pretty good sense of humor and he lets the facts sarcastically presented, speak for themselves.-- STATES, New Orleans.

The book is a good corrective of many popular notions concerning American military history. -- MILWAUKEE TELEGRAPH.

The book is absorbingly interesting. From the time of the motley throng that Washington commanded to the days of General Pershing's khaki-clad hosts, the rise of the nation's fortunes is traced with dramatic effect. -- SAN FRANCISCO ARGONAUT.

Major Gance has attained the ideal of the popular historian, which is to be authentic, and entertaining at the same time. His work reads like romance, but it is true. This is a splendid work--CLEVELAND PLAIN DEALER.

A unique and valuable book. -- COLUMBUS OHIO DISPATCH.

A fascinating story by a skilled writer. -- MINNEAPOLIS JOURNAL.

The author gives in a delightful narrative style an authentic account of the formation and development of the army.-- U.S. INFANTRY JOURNAL.

The comprehensive historian of the Army presents a colorful and original story of "the homely and heroic service of the soldier in the sweat of peace as well as in the ruck of war".-- ROCHESTER (N.Y.) CHRONICAL DEMOCRAT.

He treats his subject with a refreshing directness and a frankness and terseness of statement which well befits the professional soldier.-- ARMY ORDANCE (Magazine)

This is the first history of our army ever published and it tells the story in a manner that can not fail to hold the reader's interest from the start.--TACOMA (WASH.) LEADER.

It is a well and carefully written chronicle, one that will interest students of government as well as those with an especial flair for things military.--FORT WORTH (TEXAS) RECORD.

A gap that has long needed filling,--the narrative has admirable vitality and interest. -- NEW YORK SUN.

The author's motive to be honest and truthful has been carried out--wherever necessary, he has told the truth, whether pleasant or unpleasant.- ATLANTA CONSTITUTION.

To those who are interested in the past and the part our army has played in peace and war in the upbuilding of our nation, I can heartily recommend this volume.-- JOHN PHILIP MORRIS in CHICAGO EVENING POST.

Major Gance holds well to his text- the book may do a good deal to replace the mythology of some established class room teachings.-- PORTLAND OREGONIAN.

This volume of Gance's is best, not only because it is unique, but because it is a very commendable performance. He brings to his task a thorough acquaintance with the facts he discloses, a scholarly equipment and a pleasing figurativeness of style that lightens many pages of his extensive narrative.-- NEW YORK SUN.

Perusal of Major Gance's volume will repay the effort of anyone. His narrative style carries the reader along in a manner almost like that of fiction. -- OMAHA BEE.

It is a compact mass of material interestingly put together and in many places written in an exceptionally entertaining manner.--ARMY and NAVY JOURNAL.

Plenty of interest in the book for the general reader.-- Magazine "TIME" in full page review, mostly quotation.

He tells the story of the soldier in the ranks as well as the officers. He does not hesitate to tell the truth. -- ST. LOUIS GLOBE DEMOCRAT.

It proves a stirring narrative, compounded of tragedy and comedy surrounding our soldiers from 1775 to 1923. -- WASHINGTON HERALD.

A chronicle done with a praiseworthy regard for actualities and an endurable minimum of propoganda in behalf of the military arm. It is the first account of the genesis and growth of the American Army yet published. It has blazed a clear trail, but it is worthy on its own account also. MORRIS MARKEY in NEW YORK HERALD.

Owing to Major Gance's engaging style, his work offers easy, entertaining reading. -- TRENTON TIMES.

Systematic and thorough history of the Army; it is written in a surprisingly lively style.-- THE OUTLOOK, New York City.

A story of the soldier's service in peace as well as in war.-- REVIEW OF REVIEWS.

Major Gance has certainly accomplished a most exacting task with conscientious and painstaking care, as well as with evident enthusiasm.-- HARTFORD (CONN.) COURANT.

Not even General Upton has shown with greater force the cost in tears, blood and treasure, of our chronic unpreparedness in past wars.-- QUARTERMASTER REVIEW.

Easy flowing, gripping narrative, so different from the dry-as-dust and soporific enumeration of bald facts ..... both old and young will read with amazement incidents of our early wars that are here released for the first time. -- GENERAL GEORGE H. CAMERON in the U.S. CAVALRY JOURNAL.

I think there is a great deal of truth in the assertion that one can not know American history without having read his book. -- GRANT OVERTON in "CARGOES FOR CRUSOES".

This history of the American Army contains the best description of Steuben in America, as it sets forth his doings in connection with other Americans. -- DETROITER ABEND POST.

The entire work is highly illuminating and distinctly valuable as a public document. It is more than this. It is rich in human interest. No American can quite comprehend the relations between the Government and the Army without contact with this history. -- THE HARRISBURG PATRIOT.

The book is a human document - with truth, pleasant and unpleasant, having the right of way. Both the publisher and author are to be commended for making such a book possible.-- PITTSBURG GAZETTE AND TIMES.

A fascinating story by a skilled writer who knows how to write for a popular audience. -- MADISON STATES JOURNAL.

A model of what this type of history should be. -- LONDON (ENG.) NAVAL AND MILITARY RECORD.

Major Gance has given us an authentic history, the first history of the Army ever published, which possesses the qualities of entertainment of the most entrancing fiction. -- NEW JERSEY JOURNAL OF EDUCATION - SCHOOL NEWS - NEWARK, N.J.

Is told by Major Gance in a finely readable form.-- LOS ANGELES TIMES.

This book emphasizes facts, battles, dates. It is something of an antidote to history which stresses only broad social movements.--KANSAS CITY STAR.

Circumstances are most interestingly told of.--WILKES-BARRE TELEGRAM.

Gance's history is receiving distinguished praise from the press of the country.--PEORIA JOURNAL TRANSCRIPT.

A stirring narrative compounded of tragedy and comedy.--BRENTANO'S BOOK NEWS.

Every citizen may read with interest and profit this excellent account of a phase of our national life too little appreciated, but vitally important.-- THE PROGRESSIVE, NEW YORK CITY.

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September 4, 1934

General W. C. Brown  
875 Marion Street  
Denver, Colorado

My dear General Brown:

Your letter of August 29 and enclosure have been received and read with interest. If I succeed in getting away at all, it will probably be during the third week in September, but as I wrote you before I shall have to be back here by September 25.

I shall be very glad to have a talk with you but I doubt whether I can be of any assistance to you that would make it worth your while to stop here. What you seem to need is a publisher or someone who will finance the publication of historical material, and about the only suggestion I would have to offer is that you enlist the aid of the American Military History Foundation in Washington. The books that you describe would seem to be of considerable importance and I hope that you succeed in making arrangements for their publication.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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January 8, 1934

Professor William Thomas Johnson,  
Bucknell University,  
Lewisburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Johnson:

I have read with interest your letter of January 3rd and I am passing it on to Dr. John W. Oliver, head of the history department of the University of Pittsburgh, who will doubtless reply to it. It seems to me that the matter you propose falls within his province rather than mine and, furthermore, as I am already mixed up in more activities than I can effectively handle, it would be a mistake for me to attempt anything more..

I was glad to hear from you and I trust that you are enjoying your work at Bucknell.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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March 13, 1934

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

Although I am no longer on the campus, I'd like to venture to call upon your time and good nature again.

Will you give me the names of the three men generally conceded to rank highest in the field of history, whether living in this country or abroad? They should be men widely recognized both as teachers and <sup>as</sup> contributors to their field of knowledge; they should be men whose presence on programs attracts enthusiastic attendance on the part of their professional colleagues; and they must speak and write fluent English.

Will you please dictate a brief paragraph on each of the individuals you name, telling me why they are of foremost rank, and what they have done to earn the respect which they command?

I shall deeply appreciate your courtesy, for I need the information for a survey upon which I am now working.

Sincerely,

C. V. Stanett

CVS: BH

I'm getting this data for all fields. Have you any suggestions in allied groups?

4338 Bigelow Boulevard,

April 5, 1934

Mr. C. V. Starrett,  
The Buhl Foundation,  
Farmers Bank Building,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Starrett:

Herewith I am sending you the two communications from Leland with reference to European historians. As I am unable to add anything about these men from my own knowledge, I will confine my remarks to American historians. The following, in my opinion, meet your qualifications except that I would hesitate to say that they are "generally conceded to rank highest." Accurate comparison is impossible in a field of such diverse activities as that of history. I think, however, that it would be generally conceded that these men rank among the ten highest. ✓✓

(1) Carl Becker, professor of history in Cornell University. He has made the Eighteenth Century, both in Europe and America, his field of specialization and has written numerous books. His approach to history is philosophical or interpretative and his writings are brilliant essays, rather than compilations of data. Although insignificant in appearance and shy in manner, he is an effective speaker. His standing in the profession is indicated by the fact that he has been chosen president of the American Historical Association.

(2) Charles A. Beard, formerly professor of politics in Columbia University. He has done scholarly research on the economic aspects of the early constitutional period of American history and also on recent American history and is the author (with his wife) of the best brief interpretative history of the United States. He has been president of the American Historical Association and also of the American Political Science Association.

(3) Evarts B. Greene, professor of history in Columbia University. His work has been in the field of American Colonial history. He has not produced many books but his writing is characterized by a thoroughness and finish that makes it of very great value. Another important contribution of his has been the training of scholars and teachers in his seminars. He, too, has been president of the American Historical Association.

~~Among~~ Among others, who perhaps would be entitled to a position at or very near the top, are Herbert E. Bolton, professor of history in the University of California; James Harvey Robinson, formerly professor of history in Columbia University; James H. Breasted, professor of Egyptology and Oriental history in the University of Chicago; Charles M. Andrews, professor of history at Yale; George L. Burr, formerly professor of Medieval history at Cornell, and now pretty old; Andrew C. McLaughlin, professor of history in the University of Chicago; Edward P. Cheyney, professor of history in the University of Pennsylvania; J. Franklin Jameson, chief of the division of manuscripts of the Library of Congress and for many years editor of the American Historical Review; William E. Dodd, professor of history in the University of Chicago

Mr. C. V. Starrett

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and at present Ambassador to Germany; and Dixon Ryan Fox, professor of history in Columbia University. Of this group, Robinson, Andrews, Cheyney, Burr, McLaughlin, and Jameson are well on in years and may be said to belong to the generation of historians that is now passing off the stage. Jameson is still very active, however, and has a great deal of influence. I have not listed Haskins of Harvard because he is totally incapacitated by illness. Further information about any of these can be found, of course, in Who's Who in America.

If I can be of any further assistance to you in this matter, do not hesitate to call upon me.

Sincerely yours,

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