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PITTSBURGH CHAPTER

Mr. John J. Buck.

From Mr. Buck:

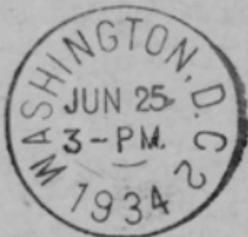
Mr. Catharine Pugh and members
of the Executive Board of the
Pittsburgh Chapter, D. A. R. desire

A express their appreciation for your
splendid address at the "Washington
Birthdays" luncheon - with instruction
and entertaining, making possible
very delightful afternoon.

Thanking you again. I remain

Very sincerely,

Mar 17/34 Mary Johnston Astor - Co. Secy.



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Professor Solon J. Buck,

4360 Center Avenue,

Pittsburgh, Pa.

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DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY

DEAR SIR:

Let me acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your ^{revised} article on
William Thaw.

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Very truly yours,

Oliver D. Sawcett

Secretary

Copy

MAY 7 - 1935

May 6, 1935

U. S. Senator, James J. Davis,
Senate Office Building,
Washington, D. C.

My Dear Senator Davis:

This letter is to commend Dr. Solon J. Buck, of this City for the position of "Director of Publications" in the National Archives, Washington, D. C.

I am advised that Honorable R. D. W. Connor has been recently chosen as the Archivist, and that the Director of Publications is an important position in that Bureau, and that it is to be filled upon the nomination by the President of the United States of some competent person.

In my capacity as President for four years of the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania and Chairman of the Board of Control of the Historical Survey of Western Pennsylvania, made possible by the generosity of the Buhl Foundation, I feel that I am in a position to speak advisedly of the qualifications of Dr. Buck for the position above referred to.

Dr. Buck is one of the outstanding historians in the country, and was chosen by us for the important work here from a large field of possibilities, and our confidence in him has been fully justified.

It is only in the belief that the position of Director of Publications at Washington, D. C. would come to him in the line of a distinct advancement that we would be willing to agree to his leaving the important work in which he is engaged here.

The writer has been given to understand that Dr. Connor has approached Dr. Buck regarding the position above referred to, and is desirous to suggest to the President of the United States Dr. Buck's name as his choice for that position.

Since this is a presidential appointment, and will come in due course before the Senate of the United States for confirmation, I am, at this time, bringing the matter to your attention in the hope that you will use your good office to bring about the desired nomination and confirmation to this important position.

If you will be in the City of Pittsburgh in the near future and will so advise me, it will be a pleasure to bring this matter to your attention in more detail.

Very truly yours,

RME:MN

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Robert M. Lansing

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United States Senate

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FRANCES SETTLE, CLERK

May 9, 1935

Robert M. Ewing, Esquire
Berger Building
Pittsburgh Pennsylvania

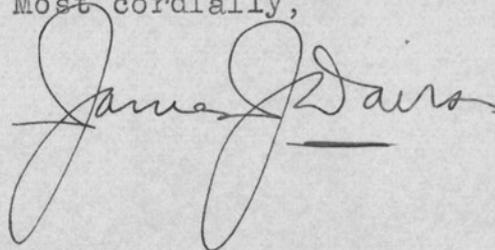
Dear Major Ewing:

I am glad to have your endorsement of Dr. Solon J. Buck, of Pittsburgh to be Director of Publications in the National Archives.

Needless to say I shall be happy to see a Pittsburgher so highly honored, especially one who has been of inestimable value to the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania. I shall do what I can for him, but inasmuch as this is a Presidential appointment, it is my honest belief that the endorsement of a Democratic Senator would carry a greater amount of influence at the White House over and above the support of a Republican.

I hope everything is going well with you, and with kind regards, I am

Most cordially,



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4360 Center Avenue
Pittsburgh, Penna.

August 5, 1935

Honorable James J. Davis
The United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator Davis:

Recently I received from the Secretary of State a commission appointing me to the position of director of publications in the National Archives. I understand, from Major Robert M. Ewing, that you were kind enough to recommend me to Dr. Connor, the archivist of the United States, for this position, and I want to assure you that your help was very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

DSC

MAR 16 1934

MIAMI UNIVERSITY
OXFORD, OHIO

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

March 14, 1934.

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

Dear Professor Buck:

As you have no doubt inferred, the publishers are still not willing to undertake the publication of the Survey Studies in American History, and the project must remain indefinitely postponed as at the time of my last letter to you.

The uniqueness of the proposed volume leaves the publishers without any definite information on its sales possibilities, and they feel that their present business outlook will not justify an undertaking which they would have to regard more or less as an experiment.

Several reputable houses have taken sufficient interest in the project to give assurance that it can go forward when the book trade revives.

Sincerely yours,

Clarence P. Denman

CPD/g

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DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY

602 HILL BUILDING 17TH STREET WASHINGTON D.C.

January 15, 1934

Professor Solon J. Buck
4360 Center Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Buck:

Some time ago you said something to me about our article on George Westinghouse and, as I remember, suggested that you might know of someone in Pittsburgh who would be in good position to write it. The subject is somewhat technical, of course, and I am seeking suggestions elsewhere, but I shall be most appreciative of any suggestion you may care to make.

Yours very sincerely,

Dumas Malone

Editor.

4360 Center Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pa.

January 22, 1933 [1934]

Dr. Dumas Malone,
Dictionary of American Biography,
602 Hill Building, 17th Street,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Malone:

I believe that Dr. John J. Geise, assistant professor of history at the University of Pittsburgh, would give you a good article on George Westinghouse. Geise wrote his thesis here under Ralph Turner on "The English Projectors of the Seventeenth Century: a Study of Their Relation to the Development of Modern Technology" in 1930. He had previously written a master's thesis on "The Technological Factor in the Historical Project^{CE 33}", and also an article on "Household Technology of the Western Frontier" which was published in the Western Pennsylvania Historical Magazine for April, 1927.

Another possibility is Dr. Charles E. Skinner, a consulting engineer, 315 Elmore Road, Pittsburgh. Dr. Skinner read an interesting and well written paper at the last meeting of our Society on "Lighting the World's Columbian Exposition--1893" in which he discussed at some length Westinghouse's contribution to the development of the electrical industry. He undoubtedly knows a great deal about Westinghouse and about the technical aspects of his career, for he was associated with him and with the Westinghouse company for many years. For that very reason, however, he might not be able to give you an objective sketch.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY

602 HILL BUILDING 17TH STREET WASHINGTON D.C.

January 30, 1934

Professor Solon J. Buck
4360 Center Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Buck:

I have been somewhat delayed in replying to your letter of the 22nd, but I hope you will not think me unappreciative of your suggestions. I feel that Westinghouse should be handled by a technical expert rather than a historian, so am sending the name to Dr. Skinner.

With all good wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

Dumas Malone

Editor.

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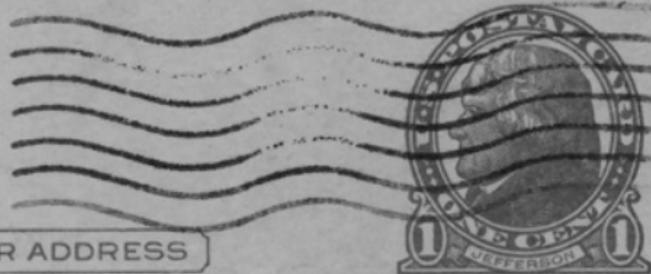
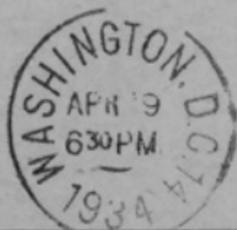
Let me acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your article on

William Shaw.

Very truly yours,

Ellen W. Lawrence

Secretary



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Prof. Salmon G. Buck
Historical Study
Pittsburgh
Pa.

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April 18, 1934

Dr. Dumas Malone, Editor,
Dictionary of American Biography,
602 Hill Building, Seventeenth Street,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Malone:

Herewith I am sending you the long overdue sketch of William Thaw. I assume that you have not needed it before this or you would have written for it. This sketch is somewhat longer than the assignment but your editorial assistants will doubtless be able to cut it down. The bibliography can certainly be reduced, but I left it as it is in order to save the assistants trouble in checking.

The members of the family with whom I consulted in connection with the preparation of the sketch made me promise that I would submit a copy of it to them and I am doing so at the same time that I am sending this to you. I hope they will be satisfied with it but, if they insist on changes, I shall probably send them on to you, and you, of course, can do as you please about them.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

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April 23, 1934

Dr. Dumas Malone, Editor,
Dictionary of American Biography,
602 Hill Building, Seventeenth Street,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Malone:

Mrs. William R. Thompson, daughter of William Thaw, whose sketch I sent to you recently, has told me over the telephone that she is much dissatisfied with the sketch and wants a number of changes made in it. Because of illness in the family, she is not able at present to give it her attention but she made me promise that I would write to you and ask you not to print it until she had an opportunity to submit a revision. I knew, of course, that it would not be likely to go to the printer for some time, but I could not convince her of that. When I find out just what the changes are that she wants made, I will write to you again. I only hope that I can get out of this mess without antagonizing the family and also, of course, without compromising my professional integrity. I suggested to Mrs. Thompson that perhaps it would be best for me to ask you to have someone else write the sketch but she wouldn't listen to that at all.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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— 602 HILL BUILDING 17TH STREET WASHINGTON D.C.

April 27, 1934

Professor Solon J. Buck
4360 Center Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Buck:

I don't see what Mrs. Thaw objects to in your sketch of her father, but of course we shall be glad to consider her comments. Her objections may turn out to be trivial. You may tell her that we shall not print the sketch for some months, but should like to hear from her before summer. If any controversy develops, I shall be glad to serve in the rôle of scapegoat, thus relieving you of all possible embarrassment.

Yours very sincerely,

Dumas Malone

Editor.

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JUN 1 1934

DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY

DEAR SIR:

Inclosed please find a check for \$ 12.00 for your article on

William Thaw

Very truly yours,

DUMAS MALONE,

Editor.

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June 4, 1934

Dr. Dumas Malone,
Dictionary of American Biography,
602 Hill Building, Seventeenth Street,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Malone:

Thank you for the check for \$12.00 for the biography of William Thaw. I have had an interview with Mrs. Thompson, the daughter of Thaw, and have obtained some additional information and suggestions from her. Within the course of a week, I shall prepare a revised version, which I hope will be more satisfactory to the family and, at least, as satisfactory to you as the one already sent in.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

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June 22, 1934

Dr. Dumas Malone,
Dictionary of American Biography,
602 Hill Building, 17th Street,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Malone:

I am sending you herewith a revised version of the sketch of William Thaw, which I should like to have you substitute for the one sent in some time ago. I am including with it a report on the date of the death of the first Mrs. Thaw, which may save your checker some time. We had the date wrong in the previous version.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY

602 HILL BUILDING 17TH STREET WASHINGTON D.C.

December 5, 1934

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

Dear ~~Professor~~ Buck:

I hope you are planning to send us the article
on William Wilkins in the near future.

Yours very sincerely,

Dumas Malone

Editor

OLD DEERFIELD
FRAG CONTENT
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December 10, 1934

Dr. Dumas Malone, Editor
Dictionary of American Biography
602 Hill Building, 17th Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Malone:

I have your note of December 5 asking for the article on William Wilkins "in the near future." This comes at a very busy time, and I am wondering if it would inconvenience you to allow me until the middle of January on it. I do not recall that any definite date has ever been set for this article. If you must have it before the middle of January, let me know the final date, and I will do my best to get it in.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY

602 HILL BUILDING 17TH STREET WASHINGTON D.C.

December 13, 1934

Professor Solon J. Buck
4360 Center Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Buck:

It will be quite all right for you to send us the sketch of Wilkins about the middle of January, or even the first of February if you need that long.

With best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

Dumas Malone

Editor

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January 24, 1935

Dr. Dumas Malone
Dictionary of American Biography
602 Hill Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Malone:

Herewith I am returning the revised sketch of John Scull. I have had to change the statement that Scull was the first postmaster at Pittsburgh, because Postmaster General Farley came out here not long ago to speak at the dedication of our new post-office and presented data from the account books of the post-office department which indicate that another man served as postmaster for about six months before the appointment of Scull. All the local histories give Scull as the first postmaster, and it is possible that he may have had a term before that of the other man, but I have been unable to find any positive evidence.

I understand that the Library of Congress has a Scull genealogy by G. D. Scull, 1876, which I have not seen. This is not listed in the bibliography and I wonder if it was looked up. It might give information concerning the name of Scull's mother.

I am still struggling with the sketch of William Wilkins but hope to send it in in a few days.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY

602 HILL BUILDING 17TH STREET WASHINGTON D.C.

June 1, 1932

Professor Solon J. Buck
5839 Darlington Road
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

Will you contribute the following articles to the Dictionary of American Biography?

<u>Subject</u>	<u>Length</u>	<u>Date Due</u>	<u>Fee</u>
THAW, William (1818-1889) Capitalist Philanthropist	600 words	no date	\$12.00
✓ WILKINS, William (1779-1865) Jurist, Senator, Diplomat, Sec. War	700 words	" "	14.00

Acceptance of any article and payment for it will vest all rights to it in the American Council of Learned Societies for publication or otherwise.

Very truly yours,

Dumas Malone

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January 31, 1935

Dr. Dumas Malone
Dictionary of American Biography
602 Hill Building, 17th Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Malone:

Here is the sketch of William Wilkins. His career seems to have been singularly uninspired.

Are you collecting the names of people omitted from the Dictionary who perhaps should be included in a supplement, if one is contemplated? If so, I would suggest the inclusion of Dr. John Connolly, who was the agent of Lord Dunmore in establishing Virginia authority in what is now western Pennsylvania and who had a long and interesting career as a Tory in the Revolution and as a British representative in the Northwest and in Kentucky after the war. A biography of him runs through the four numbers of Volume XI of the Western Pennsylvania Historical Magazine, and several articles about him have been published elsewhere. I might be able to suggest other names from time to time if you are interested in having them.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY

DEAR SIR:

Let me acknowledge with thanks the receipt of your article on
William Wilkins. Unless Dr. Malone writes you
about this, you may assume it is satisfactory.

Very truly yours,

Walter D. Sawett

Secretary



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Professor Solon J. Buck,

4360 Center Avenue,

Pittsburgh, Pa.

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602 HILL BUILDING 17TH STREET WASHINGTON D.C.

February 4, 1935

Professor Solon J. Buck
4360 Center Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Buck:

Thank you for William Wilkins. You did a thorough job, even though the man may have been uninspiring. We shall probably have to omit something, perhaps from the bibliography. I am glad to file the name of John Connolly for consideration in connection with the supplement, and hope that you will send other names whenever you may feel disposed. It may be that we shall start work on a supplement this spring, though the matter is not yet settled.

With best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

Dumas Malone

Editor.

April 1, 1935

Dr. Dumas Malone
Dictionary of American Biography
602 Hill Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Malone:

Herewith I am returning to you the sketches of the two Sibleys. I object to characterizing H. H. Sibley as a delegate from the Territory of Wisconsin and to the statement at the top of page two implying that there was a Territory of Wisconsin after the admission of the state of that name. The facts are that the continued existence of the Territory in the region not included in the state was claimed and the House of Representatives permitted Sibley to take his seat as a delegate from this reputed Territory. Nevertheless, Congress refused to recognize the continued existence of the Territory by appropriating money for its support. I hope, therefore, that my changes on these two points may be allowed to stand.

It seems to me inconsistent to enlarge upon the ancestry of H. H. Sibley and to eliminate my reference to the Puritan ancestry of the parents of J. S. Sibley.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:DSC

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DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY

602 HILL BUILDING 17TH STREET WASHINGTON D.C.

April 5, 1935

Professor Solon J. Buck
4360 Center Avenue
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Buck:

We are glad to make the changes that you desire in the sketch of H. H. Sibley. Our apparent inconsistency in adding genealogical details to this sketch, while we omitted from the article on J. C. Sibley the statement about Puritan ancestry, calls for a word of explanation. In the former case we found exact factual information, but in the latter we could trace no definite line of descent and hesitated to include a statement which we were unable to substantiate. If you can give us details of ancestry we shall be glad to include them.

With best wishes,

Yours very sincerely,

Dumas Malone

Editor.

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April 9, 1935

Dr. Dumas Malone, Editor
Dictionary of American Biography
602 Hill Building, 17th Street
Washington, D. C.

Dear Malone:

Thank you for explaining the reason for leaving out the statement with reference to the ancestry of J. C. Sibley. I find in John W. Jordan, ed., Genealogical and Personal History of the Allegheny Valley, Pennsylvania (New York, 1913), 1:308-321, a sketch of Sibley from which it appears that he was descended in the sixth generation from John Sibley, who migrated to Salem, Massachusetts "in the fleet of 1629." I am not sure that this work was listed in the bibliography. If not, it should be added.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

DSC

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#4360 Center Avenue,
Pittsburgh, Pa.,
February 7, 1934

Mr. Herbert P. Zimmerman,
Vice President, R. R. Donnelley & Sons Co.,
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Zimmerman:

A combination of circumstances has prevented me from acknowledging before this your kindness in sending me a copy of Forty Years a Fur Trader by Charles Larpenteur. This delay does not indicate, however, any lack of appreciation on my part, for these annual volumes are always welcome additions to my library and this one, in particular, was of especial interest to me.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

August 24, 1934

Miss Frances Dorrance
Wyoming Historical and Geological Society
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Dear Miss Dorrance:

I was delighted to learn from the July number of "New York History," which is just out, that Julian Boyd has accepted a position with the Historical Society of Pennsylvania. At our meeting in Harrisburg last May I had a long talk with Miss Leach about the needs of that institution and I recommended very strongly that a trained scholar be employed and especially suggested Boyd. I do not know that Miss Leach has any special influence with the powers that be in the Society or that my recommendation had anything to do with it, but I am very glad that such a step has been taken.

I am curious to know, however, what sort of a position it is that he is to have and what his relations will be with Mr. Stofford. It seems to me that it is a great opportunity for Boyd, but he will undoubtedly find the position a difficult one for some years to come and his success will depend largely upon his tact, of which I think he has a goodly supply. This appointment ought, in time, to have very important results for the advancement of historical work in Pennsylvania.

Do you happen to know (doubtless you do) whether or not Boyd has taken up his position as yet in Philadelphia? I cannot tell from the article in the magazine when the move was to be made. I should like to write to him.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:DS

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WYOMING HISTORICAL AND GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

WILKES-BARRÉ, PENNA.

PRESIDENT, DORRANCE REYNOLDS
TREASURER, CHARLES W. LAYCOCK

RECORDING SECRETARY, SAMUEL C. CHASE
DIRECTOR, FRANCES DORRANCE

Sept 3 [1934]

Dear Dr. Bush:

Just came from vacation - I find your 2
letters - will take up Mr. ~~Spofford's~~ ^{Spofford's}

suggestion w. Hist. Com. — Have long
wanted such a compilation. — Th. J. does
+ knew of Va.

Julian views to Phila in July - Place
is to come down this month - I do hope
all goes well for them. It is a fine position
but has many limitations in contrast to
the N.Y. state one! You are quite right
about need for diplomacy! I anticipated
your suggestion by two months, when Miss Bush
asked me about it - She is of real influence, I believe.
I do not know just how the position is to
work out. — Much depends on Mr. Spofford's

attitude. -

Here are some match covers for Roger -
If he has duplicates for exchange - one Billy
might be able to help him as well as his own
collection. - Have found them separately -

Best wishes to you all & pardon my
letter - wrote part from memory which,
checked up, proved wrong!

Sincerely

Francis Danane

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September 10, 1934

Miss Frances Dorrance, Director
Wyoming Historical and Geological Society
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Dear Miss Dorrance:

It was very kind of you to send the match wrappers to Roger and I assure you that he appreciates them very much. He is very busy now going to school and playing football, but as soon as he has time he will sort out some of his duplicates and send them to you for Billy.

I have just heard that Julian Boyd was clever enough to lay down some definite conditions before accepting the position in Philadelphia, and that ought to strengthen his hand there. He will certainly have the support of the University of Pennsylvania people and of the professional element throughout the state.

You may be surprised to know that there has been some doubt as to whether or not our work would continue here. The Buhl Foundation has finally agreed to support it for another year but it is still doubtful as to whether or not the project will continue during the fifth year. I have been very busy writing and trying to raise money and have had no vacation as yet but I am planning to take a week off just before the opening of the University. Elizabeth has been helping me all summer on my book, and, unfortunately, her school begins next week so that she will not get any vacation. Roger had a week at a day camp and each of the other children was away for one week.

Give my best regards to the members of your family and tell them that I hope to see them in Pittsburgh next spring.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:DS

December 10, 1934

Miss Frances Dorrance, Director
Wyoming Historical and Geological Society
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Dear Miss Dorrance:

Thank you for the second lot of match wrappers for Roger. He finally got around to making a selection from his collection, and I am sending them to you under separate cover.

I am having quite a time trying to get action out of Boyd Hamilton with reference to the appointment of committees on program and local arrangements for the spring meeting of the P.H.A. I wrote him some suggestions a week or so before the election, and I was not surprised that he neglected it at that time. I wrote him again, however, about two weeks ago and, having heard nothing, I wrote recently to Dr. Garrison and asked him to get in touch with Hamilton. I understand that Hamilton is involved in a fight for his job, but he ought either to make these appointments or to delegate the authority to Nichols, for it is time that the committees were getting to work.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:DSC

MAY 18 1934

The Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania

4338 Bigelow Boulevard, Pittsburgh, Pa.

ROBERT M. EWING, PRESIDENT
GREGG L. NEEL, SECRETARY
JOHN E. POTTER, TREASURER

TELEPHONE
SCHENLEY 5021

OLON J. BUCK, DIRECTOR
F. F. HOLBROOK, ASST. DIRECTOR
LELAND D. BALDWIN, LIBRARIAN
EMMA POOLE, MUSEUM CUSTODIAN

Mr. Buck,

I hope that you will pardon the streak in me that makes it impossible for me to talk this subject over with you in your presence.

I have just been informed by Mr. Field that you discussed more or less openly in Harrisburg my letter to Turner congratulating him on his fine paper. I understand that the purpose of such talk was disparaging to me - to my maturity etc. I don't know anything that is so crushing to my spirit than this information. I have tried so hard to measure up to an ideal within me - to be indelible - to think fearlessly and straight - that when I observe a person in power thus treating an act of courage and spirit as the act of a small boy - that I despair that there are no gods to cry unto.

I do not wish to indulge in histrionics. But I do wish to say this - I can leave the Survey Staff - but I will have to be publicly fired. When that takes place I will have no place to turn to - I will have my wife at my heels berating me for being rash - and I will have my beloved sons to comfort me - but I will not hunchle. I will remain true to some nonsensical something within me that makes me refuse to hunchle. I will work and think and write - and I will never depart from the truth in anything I write. Nor will my truth spreading be lacking in what we may call tactics. I am willing to be

The Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania

4338 Bigelow Boulevard, Pittsburgh, Pa.

ROBERT M. EWING, PRESIDENT
GREGG L. NEEL, SECRETARY
JOHN E. POTTER, TREASURER

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SOLON J. BUCK, DIRECTOR
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a sacrifice ⁱⁿ a scientific demonstration of the subtleness
of such words as liberty - freedom - and the like.

The main purpose of this letter is that I desire to
be known as a fine, courageous social thinker. I ~~have~~ been
I wish also to be recognized as discreet. Moderate
indiscretions like the writing of the Turner letter cannot
be cited to the contrary. Surely there is one thing less discreet
than the writing of such a letter - that is speaking of it
in the presence of others without praise.

You may do what you like with this letter. I have
a copy of it.

Randolph C. Sawvel

MAR 20 1935

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March 18, 1935

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

Dear Buck:

Several weeks have passed since you sent me the reprint of Boynton's Journal. It is still here on my desk waiting for a couple of hours of uninterrupted reading, but I thank you most kindly for it. I hope to see you at the Mississippi Valley meeting, but am not certain that it will be possible to get away at that time.

Cordially yours,

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July 16, 1935

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

Dear Buck:

Accept my most hearty congratulations on the new appointment. The confirmation by the Senate, if not already a fact, will certainly be a formality.

What is Baldwin's future? We are anxious to push him along, and will look about for something for him if the present position is to lapse.

We have a new, bright-eyed, nine pound baby girl at our house. Irene and she are both doing splendidly.

Sincerely,

Dunand

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DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY

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DEAR SIR:

Inclosed please find a check for \$ 14.00 for your article on

William Wilkins

Very truly yours,

DUMAS MALONE,

Editor.

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July 17, 1935

Prof. Dwight L. Dumond
History Department
University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Dumond:

Congratulations on the addition to your family. I judge that she takes after you in weight but I trust that she will take her looks from her mother.

Nothing is settled as yet but the present prospects are that the survey will be continued and that Baldwin will be able to retain his present position. He is not particularly happy here, however, and I think he would like very much to get a teaching position somewhere, if only in a high school. He has applied for a position in the Archives, as you doubtless know, but despite his library work I doubt if he has a flair for the type of work that will be required in the Archives. His abilities seem to lie mainly in the field of research and writing, though it may be that he would make an excellent teacher if given an opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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January 8, 1935

Hon. George H. Earle
Governor-elect of Pennsylvania
Real Estate Trust Building
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

To those who, like myself, are engaged in research in the history of Pennsylvania, the question of the future of the State Library and especially of its archives division is one of very great importance. I trust that I will be pardoned, therefore, for urging that such new appointments as may be desirable to the staff of the State Library be made strictly on the basis of professional qualifications for the work. I understand that Mr. Munn, of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, has made the suggestion on behalf of the Pennsylvania Library Association that a committee be appointed to make a personnel survey of the staff of the Library, and that the suggestion is receiving consideration. It seems to me that this would be a most excellent move.

I hold no brief for any of the present members of the staff with the exception of the director of the archives division, Dr. Curtis W. Garrison, who was appointed in 1933 solely on the basis of his professional qualifications for the work after consultation with people who are especially interested in historical and archival activities. I did not know Dr. Garrison before he took up his work in the State Library but I have discovered that he is a very competent man and that he is putting his department on an efficient basis for the first time. I doubt very much if it would be possible to find anyone else who could do a better job than he is doing.

In general, it seems to me that the professional workers on the staff of the State Library should be retained unless others who are at least equally qualified for the positions are available. I have no candidates to propose, and I am confident that the new Democratic administration will endeavor to strengthen rather than weaken the efficiency and professional quality of the staff of the State Library.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS
WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 11, 1934.

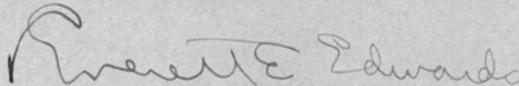
Professor Solon J. Buck,
4360 Center Avenue,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dear Professor Buck:

I would much appreciate any critical suggestions concerning the article on pages 185-188 of the enclosed copy of Agricultural Library Notes which you may care to make.

It has been suggested that the article be revised and circulated as a mimeographed pamphlet to encourage the preservation of materials of value to agricultural historians and economists. In the present text only a passing reference is made to the Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey. If its work has resulted in anything of special interest to agricultural historians I shall want to mention it.

Very truly yours,



Everett E. Edwards,
Associate Agricultural Economist.

Enclosures.

January 18, 1934

Dr. Everett E. Edwards,
Bureau of Agricultural Economics,
Department of Agriculture,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Edwards:

I have read with much interest your article entitled "Importance of Preserving the Historical Records for Agricultural Research" and I find it most excellent. Your survey of the situation throughout the country should be useful to everyone interested in research in this field. I feel that the article should be given as wide a distribution as possible and I hope that the suggestion will be followed of circulating it as a mimeographed pamphlet.

Your statement with reference to the work of our organization is entirely adequate. We have, unfortunately, been unable as yet to do much of anything in the field of agricultural history, although we have gathered in some record books of country stores and some early newspaper files that are of value in this field.

I wonder if you are familiar with the Survey of Activities of American Agencies in Relation to Materials for Research in the Social Sciences and the Humanities, compiled by Mr. Holbrook and published by the Joint Committee on Materials for Research in 1932. Perhaps you have already consulted this but, if not, you might find some additional material of value to you in it. We have a few copies of the report left on hand and I shall be glad to send one to you if you care to have it.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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October 4, 1934

Dr. Everett E. Edwards
Bureau of Agricultural Economics
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Edwards:

Thank you very much for your "References on the History of Agriculture in the United States" (revised edition) and for your paper on "American Indian Contributions to Civilization." I had read your interesting paper in Minnesota History but am glad to have it in separate form.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Duck

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January 8, 1935

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

Separately I am sending you two reprints of the bibliography of the writings of Professor Phillips which appeared in the October 1934 number of Agricultural History. One is for yourself; the other for the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania. I shall be glad to fill requests for this reprint so long as the supply lasts.

Very truly yours,

Everett E. Edwards

Everett E. Edwards
Editor

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January 12, 1935

Dr. Everett E. Edwards
Room 3901, South Bldg.
13th Street and Independence Ave. S.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Edwards:

Thank you very much for the separates of your bibliography of the writings of Professor Phillips. I had examined it with much interest in my copy of Agricultural History, but I am very glad to have it in separate form for my collection of bibliographies. The second copy will be turned in to the library of the Society, as you suggest.

I think that few people appreciate the amount of work involved in making a bibliography of this sort. As you may know, I compiled one of the writings of Professor Alvord a number of years ago, but I did not attempt to include excerpts, abstracts, and lists of contents, as you have done. It seems to me that this sort of material adds very greatly to the value of such a bibliography.

I take pleasure in sending to you under separate cover a reprint from the Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society, containing selections from the Journal of Lucien C. Boynton. They are not especially significant, but if you have time to read them you will find them entertaining.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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February 15, 1935

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

We are very anxious to have the States articles in BRITANNICA JUNIOR, which, as you may know, was built upon Weedon's Encyclopaedia for children, checked once more against the next printing. I am writing you in the hope that you or someone in your organization will find it possible to read and revise the article on Minnesota.

If you can do this, or suggest the proper person, will you please communicate with me? I will then send to you or to the person you designate, the article to be revised. Thanking you in advance for your courtesy, I am

Sincerely yours,

Walter Just
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

WY:HB

February 25, 1935

Mr. Walter Yust, Associate Editor
Encyclopaedia Britannica
3301 Arthington Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Yust:

Your letter of February 15 with reference to the article on Minnesota in Britannica Junior was forwarded to me from the Minnesota Historical Society. I am not in a position to do anything of this sort at present, but I would suggest that you correspond with Dr. Theodore C. Elegen, my successor as superintendent of the Minnesota Historical Society.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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March 1, 1935

Mr. Solon J. Buck
Director
Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey
University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Mr. Buck:

Thank you for your letter of
February 25 suggesting the name of Dr. Theodore C.
Blegen to review our article on Minnesota. I am
writing to Dr. Blegen today.

Sincerely yours,

Walter Tust
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

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