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THE FACULTY CLUB  
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH  
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

May 11, 1934.

Dr. Solon J. Buck  
Historical Society.

My dear Dr. Buck:

The President of the Faculty Club, Mr. Gabbert, has submitted your name together with that of Messrs. Labarthe, Goldberger, Charlesworth and the undersigned to constitute a committee to revise the old constitution and by-laws of the Faculty Club for presentation at the annual meeting which will occur Monday, May 28.

In a few days I shall send you a copy of the constitution and by-laws as printed in 1923-24. This is the most recent copy I possess upon which we may make our revision.

We sincerely hope that you will have no objection to serving on this committee, and that we may meet sometime after you have had an opportunity to examine the old regulations and some proposed revisions. We shall make an attempt to convene as a committee sometime after May 21. Unless I hear from you to the contrary, I will assume that you can assist us in this undertaking.

Sincerely yours,

  
C. Stanton Belfour,  
Secretary

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FACULTY CLUB  
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

Report of the Committee on Nominations

The following names are hereby placed in nomination for election to the Board of Governors for the year, 1934-35.

President	M. R. Gabbert
Vice-President	C. A. Buckner
Secretary	C. S. Belfour
Treasurer	H. S. Coleman
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Finance Committee	R. D. Ayars
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Library Committee	J. H. Dice
Membership Committee	J. H. McFadden
Governor *	E. D. Graper
Governor *	T. A. Siedle

\* Two year term, 1934-1936.

Messrs. J.F.L. Raschen, S. J. Buck, John Dambach continue as members of the Board. Their terms of office expire in 1935.

Respectfully submitted,

A.P. James  
S. P. Franklin  
Gebhard Stegeman, Chairman

N.B. Additional nominations may be filed with the Secretary at 201 State Hall provided they are submitted in writing over the signatures of three members of the Club. Nominations will close 5:00 P.M. Tuesday, May 22.

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FACULTY CLUB  
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

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*Note on calendar*

May 15, 1934.

To the Membership of The Faculty Club:

The call for the Annual Meeting of the Club is hereby issued.

The Annual Meeting for 1934 will be held on the fourteenth floor of the Cathedral of Learning, Monday, May 28, at 8:00 P.M.

There will be a business program followed by a progressive bridge party and refreshments.

The business program for the annual meeting includes reports of the officers, the election of a board of governors for 1934-35, and the revision of the Constitution and By-Laws. The bridge games following will be progressive and prizes will be offered.

Please make every effort to be present at 8:00 P.M. The president and the officers are desirous of having a large attendance. This will be the first meeting of the Faculty Club in the Cathedral of Learning.

Sincerely yours,

*C. Stanton Belfour*  
C. Stanton Belfour,  
Secretary

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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
OFFICE OF NATIONAL PARKS,  
BUILDINGS, AND RESERVATIONS  
WASHINGTON

May 4, 1934

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

My dear Doctor Buck:

I am attaching a copy of a letter which I have received from Mr. Alston G. Field, a member of your historical personnel. Will you please write to me, giving your impressions of Mr. Field as to his versatility, personality, and his special adaptability to various phases of historical research?

This information will be considered confidential and will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

  
Verne E. Chatelain  
Chief

Historical Division  
Branch of Research and Education

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*with letter of 5-4-34 from*

*Nat'l Parks to S. J. Bush*

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

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The Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey  
Historical Building  
Pittsburgh  
Pennsylvania

April 28, 1934.

Mr. Verne E. Chatelain,  
Director, National Park Service,  
Department of Interior,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chatelain:

I was in Washington last weekend and stopped twice at your office to see you, once on Friday and again on Saturday, but you were out both times. I am sorry that I was unable to meet you and would have written to you earlier for an appointment but my trip materialized at the last minute.

I am anxious to know if there is a possibility of any kind of work in your service being available this summer. I hold a ten months appointment with the Historical Survey and will be free during July and August.

Several months ago when Dr. Wolfe left Gettysburg for Morristown, Dr. Robert Lee Jones suggested my name for the vacancy. It seemed unwise for me to consider a change at that time since the position offered seemed so uncertain as to tenure. I have since learned that the place was not filled.

I will be able to secure political endorsements from Senator Neely and Congressman Randolph, both West Virginia Democrats.

Very truly yours,

Alston G. Field

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May 16, 1934

Mr. Verne E. Chatelain,  
Office of National Parks,  
Buildings, and Reservations,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chatelain:

I regret very much that inadvertently your letter of May 4 inquiring about Mr. Alston G. Field has not been answered heretofore, and I hope that my delay has not affected the situation. I have a very high regard for Mr. Field. He has an unusually attractive personality coupled with very considerable ability for historical research. He is well informed, interested in a wide variety of things, and would be able to adapt himself to any type of work that you might want him to do. His employment with us is on a ten months' basis but, in view of his need for employment during the other two months, I should keep him on here if it were not for the fact that our funds are running low. I think that you will make no mistake if you give him an appointment for the summer.

I might add that during the past year Field has had an opportunity to demonstrate considerable executive ability in connection with the setting up in western Pennsylvania of the State Library's survey of archives and other historical materials. Two years ago he made an inventory of the archives of one of our counties, which served to some extent as a model for the inventories of the state survey.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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MAY 21 1934

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
OFFICE OF NATIONAL PARKS,  
BUILDINGS, AND RESERVATIONS  
WASHINGTON

May 18, 1934.

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

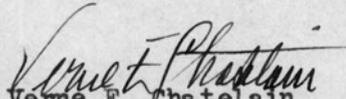
Dear Dr. Buck:

Thank you for your letter of May 16 concerning  
Mr. Alston G. Field.

Although it is uncertain whether we can give  
Mr. Field an appointment for the summer, I am glad  
to have your letter outlining his qualifications,  
which seem to be very good.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
Verne E. Chatelain  
Chief

Historical Division  
Branch of Research and Education

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS  
EVANSTON, ILLINOIS  
October 21, 1934

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

I will be very glad to review Brigance's book on Jeremiah Sullivan Black. The appearance of this book has somewhat altered my plans with reference to a thesis, at least for the time being. Brigance's study grew out of a Ph. D. in speech at Iowa and although I did not learn of his work until after I had completed my M. A. thesis, I still felt there was a possibility in the subject for a Ph. D. in history. Several years ago when applying for an assistantship at Ohio State Professor Hockett looked over my thesis, commented very favorably about it, and suggested that I follow it up for a doctoral dissertation. He said that the treatment of such a subject for a degree in speech would probably be lacking in historical perspective. On the basis of a cursory examination of Brigance's thesis I would say that this was true---but perhaps he has done more work for the book. Turner told me that the speech department at Iowa had done a lot of poaching on the territory of other departments but that the work in general had been none too good. Cox and James have liked the idea of my working on Black out with the appearance of the book it might hurt my chances of publishing something as a result of a dissertation on that subject.

Cox has indicated a willingness for me to continue with my study of Western Pennsylvania newspapers but of course that could only be done with your permission and additional research would have to be followed up in the summer. Turner has suggested that I do something in American intellectual history. The whole point of my writing a thesis is this: the mere mechanics of fulfilling certain requirements are very irksome to me and I must find something which in itself is tremendously interesting to furnish the driving force. The "lure" of a Ph. D. in itself is not sufficient.

I like it here very much. The physical environment is ideal; I think the change has done me good personally, and I am enjoying the new contacts that I have been making. The new Deering Library on the campus is the last word in equipment and conveniences and from an architectural point of view it is a marvelous structure. The window by my desk in the stacks affords a fine place to study Lake Michigan in all of its moods.

Turner stopped in Chicago several days on his way from Sioux City back to Pittsburgh. He came out to Evanston last Wednesday for lunch and stayed until Thursday morning. While here he led an

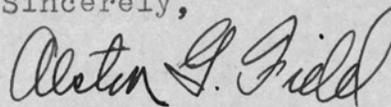
informal discussion group at the University Club, spoke to a group of graduate students, and made a talk in Laurer's class in the "Intellectual History of Europe" which has been widely discussed on the campus. He gave them a real lecture on the "Intellectual Background of the Modern World" which made the men here feel sorry that he is temporarily lost to academic circles.

I have been treated most cordially here but I have no delusions of grandeur as to my being so well received. I have more than a sneaking suspicion that my association with the Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey as directed by you is a decided academic advantage but it has resulted in my being terribly over-rated here. I have a feeling myself that the three years I was on the Survey is the only ace in an otherwise poor hand.

I am assisting Cox and am taking his course in "Diplomatic History of the United States." He has done many things to make it pleasant for me here. I am also taking "Tudor England" with Grose and the course with Laurer that I have already mentioned. Laurer is a character, the Turner of the campus, if such a thing could be possible. He was a graduate student here when Hicks was working on his M. A. at Northwestern. He knew A. P. James at Chicago and Hatfield at Harvard, the latter none too favorably. He took his Ph. D. with James Westfall Thompson and has also had work with Laski at Harvard and has studied abroad. Considering the fact that Cox is an elder in the Presbyterian Church, James a steward in the Methodist Church, and Grose a deacon in the Baptist Church, Laurer's militant atheism is an antidote to the emasculated religiosity of the other men. By the way, James told me something of his disagreements with you over George Rogers Clark. You will be interested to know that he uses his book on Clark as a text for the first semester in his survey course in American history. At the beginning of the term he passes out mimeographed reviews of his book to convince the students of its merits. He retires next year and the department is looking forward to his withdrawal.

I have written far in excess of my intentions and gossiped perhaps beyond the bounds of discretion. I plan to be in Pittsburgh at Christmas time and shall probably go on to Washington. I hope for the success of your book on "The Plantings" as we of the staff used to refer to it and may the "planting" bring forth much fruit.

Sincerely,



Alston G. Field

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October 23, 1934

Mr. Alston G. Field  
Northwestern University  
Department of History  
Evanston, Illinois

Dear Field:

Brigance's book is going forward to you and we shall be glad to receive your review of it at your convenience. If it reaches us by the middle of November, we can probably bring it out in the December number of the magazine.

I certainly have no objection to your using your work on Western Pennsylvania newspapers for a thesis. Perhaps you could broaden it out somewhat and make it a study of intellectual activity in the upper Ohio Valley. After all, most of the intellectual activity of the period probably manifested itself in the newspapers. Perhaps such a subject would be more effective in arousing your enthusiasm than the one on which you were working.

Turner has just been here on his way to New York and I have had an interesting talk with him. I think that he will find his niche in the course of time and will be better off than he ever would have been at Pittsburgh.

Your comments about Northwestern interested me very much and corresponded with my own impressions except that I knew nothing of Laurer. I wonder if you have met my old friend, Pooley? I understand he has fallen from grace academically but I remember him as a rather vivid personality. We were graduate students together at the University of Wisconsin many years ago. If you see him I should be glad to have you remember me to him. Remember me also, of course, to James and Cox and Grose.

"The Plantings" are proceeding slowly. The other members of the staff are doing their part in preparing drafts but I seem to be unable to make much progress in the task of weaving the thing together. Doubtless it will be completed sometime if we can hang on long enough.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS  
EVANSTON, ILLINOIS

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

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

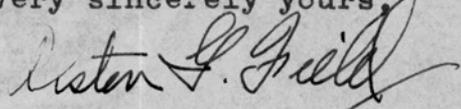
Dear Mr. Buck:

I have been wondering what the situation is with reference to the "Travel Bibliography" on which Miss Kane was working. Is there a possibility that it will be continued and if so when?

For about six years a "Bibliography of American Constitutional Law," financed by the Social Science Research Council, has been in progress here under the direction of Professor A. R. Ellingwood (now deceased) of the Northwestern Law School. The actual work has been carried on by a Miss Vera McLaren who holds an M. A. from Southern California and who has been on the political science staff here for some time as a teacher and research assistant. Professors Corwin of Princeton, Borchard of Yale, and Oliver Field of Minnesota have been some of the advisors of the project. Samuel Thorn, Librarian of the Northwestern Law School has also given much bibliographical criticism.

The project will probably near completion this summer and Miss McLaren will be available after that time. In about two weeks she is driving to Washington and if there is a possibility of any work being done on the "Travel Bibliography" in the near future and if you are looking for someone to carry on the work, Miss McLaren would be glad to stop in Pittsburgh for an interview with you.

Very sincerely yours,



Alston G. Field

March 17, 1935.

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March 27, 1935

Mr. Alston G. Field  
Northwestern University  
Evanston, Illinois

Dear Mr. Field:

I regret to say that there is no prospect of my being in a position to employ anyone on the Travel Bibliography this year. The money available was all used up last fall and I did not feel that I could ask for any more until I had something completed to show for it. That means that the work will be held up at least until I can find time to devote to it myself, and when that will be I cannot estimate at present.

I trust that you are planning to attend the Mississippi Valley Historical Association meeting at Cincinnati. There will probably be quite a delegation from here despite the fact that we have the Pennsylvania Historical Association meeting in combination with the annual history conference in Pittsburgh the week before the M.V.H.A. meeting.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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United States Section  
International Commission on Folk Arts.

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Elizabeth Burchenal,  
Executive Chairman

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March 6, 1934.

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

My dear Dr. Buck:

On behalf of the Governing Board of the United States Section of the International Commission on Folk Arts, I have the honor of informing you of your election as an Expert Consultant on The National Committee on Folk Arts of the United States, for the years 1934 and 1935.

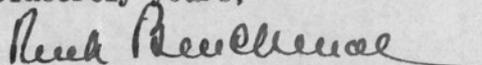
As you know, this National Committee on Folk Arts has been created in strict accordance with the principles adopted by the permanent International Commission on Folk Arts. The Committee is intended, when completed, to constitute a consultative body of authority in the domain of the folk arts of the United States for the technical and scientific guidance of the United States Section of the International Commission on Folk Arts.

To have your cooperation in your particular field is we feel, of great importance in the carrying on of this service for the country. Each member of the Committee will be consulted individually as questions, relating to his particular field, come up for decision or action. It would be very valuable, however, to discuss with you the whole work of the committee and I hope that you will plan to visit this office for the purpose when the first opportunity occurs. In the meantime, it would be much appreciated if you would have forwarded to this headquarters such publications of your own, and such data about yourself, as ought to be on file here for the reference collections and information service.

It is clearly understood that there is no financial obligation involved in serving as a Consultant on the National Committee. Quite aside from that, however, we should be happy to have you join as a regular member of the supporting organization, as the membership dues are at present the only source of funds for the work. A membership blank is enclosed in case you may wish to use it.

The Governing Board wishes me to express to you its gratification at having your cooperation and extends to you a cordial welcome.

Sincerely yours,



Ruth Burchenal,  
Secretary.

RB:FS

4338 Bigelow Boulevard,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

April 4, 1934

Miss Ruth Burchenal, Secretary,  
United States Section,  
International Commission on Folk Arts,  
673 Fifth Avenue, New York City, N. Y.

My dear Miss Burchenal:

Your letter of March 6th was duly received but the pressure of work has prevented me from replying to it before. I do not feel that I have been, or can be, of any use to your organization, and I cannot afford to take out membership in any more societies. If you feel, however, that there is any advantage to you in carrying my name as a consultant on the national committee, I have no objection.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA  
GRADUATE SCHOOL  
MINNEAPOLIS

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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

April 13, 1934

Dr. Solon J. Buck  
c/o Historical Society  
of Western Pennsylvania  
433 E. Bigelow Boulevard  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

My dear Buck:

Knowing how much your interests are wrapped up in the work you are doing, I felt as I read the March number of your magazine which has come to my desk as though in your report I were reading a personal letter and not a very cheerful one. I certainly hope that your plans for raising funds this spring meet your full expectations.

We missed you very much at Urbana where I had hoped to see you. Mrs. Ford was there with me, having come along from New York on the trip I had just taken there preceding the Christmas meeting. She has been down recently on one of my other trips to New York, in fact stayed between two trips and visited with the children, for Tom as well as Janie is in New York.

Please give our love to Elizabeth and the children and remember us to your parents. With best wishes I am

Sincerely,

*Guy Stanton Ford*  
Guy Stanton Ford, Dean

GSF:D

*Handwritten mark*

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA  
GRADUATE SCHOOL  
MINNEAPOLIS

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

June 1, 1934

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

My dear Buck:

I have given some thought to your letter. I think I have been realizing more and more the situation as it was developing at Pittsburgh and the problems that that faced you in the near future.

I don't know much about the lay out in Washington at the present time with regard to the federal archival job. Further I am somewhat blocked as to finding out about it because normally I should make inquiries of people who I fear are already committed to some other candidate if there is an actual position in the offing.

Blegen was in the other day and showed me your more recent letter. Neither one of us has heard anything that would indicate that the Wisconsin position was likely to be open. I think Schaefer's illness was temporary and he is far from reaching the retiring age and would of course under the present financial circumstances in any case keep his position if his health possibly permitted. I am sure also that the society appreciates his services so that they would make every possible effort to retain him.

The general academic outlook certainly is not good. It is somewhat better in minor appointments but in recent years I have received almost no inquiries asking for recommendations.

Sincerely,

*Guy Stanton Ford*

Guy Stanton Ford, Dean

GSF:D

P.S. - Regards to Elizabeth & your parents. We shall think you at the next picnic at Shipper's ranch tomorrow - if your brain aren't baked. The heat & drought is approaching a major catastrophe for this area. All time heat record broken yesterday - and that was on May 31.

*GSF*

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA  
GRADUATE SCHOOL  
MINNEAPOLIS

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

July 14, 1934

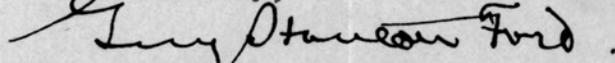
Prof. Solon J. Buck  
4360 Center Avenue  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Buck:

When I was in Cambridge Tuesday of this week I happened to run into Leland in the yard and had a long talk with him about various things, including the archival situation in Washington. It seems that they have been working on the supposition that if the executive officers of the American Historical Association would unite on some one candidate, the President would be pretty likely to accept him. They have therefore canvassed the situation and they have put themselves behind R. D. W. Connor of North Carolina and have persuaded him to let his name be used. He was reluctant at first and then only accepted it after he was allowed to talk with President Graham of North Carolina and get assurances that he would be released. This seems to be the status of the matter at the present time and I am sure that Connor is a very good man from the technical standpoint and in other ways may fit in pretty well with the sort of situation that might arise in Washington when such a nomination is sent in; that is, I guess he could qualify if politicians were to get to nosing around - I mean politicians of the Farley stripe.

It has occurred to me that of course there must be a staff with some very responsible positions in it under a man like Connor if he is nominated, and I think that possibility ought to be sounded out in your case. I certainly feel that you ought to be in this job because it belongs right down your alley and no one could do greater service than you could do at the present time in the foundation of the archive system. Further, of course, I should be happy to see you and Bess and the children out of Pittsburgh.

Sincerely,



Guy Stanton Ford, Dean

GSF:D

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA  
GRADUATE SCHOOL  
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OFFICE OF THE DEAN

May 28, 1935

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

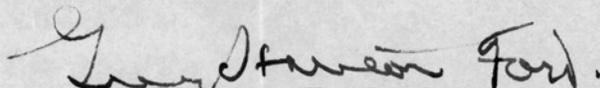
My dear Buck:

Thanks for the copy of the Boynton Diary.  
Interesting in itself and your usual good job of editing.

Hope there are no catches in realizing the  
opportunity of the Washington appointment.

Regards to Elizabeth.

Sincerely,

  
Guy Stanton Ford, Dean

GSF:D

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July 17, 1935

4360 Center Ave.  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dean Guy Stanton Ford  
University of Minnesota  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Ford:

Doubtless you have learned that the President has sent my name to the Senate for the position of director of publications in the National Archives. I am confident that the appointment will be confirmed, but it may be some time before the Senate gets around to it. I am, of course, very glad of the prospect of having what will doubtless be a permanent position and agreeable work, despite the meagerness of the salary.

I am wondering if there are any new people coming to the faculty of the University this fall who might be interested in buying or renting my house in Prospect Park. It has stood vacant now for more than a year and is a heavy drain on my finances. Krey tells me that a new man was appointed in the Latin department last year who might have been interested in the property had he known about it but who has now bought another place in the Park. Unless I succeed in selling or renting the house in the near future, I shall probably have it remodeled into a duplex. I hate to do this, however, because it would make a very attractive home for someone who needs a large house.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA  
GRADUATE SCHOOL  
MINNEAPOLIS

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

August 9, 1935

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

I am awfully glad to see that your appointment has finally been settled and that you are to get out of Pittsburgh, even if it does mean a financial loss. The more I have heard about the Pittsburgh set-up, the more satisfied I am to see you entirely clear of it.

I don't know what to say about your house. Practically everybody that I talk to about it thinks, although it was admirably suited to your purposes, it will remain a very difficult property to rent and possibly not less difficult after an expenditure to make it into a duplex. Most of them say quite frankly that the thing to do would be to take the loss on it through a sale and be thoroughly rid of it in order not to have the accumulating taxes and depreciation.

Mrs. Ford and I are alone just at the time. Janie and her husband and baby have been here but have gone up to Battle Lake to our cottage and taken Tom along with them. The latter finished his Master's degree in International Relations at Columbia with a very excellent thesis which they have urged him to prepare for publication in abbreviated form in the Political Science Quarterly.

Almost everybody else in the department is away except Dave Willson, George Stephenson and Harold Deutsch. The latter will be off at the end of the summer term on a Social Science Research fellowship in Germany. The Willsons wouldn't be away anyway because they have their baby to keep well within the limits of good condition this summer. He is a happy, substantial youth. The Crawfords of Kansas are spending the summer in the Shippees' house, something that they apparently think makes a good vacation from

Lawrence, Kansas. A letter from the Osgoods, who are out in the mountains of Montana and the frontiers of Yellowstone Park, offers tempting bait to us to out and join them. I think, however, we'll stay about here so long as the children are in the neighborhood and may go out to Battle Lake where we have not been for about four years, sometime next week.

Grace joins me in love and best wishes to both of you. How many people in Minneapolis perpetrated on Elizabeth the bad joke of sending her the local version of the interview she supposedly gave to a Pittsburgh paper?

Sincerely,

*Guy Stanton Ford*

Guy Stanton Ford, Dean

GSF:D

P.S. Tom has just had notice that he has been awarded a \$1500 fellowship at Harvard - a new set up in training for public service personnel

*G.S.F.*

*Assd. by E.H.B.*

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UNION COLLEGE  
SCHENECTADY, NEW YORK  
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

JAN 18 1935

January 15, 1935

My dear Bush-

It was gratifying in you - or would - to send  
me the review of Linniger's book written by  
Dr. Martin. I think that if I were teaching  
I would find the book useful; at least I got  
a good deal out of reading the document my-  
self in our class.

Thanking you, I am

Cordially yours,

W. F. Johnson

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2031 Holly Street 3  
Harrisburg, Penna.  
January 2, 1934

Dear Dr. Buck,

In regard to the State Library, I afterwards talked to Dr. Ames along the same lines as our conversation, and although much interested he felt the U. of P. men were under a cloud because of the pro-Schnader activities of some of the professors before the election. He said he would talk to Thompson, the Librarian, however, and would be glad to act if I could offer any other concrete suggestion. I think it is well to keep him informed should anything develop.

Roy Nichols is not in touch with all the circumstances. His suggestion was to wait until the new superintendent came in, then suggest names to him, not realizing

that Dr. Rule would not go out until May  
and the Librarian pretty soon. However, if  
given a plan or an idea, Nichols will act  
on it.

As far as I am concerned, I do not wish a  
finger in the pie, but to try to get the  
professional elements to stand up for the  
best interests of the state. I feel it would  
be best for you to leave me out of the  
picture or else what you do might appear  
like an interquid. For my own peace of mind  
I would appreciate a word that something  
was being done, I do not care to know  
what.

It is impossible to work with the  
Council of the Association, of course, with  
Boyd Hamilton, Godcharles, Miss Dorrance  
and others on.

I shall write you another letter  
today on the subjects of Dorothea Dix  
and an archivist for Maryland.

With cordial regards and the very  
best wishes for a <sup>happy</sup> New Year.

Sincerely,  
Curtis W. Garrison

Dr. Solomon J. Buck  
Pittsburg, Penna.



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION  
STATE LIBRARY  
HARRISBURG

January 2, 1935

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

Dear Buck:

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In the latest number of the Western Pennsylvania Historical Magazine, I have noted the article by Marion Hathway on Dorothea Dix. It so happens that I have known of another study in process on Dorothea Dix by Miss Helen E. Marshall now located at Eastern New Mexico Junior College, Portales, New Mexico. Miss Marshall first made her appearance at the Library of Congress about 1930 and at that time had prospects of seeing the Dorothea Dix papers somewhere in Massachusetts. I do not know whether she ever succeeded or not. She is taking her degree from Duke University, but has not yet completed her work. I am writing Miss Marshall today, referring to Dr. Hathway's article. If Dr. Hathway has intended to extend that study, I think the two should get together.

Another matter on which we need light is the possible candidates for the post of Maryland State Archivist. Professor W. Stull Holt, an old friend of mine who is teaching at Johns Hopkins University, is naturally interested in seeing that Maryland gets the best possible, considering the size of the job. He has asked my advice, but I am only beginning to get acquainted with the archival world and I would like to have your opinion of some two or three prospects to pass on to him. It may be that Holt will not be able to exercise as much control as he thinks he will. Judge Bond, he says, is not taking an active part. This is rather strange in view of Judge Bond's fatherhood of the plant. Also, you may not know that it is located on ground donated by St. John's College, a very active little institution. At any rate, it is well to put Holt in touch with archival candidates if he could do anything. Possibly you know more about the activities in this connection than he.

It was certainly fine to see you in Washington. On my part, it was a most productive meeting.

Cordially yours,

*Curtis W. Garrison*  
Curtis W. Garrison  
Archivist

CWG:hb

January 4, 1935

Dr. Curtis W. Garrison, Archivist  
Pennsylvania State Library  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Garrison:

I doubt very much if Miss Hathway will do any more work on Dorothea Dix. Her field is social work rather than history, and we inveigled her into doing this paper in order to exploit the Dix letters in our collection of Harper papers. Miss Marshall certainly ought to make use of these letters. I shall send her a separate of Miss Hathway's paper.

Do you suppose there is any possibility that the Maryland people will go outside the state for their archivist? If so, I should think the best procedure for them would be to consult with Connor, who has on file applications from thousands of people and is doubtless making a survey of their qualifications. Two possibilities that occurred to me are Dr. Charles Gates, who is substituting this year for Miss Hute as curator of archives and manuscripts at the Minnesota Historical Society, and Mr. Carlton Qualey, who is completing his work for the Ph.D. at Columbia and has had some experience in archival work for the Norwegian Historical Society. If a Marylander must be chosen, it is possible that Dr. Louis C. Hunter, of St. John's College, Annapolis, would be the man. I do not know him personally but his excellent unpublished thesis at Harvard entitled "A Study of the Iron Industry at Pittsburgh before 1860" would seem to indicate that he had the right sort of qualities for such a job.

I am planning to talk with various people here about the matter discussed in your second letter of January 2 and will do whatever seems feasible.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:DSC



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION  
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HARRISBURG

JAN 8 - 1935

January 7, 1935

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

Dear Buck:

I appreciate very much your fine and  
explicit answer of January 4th.

Sincerely yours,

*Curtis W. Garrison*

Curtis W. Garrison  
Archivist

CWG:hb

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January 9, 1935

Dr. Curtis W. Garrison  
2031 Holly Street  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Garrison:

I have had an interview with Mr. Munn, director of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, who is the chairman of the legislative committee of the State Library Association. He tells me that the president and other officers of the Association proposed that the librarians urge the Governor-elect to make no changes in the staff of the State Library. Munn countered, however, with the suggestion that a committee of the Association be appointed to make a personnel survey of the staff for the Governor-elect, and he believes that this proposition will be approved by Earle. Nevertheless, the president of the Association has gone ahead and sent out a circular letter, one of which I received yesterday, asking librarians to urge the Governor to retain "the present director and staff of the State Library."

I have written to Miss Crocker, the president of the Association, and expressed my opinion that the Association would be in a much stronger position if it concentrated on the principle that all new appointments should be on the basis of professional qualification rather than on that of maintaining the status quo. I have also written to Governor-elect Earle to support the suggestion that a personnel survey be made, and I took the liberty of pointing out that your appointment was not a political one and that you have exceptional qualifications for your position.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:DSC

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Garrison

2031 Holly Street  
Harrisburg, Penna.

January 14, 1934 [1935]

Dear Dr. Buck,

Thank you for your kind letter of January 9. The Pennsylvania Library Association, by the action of the President, has put itself decidedly outside the pale of influence. It is too bad that so often when you would expect the people supposedly engaged primarily in the search for truth to act in the interests of the public that they turn out to be broken reeds. It goes without saying that the Librarian must go, of course. Even if well trained, to actively engage in political fights, certainly marks her for proscription by the Democrats and professionals.

I hope Mr. Munn has influence to carry his ideas through. I think your

letter timely and appreciate your mention  
of me. My position is that if a mere  
politician goes in and patronage is the  
basis of the system as it has been here-  
tofore, I shall leave. It would be a  
waste of time to stay. Of course that  
depends on whether I could get a job!!

We shall soon see what will  
happen.

Cordially yours,

Curtis W. Garrison

Dr. Solon J. Buck  
Pittsburg, Penna.



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION  
STATE LIBRARY  
HARRISBURG

AUG 13 1935

August 12, 1935

Dr. Solon J. Buck  
Western Penna. Historical Survey  
4338 Bigelow Boulevard  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Buck:

Hearty congratulations on your appointment as Director of Publications in the National Archives! In a sense, I feel that we are nearer to you and you shall probably be called upon for advice even more frequently than before. I always felt that the survey under federal aid would have floundered badly had it not been for the excellent tutoring I received during its formative stages.

Since it has been known that you might leave, I have heard ever so many express their regrets that Pennsylvania's history is losing you. I am glad that your interest will keep up and that we may see you in Philadelphia in October.

Sincerely yours,

*Curtis W. Garrison*  
Curtis W. Garrison  
Archivist

CWG:hb

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Minnesota Historical Society  
St. Paul, Minnesota  
July 17, 1934.

Mr. Herbert A. Kellar  
McCormick Historical Ass'n Library  
679 Rush Street  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Kellar:-

May I write at this time a somewhat belated word of thanks to you for your hospitality to me while I was in Chicago, and for your interest in helping me to make a hasty examination of the McCormick collection. You may be sure we shall plan some follow-up work at the first opportunity.

I was speaking to Mr. Blegen recently about the appointment of a national archivist, and mentioned the conversation I had with you on that subject. He is very anxious that Mr. Buck's fitness for the position should be made known to the authorities at Washington, and is doing everything possible to further his candidacy. It goes without saying that all of us who knew Mr. Buck here in the Twin Cities are his enthusiastic supporters. We feel that it would be most regrettable should his name fail of serious consideration for the reason that his friends did not represent his qualifications adequately to the persons controlling the appointment. I am therefore writing on Mr. Blegen's suggestion to tell you of his efforts in the matter, and to express to you the hope of the persons on the staff here that you will exert your influence, in whatever ways you think fitting, in Mr. Buck's behalf.

I understand thru Mr. Walter of the University Library that the Recordak Corporation of Rochester, a subsidiary of Eastman Kodak, are now offering their services at a very reasonable rate, and are doing very satisfactory work in the making of film copies of newspapers. It will not be long, I hope, before the technical processes are so perfected that reference by film projection will be a common practice.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Charles M. Gates

Charles M. Gates

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DEPARTMENT OF  
HISTORY

H. T. COLESTOCK  
P. W. GATES  
W. T. JOHNSON

BUCKNELL UNIVERSITY  
DIVISION OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES  
LEWISBURG, PENNA.

MAY 14 1934

2434 Tunlaw Road, N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.  
May 11, 1934.

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

I asked the Harvard Press to send you a copy of the book for review purposes and they seemed willing to do so in some cases where there is little chance of getting a review, but my real purpose was to have a copy come to you without drawing on my meagre supply as was possible in this case. I recognize that you cannot publish reviews on books having little bearing on your section of the state. The repetition on page 304 I had not notice but it is not in the page proof. The press insisted on breaking the quotation after it was in pageproof and in doing so messed it terribly.

But I am much more mortified to observe, after you mentioned that I "made use of two of " your books that I have not listed your GRANGER MOVEMENT. Of course I used this in connection with my remarks on the Granger period and it belongs in the bibliography more than some of the material which is included.

It is too early yet to say how the renewals are coming in but so far, with your exception, they have come from the non-professional group whose loss is perhaps more to be feared than from the college group.

Dr. Martin wrote that he had discussed with you the question of our obligation to the Penn Harris hotel. Since then I have received a letter from Boyd Hamilton enclosing a bill for \$20. for waiters tips and incidentals. In accordance with Dr. Martin's letter I O.K.d the bill and sent it on to Mr. Wright for payment. This made a deficit of \$57 for the convention but I think financially it compares favorably with last year's record. The \$57 does not of course include the money received from new memberships. I hope that next year's committee has a clear understanding with the hotel ~~bill~~ about all charges, as well as rooms, dinner charges, etc.

MAY 14 1934

DEPARTMENT OF  
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P. W. GATES  
W. T. JOHNSON

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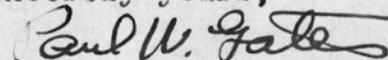
DIVISION OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES  
LEWISBURG, PENNA.

In spite of the hotel troubles and the poor accommodations for the various sessions I feel that the convention was an outstanding success, particularly in the quality of the papers.

I found my young daughter in excellent health as was also her mother, when I reached Danville on Sunday. Everything went off fine.

I wonder if you are planning to attend the Agricultural History meeting next week.

Sincerely yours,



Paul W. Gates

I failed to acknowledge your check which looks big among the others.

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THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DIVISION OF UNIVERSITY STUDENTS  
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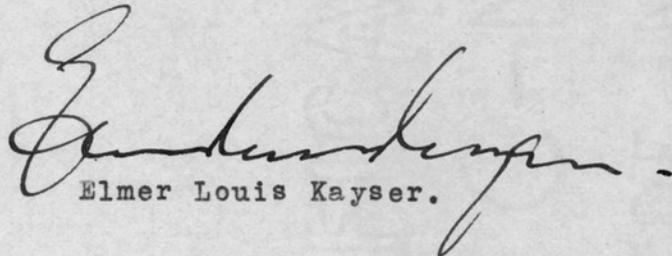
May 18, 1934.

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

My dear Director Buck:

Thank you for your very kind letter of May 16th,  
with reference to Dr. John D. Barnhart. I can  
assure you that your appraisal of him will be  
given our most careful consideration.

Very truly yours,

  
Elmer Louis Kayser.

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3908 Bliss Street,  
Long Island City, N. Y.,  
July 22, 1935.

Dear Professor Buck:

I should like to apologize for my disturbing you with an ill-considered telephone call from Washington last week. Perhaps I may also explain some of the circumstances.

I came to Washington several weeks ago in quest of a position. On the advice of Frederick Brasch, secretary of the History of Science Society, I made inquiries at the Archives, and submitted an application bearing political and academic endorsements. I had the endorsement of Congressman Sol Bloom, who sponsored the Archives bill in the House, and the endorsement of the two senators of my state, Copeland and Wagner. I also submitted letters from Prof. B.B. Kendrick, whom you doubtless know, and Claudius Murchison, director of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, and submitted as references the names of Alvin Johnson (my chief for five years on the Encyclopedia of the Social Sciences), John Dewey, George Sarton and others.

On the basis of my application and the endorsements I succeeded in getting an interview with Colas Harris, the senior administrative officer, and Allen Jones, the personnel adviser, but not with Dr. Connor, on whom all the appointments will depend. All I was able to learn from Jones was that my application would not be filed away with the nondescript general file of the 20,000 applications, but would receive a more serious fate. I learned later, however, that it might be six months or longer before I would get a yes or no answer on my application.

It was at this point, when I was quite discouraged by the prospect of a long wait, that I learned of your nomination as chief of the publications division. Remembering that I had met you at Pittsburgh last Christmas and that you had commented kindly on my work, I felt that here might be an opportunity to learn something of my fate without waiting on the anxious seat for six months. You can well understand that with these intense subjective preoccupations I forgot to put myself in your situation and to realize (until after I had spoken to you) that you could not say or do anything until your nomination had been confirmed by the Senate and you had taken up your duties in Washington.

I feel therefore that I owe you this explanation, which may serve to correct any untoward impression my telephone call may have made on you. For the rest I am willing to rest on your judgment of my record (as available in my application), should you be charged with any responsibility for the appointment of subordinates in your division.

Sincerely yours,

*Benjamin Ginsburg*

Professor Solon J. Buck,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

4360 Center Avenue  
Pittsburgh, Penna.

July 24, 1935

Mr. Benjamin Ginzburg  
3908 Bliss Street  
Long Island City, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Ginzburg:

The only thing that disturbed me about your telephone call was my inability to give you any more information. Although my appointment has been confirmed I do not know any more now than I did when you called me about the prospects for positions in my department. I can assure you, however, that when I take up the work in Washington, which will probably be about September first, I shall look over your application and that you will receive careful consideration for any appropriate position that may be available in my department.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

DSC

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March 2, 1934

Prof. Lawrence H. Gipson,  
Lehigh University,  
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Gipson:

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of your Connecticut Taxation, 1750-1775. It impresses me as a thorough and important study. I am afraid, however, that it will not meet with the approval of the D. A. R.

I trust that I shall see you at the meeting of the Pennsylvania Historical Association.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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MODERN LANGUAGE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA, 1883  
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LINGUISTIC SOCIETY OF AMERICA, 1924  
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17 August, 1935

AUG 20 1935

My dear Professor Buck:

I have today sent my friend Hamilton J. Smith an application blank for a position in the National Archives, and I am taking the liberty of mentioning his name to you on the chance that you may be looking for assistants in your capacity as Director of Publications.

Mr. Smith is an A.B. and Ph.D. of Yale in the field of English. He is trained in research, and has had several years of university teaching (last at the University of California) with the rank of assistant or associate professor. In 1929 he left California to take a position with the Oxford University Press in New York, where he managed the educational book department. A recent amalgamation there has squeezed him out; and because of the temporary suspension of replacements at California he is unable to return there.

I do not know, of course, whether you have selected your staff or what qualifications you are seeking; but it occurred to me that if Mr. Smith applies to the Archives, his experience in both research and publication might make it worth your while to look into his qualifications.

Sincerely yours,

Donald Goodchild  
Secretary for Fellowships and Grants

Professor Solon J. Buck,  
Historical Building,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

August 26, 1935

Mr. Donald Goodchild  
Secretary for Fellowships and Grants  
American Council of Learned Societies  
907 Fifteenth Street  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Goodchild:

Thank you for the information about Dr. Smith in your letter of August 17. I have no idea at present what appointments may be made in my department, but I shall be glad to keep Dr. Smith in mind.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

DSC

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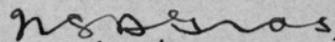
Professor Solon J. Buck  
Department of History  
University of Pittsburgh  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Buck:

I had a good chance recently to take up the question which we discussed in New York. More than one person is interested in the establishment of a general archive department in Harvard University. I have been told that while nothing can be done this year, something may be next year. Obviously this is only an opinion, but I can see the forces gathering for an effort. Whether some local influence will swing in to decide the matter on the side of personnel, I do not know. Otherwise you may have something like the first refusal.

This is, of course, entirely informal and confidential. I thought, however, that it would be better for you to have even this fragment of opinion under existing circumstances.

Sincerely yours,



N. S. B. Gras

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Sent to:

MISSISSIPPI VALLEY TEACHERS BUREAU

419 Coughlan Building,

Mankato, Minnesota

Gentlemen:

July 27, 1934

Miss Greehling was a student of mine at the University of Minnesota, a number of years ago but I have only a hazy recollection of her and her work. As I have no record at hand of the work of my Minnesota students, it is impossible for me to refresh my mind in the matter, and consequently I cannot give you a statement of the kind desired.

Very truly yours,

Solon J. Back

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July 27, 1934

Director, Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS  
EVANSTON, ILLINOIS

January 15, 1935

Professor Solon J. Buck  
4360 Center Avenue  
Pittsburg, Pa.

Dear Mr. Buck:

With the help of several Foundations and my University I have been engaged for quite a number of years upon A Selected Bibliography of British History, 1660-1760. The work is now in its later stages. Most of the material is collected; about two-thirds of it is in something like final form; and with reasonable financial good fortune I shall hope to complete it in two or three years.

I am now distributing completed sections to competent critics here and abroad, for criticisms on content, form, evaluations, and suggested additions and deletions. I would appreciate your help in this. I should like to send you the Travel Section within the next few weeks in case you could attend to it within the next two or three months. If that is out of the question but you will be able to do it later, perhaps next summer, would you kindly so inform me? I am having each section read by at least two persons, usually an American and an Englishman, and some by more. I hope thereby to reduce the inevitable number of errors and limitations to a minimum.

Truly yours,

*Dez. G. Grose*

CLG:PH

*P.S. I realize this is not in your field except insofar as you are interested in Bibliography, - and Travel, - but I am anxious for your criticisms, and hope you can find the time for it. C.G.*

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January 21, 1935

Professor Clyde L. Grose  
Northwestern University  
Evanston, Illinois

Dear Mr. Grose:

I shall, of course, be very glad to look over the Travel Section of your bibliography and I could doubtless find time to do it during the next two or three months. I should emphasize, however, the fact that my knowledge of English history and its bibliography is very slight, and it is doubtful if I would be able to make any suggestions of value to you.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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APR 8 - 1935

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS  
EVANSTON, ILLINOIS

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

April 4, 1935

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

I enclose the Travel Section from my bibliography which you stated in your letter of January 21 you would be willing to examine. An accompanying Skeleton Outline of the whole work indicates where this section belongs and some "Notes for critics" offer information (as well as queries) on some matters of form and also suggestions as to what I would like to have you do.

I realize this is out of your field and I may add that it is being examined by others, including Sir William Foster. I shall, however, be much interested in your criticisms and impressions. Your helpfulness will be in direct relation to your frankness and criticism. You may mark this copy as you please.

We are appreciating the presence of Mr. A. G. Field here this year. We like him very much and hope to keep him next year.

Cordially,

*Clayton Grose*

CLG:PH

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April 15, 1935

Professor Clyde L. Grosse  
Department of History  
Northwestern University  
Evanston, Illinois

Dear Mr. Grosse:

I have examined the Travel Section of your bibliography and am returning it to you herewith. I find, as I anticipated, that I am able to make very few suggestions. In general it seems to me very well planned and executed for a select bibliography.

With reference to the matters of form, to which you call attention, I would say: (1) The arrangement of items seems to me entirely satisfactory, (2) I think it is worth while to use the asterisks, (3) I see no objection to the use of the dagger, (4) The abbreviations that you have used for common names all seem to be perfectly intelligible, (5) I question whether it is worth while to indicate the size of volumes, but it can do no harm. The omission of "London" as place of publication certainly saves space and seems to me unobjectionable, (6) your device for indicating approximate pagination is ingenious, but saves very little space over the more exact indication of the extent of the main pagination. Since, however, it is not now feasible to include the full pagination I would recommend the use of the form that you adopted, at least for works of less than one volume.

Since the saving of space appears to be an objective, I would suggest that the notes be set in smaller type than the main entry and with only the first line indented. Long indented matter not only wastes space but also spoils the appearance of the page. The notes can be further distinguished, if necessary, by the insertion of an extra lead above and below.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

DSC

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NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY  
COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS  
EVANSTON, ILLINOIS

MAY 3 - 1935

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

May 1, 1935

Dr. Solon J. Buck  
Historical Building  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Mr. Buck:

I was delighted to receive back with such promptness the bibliographical manuscript. The succinct way in which you stated your approval or disapproval of certain matters of form will assist me in making decisions.

In so far as this work may have merit, it will be due considerably to the encouragement and criticisms of the two or three score people to whom I am referring various portions.

Gratefully yours,

*Rayel Groe*

CLG:PH

Apr. 24, 1935

Hon. Joseph ~~H.~~ H. Guffey  
United States Senate  
Washington D. C.

Dear Senator Guffey

April 28, 1935

Drafted by J. J. O. for use by W. P. James  
in a letter to Senator Guffey.

It has just come to my attention that Dr. Solon J. Buck, Professor of History in the University of Pittsburgh and Director of the Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey, is being considered for appointment to the position of Director of Publications in the National Archives. The appointment will be made by the President on the recommendation of Dr. R. D. W. Connor, Archivist of the United States, and will be sent to the Senate for confirmation.

I have known Dr. Buck for many years and intimately during the last four years and I have a very high opinion of his qualifications for this position. He is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and has his doctor's degree from Harvard; has been connected with the history departments of Indiana University and the universities of Illinois and Minnesota before coming to Pittsburgh; and served during the year 1926 as executive secretary of the committee on endowment of the American Historical Association. Of more immediate concern, however, are his activities in the fields of historical research, writing, and editing and the promotion of historical activities. He was one of the staff that produced the Illinois Centennial History and he wrote one of the volumes; he was superintendant of the Minnesota Historical Society from 1914 to 1931 and made it one of the most vigorous and progressive historical societies in the country; he founded and edited Minnesota History, a quarterly magazine, and has edited the Western Pennsylvania Historical Magazine, with which you are doubtless familiar, since 1931; he is the author of five books in the field of American history, including a study of The Granger Movement and a volume in The Chronicles of America Series; and he has edited a number of other volumes. He has served on the Public Archives Commission of the American Historical Association, as secretary of the national

Conference of Historical Societies, as chairman of the Joint Committee on Materials for Research of the American Council of Learned Societies and the Social Science Research Council, as chairman of a commission on documentary publications for the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, as president of that association and of the Agricultural History Society, and as chairman of the section on historical sciences and vice-president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He has a wide acquaintance among historical workers throughout the country and is highly respected by them.

Dr. Buck has never taken any active part in politics, but he is registered as a Democrat and is a supporter of the administration. I believe that a letter from you <sup>to</sup> the Hon. R. D. W. Connor, The National Archives, Washington, D. C., suggesting or recommending the appointment of Dr. Buck would pave the way for his nomination, and I think you will agree with me that it would be very creditable to Pennsylvania to have a citizen of the state selected for this important position in the federal service. If any further information about Dr. Buck is desired I shall be glad to supply it. I trust, however, that I have convinced you of the desirability of the appointment and that you will communicate with Dr. Connor soon, as I understand he wishes to make his recommendation to the President this week.

I assure you that your cooperation in this matter will be deeply appreciated by all concerned.

(C O P Y)

UNITED STATES SENATE

May 3, 1935

Dear Professor James:

Acknowledging the receipt of your very nice  
letter of April 28th:

I wish to advise that I took pleasure in  
recommending Doctor Buck for appointment to the  
position of Director of Publications in the National  
Archives and earnestly hope that he will be given  
favorable consideration.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Joseph F. Guffey

Professor Alfred P. James  
Department of History  
University of Pittsburgh  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

*Postmarked May 7.*

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I have some hesitation in  
troubling you with this <sup>my</sup>  
second appeal <sup>as</sup>  
a ~~contribution~~ and friend  
but my great interest in  
this ~~apparelment~~ leads me to  
add that your support in  
this matter will be a great  
personal favor.

Yours very truly  
Alfred V. James

Hon Joseph <sup>Ft.</sup> Giffey  
United States Senate

May 10, 1935

Dr James informs me you have recommended me  
for position in National Archives but Dr. Connor the  
archivist states he has not received the recommendation.  
Your help is much appreciated and I trust  
you will make sure he receives the  
recommendation promptly.

S. J. Buck

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May 10, 1935.

Dear Dr. Connor:

Since talking with you when you called at my office this afternoon, I have thought over the question of appointing Dr. Buck to a position in your organization and am glad to give him my political endorsement. I now remember very well some very nice things which have been said in the past about Dr. Buck and I feel sure you are obtaining the services of an excellent man.

If it is necessary to charge Dr. Buck's appointment to the State of Pennsylvania, you are at liberty to do so.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Joseph F. Guffey.

Dr. R.D.W. Connor, Archivist,  
National Archives,  
Washington, D.C.

May 11, 1935.

Honorable Joseph F. Guffey,  
United States Senator,  
The Senate,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Guffey:

It is a great pleasure to write you in behalf of Dr. Solon J. Buck, Director of the Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey. You, of course, are familiar with the existence of the Survey and of Dr. Buck's connection with the Society, of which you are a member. He has rendered very efficient and entirely satisfactory service in connection with the Western Pennsylvania Historical Society, and we regret exceedingly to lose his valuable services. However, he is being considered for appointment to the position of Director of Publications in the National Archives. I would much appreciate it if you will recommend him for this position to Dr. R. D. W. Connor, the National Archivist.

I have known Dr. Buck since his arrival in Pittsburgh four years ago and he has shown himself to be fully qualified for the work in which he has been engaged, in connection with which he has also shown that he is capable of taking up the work in a broader field, that of the National Archives. He came to us with the highest recommendations, and it is unnecessary to say that we of the Historical Society are of the opinion that he is exceptionally able and deserving specialist in this field. <sup>an</sup>

It may not be improper to refer to the fact that Dr. Buck is an active Democrat and supported the entire Democrat ticket at the last election. Of course, that is not absolutely essential but I believe you will realize that it is proper you should be informed of the fact.

Honorable Joseph F. Guffey

May 11, 1935.

Trusting he may have your unqualified support, and that any recommendation you may make to Dr. Connor be promptly made, as the matter is to be considered at an early date, and with kindest personal regards and with best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

*Signed (A. B. Reid)*

NIGHT LETTER TO SENATOR GUFFEY, May 10, 1935:

Strongly recommend endorsement of Dr. Solon J. Buck for appointment to National Archives position as requested by Dr. James Stop Dr. Buck has full support of Drs. McKay, Graper, and other progressive Democrats here who know his competence, experience, and politics. Stop Understand E. N. Jones approves the appointment

(signed) Frank D. Tyson

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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

May 13, 1935.

Professor S. J. Buck,  
4360 Centre Avenue,  
Pittsburgh,  
Pennsylvania.

Dear Professor Buck:

Acknowledging the receipt of your  
telegram of May 10th:

Doctor Connor called upon me last  
Friday and I took the pleasure to endorse you for  
the position with the National Archives. I have  
no doubt that your appointment will come through in  
due course.

Assuring you that it was a pleasure  
to do this, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*Joseph F. Guffey*

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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

May 18, 1935.

*Henry J. Gifford*

FELTON M. JOHNSTON, CLERK

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Acknowledging the receipt of your esteemed favor of May 11th, regarding Solon J. Buck:

I have taken pleasure in speaking personally to Doctor Connor and recommending in writing the appointment of Mr. Buck to a position in the National Archives. I have every reason to believe that Doctor Buck will be appointed to the position by not later than July 1st.

Sincerely yours,

*Joseph F. Guffey*

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,  
The White House,  
Washington, D. C.

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FELTON M. JOHNSTON, CLERK

# United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

May 20, 1935.

Hon. Ambrose B. Reid,  
President Judge,  
Court of Common Pleas,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dear Judge Reid:

Acknowledging the receipt of your letter of May 11 in behalf of Dr. Solon J. Buck, Director of the Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey:

I have spoken with and written to Dr. Connor in Dr. Buck's behalf and I was informed that this appointment would be made and Dr. Buck take over his duties somewhere around July 1.

Sincerely yours,

*Joseph F. Guffey*

*Respectfully refer to  
Dr. Solon J. Buck*

*Accept my congratulations*

*A. B. Reid*

*May 27/35*

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4360 Center Avenue  
Pittsburgh, Penna.

August 5, 1935

Honorable Joseph F. Guffey  
The United States Senate  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator Guffey:

My commission as director of publications in the National Archives was received from the Secretary of State a few days ago, and I want to express to you my deep appreciation of your assistance in obtaining this appointment for me. With the consent of Dr. Connor, the archivist of the United States, I am postponing qualifying for the position until September first, in order to enable me to bring my work here to a satisfactory conclusion.

After I get settled in Washington I hope to have the opportunity to pay my respects to you in person.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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Senate of Pennsylvania

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Harrisburg, Penna.,  
July 31, 1935.

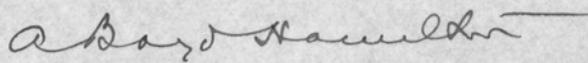
Dr. Solon J. Buck,  
4338 Bigelow Boulevard,  
Pittsburgh, Penna.

My dear Buck:

Owing to the strenuous time we have had finding out exactly what did happen to more than 3500 bills at the recent Session, I have not had an opportunity to write you regarding your new position. While I congratulate you upon it, I am sorry you are leaving Pennsylvania. I hope to be in touch with you and if there is anything I can do at this end, I hope you will let me know.

With kindest regards,

Cordially yours,



A. BOYD HAMILTON

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August 5, 1935

Honorable A. Boyd Hamilton  
Secretary of the Senate  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Hamilton:

It was kind of you to take note of my appointment and to send me your congratulations. I have spent two days with the staff of the National Archives in Washington and I am sure that I shall enjoy my work there very much. My present plans are to transfer to Washington about September first.

I shall not lose my interest in Pennsylvania, of course, and especially in the Pennsylvania Historical Association, and I hope to see you at some future meeting of that organization.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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GRAND DUCHY OF LUXEMBURG

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CHICAGO

November 2, 1934.

Mr. Solon J. Buck, Superintendent  
Minnesota Historical Society,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Buck:

I have been asked to write an article on Quetico Provincial Park and I am endeavoring to collect a few facts regarding the park, its origin, area, physical characteristics etc.

I have written the usual offices in the Province of Ontario but the material they have sent me is all of an advertising nature of interest only to fishermen, hunters and the like. What I really am anxious to secure is some information as to how the park originated, the size of it, something about its geology, the character of its forests and its physical and natural characteristics. I have been in the park on fishing and canoe trips but I wish to add to my own personal experiences the above factual information for the purposes of the article.

I have also spent considerable time at Grand Portage, have read your pamphlet on Grand Portage with great interest and I am a friend of the Mc Leans and in this way I have secured your name.

If you can furnish me or advise me where I can secure the kind of information above referred to I would appreciate it greatly.

Thanking you, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Amia Huss*

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November 7, 1934

Mr. Samuel A. Harper  
1420 First National Bank Bldg.  
Chicago, Illinois

Your letter of November 2 addressed to me at the Minnesota Historical Society has been forwarded to me here, where I am now located. I am not in a position to supply you with any information about Quetico Park, but I believe that you can obtain the desired information by writing to one or all of the following: Mr. Lawrence J. Burpee, International Joint Commission, Ottawa, Canada; Public Archives of Canada, Ottawa, Canada; Dr. Theodore C. Blegen, Superintendent, Minnesota Historical Society, Saint Paul.

I have always been very fond of the country north of Lake Superior since my first visit there about twelve years ago, especially the region around Grand Portage, and I hope to get back there for another vacation before long.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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November 8, 1934.

Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
c/o The Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey,  
Historical Building,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Buok:

I thank you very much for your letter of  
November 7th. I will write to the persons and  
agencies you mention.

With appreciation for your kindness, I am

Cordially yours,

*Samuel A. Harper*

SAH:CEW

January 19, 1934

The Harvard University Press,  
Cambridge,  
Massachusetts

Gentlemen:-

A friend of mine has informed me that you are bringing out a second printing of my book on the Granger Movement. I am naturally gratified to know that the book is still in demand. If you will tell me the size of the original printing and also the size of the contemplated printing, the favor will be much appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Solon J. Buck

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PUBLISHING DEPARTMENT  
38 Quincy Street



PRINTING DEPARTMENT  
Randall Hall

January 22nd 1934

Professor Solon J. Buck  
Historical Building  
Pittsburgh, Penna.

Dear Professor Buck:

In reply to your inquiry of January 19, I find that in 1914 we printed an edition of 852 copies of your book, "The Granger Movement." In 1923 we made a reprint of 224 copies. The newest printing, which was made on the instructions of the History Department in 1932, contained 500 copies, making in all 1576 copies.

Very truly yours,

*Wm. Warren Pritchard*

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Mr. William Warren Smith, Jr.,  
Harvard University Press,  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

HISTORICAL BUILDING, 4338 Bigelow Boulevard,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania  
February 1, 1934

Dear Mr. Smith:

Thank you very much for the information concerning the printing of my "Granger Movement" in your letter of January 22nd. I hope that you ultimately succeed in disposing of the latest edition.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Back

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1735—1775—1935

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Mr. B. S. Alves, Henderson, Ky.

## A Proposed Transylvania Memorial.

The Transylvanians, a patriotic society founded October 11, 1929, at Henderson, Kentucky, is arranging a celebration at Boonesborough, Kentucky, October 12, 1935. Many other patriotic societies will assist in the celebration. The governors of Kentucky, North Carolina, Virginia, and Tennessee are sponsoring the celebration, which is being promoted by a committee of distinguished men and women.

Five historic events, interlinked in the history of this epochal movement of expansion and colonization in the opening of the West, will be celebrated on this occasion. These are:

1—The founding of the Transylvania Company at Hillsborough, North Carolina, January 6, 1775.

2—The Treaty of Sycamore Shoals, March 14-17, 1775, by which the Transylvania Company acquired of the tribe of Cherokee Indians title to upwards of twenty millions of acres of land, covering much of Tennessee and the greater part of present Kentucky.

3—The cutting of the Transylvania Trail from the Long Island of Holston River, Tennessee, to Otter Creek, Kentucky, site of later Boonesborough—the first great pathway to the West.

4—The convening of the Legislature of Transylvania at Boonesborough, May 23, 1775, the first legislative body of Americans to assemble west of Cumberland Gap.

5—The founding of the State of Transylvania and its capital, Boonesborough, April—May, 1775.

This celebration is being held this year, since it is the bicentennial of the birth of Richard Henderson, President of the Transylvania Company, April 20, 1735. It is planned to unveil four large tablets, set in a giant granite boulder on the site of the meeting of the Transylvania Legislature, to commemorate the events mentioned. On the tablets will appear, with suitable inscriptions:

1—The names of the Proprietors of Transylvania: Richard Henderson, John Williams, Thomas Hart, Nathaniel Hart, David Hart, James Hogg, William Johnston, Leonard Henley Bullock and John Luttrell.

2—The names of the axemen who cut out the Transylvania Trail: Daniel Boone, Squire Boone, James Bridges, William Bush, Samuel Coburn, Richard Callaway, ..... Crabtree, Benjamin Cutbirth, David Gass, John Hart, William Hays, William Hicks, Edmund Jennings, Thomas Johnson, John Kennedy, John King, William Miller, William Moore, James Nall, James Peeke, Bartlett Searcy, Reuben Searcy, Michael Stoner, Samuel Tate, William Twitty, Felix Walker, Thomas McDowell, Jeremiah McPheeters.

3—The names of the officials and legislators of Transylvania: Proprietors: Richard Henderson, Nathaniel Hart, John Luttrell. Representatives: for Boonesborough, Squire Boone, Daniel Boone, William Cocks, Samuel Henderson, William Moore, Richard Callaway; for Harrodsburg, Thomas Slaughter, John Lythe, Valentine Harmon, James Douglass; for Boiling Spring, James Harrod, Nathan Hammond, Isaac Hite, Azariah Davis; for St. Asaph's, John Todd, Alexander Spotswood Dandridge, John Floyd, Samuel Wood. Robert McAfee, Sergeant at Arms, Matthew Jouett, Clerk.

4—A design in relief showing the Legislature of Transylvania in session.

The form of the memorial will depend upon the readiness and generosity of the response to the present appeal. The minimum cost of an appropriate memorial is estimated at \$2500.00. All descendants, direct or collateral, of the persons commemorated, and all patriotic citizens interested in the pioneer history of North Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and Kentucky, are especially requested to contribute. Contributions may be sent to the undersigned, to the Secretary, Miss Susan S. Towles, or to the Treasurer, Mrs. William Neel, both of Henderson, Kentucky. The repository of the fund will be the Ohio Valley National Bank of Henderson, Henderson, Kentucky. All contributions will be recorded in a memorial volume and promptly acknowledged.

ARCHIBALD HENDERSON,  
President The Transylvanians  
Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

409 Fourth St.  
Dubois, Penna.

June 17, 1935. JUN 18 1935

Dear Dr. Buck,

I intended to ask you this question almost all semester, but it constantly slipped my mind. I wanted to use your name for a reference when I filed my application with the Teacher's Appointment Bureau. I filed my application today, and I used your name; so I thought that I had better warn you in advance. I hope you do not mind, and I hope even more that you do not have to scratch your head to remember me.

Sincerely,

Fred W. Hilton, Jr.

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The University of Pittsburgh  
School of Education  
Teachers Appointment Bureau

Reference on Frederick H. Hilton

June 28, 1935

Mr. Hilton was a student in my advanced course in the history of western Pennsylvania during the last semester and made an excellent record. His scholarship was good, he demonstrated considerable initiative, and he has an attractive personality. He has self-confidence and the ability to organize and present his material clearly. I should expect him to make a very good teacher.

Solon J. Buck  
Professor of history, University of Pittsburgh  
and director, Western Penna. Historical Survey

August 6, 1935

Mr. Oliver W. Holmes  
170 Claremont Avenue  
New York City

Dear Mr. Holmes:

In your letter of May 31 you indicated a desire to have more information about the McNair Papers, and I asked Mr. Baldwin to supply it. The enclosed is a copy of his report on the subject. I might add that our collection of McNair Papers has not yet been sorted and arranged in such a way that any very definite information can be given about its contents. If, however, you should decide to go into the subject, it would probably be possible to arrange for someone here to make a calendar of the pertinent documents.

I speak with some indefiniteness because, as you doubtless have heard, I have been appointed director of publications in The National Archives and I am leaving here on September first. The work here will probably go on but no decision has been reached as yet as to who will have charge of it.

I am wondering if you have an application on file at The National Archives. I do not know that there will be any position open that would be of interest to you, but I understand that those who have their applications on file will be likely to receive preferred consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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OLIVER W. HOLMES  
170 CLAREMONT AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

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Aug. 7, 1935.

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

Somehow I missed the news of your appointment, but I am very happy to hear of it. I should think it would be much to your liking. It will be nicer for me, too, because I'll be able to see you often, perhaps.

No, I have no application on file there. I thought seriously about it for awhile because I'm very greatly interested in Archives Work. O'Conner was somewhat discouraging in his speech last January at the Washington meeting when he told of the hordes which applied, and I supposed he had hand-picked his chief assistants and that the other places would not pay a salary I could afford to accept. So I didn't apply. I'm having some real Archives experience

OLIVER W. HOLMES  
170 CLAREMONT AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

here in New York, putting about 120,000 documents in proper shape and order at the New York State Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. But I must say it is very monotonous work. And, I believe that your division will be by far the most interesting one connected with the National Archives Administration.

I shall send down an application at once and if you should find a place into which you think I might fit you can make ~~me~~ use of it. If there should be no such position I'll understand that too, and you must not feel the slightest obligation. I am thankful for your thinking that I might be interested.

I shall look up the catalogue reference to the McNaair papers. Doubtless I should spend the time and money to go to Pittsburgh and go through them, but I had been hoping I might get by without that.

Thank you for writing when I know you are very busy.

Sincerely yours,  
Oliver W. Holmes

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OLIVER W. HOLMES  
170 CLAREMONT AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

AUG 23 1935

Wednesday evening, Aug. 31.

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

I am able to come to Pittsburgh this week-end, and would like to do so if I can spend Saturday consulting the McNair papers. Do you suppose you can arrange for my spending the entire day at the Historical Building (which I presume is ordinarily closed to the public after 12:00, if open at all Saturdays in summer), or would this be too great a violation of rules. If I have any time left over after going through the McNair material I should like to complete my examination of the Pittsburgh Gazette between 1804 and 1819 and 1823 and 1826. <sup>all</sup> If this should not be possible on Saturday, please send me a day message collect in care of Grand Secretary's Office, New York State Grand Lodge, 71 W. 23d Street, New York, on Friday. I shall hope to see you, but shall trouble you as little as possible for I know you must be exceedingly busy. I sent an application to R. W. D. Connor, and was sorry for the slip <sup>concerning his name</sup> in my last letter to you. Excuse the hasty writing, please.

Yours sincerely, Oliver W. Holmes.

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May 18, 1934

Professor B. J. Hovde,  
History Department,  
University of Pittsburgh.

Dear Hovde:

The more I think about the matter, the less I am inclined to offer any lectures for the course on "The Contemporary World" for the first semester of next year. Despite my great interest in the subject, I do not feel that I know enough about any aspect of the contemporary world to give a lecture on ~~any aspect~~ of the subject that would be of real value, at least without spending a great deal more time on it than I would be warranted in taking from the work of the Survey.

I am confident that you will have plenty of lecturers available for the first semester and it may be that I can fit into the picture at some later date.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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MAX FARRAND  
DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH

May 17, 1934

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

You will recall that some time ago, in answer to Mr. Farrand's letter concerning the Huntington Library's effort to gather a representative collection of the letters of Frederick Jackson Turner, you wrote that you had a number of letters from him, and that you would hunt them up and write us further about them at the first opportunity. Doubtless, however, more urgent demands have intervened, in the meantime, to prevent your going over the letters. We venture to hope, however, that you will do so as soon as a chance presents itself, and we shall very greatly appreciate your cooperation. You will be glad to know that the collection has already reached gratifying proportions, but we are anxious to build it up further.

Sincerely yours,

*M. H. Crissey*

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May 25, 1934

Mr. M. H. Crissey,  
Henry E. Huntington Library  
and Art Gallery,  
San Marino, California

Dear Mr. Crissey:

I am very glad that you prodded me a bit with reference to the letters of Frederick Jackson Turner. I assembled these letters soon after my previous correspondence about them with Dr. Farrand and laid them aside with the intention of going through them at the first opportunity and deciding just what to do about them. Unfortunately, I was kept so busy by more pressing things that I never got at them.

Now, however, I have run through the collection but I am still at a loss to know just what is the best procedure. I find that I have about thirty letters from Turner dating from 1904 to 1927 and most of them written in longhand. With them are copies of fifteen letters from me to Turner, most of which are essential for an understanding of his letters to me. As I have kept fairly complete files of my own correspondence, I should naturally not like to part completely with this material, but I am perfectly willing to have copies of it represented in your collection with the understanding, of course, that reasonable discrimination will be used in allowing access to it.

As we have a Leica reproducing outfit here, I could have prints made for you, if desired. Reduced prints, 5 x 7 inches, would be perfectly legible and very inexpensive but we could make the prints full size, if desired, in order to have the material similar in size to other material in your collection.

If you prefer, I will send the entire collection to you as it is, and you can make photostats or transcripts of such of the documents as you desire and then return the collection to me. If you very greatly desire to have the originals of the letters from Turner in your collection, I would be willing to accept photostats in place of them, especially if most of your collection consists of original letters. If many of your letters are in the form of reproductions, then I should like to keep the originals.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

JUN 5 1934

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MAX FARRAND  
DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH

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June 1, 1934

Professor Solon J. Buck  
In care of The Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey  
Historical Building  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Buck:

Thank you for your letter of May twenty-fifth. We shall be glad to make transcripts of your letters from Professor Turner (and, in so far as seems desirable, of your own letters to him), if you will lend the correspondence to us for that purpose. You can count upon the exercise of due discretion, on the part of the Library, in allowing access to the material.

Sincerely yours,

*M. H. Crissey*

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June 5, 1934

Mr. M. H. Crissey,  
Henry E. Huntington Library  
and Art Gallery,  
San Marino, California

Dear Mr. Crissey:

I am sending you herewith the complete file of my  
correspondence with Professor Turner. You are at  
liberty to make copies of any of it that you wish and  
to return the file to me at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH

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June 14, 1934

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

This is to tell you that your Turner correspondence reached us safely and that we are very appreciative of your courtesy in lending it to us. Will it be satisfactory to you if we defer the copying until a less busy time? You may be sure the letters will be carefully safeguarded in the meantime. Unless, therefore, you write us that you desire the early return of the correspondence, we shall hold it until the task of making transcripts can be more conveniently undertaken.

Sincerely yours,

*M. H. Cressy*

Mr. W. H. Crissey,  
Henry B. Huntington Library and Art Gallery,  
San Marino, California.

HISTORICAL BUILDING, 4338 Bigelow Boulevard, Pittsburgh, Pa.

June 18, 1934

Dear Mr. Crissey:

I have no objection to your postponing the copying  
of the Turner correspondence.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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SAN MARINO, CALIFORNIA

MAX FARRAND  
DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH

December 11, 1934

Professor Solon J. Buck  
4338 Bigelow Boulevard  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Buck:

Transcripts have at last been made of your Turner letters, to the extent that seemed desirable for the purposes of our collection, and the file is accordingly now returned to you, with the Library's renewed thanks for your co-operation and for your courtesy in letting us defer the task of copying.

Sincerely yours,

*M. H. Crissey*

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MAX FARRAND  
DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH

June 6, 1935

Professor Solon J. Buck  
Historical Building  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

My dear Buck,

You know that some two years ago we supplied the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh with photostat letters of General John Forbes with the understanding that they were for purposes of study and could not be printed without permission from the Huntington Library. We gave permission to a Miss Nixon to quote from the photostat copies in a thesis she was writing that was not to be published. At the time that request was under consideration, there came from the Department of Manuscripts a memorandum to the effect that the collection is "rather important and should be considered for Library publication."

Not long ago Miss Stewart asked permission to print these letters in a "new and enlarged edition of General Forbes' letters" being brought out by the Colonial Dames.

We felt obliged to decline that request, for upon investigation we found that these photostats represent only 28 out of some 80 or 90 Forbes letters in our collections and that there were others that ought to be included. John Parish, to whom we referred the matter, advised us that the entire series of Forbes' letters ought to be brought out as a Huntington Library publication. We should expect to follow that advice but with all the material we have for which students are clamoring it is a question of relative importance and we do not know when we shall get around to this particular series.

Mrs William Watson Smith, Vice-president of the Pennsylvania Society of Colonial Dames, has now written us, repeating the request for permission to publish and I have had to reply that, if her request is the same as that of Miss Stewart, to print only a part of the letters, we should have to respond in the same way, namely, with a refusal. If the Society of Colonial Dames, however, wishes to publish all the Forbes letters in our collection, that is another question. Our concern is to have material of this sort brought out in the best way for the use of students and for that reason we do not encourage piecemeal publication.

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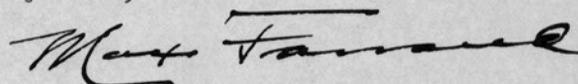
James had noted.

If there was a reasonable prospect of the Huntington Library printing all the Forbes letters in its collection within, say, two or three years, would that be in your opinion of greater, equal, or less service to scholarship, than if the letters were published by the Pennsylvania Society of Colonial Dames? Other things being equal, we should like to have the Huntington Library get the greater credit by bringing out the publication itself. If we are convinced, however, that it is in the interest of scholarship to let some one else publish, we should have no hesitation whatever in granting the request.

This may be an embarrassing question for you to answer, but we should be grateful, if you would give us your opinion, and if you request it, I will destroy your letter as soon as it is read.

Trusting that I am not putting too much upon you in asking for the benefit of your advice, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mary Farnsworth". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Mary Farnsworth".

June 13, 1935.

Dr. Max Farrand,  
Henry E. Huntington Library,  
San Marino, California.

Dear Mr. Farrand:

A comprehensive and well edited publication of the Forbes correspondence relating to his campaign in America would, in my opinion, be a very valuable contribution to research not only for this region but also for the period in general. It seems to me that there are two (perhaps more) principles upon which material should be collected for editing. One is to publish all the material of importance in a given collection, or definite part of a collection, in such a way that the student having access to the printed work will feel that it is unnecessary for him to consult the original collection. The other method is to assemble all the significant material that can be discovered on a given topic, which makes a more interesting and readable work but meets the needs of the investigator on that one topic only.

Professor James, with whom I have consulted because he is much more familiar with Miss Stewart's project than I am, was much surprised to learn that the Forbes letters photostated from your collection do not comprise all of them in the collection. We are wondering, also, whether or not the collection includes letters to Forbes or letters by Halkett, or James Sinclair who acted as his secretary. James feels that any publication of Forbes' material should include not only all letters he wrote relating to his campaign in any way but also the letters written by his secretary. My own feeling is that the publication should consist either of whatever material there is in your collection of Forbes' papers or of all letters by Forbes and his secretary together with such letters to him during the period of the campaign as are significant for an understanding of the campaign or of the letters written by him. A publication along the lines of this last suggestion would be rather voluminous I am afraid, for there is much correspondence with Forbes in the Amherst and Bouquet papers, and doubtless also in other collections. We have lists of most of these letters in our files and collated transcripts of most of the ones in the Bouquet papers. One other point that occurs to me is that, if the letters that you have are contemporary copies rather than the letters that were actually sent, it would be better to publish the originals rather than the copies, provided, of course, the originals are in existence and can be found.

On the whole, I do not believe that institutions are justified in withholding materials from use or publication by others on the ground that they might conceivably want to publish the material themselves some time in the future. It is proba-

bly justifiable, however, for institutions to exercise some supervision over projects for publication of materials in their possession. I would suggest, therefore, that in case the Colonial Dames will undertake publication on a comprehensive plan, you permit them to use your material on condition that an advisory committee of professional historians, which might well consist of Alfred P. James of the University of Pittsburgh, Curtis W. Garrison of the State Archives, and Julian Boyd of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, be appointed to supervise the project. Perhaps the best procedure would be to suggest to the ladies that they appoint such a committee to plan a volume in consultation with Miss Stewart and that the plan be submitted to you for approval. Miss Stewart has no special qualifications for editorial work apart from the fact that she assembled the materials for the previous publication of Forbes' letters. Dr. James thinks that, as she has very little time to spare from her duties at the library, she might be willing to have the editorial work done by someone else.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck.

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MAX FARRAND  
DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH

June 18, 1935

Solon J. Buck, Esq.  
The Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey  
Historical Building  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr Buck,

Mr Farrand left this week for a month in the east but I will hold your letters of June 13 for his personal attention as soon as he returns.

Meanwhile, I can assure you that Mr Farrand will greatly appreciate your helpful response to his inquiry.

Sincerely yours,

*Carlie Mallett*  
Research Secretary

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MAX FARRAND  
DIRECTOR OF RESEARCH

July 26, 1935

JUL 31 1935

Solon J. Buck, Esq.  
The Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey  
Historical Building  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

My dear Buck,

We are greatly indebted to you for your response to our request for advice as to the best use to be made of our Forbes material.

I am writing at this same time to a representative of the California Society (which has been asked to cooperate with the Pennsylvania Society in this particular publication) that, if the Pennsylvania Society would appoint an advisory committee of Boyd, Garrison, and James, it would find no obstacle to the freest use of material in our collections.

I was regretful not to add your name to that committee but delighted with the explanation that made it impossible.

Again expressing our gratitude to you for your understanding letter, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Max Farrand*



OTTO L. SCHMIDT, Chicago, President.  
PAUL M. ANGLE, Springfield, Secretary.



April 10, 1935

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE ILLINOIS STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY:

The Trustees of the Illinois State Historical Library announce the publication of Vol. XXIII of the Illinois Historical Collections - "The French Foundations, 1680-1693," edited with an introduction and notes by Theodore Calvin Pease and Raymond C. Werner. The volume makes available, usually for the first time, documentary material relating to the first years of the French occupation of Illinois. Included is the "DeGannes Memoir," the best account of the Illinois country and its Indians known to exist. Other memoirs, despatches and notarial documents present a comprehensive picture of life in the Illinois country, with particular reference to its financial and commercial aspects.

For reasons of economy we are forced to limit the distribution of this volume to those who are actively interested in the subject covered, and therefore we are asking you to mail the enclosed postcard if you wish to receive a copy. Upon the receipt of your request a copy will go forward, postpaid and at no cost.

Very truly yours,

*Paul M. Angle*  
Librarian.

#4338 Bigelow Boulevard

April 5, 1934

President H. W. McPherson,  
Illinois Wesleyan University,  
Bloomington, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Dr. John D. Barnhart, until recently of the history department of West Virginia University, writes me that he is being considered for a position in your institution. I have known Dr. Barnhart for many years and think very highly of his qualifications as a scholar and a teacher. I made his acquaintance first when he was a graduate student and I, a member of the faculty of the University of Minnesota, and I have been in contact with him more or less during the last two years while I have been at Pittsburgh. Barnhart is a thorough scholar, takes the world very seriously, has energy, initiative, and persistence, and has the reputation of being a good teacher. I have been reliably informed that his colleagues at West Virginia University thought very highly of him and that his dropping from the department there was not a result of any dissatisfaction with his work. Because of a shortage of funds it was necessary to reduce the number of instructors in the field of American history and he was selected merely because he was the last one appointed.

If you obtain the services of Mr. Barnhart, I feel sure that you will be fully satisfied.

Very truly yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

July 10, 1934

Dr. C. B. Coleman,  
Indiana Historical Bureau,  
Indianapolis, Indiana

Dear Coleman:

I have read with much interest the May number of your Bulletin containing the material by Iglehart. I had some correspondence with him a number of years ago and he told me that he would send me a copy of his article when it was printed. As I make a practice of turning over my copies of the Bulletin for filing in the library of the Historical Society, I am hoping that it will be possible for you to send me another copy of this number for my personal collection. If you can do so, please send it to my home address, 4360 Center Avenue, Pittsburgh. I assure you that the favor will be much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

Bloomington, Indiana  
October 31, 1934

To Members and Former Members of Indiana University  
Faculty:

We have in preparation a History of  
Indiana University, Professor James Albert Woodburn  
being editor-in-chief. We wish to include Who's Who  
autobiographies (or, when necessary, biographies) of  
all who have served as members of the faculty.

It is, of course, very desirable that  
these permanent records should be quite accurate.  
To secure the necessary data, we are sending out  
blanks which follow the form used by the editor of  
Who's Who in America.

I shall appreciate your cooperation in  
this important matter. Please reply as soon as  
convenient.

*William Lowe Bryan*

P.S. Do not overlook the fact that some auto-  
biographies in Who's Who in America are not brought  
up to date.

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# Informal Club

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January 1, 1935.

*To all Former Members:*

As you will see by the enclosed notice on the traditional blue paper, the Informal Club of St. Paul is to celebrate its 40th anniversary with a dinner to be held at the University Club in St. Paul on January 16.

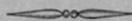
On behalf of the special committee in charge of this occasion, I am writing to all former members of the Informal Club to say that we very much hope you may find it possible to be present. The program promises to be particularly interesting, but of course the chief purpose of the gathering will be to renew the sense of fellowship for which the Informal Club has always been famous. Your presence will add a great deal to the success of this anniversary observance.

I am enclosing a card for your convenience in making a reservation for the dinner, and the committee would greatly appreciate a prompt reply.

Most cordially yours,

F. M. ELIOT, Secretary.

# Informal Club



## *Announcement Extraordinary*

### 400TH MEETING

*Wednesday Evening, January 16, 1935*

At seven o'clock

#### DINNER AT THE UNIVERSITY CLUB

The honor of your company is requested at dinner on Wednesday evening, January 16, 1935, at the University Club, St. Paul, at seven o'clock, for the observance of the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Informal Club.

The toastmaster will be Mr. Charles L. Sommers, and the principal address will be given by Dr. George E. Vincent, of New York City.

There will be three short talks of reminiscence and felicitation, and the traditional "light touch" will be provided by two stunts—one musical, and the other dramatic—of which the less said (in advance) the better.

Your prompt reply upon the enclosed card will be greatly appreciated.

F. M. ELIOT, Secretary.

*Dinner coats, if you please.  
Dinner tickets, three dollars.*

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Professor James Alton James  
Northwestern University  
Evanston, Illinois

Dear Professor James:

In connection with the commemoration of your thirty-eight years of service to Northwestern University, I take pleasure in extending to you my heartiest congratulations, not only on this notable record, but also on the distinguished contributions that you have made to our knowledge of American history during those years.

I shall always think of you as one of the small group of men who were responsible for putting the early history of Illinois and the Old Northwest on a solid basis of contemporary documents. Your service in assembling and editing the George Rogers Clark Papers, thus making them available for all future scholars, and your interpretation of them and other material in what will long remain the standard biography of Clark are achievements of which any scholar might be proud.

I have not always agreed with you in matters of interpretation, but I have always recognized the soundness and thoroughness of your scholarship. Just recently, in connection with some writing I have been doing on the early history of western Pennsylvania, I have been much impressed with the accuracy and comprehensiveness of the account of the Revolution in this region in your introduction to the Clark Papers.

Your retirement from teaching should not mean so much of a break with the past for you as it would for many university men, for you will doubtless continue your research and writing in the field that you have made your own; and a host of friends, associates, and former students will look forward to many more notable contributions from your pen.

Cordially and sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey  
Pittsburgh, March 27, 1935

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January 11, 1934.

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

Returning from a western journey I have found here your letter of December 20 respecting Bouquet. Please excuse the delay in acknowledging it. I am very grateful for your observations, and for your promises of help.

The Society which has the undertaking in mind is the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America. As perhaps you remember, they published in former times, using me as a sort of adviser, seven or eight volumes of good historical material and have excellent standards. The lady who in former days was chairman of their committee of publication has been brought again into that position, and will no doubt wish to go forward with the work. When she next comes over here (from Baltimore) she will expect me to have some useful suggestions as to a possible editor. I can think of two or three possibilities, but you have a better knowledge of the workers in this field, and if you can name to me one who, besides being likely to do the work very well, would also in these bad days be usefully helped by the moderate payment the Society has been accustomed to make for such editing, I should be very greatly obliged.

Sincerely yours,

*J. B. Jameson*  
Chief, Division of Manuscripts.

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January 18, 1934

Dr. J. F. Jameson,  
Chief, Division of Manuscripts,  
Library of Congress,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Jameson:

Your letter of January 11th was duly received and I have given considerable thought to the problem that it presents without coming to any very satisfactory conclusion. The man, who, so far as I know, is most familiar with the subject matter and the documents concerning Bouquet's expeditions is Dr. Alfred P. James of the University of Pittsburgh. Whether he would be interested in doing a job of this sort, I do not know. I suspect, however, that he needs the money, as he received a cut in salary last year and will probably have to take another one this year. He has not had much experience in editing documents or in preparing material for the press.

Mr. Charles M. Gates, who is, I believe, completing his work for the Ph.D. at the University of Minnesota, did a very good job of editing in "Five Fur Traders of the Northwest" recently published by the University of Minnesota Press for the Minnesota Society of the Colonial Dames. I started him on this project before I left Minnesota and he afterwards had the benefit of the supervision of Elegen and Miss Nute. He does not have any special knowledge of the Bouquet Expedition but he is the sort of man who will quickly make himself familiar with the field and would, I think, do a good job if he should undertake it.

One other possibility that occurs to me is this: perhaps the editing of this material could be made a project of the Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey, with the money made available by the Colonial Dames used to pay for editorial assistance; the volume to be the property, of course, of the Colonial Dames, but the Survey to get the credit for editing it. Whether or not this could be arranged would depend somewhat upon the amount of money that would be available.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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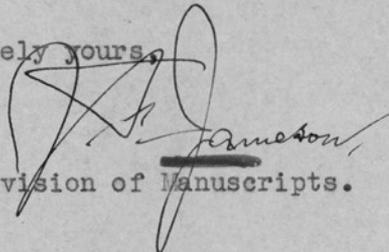
January 20, 1934.

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

I have to apologize to you for troubling you with my inquiry of January 11, for it now turns out that the lady to whom I referred, as chairman of her Publication Committee, does not believe she can well propose to her Council the publication of a volume of Bouquet papers, her reason being that a considerable number of them are already in print. Please pardon my troubling you. My intentions were good.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "A. Jameson". The signature is written over the typed name "A. Jameson" which is underlined.

Chief, Division of Manuscripts.

JFJ:LB

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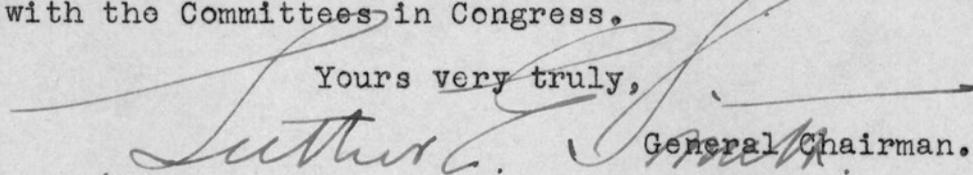
Dr. Solon Justus Buck,  
 4360 Center Av.,  
 Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Doctor Buck:-

We are sending you under separate cover a booklet setting forth the historic background of our movement to build an adequate permanent memorial to the national expansion of our country and to Thomas Jefferson as its chief exponent. In addition to the Congressional Resolution printed in this booklet, we have had introduced in Congress a new Resolution for the appointment without appropriation of a National Commission to investigate our plan and report back to Congress.

We trust that we can depend upon your support of this enterprise in your educational institutions and local historical associations. We should like to have you bring this information also to the attention of the Governor of your State and your U.S. Senators and Representatives. We shall welcome an expression of opinion from you as to the desirability of this memorial because we feel that your opinion will have great weight with the Committees in Congress.

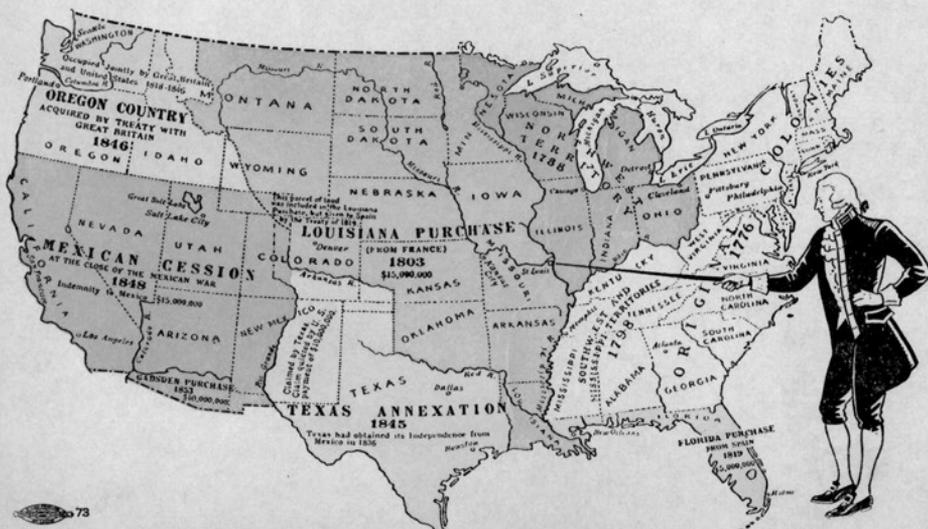
Yours very truly,



General Chairman.

*McCune Gill*

Chairman Historical Data Committee.



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11 Van Dam Street  
New York City  
April 28, 1935

Edward N. Jones,  
Secretary of Labor and Industry,  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Noel:

I am writing to ask you to do a favor for a friend of mine, Dr. Solon J. Buck, who is now Director of Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey and Professor of History at the University. Dr. Buck is a registered Democrat. I understand that Dr. R. D. W. Connor, Archivist of the United States, is considering the appointment of Dr. Buck as Director of Publications in the National Archives in Washington. Dr. Buck is thoroughly qualified for this position, having had over twenty years experience in editing historical documents and publications; moreover, his reputation as a scholar is of the highest character. He has been a member of a number of important committees of the American Historical Association. His consideration by Dr. Connor is, of course, evidence that he is qualified.

I am wondering if you will be kind enough to mention Dr. Buck's name to Senator Guffey, asking him to mention Dr. Buck to Dr. Connor as a Pennsylvania scholar who is qualified for the position in the National Archives. I think that it is highly desirable that a wider recognition be given to Pennsylvania in making appointments to Federal positions of this character. Perhaps also it would be well to mention Dr. Buck and the possible appointment to Mr. Lawrence, who could easily find out about Dr. Buck in Pittsburgh. You will remember that Dr. Buck and his wife were with me at your place one evening; at that time he and Mr. McGee had an interesting conversation about the Mellon family.

Your interest in me permits me to feel that you have the interests of men other than those with whom you deal directly in your department at heart, and I trust that you will feel free to do this favor which I am asking.

Cordially and sincerely yours,

Ralph E. Turner

*For reply  
R. E. Turner*

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August 8, 1935

Hon. Edward N. Jones

Federal Works Progress Administrator

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Jones:

Recently I received my commission from President Roosevelt as director of publications in The National Archives, and I am expecting to take up the work in Washington on September first. It is my impression that a letter that you wrote to Senator Guffey had much to do with obtaining this appointment for me, and I want to assure you that your assistance in the matter was very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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