



[Solon J. Buck Papers.](#)

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March 1, 1935

H
Hon. R. D. W. Connor
Archivist of the United States
The National Archives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Connor:

Heretofore I have refused all requests to recommend people to you for positions in the Archives, telling them that they could use my name in their applications and if you wanted my opinion about them, you would doubtless ask for it. Now, however, I am in receipt of a letter from Carlton C. Qualey, stating in effect that he has been informed by your office that it would be proper and advisable for him to request letters of recommendation in support of his application.

I have known Qualey ever since he was a senior at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minnesota. He had graduate work with me at the University of Minnesota and I employed him for a while on the Bibliography of Travel. Since then he has served for a period as archivist for the Norwegian-American Historical Association, collecting manuscript material and working out a plan for its classification, and has completed his work for the doctorate at Columbia. He has also served for a period under Chate-lain in the National Park Service.

I consider Qualey one of the two or three most promising young men that I know in the field of American history. He has a very attractive personality, lots of energy, industry, and enthusiasm, and I am sure that he would make good in any position on your staff to which he might be appointed.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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The National Archives
Washington, D. C.

March 4, 1935.

OFFICE OF THE ARCHIVIST

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

Dear Buck:

Thank you for your letter of March 1st relative to Mr. Carlton C. Qualey. I am glad to get your opinion of him, and shall appreciate an expression of your estimate with regard to any other applicant for a position with the National Archives Establishment who may request your endorsement.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

A. W. W. Coover

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April 11, 1935

Hon. R. D. W. Connor

The National Archives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Connor:

. Thank you very much for sending me the speech of
Congressman Woodrum on the National Archives. I read it
with much interest and am glad to have the information
that it contains. I certainly hope that you will receive
an adequate appropriation without too many strings tied
to it.

I am hoping to have a chance to talk with you at
Cincinnati about some of my acquaintances who have applied
for positions in the Archives. I am not especially con-
cerned about getting jobs for any of them, but I shall be
glad to give you any information that might be of value
to you.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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The National Archives

Washington, D. C.

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April 13, 1935.

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

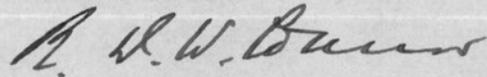
Dear Buck:

Thanks for your letter of April 11th.
Our appropriation bill gives us adequate appropriations without any strings.

I am looking forward with pleasure to seeing you at Cincinnati, and I shall be glad to get your opinion about any applicants for positions with the Archives Establishment. It begins to look, despite the large number of applications that has been filed, as if we may have to take the initiative in looking for competent persons who have not applied.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,



Archivist.

4360 Center Ave.

Pittsburgh, Pa

April 29, 1935

Dear Connor:

This morning I informed Chancellor Bowman that I had been offered a position elsewhere that was very attractive to me and that I was much inclined to accept the offer. He asked me to wait a couple of days before making a decision, ^{in order} ~~and~~ to give him time to consult some people, and I agreed to do so. In view of the situation here, I cannot imagine anything that could induce me to remain here, but I felt that it would be discourteous to refuse the delay. My wife is very much in favor of the move, and the more I think about the work of the position you offered me the more it appeals to me. You will have definite word from me not later than Thursday morning. If that is not soon enough, wire me when you ^{must} ~~have~~ have it.

In the meantime I have developed ^{four} ~~three~~ lines of approach to Senator Guffey. James, of the department here, who knows Guffey personally, has written him a letter setting forth my qualifications and ~~is~~ urging him to suggest my name to you. The other approaches are indirect and there may be some delay in getting results. I do not anticipate any objection on Guffey's part, however, and would suggest that, if you do not hear from him before you are ready to send in the nominations, you might ask ~~to~~ him if he knows anything about me. If, ^{it should be} necessary I could
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bring considerably ~~into~~ more influence to bear upon him, but I do not want to overdo it. I should be like to be informed, of course, as soon the nomination is confirmed, as the time will be rather short for the necessary arrangements here.

I want to take this opportunity to express to you my very deep appreciation of the confidence that you have shown in me in offering me this responsible position. I am sure that, ~~if~~ if the appointment ~~is~~ goes through, I shall enjoy very much working with you in the development of the National Archives.

Sincerely yours

P. S. If you have occasion to write or wire me, please use my home address given above.

D. J. B.

Telegram, May 2, 1935

Hon. R. D. W. Connor
The National Archives
Washington, D. C.

I shall be glad to accept the
appointment.

Solon J. Buck

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MINUTES IN TRANSIT	
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DELIGHTED AT YOUR DECISION AM WAITING TO HEAR FROM SENATOR GUFFEY BEFORE TAKING NEXT STEP WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO GET ENDORSEMENT FROM SENATOR DAVIS=

=R D W CONNOR.

4360 Center Ave
Pittsburgh, Pa
May 3, 1935.

Hon. R. D. W. Connor
The National Archives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Connor:

Your telegram did not reach me until six o'clock, but I have been able to arrange for Judge Robert M. Ewing, President of the Historical Society here until last January, to write to Senator Davis, and he will probably get ~~it~~ it - Gov. Fisher to write also. Fisher is out of town over the week end.

I hope that my approaches to Guffey have the desired effect on him. From tonight's paper it appears that he is to speak at Pennsylvania State College on Monday or Tuesday.

There are several others that I could get to write to ~~him~~ Davis if necessary, but I do not like to approach too many people for fear the matter will leak out prematurely.

Sincerely yours

4360 Center Avenue
Pittsburgh, Penna.

May 8, 1935

Hon. R. D. W. Connor
The National Archives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Connor:

James has just shown me a letter from Senator Guffey in which he states that he has made the desired recommendation to you. Judge Twing did not write to Senator Davis on Saturday as I expected he would, but he did write to him on Monday and he has sent me a copy of the letter. If you do not hear from Davis and think it desirable, I can easily get others to write to him. I trust that everything will move smoothly now, and I hope that the matter will be settled soon.

I am in receipt of a letter from my good friend, Julian Boyd of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, in which he tells me that you have offered him a position in the Archives and asks my advice about accepting it. He has a wonderful opportunity before him in Philadelphia but I infer that he is very much tempted by your offer. I believe that he would be a valuable man on the Archives staff, and I hope that he accepts.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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NOTHING YET FROM THE SENATOR CAN YOU HAVE HIM PRODDED A LITTLE=

R D W CONNOR.

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 BY TE 1012 A (MLD)

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Buffy wrote James Tuesday
that he had made recommendation
Suggest calling his office

Teleg. to Cannon

May 9, 1935

PITTSBURGH, 19.....

Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

ANNUAL DUES \$3.00

I hereby apply for membership in the **H**istorical Society of
Western Pennsylvania.

Recommended by

Address

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MINUTES IN TRANSIT

FULL-RATE	DAY LETTER

SENATOR HAS NOT WRITTEN PROMISED LETTER STOP SAYS LETTER TO JAMES WRITTEN BY CLERK WITHOUT HIS KNOWLEDGE STOP WANTS FURTHER TIME TO LOOK INTO MATTER STOP BETTER BRING MORE INFLUENCE TO BEAR IF POSSIBLE STOP LETTER FOLLOWS=

R D W CONNOR.

Handwritten: ref SC 5021 add (RR)
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The National Archives

Washington, D. C.

May 10, 1935.

OFFICE OF THE ARCHIVIST

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

Dear Buck:

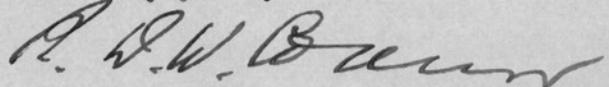
Following the suggestion of your telegram, I called upon the Senator. The letter to Professor James was written by one of the secretaries; the Senator says he had not seen it. The letter to me has not been written. The Senator says he "will look into the matter" and let me hear from him the first of next week.

It is quite evident that he is interested only from a political point of view, remarking that the appointment would do him no political good. If there is any way in which you can meet the political angle I think you'd better do it. I shall send your name to the President whether the Senator gives you his endorsement or not, but it would be unfortunate if the Senator should refuse to give the endorsement requested, as he could probably block favorable action by the Senate if disposed to do so.

Of course, he did not say that he will not write me the desired endorsement, but on the other hand, he did not say that he will do it. You will know best how to act from that end of the line.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,



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STRONG ENDORSEMENT FROM SENATOR GUFFEY JUST RECEIVED NOT NECESSARY FOR YOU TO TAKE ANY FURTHER ACTION=

R D W CONNOR.

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The National Archives

Washington, D. C.

May 11, 1935.

OFFICE OF THE ARCHIVIST

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

Mr. Connor has just wired you of Senator Guffey's endorsement of you for a position with the National Archives. He asks me, now to send you the enclosed copy of Senator Guffey's letter.

Very truly yours,

Marjory Jewell
Secretary

For letter, see Guffey

4360 Center Ave.
Pittsburgh, Pa.
May 12, 1935

Dear Connor:

I was much relieved by the receipt of your telegram yesterday afternoon, as it enabled me to drop the role of a political wire-puller, which I had adopted on receipt of your previous telegram at 5:00 P.M. Friday. Some of the results of my activities are indicated by the enclosed copies, which I had had made before the final telegram was received. One of the politicians I consulted had advised that I get in to the matter up with the Democratic chairman of my ward, and I was very glad to be relieved of the necessity of doing that. The letter referred to in your telegram of Friday has not yet reached me. Doubtless it will arrive tomorrow. We have ~~no~~ only a morning delivery of mail on Saturdays.

Sincerely yours

Robert J. Buck

Hon. R. D. W. Connor
The National Archives
~~Washington~~
Washington, D. C.

4760 Center Ave.

Pittsburgh, Pa

May 19, 1975

Dear Comor:

A few days ago I received a letter from Senator Guffey in which he said: "Doctor Comor 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." Yesterday, however, Dr. Tyson, who sent the telegram to Guffey, of which I sent you a copy, received a letter from Mr. Bailey, Guffey's secretary, asking him on what authority he had stated that E. N. Jones had endorsed me for the position. Fortunately I had a letter from Jones is Secretary of Labor and Industry at Harrisburg. Fortunately I ~~had~~ ^{have} a letter from him to ^{Dr.} Ralph Turner in which he states that: "In accordance with your request, I have asked Senator Guffey to speak to Dr. Comor in behalf of Dr. Bunk for the position of Director of Publications in the National Archives in Washington." I gave Tyson a copy of this letter to send to Bailey. I don't suppose the Senator is considering repudiating his endorsement, but I thought you ought to know about this.

I very much hope that the matter will be settled soon as I must give a month's notice of ~~the~~ to ~~cancel~~ ~~the~~ lease on my house here and must find a place a suitable house for my large family in Washington, to say nothing of winding up many things connected with my work here. I suppose, however, that there is nothing to do but to wait with as much patience as one can muster.

Sincerely yours
Solon J. Bunk

The National Archives

Washington, D. C.

May 21, 1935.

OFFICE OF THE ARCHIVIST

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

Dear Buck:

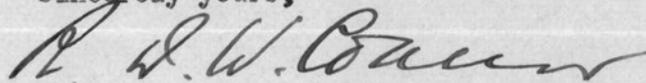
Your letter of May 19th
has been received.

I do not think you need
give yourself any uneasiness about Mr.
Bailey's inquiry. I am presenting your
name to the President today, and I hope
that he will act quickly on it.

You will understand, of course,
that there is no way in which the matter
can be hurried now.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,



Archivist.

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The National Archives
Washington, D. C.

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CLASSIFICATION DIVISION

June 3, 1935

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

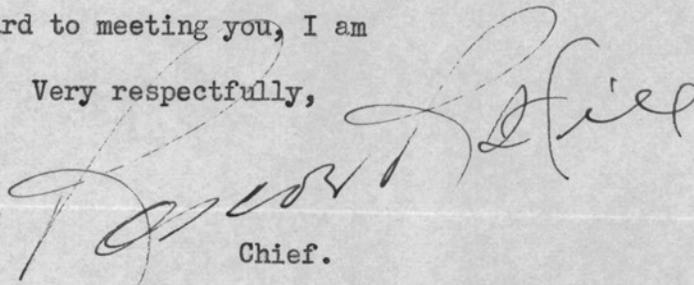
Dear Dr. Buck:

You may have learned that I have been appointed Chief of the Classification Division of the National Archives.

Upon my return from a trip to Illinois I expect to spend a day in Pittsburgh in order to look over the work which you have been doing there with the Historical Society. My present tentative program is that I will be in Pittsburgh on Monday June 17th. I hope to find you there at that time.

Looking forward to meeting you, I am

Very respectfully,



Chief.

RRH:u

June 5, 1935.

Dr. Roscoe R. Hill,
The National Archives,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Hill:

Someone told me recently that he saw an item in the New York Times to the effect that you had been appointed Chief of the Classification Division in the National Archives, and I was very much pleased to learn of the appointment.

So far as I know I shall be here on Monday, June 17, and I shall be very glad indeed to talk with and to show you anything here in which you may be interested. If you can let me know just when to expect you, I shall make it a point to be in my office. In case you do not find me there I shall probably be at my home near by, where I do a good deal of my work, and I can readily be reached there by telephone.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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The National Archives
Washington, D. C.

CLASSIFICATION DIVISION

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

My dear Mr. Buck:

In the absence of Dr. Hill I am replying to your letter of June 5th., which is a reply to his letter of June 3rd. I am mailing a copy of your letter to Dr. Hill today, the original will be held in his desk for him.

I note in your letter that you refer to his appointment to The National Archives as Chief of the Classification Division, I am therefore, mailing you with this letter a copy of the news release, which will give you the information concerning this, as I am sure you will be interested.

Dr. Hill is planning to be in Pittsburgh on Monday June 17th., at which time he expects to see you. He will be guided by the information contained in your letter, relative to reaching you, if you are not in your office when he arrives.

Very respectfully

Mary H. Upchurch
Secretary to
Dr. R. R. Hill, Chief.

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The National Archives
Washington, D. C.

CLASSIFICATION DIVISION

June 20, 1935

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

Dear Buck:

We arrived home Monday evening after a pleasant days drive. I wish to take this opportunity to thank Mrs. Buck and yourself for the most pleasant day that we had in Pittsburgh.

While talking with Mr. Connor yesterday your name was mentioned, and he asked whether you had talked about the Archives, I admitted that we had, and you were wondering somewhat about the situation. He then said that the matter is in the White House, and he supposed the general political situation was delaying things. He added that he was going to write you a note, but as he left almost immediately for North Carolina, to be gone the rest of the week, it may be some days before you hear from him, consequently, I am sending you this note.

With best regards, I am

Very respectfully,

Robert H. Hill
Chief.

RRH:U

4360 Center Avenue
Pittsburgh, Penna.

June 24, 1935

Dr. Roscoe R. Hill
The National Archives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Hill:

Thank you very much for your letter of June 20.
The information in it is much appreciated. I should,
of course, be glad to be informed when and if the
nomination goes to the Senate.

I am enclosing a clipping that will interest you ✓
if you have not already seen the item.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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July 9, 1935

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

Dear Connor:

"I see by the papers" that the President has sent my appointment to the Senate. I have no idea how long it is likely to be before the Senate acts but, assuming that the appointment will be confirmed in the near future, I am wondering how soon thereafter you will expect me to report in Washington. I ought to let the people here know before long about when I am likely to pull out; and, if I do not get a couple of weeks of vacation before I take up the work in Washington, I will need one in the fall.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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4360 CENTER AVE PGH=

STAFF MEETING CALLED FOR MONDAY JULY TWENTY NINTH AT TEN
THIRTY AM STOP CAN YOU CONVENIENTLY POSTPONE TRIP TO
WASHINGTON TILL THEN=

R D W CONNOR.

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NOMINATION CONFIRMED SATURDAY CAN YOU COME TO WASHINGTON FOR ONE DAY BEFORE GOING ON YOUR VACATION IF SO LET ME KNOW WHEN=

R D W CONNOR.

Handwritten notes:
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The National Archives

Washington, D. C.

July 9, 1935.

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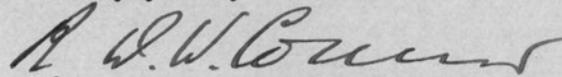
Dr. Solon J. Buck,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Buck:

The President sent your
name to the Senate yesterday. I am
hoping for an early confirmation.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,



Archivist.

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The National Archives

Washington, D. C.

July 11, 1935.

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Dr. Solon J. Buck,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Buck:

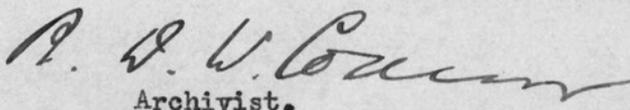
My information is that the Senate is likely to act upon your nomination at an early date. There is, of course, no question as to your confirmation. Your appointment will date from the issuance of your commission, which I imagine will come within a week or ten days after the confirmation. However, I suggest that you do nothing about it until the appointment has actually been confirmed. As soon as it has I will wire you.

As there is no particular haste about your beginning your work here, I suggest that you arrange to take your vacation now. If, as we expect, we move into the Archives building some time in September, the fall will naturally be a pretty busy season with us.

In the meantime, sit tight until the Senate acts.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,


Archivist.

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The National Archives

Washington, D. C.

July 13, 1935

Mr. S.J. Buck, Director,
W. Pennsylvania Hist. Survey,
4338 Bigelow Bd.,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Mr. Buck:

Mr. Leland Dewitt Baldwin, of 1621
Cumberland St., Pittsburgh, Pa., has given your
name as reference on his application for a posi-
tion in The National Archives. We would appre-
ciate very much a frank statement from you
regarding his character, ability, etc.

Thanking you, I am,

Very sincerely yours,



Collas G. Harris,
Senior Administrative Officer

July 19, 1935

Mr. Collas G. Harris
Senior Administrative Officer
The National Archives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Harris:

Mr. Leland D. Baldwin, about whom you inquire in your letter of July 13, has been a member of my staff for the last three years, serving as librarian of the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania and research assistant, later research associate, on the staff of the Survey. He has a Ph.D. in history from the University of Michigan and has written two books, both of which will probably be published in the course of a year or two. One of these, based on his doctoral dissertation, is an account of "The Flatboat Age on the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers," and the other, written for the Survey under my direction, tells the story of the Whiskey Insurrection in western Pennsylvania. Both of his books are excellent pieces of research and are well written. He manifests considerable initiative and does thorough work when his interest is aroused.

In addition to his graduate work in history Mr. Baldwin also had a course in the library school at the University of Michigan and has had considerable experience here in cataloguing and in reference work. I am inclined to think that his forte is research and writing, but his combination of library training and experience with work in the field of American history would probably make him a valuable man in the library, cataloguing, or classification division of the Archives.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

DSC

July 22, 1975

Dear Connor:

Your ^{second} telegram has just reached me and I have changed my plans so that I can be in Washington for the staff meeting on Monday July 29 at 10:30 A.M. I am planning to drive down and my wife will accompany me, as to help me find a place in which to live. We will probably leave here Sunday morning. If you or any of the staff have suggestions to offer they will be much appreciated. We will need a nine-room house not too far from good schools, but would not object to being in the suburbs.

Sincerely yours

4360 Center Avenue
Pittsburgh, Penna.

July 24, 1935

Mr. Collas G. Harris
Senior Administrative Officer
The National Archives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Harris:

Herewith I am sending you two applications that were forwarded to me from the National Archives. I have not replied to either of them, and I shall appreciate it if you will take care of them in accordance with your usual routine. I would suggest also that until I take up my work in the Archives any mail addressed to me that may be received there be opened and handled without reference to me, unless for some special reason such reference appears to be advisable.

Sincerely yours,

Olson J. Buck

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August 14, 1935

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

Dear Connor:

The Board of Control of the Survey has finally settled its plans for next year, with Holbrook slated as acting director at the munificent salary of \$2,600; and I am getting away today for a vacation of about two weeks somewhere in the Pennsylvania mountains. I do not know now what my address will be but I shall make arrangements for the forwarding of mail from here.

My present plan is to drive to Washington with part of my family on Friday, August 30, and to present myself at The National Archives on Saturday morning to qualify for the position. I take it that if I do not qualify on Saturday I would be unable to do so until September 3 on account of the holiday on Monday, and I would naturally like to avoid the loss of the salary for those two days. If you think that there would not be time enough on Saturday morning to unwind the red tape, let me know and I will endeavor to get in Friday afternoon.

The National Genealogical Society Quarterly for June contains some snappy comments on "The Federal Archives" (pp. 61-65).

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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The National Archives
Washington, D. C.

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August 15, 1935.

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

Dear Buck:

Your plan to arrive in
Washington on August 30th, and qualify
the following day is all right.

I hope you will enjoy your
vacation.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

R. D. W. Bowen
Archivist.