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The Ohio State Archaeological
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OHIO STATE MUSEUM
COLUMBUS, OHIO

April 4, 1934.

C. B. GALBREATH
SECRETARY AND LIBRARIAN

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

Dear Friend:

I recently received a notice concerning the issuing of a new historical magazine by the newly organized Pennsylvania Historical Association. It is something we ought to have and I wrote to the editor concerning the possibility of an exchange with us on the basis of our Quarterly. He writes to me that the Council has decided to make no exchanges of the new magazine.

I am wondering if you can suggest any way by which we can honorably obtain it. We have no funds at present that can be used for this purpose, but if it is to be a strictly subscription affair I think we might handle it after this year, but of course I would like to have the set complete.

Appreciating any suggestion you can make,

Very sincerely,

Harlow Ludlow
Secretary-Librarian.

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April 6, 1934

Dr. Harlow Lindley, Secretary
Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society,
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Lindley:

I am afraid I cannot help you in the matter of getting Pennsylvania History, the new magazine published by the Pennsylvania Historical Association, free of charge. The association is running on a shoe string and, as it does not intend to build up a library, the decision was made to send the magazine only to members and subscribers. Probably you will be able to purchase the back numbers when you have funds available.

I want to congratulate you on your election to the positions of secretary and librarian of your society. I trust that you will now have a free hand to develop the institution along the lines of modern scientific scholarship.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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ARTHUR C. JOHNSON
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The Ohio State Archaeological
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OHIO STATE MUSEUM
COLUMBUS, OHIO

April 5, 1935.

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HARLOW LINDLEY
SECRETARY AND LIBRARIAN

Editor,
Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Sir:

By this mail I am sending you a copy of the January issue of the Ohio Archaeological and Historical Quarterly in its new form.

I wish to call your attention to the editorial on page 1. This will give you an idea of what we are trying to do. I thought this might be worthy of mention in your magazine.

Very sincerely,

Harlow Lindley
Secretary-Librarian.

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April 11, 1935

Dr. Harlow Lindley
Ohio State Archaeological
and Historical Society
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Lindley:

The new format of your quarterly is indeed an improvement, and the plan of having an editorial board of professional scholars is an excellent one. I shall be glad to make note of the changes in the next number of our magazine.

I am going to take the liberty of suggesting a few changes that, in my opinion, would further improve the format of your magazine. In the first place I would suggest that the forms be sewed rather than stapled, so that it would be easier to handle. Secondly I believe that a thinner paper would be desirable. And finally I think that you should strive to eliminate articles in the form of small monographs with separate title pages and tables of content, prefaces, etc. If such material cannot be condensed into articles I would endeavor to publish it separately in pamphlet form.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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Form filled in and mailed to Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. -

Appointments Division, Bureau of Educational Research.

Dr. Overman has never been a student of mine, nor have I had any opportunity to observe his teaching. I have seen a good deal of him, however, in the last year and I have been very favorably impressed by his personality, scholarship, and general ability. He is quiet and reserved, especially with strangers but he has plenty of initiative and persistence and he impresses me as a perfect gentleman. I understand that his relations with the student, his college, and the community, at Waynesburg College, were all harmonious and that he was highly thought of as a person and as a teacher. During the past few months he has been serving as a supervisor of CWA workers in a State Library project for inventorying historical records in southwestern Pennsylvania. He has made good in this work and has displayed considerable ability as an organizer and administrator. I should expect him to make a success of his work in any teaching or research position that he might undertake in the field of history.

Cultured

Yes

Professor of History

University of Pittsburgh.

The Ohio State Archaeological
and Historical Society

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Columbus, Ohio
May 1, 1934

Dear Dr. Buck:

About three weeks ago Carl Wittke began some negotiations which resulted in my getting the appointment as Curator of History here. Harlow Lindley was appointed Secretary, Editor and Librarian in the place of Mr. Galbreath who died a few months ago.

I read a paper on the Pennsylvania Historical Survey at the annual meeting ^{here} a week ago and the trustees approved my appointment about an hour after I had finished reading it. There seems to be a real opportunity here for the collection of materials relating to Ohio history. There is no state archives but much of the material of official nature has been hauled up here from the state house and is ready to be made available for use. It is a big project and I do not know just when I will get at that but that is the thing I am heading towards. At present I am going to do some writing ^{of speeches} since it seems that part of the job here is speaking over the state.

Garrison sent me a letter yesterday, after I had written to him explaining why I could not come to Harrisburg as planned, and he mentioned that something th further should be done with the Hayes collection at Fremont. He told me the story about how Mrs. Hayes had a Remington-Rand employee put in an index of the wrong sort so that the money was just about as good as wasted. Garrison suggested that some scheme for analysis of this material should be suggested along the line of your ideas, with out cataloguing every piece. I would appreciate your writing me and telling me anything that you know about the collection and any other suggestions which you may care to make.

If I can be of any service to you let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. D. Overman

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May 11, 1934

Dr. William D. Overman,
Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society,
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Mr. Overman:

I was delighted to learn from your letter of May 1 of your appointment as curator of history for the Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society. I believe that you have, as you say, a real opportunity there and I am sure that you will make good in it.

I have no specific information about the Hayes collection at Fremont. Probably my ideas to which Garrison referred are those with reference to general principles of cataloguing manuscript material. The principal point is that I believe manuscript collections should be catalogued in general by groups of papers, rather than by individual documents. In other words, the papers of John Smith should be treated as a unit for cataloguing, just as the published works of John Smith in many volumes would be treated as a unit for cataloguing in a library of books. Of course, individual pieces of importance can be separately catalogued as "Analytics." Miss Nute and I worked out an elaborate system for the classification and cataloguing of manuscript collections at the Minnesota Historical Society and I think that you could get a copy of this from her. It is the most comprehensive and systematic scheme that I know of.

I was sorry not to see you at the Harrisburg meeting. It went off fairly well, although the program was not, it seemed to me, so good as last year and the local arrangements were not well cared for. I should like very much to have an opportunity to read your paper on the Pennsylvania Historical Survey. Can you spare a copy for me or, if not, can you lend one to me long enough for me to read it?

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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THE OHIO STATE ARCHAEOLOGICAL
AND HISTORICAL
SOCIETY

MAY 14 1934

Henry C. Shetrone, Director

COLUMBUS, OHIO
May 12, 1934

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

Thank you for your letter of May 11, and for
the suggestion that I write to Miss Nute for a copy
of the classification system which you worked out at
Minnesota.

I turned the manuscript copy of the paper
which I read at the annual meeting over to Mr. Shetrone's
secretary. I believe that it will be printed in the
proceedings. I will be glad to send you a copy at that time.
If I find that it will not be printed for some time I will
make another copy of it and send it along.

Sincerely yours,


W. M. Overman

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Columbus, O.

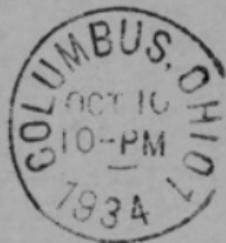
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Dear Mr. Buck:

I am still hoping to get to Pittsburgh to see you. I have mailed, under separate covers, a reprint of my Andrews article in appreciation of the encouragement which you gave me while I was teaching in western Pennsylvania.

Sincerely yours,

Wm. A. Sworman

OCT 11 1934



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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

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Dr. William D. Overman
Ohio Historical and Archaeological Society
Columbus, Ohio

Historical Society of Western Penna.
Pittsburgh, Pa. October 16, 1934

Dear Overman:

Thank you for the reprint. I read it with such interest; it is certainly an amazing story. One wonders how much of this sort of undercover work is going on nowadays.

We shall be glad to see you whenever you can get to Pittsburgh.

Sincerely yours,

Solom J. Buck

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MINNESOTA HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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GRACE L. NUTE, CURATOR OF MANUSCRIPTS
WILLOUGHBY M. BABCOCK, ARCHEOLOGIST
AND MUSEUM CURATOR

March 26, 1934

Dear Mr. Buck:-

I am sending with this a sample of our membership certificate and hope you will have use for a lot of these certificates.

We are all very glad to know that the Bucks are all well now, for they have certainly had a bad time the past year. I can hardly make it real that Roger has grown so tall, and I suppose Mary is doing her best to catch up with him. I still see them as they were when you left here although I know of course that they are growing up. Ted Blegen is above his father now.

Mr. Blegen is out to the Executive Committee meeting now. It met in Minneapolis this month in Mr. Gale's office. Mr. Blegen is having a bad time with his back, trouble with the sacro-iliac (guess that is right) muscle, and can hardly walk. Hope it doesn't last long.

It is still pretty cold here -- everyone wearing winter coats yet -- but we have no snow and no rain and it is terribly dusty.

We still have our CWA people here, and we started two other projects a couple of weeks ago -- one of three who work at St. Paul Seminary cataloguing manuscripts and a statewide one employing eighty-five people working in state and county archives. It was a hard job getting the latter started but everything is going fine now and we only hope that the CWA will last long enough for the workers to finish.

All send best wishes to you.

Sincerely

Mary E. Palmer

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March 28, 1934

Miss Mary E. Palmes,
Minnesota Historical Society,
Saint Paul, Minnesota

Dear Miss Palmes:

Thank you very much for the sample membership certificate. We have enrolled about eighty members in the last three months but we are hoping to enroll them much more rapidly in the near future.

I am sorry to learn that Mr. Elegen is not well. As you may recall, I used to suffer from the same affliction when I lived in the arctic region until I stopped drinking the city water, which has too much lime in it. Tell Mr. Elegen to drink beer (or spring water) and he may get over it. Speaking of the weather--we haven't had any real spring here as yet, but we are still hoping. The robins have been here for several weeks but they look very uncomfortable. If you wouldn't send us so many cold waves, we might get somewhere.

I am glad to know that your CWA projects are working so nicely. Our society has not had ^{any} directly but we have had a large finger in the one administered by the State Library. We now have three University students working for us, fourteen hours a week, each, and paid by the government. Presumably, Mr. Elegen has made use of the inventories of the archives of about twenty counties that were made by Mr. Holbrook years ago. They ought to be useful in connection with the present county archives work.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Bick

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JUN 25 1934

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WILLOUGHBY M. BABCOCK, ARCHEOLOGIST
AND MUSEUM CURATOR

June 23, 1934

Dear Mr. Buck:-

It has been ages and ages since we have heard anything from you or your family. Did you know that? It has, and we have all thought of you so much, but I suppose you are busy as usual. Are you and Mrs. Buck going to get out to Minnesota for your vacation this year? Hope so.

We are starting vacations here. One or two of the girls are away now for a part of their "time off." Miss Krausnick leaves tonight for Montreal for ALA and will go on to Nova Scotia for her vacation; Miss Nute leaves July 1 for her vacation and then to go abroad, and so it goes. I am planning to go in August as usual and Mr. Blegen will go either in July or August.

I am sending you with this our summer convention tour. We are just going to have one day this year. I am rather disappointed but it is probably all right too. The Executive Committee and Mr. Blegen thought it best to restrict it to one day this year but it is more fun to have three or four days.

How are you all -- yourself, Elizabeth, the children, and your father and mother. Hope everyone is all right. Our very best regards.

Sincerely yours

Mary E. Palmer

OCT 26 1934

3118 WASHINGTON ROAD
SHAKER HEIGHTS, OHIO

October 9 1934

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

My dear Sir:

Because of your name I am taking the liberty of submitting to you an old parchment from a collection which I am dispersing.

It is an indenture dated May 18, 1654 by which John Higham of Tidd St. Maries, Lincolnshire, conveyed to SAMUELL BUCK of Wisbeche in the Isle of Ely in the County of Cambridge, Gent. and John Chandler in trust for Higham's wife Katherine properties in Newton which he had received by deed from John Chandler and his wife Elizabeth two days before. It is literally an indenture, being indented at the top.

I am not suggesting that this Samuel Buck was your direct ancestor, as I am not informed. But if you would like the document as a relic of the name and family in England 280 years ago, you may have it for \$7. If not, will you kindly return it in the enclosed envelope? I hope that you may find it of interest.

Very truly yours,

J. C. Pearson

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October 26, 1934

Mr. J. C. Pearson
3118 Warrington Road
Shaker Heights, Ohio

Dear Mr. Pearson:

Dr. Buck has asked me to return to you the enclosed document that you forwarded to him for his inspection. He is not interested in purchasing it but wishes to thank you for the opportunity to examine it.

Very truly yours,

Office Secretary

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JAN 23 1934

ILLINOIS HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS

PUBLISHED BY

THE ILLINOIS STATE HISTORICAL LIBRARY
LOCATED AT SPRINGFIELD

THEODORE C. PEASE, EDITOR
426 LINCOLN HALL, URBANA, ILLINOIS

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January 23, 1934

*Prof. S. J. Buck
Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey
Historical Building
Pittsburg, Pa.*

Professor Solon J. Buck
Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey
Historical Building
Pittsburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Buck:

The storeroom is being given one of its periodic cleanings and, among the material that has emerged, is the original manuscript of your volume of the Centennial History. In case you care to have it, I shall be very happy to send it to you; if not, please let me know.

With best wishes, believe me

Sincerely yours,

Theodore C. Pease

Theodore C. Pease

TCP:MLR

February 5, 1934

Professor Theodore C. Pease,
426 Lincoln Hall,
Urbana, Illinois

Dear Pease:

It was kind of you to think of offering the manuscript of my "Illinois in 1818" to me and I regret that my reply has been delayed by trips out of town and a brief illness. I have given some thought to the matter and have come to the conclusion that the possible usefulness of the manuscript to me at some future time would not justify the trouble and expense of sending it to me and the space that it would occupy among my possessions. So far as I am concerned, therefore, it may as well be destroyed.

I was sorry not to see you and my other Illinois friends in Urbana at the AHA meeting. I had expected to go but gave it up at the last moment because of the pressure of work here.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

FEB 9 1934

ILLINOIS HISTORICAL SURVEY
OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

THEODORE C. PEASE
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

426 LINCOLN HALL URBANA, ILLINOIS

February 7, 1934

Director Solon J. Buck
Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey
Historical Building
Pittsburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Buck:

Just a line to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of February 5. I am sorry to hear of your illness and hope that you are better.

Sincerely yours,

Theodore C. Pease

Theodore C. Pease

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AUG 14 1935

ILLINOIS HISTORICAL SURVEY
OF
THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

THEODORE C. PEASE
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

426 LINCOLN HALL URBANA, ILLINOIS

August 12, 1935

Dr. Solon J. Buck
Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey
Historical Building
Pittsburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Buck:

I am writing to offer you my hearty good wishes on the new position you are undertaking. The first development of a thing of that sort is always important and I am very glad it has been put in such good hands. I know when I wrote you apropos of your acceptance of your present position, I was late and you chided me for not being up to date in my news. This time, however, it isn't my fault as my stenographer has been away on a three weeks' vacation. Incidentally, I am expecting to leave tomorrow morning myself for two weeks in Door County.

With renewed good wishes, believe me

Most sincerely yours,

Theodore C. Pease

Theodore C. Pease

TCP:MLR

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August 14, 1935

Dr. Theodore C. Pease
University of Illinois
426 Lincoln Hall
Urbana, Illinois

Dear Pease:

Thank you very much for your congratulations. I have spent a couple of days in Washington with the Archives staff and I am sure that I shall enjoy my work and my associations there. My salary will be less than it has been here but I will have greater prospects of permanence.

I am leaving today for a vacation of about ten days in the Pennsylvania mountains and expect to move to Washington about September first. I trust that I shall have the opportunity of seeing you in Washington before very long.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
HARRISBURG

January 29, 1935

JAN 30 1935

SECRETARY TO THE GOVERNOR

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

Governor Earle has asked me to acknowledge with thanks receipt of your courteous letter to him under date of January 8th, which would have been answered more promptly had it not been for the large amount of important and pressing State work which the Governor and his office has had to handle.

The Governor will be glad to get your letter, and I shall show it to him at the first practicable opportunity. He will appreciate the suggestions you make regarding the personnel of the State Library.

Sincerely yours,

Harry E. Kalodner

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April 11, 1935

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

Dear Boyd:

I do not know whether to congratulate you both on the new format of the Pennsylvania Magazine or on your elevation to the librarianship and the editorship of the magazine. The first is an achievement and the second is an opportunity. I think your magazine now has a more satisfactory format than any other historical magazine published in the country. I am gratified, of course, to note that the Western Pennsylvania Historical Magazine may have had some influence upon it. In a number of respects, however, I think that you have improved upon our format.

With the change in the situation at your institution I feel that you and Bining and I and a few others should get together and talk over the relationship of the various institutions and their magazines. We want, of course, to avoid unnecessary duplication of efforts. Perhaps we can have such a discussion during the meeting in Pittsburgh. When are you planning to come and how long can you remain here? I trust that you are planning to bring Mrs. Boyd with you. Would you be interested in joining a party traveling from here to Cincinnati by auto the following Wednesday, or will you be driving your own car?

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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Pennsylvania Library Association

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January 7, 1935.

JAN 8 - 1935

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

The Executive Committee of the Pennsylvania Library Association has been concerned, in view of the change in State government, as to the possibility of a break in the continuity of administration and personnel of the State Library.

The Association in general, so far as the President has been able to determine, feels that the State Library, under the direction of Miss Gertrude MacKinney and her staff, has never been more efficiently administered, nor of more service to both libraries and individual citizens; and that this harmonious cooperation has materially accelerated library development in Pennsylvania.

The Committee, through Mr. Ralph Munn, Director of Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, has offered the suggestion to the Governor-elect that a committee from the Association be appointed to make a survey of the work and personnel of the State Library, as a measure, if accepted, against unnecessary change and disturbance in the present organization.

Governor-elect Earle has acknowledged this request, and has now asked the Executive Committee to take the matter up with his Secretary, Mr. Harry E. Kalodner. It is hoped that this action of the Committee will meet with the hearty approval of the Association.

The President also suggests that you take further action as you deem wise, such as writing directly to Governor-elect George H. Earle, and asking your Trustees and your local representatives to use all possible influence toward the retention of the present Director and staff of the State Library.

Yours very truly,



President.

A copy of this letter is being sent also to all members of the Committee of One Hundred Friends of Libraries in Pennsylvania.

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January 8, 1934⁵

Miss Mary Elizabeth Crocker, President
Pennsylvania Library Association
Lock Haven, Pennsylvania

My dear Miss Crocker:

I am in receipt of your form letter of January 7 with reference to the question of possible changes in the personnel of the State Library staff. As a representative of the historical interests of the state, I am very much concerned about not only maintaining but also strengthening the professional status of the staff of the State Library. It seems to me that Mr. Munn's proposal for a committee to make a personnel survey of the staff is an excellent move, but I doubt the advisability of urging upon the Governor in advance that he make no changes in the personnel of the staff. It seems to me that the Pennsylvania Library Association, and others interested in the efficiency of the State Library, will be in a much stronger position if it confines its recommendations to the Governor-elect to the proposition that all new appointees to the staff of the State Library should be selected primarily on the basis of professional rather than of political qualifications.

In view of the fact that many appointments to the staff of the State Library in the past have been made on a political basis, it seems illogical to urge that such appointees be retained, unless it can be demonstrated that their abilities and qualifications for the work that they are doing are at least equal to those of others who might be available for the positions.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:DSC



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

STATE LIBRARY
HARRISBURG

JUN 13 1934

June 12, 1934

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

Thank you ever so much for sending me the folders. They will be useful to us in future orders. Possibly they would be expensive since we have so much material to come in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Curtis W. Garrison
Curtis W. Garrison
Archivist

CWG:hb

MAY 16 1934

WARREN M. PERSONS AND ASSOCIATES
CONSULTING ECONOMISTS
TWELVE EAST FORTY-FIRST STREET
NEW YORK

WARREN M. PERSONS, PH.D.

May 9, 1934

TELEPHONE: ASHLAND 4-9468

Professor S. J. Buck
University of Minnesota
Minneapolis, Minn.

Dear Professor Buck;

For the last six months I have been collecting data concerning "Government Experimentation in Business", during the period from July 4, 1776, to March 4, 1933. I have accumulated a quantity of interesting and novel data both from primary and secondary sources.

The material that I have accumulated has been written up into a finished manuscript ready for publication. It will make a book of about two hundred pages. This book is intended to be an unbiased, scientific study of the state and federal governments' experiments in business for the one hundred and fifty-seven years since our government was founded.

Before sending the manuscript to the printer, I desire to get any information that you may have concerning the subject. I would particularly like to secure first hand information which will enable me to describe government ventures into business and an appraisal of the results of such ventures. I would also like to have your opinion as to the causes underlying the success or failure of such ventures.

The ventures treated in my book are those of the state and federal governments, such as toll roads, canals, state banks, railroads, reclamation projects, the nitrate venture at Muscle Shoals, the inland waterways, shipping construction, and the United States Steamship Lines. I am also interested in other less extensive undertakings which have been conducted by various governmental departments.

I desire to add such material as I can get to the manuscript already completed. Consequently, I should like to receive your answer before May 20, if possible, and before June 1, at the latest.

I am turning to you as one interested in the subject and able to give me such information as I desire.

I would also like you to give me the names of any one who could furnish me with such information as I desire.

Very truly yours,


Warren M. Persons

WMP:jf

Consultants in every field of Applied Economics, Statistics, Production and Distribution

Not answered

PHI ALPHA THETA FRATERNITY
Beta Chapter

October 9, 1934

Dear Member:

Beta Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta has planned a very active and profitable year. It is hoped that you will make a strenuous effort to attend all of the meetings. Two successful meetings have been held.

The program for this year includes:

- July 18 Reception for Summer School students.
Dr. A. P. James, The Forbes Expedition: from Raystown to Fort Duquesne.
- Sept. 25 Dinner Meeting. Dr. Henry S. Scribner, Gleanings from the Greek Papvri.
- Oct. 23 D Dr. J. E. L. Raschen, The Faust Legend and Its Development.
- Nov. 20 Reception for History Majors. Dr. Solon J. Buck? Why History?
- Dec. 14 Mr. R. O. Hughes of the Pittsburgh Public Schools.
- Jan. 17 Mr. George Seibel, literary and dramatic critic.
- Feb. 19 Dr. Alfred H. Sweet, Head of the History Department of W. and J.
- March Founders' Day. Program to be announced later.
- Apr. 23 Dr. Evans, History Department of P.C.W.
- May 21 Reports of Theses from Graduate Students.

Be sure to keep this program for future reference. Reserve all these dates now.

Annual dues of one dollar are payable at this time. Please send your dollar to the treasurer, Miss Helen C. Sohn, 219 Woodlawn Ave., Bellevue, by Nov. 15th. Miss Sohn will be at the October meeting to receive dues. Please take care of this matter promptly as the mailing list will be made up of those who pay their dues. Members who were initiated last April or who have paid dues since then may disregard this part of the notice. If you are too far away to attend meetings regularly, will you not show your interest and appreciation of membership by paying your dues. Beta Chapter is counting upon a one hundred per cent response to this appeal.

The meeting on October 23rd will be held in the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania building, 4338 Biglow Blvd. (saves climbing the hill to Heinz House) at 8 P.M.

With best wishes and hoping that this will be a most successful year for Phi Alpha Theta, I am,

Fraternally yours,
L. Esther Geist

President

October 8, 1934

Miss L. Esther Geist
829 Farragut Street
Pittsburgh (6), Pa.

Dear Miss Geist:

I have decided to accept your invitation to deliver
an address at the Phi Alpha Theta reception on November 20.
The subject of my address will be "Why History?".

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:DSC



Phi Alpha Theta
Beta Chapter
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

NOV 23 1934

November 21, 1934

Dear Dr. Buck:

I wish to express the thanks of Beta Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta for your address last evening before the History Majors. It was quite appropriate. You read very interestingly and presented a very fine appearance. Beta Chapter is most pleased to have presented you. We hope that you will find other addresses.

You may be interested to know that there were ninety-seven people present.

We hope that you will be able to find time to attend some of our meetings this year.

Tell Mrs. Buck that we enjoyed meeting her.

Thanking you again for so graciously consenting to speak, I am,

Sincerely yours,

L. Esther Geist

President

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



Phi Alpha Theta
Beta Chapter
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

FEB 12 1935

829 Farragut St., Pittsburgh 6, Pa.
February 11, 1935

Dear Dr. Buck:

Beta Chapter of Phi Alpha Theta will celebrate Founder's Day at the College Club on Saturday, March 16th with an initiation and banquet. The address will be delivered by Dr. William Warren Sweet, Professor of History at the University of Chicago.

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to extend to you the invitation to serve as Toastmaster on this occasion. It has been suggested that you would be a delightful and most capable Toastmaster. If you accept, I shall communicate further with you as to the details of the program.

Hoping to hear favorably from you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

L. Esther Geist

President

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

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February 12, 1935

Miss L. Esther Geist, President
Phi Alpha Theta, Beta Chapter
529 Farragut Street
Pittsburgh (6), Pa.

Dear Miss Geist:

I appreciate very much the honor of being invited to serve as toastmaster at the Founders' Day celebration of Phi Alpha Theta and to introduce my old friend, Dr. Sweet. I am working under a great deal of pressure this spring but I certainly want to hear Dr. Sweet and, as I assume that little will be expected of me in the matter of preliminary arrangements or preparation, I am glad to accept the invitation.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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Phi Alpha Theta
Beta Chapter
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

MAR 20 1935

March 19, 1935

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

Please accept my thanks for your services as toastmaster at the Phi Alpha Theta Founder's Day banquet. You were just the right person to serve in that capacity. I want you to know that I appreciate your kindness.

Tell Mrs. Buck that we enjoyed having her with us.

Thanking you very kindly, I am,

Sincerely yours,

L. Esther Geist

President

MAR 11 1935

829 Farragut St., Pittsburgh 6, Pa.
March 9, 1935

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

I have not been able to send you the details for Founder's Day of Phi
Alpha Theta before due to the fact that all plans were not completed. I appreciate your kindness in agreeing to serve as toastmaster.

This is the program.

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| Invocation | Dr. Alfred P. James |
| Toastmaster | Dr. Solon J. Buck |
| Greetings | L. Esther Geist |
| Introduction of Speaker | Dr. N. Andrew N. Cleven |
| Founder's Day Address | Dr. William Warren Sweet |
| | "Cultural and Educational Influence of the Presbyterians in the Early West." |
| Alma Mater | |

You will notice that I intend to introduce you as toastmaster as soon as we sit down to the table. This year we are going to be less serious during the meal and return to the old custom of singing during the course of the banquet. Mr. Hayward has consented to direct the singing and will be accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Shirley. I wish you would introduce Mr. Hayward immediately so that he can be ready to announce the songs when there is the opportunity.

I know that you will arrange to be at the College Club promptly at six o'clock as it is imperative that our program be over by nine o'clock.

If there is anything else that you would like to know you may write to me or telephone me at my home in the evening (Hiland 5470).

Hoping that this will be a most successful Founder's Day program, I am,

Sincerely yours,

L. Esther Geist
President

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FEB 21 1935

THE UNION LIBRARY CATALOGUE
OF THE METROPOLITAN AREA OF PHILADELPHIA

Temporary Headquarters
Box 16, BENNETT HALL
UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
PHILADELPHIA

20 February, 1935

Doctor Solon J. Buck
Western Pennsylvania Historical Society
Historical Building
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Buck:

Many thanks for your letter of February fourth. I am late in acknowledging it because I have been out of town.

We shall be glad to keep you informed of progress, especially since we believe that the principle of Union Catalogues is so sound not only for Philadelphia but for any centre of culture. We hope that the results of our experimenting may be of help to other cities that are working toward Union Catalogues.

Yours sincerely,

Cyril Ross

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May 16, 1934

Professor P. F. Jones,
219 Alumni Hall,
University of Pittsburgh,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Jones:

The invitation from the Philological Society of the University of Pittsburgh to attend its annual dinner on May 29 is much appreciated but, unfortunately, I shall be obliged to attend the meeting of the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania, which is scheduled for that same evening.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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December 26, 1934

Pittsburgh Printing Company

530 Fernando Street

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Attention: Mr. J. B. Willson

Gentlemen:

Thank you very much for the copy of the Big Chief
desk secretary that you so kindly sent me for Christmas.
I am sure that it will be very useful to me throughout the
year.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:DSC

JUN 13 1935



The PITTSBURGH RECORD
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

Office of the Editor

June 11, 1935

Dr. Solon J. Buck
Historical Society

Dear Dr. Buck:

Several months ago I discussed with you the possibility of publishing in The Pittsburgh Record Mrs. Buck's paper on "Pioneer Life in Western Pennsylvania. I am wondering if you and Mrs. Buck would consider releasing about 3200 words of the manuscript for publication in the summer issue.

Sincerely yours,

Don F. Saunders

Editor

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S. J. Beach

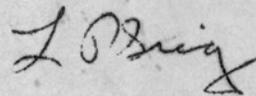
March 19, 1934

TO MEMBERS OF THE STAFF
THE COLLEGE

In his contacts with the citizens of this district the Chancellor on many occasions expresses the objectives and values of our university teaching. He has of late been more than a little concerned as to whether or not the picture which he is translating to the public is the true one. Therefore, he has asked me to request that each one of you give serious thought to the following question: "What are the values and objectives of my work in the University?" It may be well to illustrate the points which you make from one or more of the courses which you teach. Please try to keep this statement within 300 words or less. Will you type these statements on ordinary letter paper and hand them to your head of department not later than Friday noon, March 23, so that they can be placed in my hands by Friday evening?

It is not for me to tell you what to say; I simply urge that you give serious thought to your statements. Naturally, they should reflect your own beliefs, not something remote.

Yours cordially,



L. P. Sieg
Dean

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"The Values and Objectives of My Work in the University."

As the writer teaches only one course in the University, the history of western Pennsylvania, he will not attempt to discuss the values and objectives of college teaching in general or of the teaching of history as a whole, but will confine his remarks to his own work.

Among the objectives of this course are the following: (1) To give the students a greater comprehension of the community in which they live by helping them to understand how that community got its start and how it has developed; (2) To increase their interest in and appreciation of the region by increasing their knowledge of the part that it has played in the history of the state, of the nation, and of the evolution of human society; (3) To enlarge their understanding of the processes of social evolution by showing them some thing of the working of those processes in a single region; (4) To enrich their lives in the present and the future by broadening the range of their interests and increasing the associations that may be evoked by their environment; (5) To increase their understanding of the scientific process by which knowledge of the past is acquired and thus help them to distinguish between superficial or prejudiced writing and work that is thorough and objective; (6) To train some of them to make contributions to knowledge of the history of the region; (7) To give to such of them as may teach history in the schools, a basis for including in their teaching something of the history of the region; (8) To give them an acquaintance with the literature of the subject, so that they may be able to continue their reading in the field.

It is recognized of course that not all of these objectives are attained in the case of every student who may pass the course.

March 22, 1934

Wolm J. Buck

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH LIBRARY

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OFFICE OF THE LIBRARIAN

307 STATE HALL

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Memorandum for **S. J. Buck**

According to the records of the University Library, you have the books noted below*. In order to bring the book charges up to date, it is requested that you kindly return as soon as possible those volumes which you are not using at present, and that you notify the Librarian at once regarding your desire to have the charges on the other volumes renewed.

All library books should be returned before you leave the city for the vacation periods as the University Library is open throughout the entire calendar year and other readers may require the books.

J. Howard Rice

Librarian

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January 22, 1934

Mr. J. Howard Dice,
Librarian, University of Pittsburgh,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Dice:

I have checked over the list of books charged to me according to your recent memorandum and I find that I have all of them except two. I believe that Johns Hopkins University studies in history and political science, 1925, volume 43, and Sweet's Methodism in American History have been returned. I shall appreciate it if you will have a check made to find out whether or not these are in the library. One other item, Lane, Come True Land Stories, I am returning today. The other items, all master's theses, I should like to retain for the present.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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February 1, 1934

Mr. J. Howard Dice,
Librarian, University of Pittsburgh,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Dice:

In accordance with telephone conversation of this morning, the thesis of Miss Eulalia Catherine Schramm, "General James O'Hara" (M.A. Schramm, E. C. Cop.2), which has been charged out to Dr. Solon J. Buck, is now being loaned to Miss Margaret T. Scully of 201 S. Lexington Ave., Pittsburgh (Telephone - Churchill 2408). I understand that you are now charging this to Miss Scully and that she will return the thesis within two weeks directly to the University Library. Miss Scully has been so advised and is also receiving a copy of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Dr. Solon J. Buck

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UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH
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March thirtieth
Nineteen thirty-four

Dr. Solon J. Buck
The College
University of Pittsburgh

Dear Dr. Buck:-

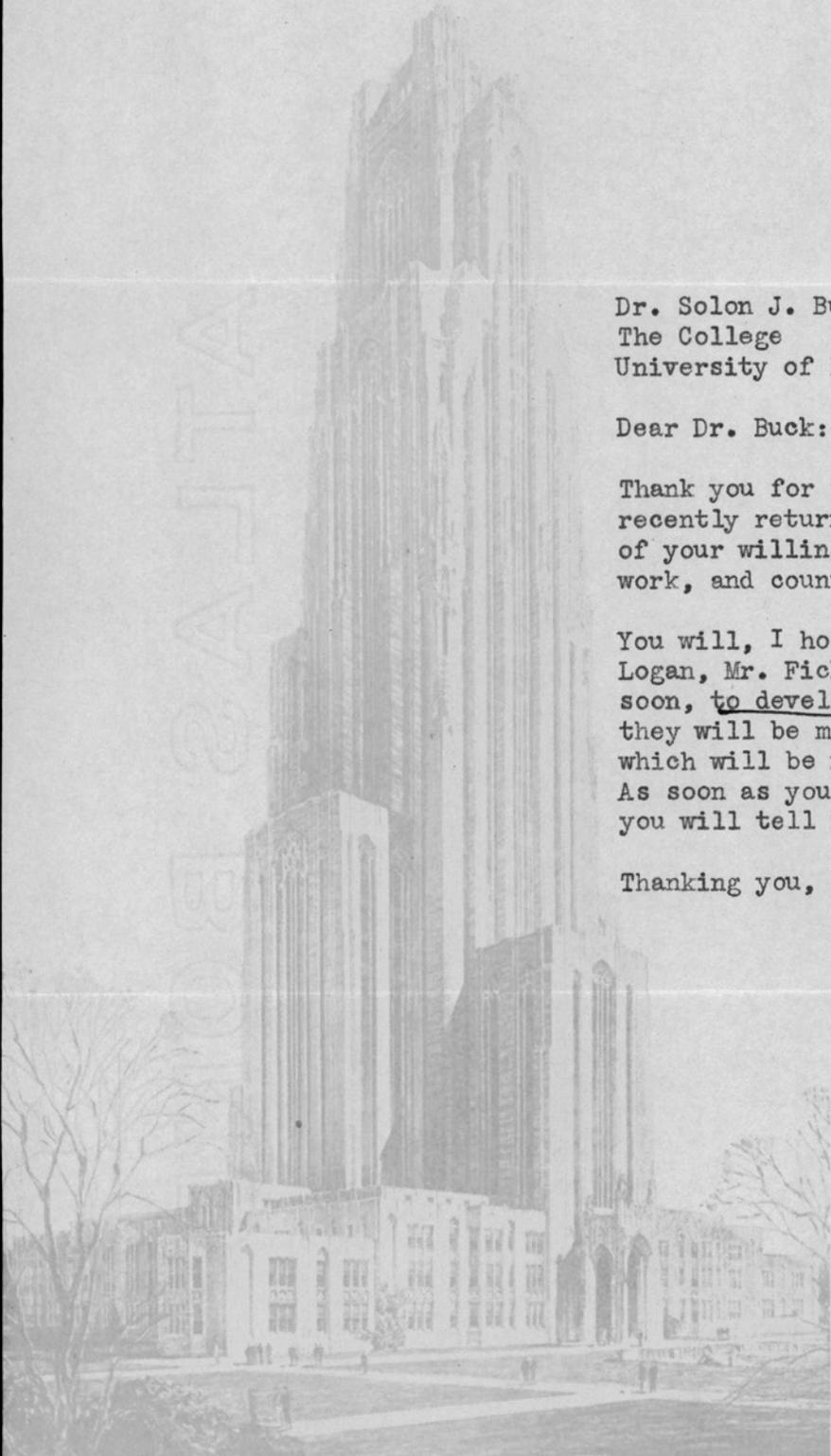
Thank you for the Suggestion Sheet which you recently returned. We are very glad to know of your willingness to help in this important work, and counting on your continued co-operation.

You will, I hope, try to see Miss Chalfant, General Logan, Mr. Fickes, Miss Allerton and Mr. Dahlinger soon, to develop the interest of these people so they will be more likely to respond to solicitation, which will be made after the middle of April. As soon as you have had a talk with them, I hope you will tell me how the matter stands.

Thanking you, I am

Cordially yours,

Carlton J. Ketchum
Director.



May 16, 1934

Dr. John W. Oliver,
University of Pittsburgh,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Oliver:

In reading Mr. Donald's thesis I have discovered that his account of the building of a Conestoga wagon, which occupies pages 26 to 32 of the thesis, is taken, largely verbatim, from chapter 7 of John Omwake's The Conestoga Six-Horse Bell Teams of Eastern Pennsylvania. The text is paraphrased to some extent and parts of it are omitted but much of the language is exactly the same as that of the book. This seems to me to constitute a distinct case of plagiarism. Only one foot-note reference is given to Omwake and that to a single page. References to other works are scattered through but some of them, at least, are attached to material that is quite obviously taken from Omwake.

I have not read beyond page 32 of the thesis as yet, so I have no opinion as to whether or not the same practice has been followed with the works of other secondary writers. A copy of Omwake is available in our library and can be loaned to you if you want to check the plagiarism.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

MAY 22 1934

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH LIBRARY

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OFFICE OF THE LIBRARIAN

307 STATE HALL

May 18, 1934

Memorandum for Dr. S. J. Buck.

According to the records of the University Library, you have the books noted below*. In order to bring the book charges up to date, it is requested that you kindly return as soon as possible those volumes which you are not using at present, and that you notify the Librarian at once regarding your desire to have the charges on the other volumes renewed.

All library books should be returned before you leave the city for the vacation periods as the University Library is open throughout the entire calendar year and other readers may require the books.

J. Howard Davis

Librarian

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Wm. H. Schramm

June 5, 1934

Mr. J. Howard Dice,
307 State Hall,
University of Pittsburgh.

Dear Mr. Dice:

Replying to your memorandum of May 18, I can report that all of the theses listed are in my possession and I am now returning all of them except two, the ones by Gray and Schramm, which I should like to retain somewhat longer. The other book charged to me, Methodism in American History, was charged to me a year ago and I reported at that time that I was quite sure it had been returned. I have not seen it during the past year.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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JUN 6 1934

THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

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OFFICE OF
THE CHANCELLOR

June 5, 1934

Dear Dr. Buck:

Dean Sieg goes, about August 1, to the University of Washington as President. We all want a wise man as his successor. I shall appreciate any suggestions which you may make, especially of the name of one or more men whom you consider qualified to be Dean of the College.

Your reply will be treated as confidential.

With kind personal wishes, I am

Faithfully yours,

John Duman

Dr. Solon J. Buck

June 12, 1934

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

Dear Dr. Bowman:

If I were confronted with the responsibility of selecting a new dean for the College, I should ask for suggestions from Dr. Waldo G. Leland, permanent secretary of the American Council of Learned Societies, 907 15th Street, Washington, D. C., whose acquaintance with scholars and administrators throughout the country is extensive and whose judgment about people is excellent. I assume that what is wanted is a man who is himself a scholar but who also has executive ability, and such men are not very common.

I do not at present think of anyone not now connected with the University whom I would care to suggest for the position. Among people already on the ground, I should like to suggest the names of Dr. Watkins and Dean Lanfear. Watkins impresses me as both a scholar and an executive, as well as a man with a very fine personality. Dean Lanfear also seems to possess these qualifications but I suppose it would be as difficult to find a new dean of men as it is to find a dean of the College. In the case of Watkins, I am inclined to think that he has the Bureau of Business Research so well organized and efficiently staffed that Professor Watson, for example, could take over the directorship and run it effectively.

Doubtless there are others on the faculty with excellent qualifications whom I do not know so well and it is with much diffidence that I make these suggestions.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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Pittsburgh, Univ. of.
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July 25, 1934

Dear Dr. Buck:

In my last talk with Mr. Charles F. Lewis, Director of the Buhl Foundation, there seemed some doubt in his mind about going on with the historical research project. At an early opportunity I hope that this matter may be cleared up. Pending a decision, however, I am asking Mr. Rupp to send you your salary check for July, with the understanding, however, that this check does not obligate the University to further payments in the academic year 1934-35 if the Buhl Foundation should withdraw its support.

I shall probably be out of the city the rest of this week and the first two days of next week. On my return I shall be glad to take this matter up both with you and with Mr. Lewis.

With kind personal wishes, I am

Faithfully yours,

Dr. Solon J. Buck

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THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH
OFFICE OF THE CHANCELLOR

August 4, 1934

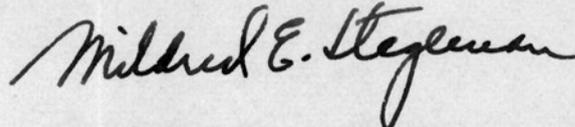
Dr. Solon J. Buck,
Historical Society Building,
Bayard Street,
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Dr. Buck:

On July 25 Dr. Bowman telephoned you that he had just written you a letter concerning your status with respect to the University budget, but that he did not want to send you the letter without a more personal explanation by telephone of the situation. At that time, as I understand it, you explained to him that inasmuch as your contract ran to September 1, your salary was in the budget until that time. Dr. Bowman then told me not to send the letter, as he would be sure to see Mr. Lewis before that time and get the whole matter settled.

A day or so ago I learned that your contract, like that of all other faculty members, expired on June 30, rather than on September 1. In view of this misunderstanding on your part I am sending you a copy of the letter which Dr. Bowman wrote but did not mail. Dr. Bowman will be back in the city on Tuesday and will, I am sure, see Mr. Lewis with regard to the research project.

Very sincerely yours,



Secretary to the Chancellor

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SEP 10 1934

University of Pittsburgh

BIGELOW BOULEVARD

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

September 7, 1934.

Dr. S. J. Buck,
Western Pennsylvania Historical Society,
Bayard Street,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Dr. Buck:

The Board of Trustees of the University has approved your salary as Professor of History - in conjunction with work with the Western Pennsylvania Historical Society - for the twelve month academic year 1934-35, beginning July 1, 1934, at \$5,000.

This appointment, if accepted by you, expires June 30, 1935 unless a written notice of renewal is given to you by the Secretary of the University not later than April 1, 1935.

Will you kindly advise me upon receipt of this notice whether or not you accept this appointment subject to the above conditions.

The Trustees wish me to express to you their appreciation of your work as a member of the Faculty of the University.

I am,
Cordially yours,



Secretary

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September 11, 1934

Dr. S. B. Linhart, Secretary
University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Dr. Linhart:

Your letter of September 7 notifying me of my appointment as professor of history in the University of Pittsburgh for the twelve-month academic year 1934-35 has been received, and I am writing to inform you that the appointment is accepted subject to the conditions set forth in your letter.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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September 19, 1934

Mr. J. Howard Dice, Librarian
University of Pittsburgh

Dear Mr. Dice:

Dr. Buck has requested me to send you the attached list of books and to ask if you will arrange to reserve these books for his class.

Sincerely,

Office Secretary

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THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH
PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

FEB 5 - 1935

OFFICE OF
THE CHANCELLOR

February 4, 1935

Dear Dr. Buck:

Dean Herbert L. Spencer recently was elected President of Pennsylvania College for Women, to take office next June.

In this situation I should much appreciate any suggestion from you of the name of a man, in or out of the University, to succeed Dean Spencer. It would be helpful, also, if you would let me know what qualities, as it seems to you, should be especially strong in the man who is to fill the position.

With kind personal wishes, I am

Faithfully yours,

John B. ...

Dr. Solon J. Buck

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University of Pittsburgh

BIGELOW BOULEVARD

MAR 25 1935

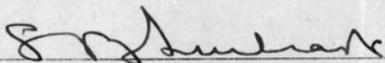
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

March 22, 1935.

To Dr. S. J. Buck:

For reasons beyond the control of the Trustees of the University, the budget for the year 1935-36 can not be acted upon before April 1. This note is sent to you and to other members of the Faculty in order that you do not interpret the delay as reappointment. No appointments are to be made for the coming year until after the action of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth upon the appropriation bill of the University.

Respectfully submitted,


Secretary

MAR 26 1935

TO MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY PARTICIPATING IN ANNUITY PLAN
WITH TEACHERS INSURANCE AND ANNUITY ASSOCIATION:

We are pleased to advise you that the Commissioner of Internal Revenue has advised us under date of March 22, 1935 that the part of the premiums paid by the University to provide annuities for members of the faculty is not taxable for Federal income tax purposes. The exact ruling is as follows:

"You are advised that under date of January 26, 1935, this office made a ruling holding that contributions made by universities and colleges under a plan substantially like that employed by Columbia University to provide retiring annuities for its teachers or employees do not constitute income constructively received by them in the years in which such contributions are made and are not, therefore, includable in gross income by the teachers or employees, for Federal income tax purposes, in the year in which the payments are made by the university or college. If, therefore, the plan employed by the University of Pittsburgh in providing retirement annuities for its teachers and employees is substantially like that employed by Columbia University, the ruling of January 26, 1935, is applicable."

You may, therefore, take the necessary steps to request a refund of Federal income tax by the use of form number 843. A limited supply of these forms has been obtained by the Auditor's office. Additional copies may be requested from the Internal Revenue Office in the new Federal Building, Grant Street and Seventh Avenue, Pittsburgh.

S. B. Linhart,
Secretary

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August 14, 1935

Dr. John W. Oliver

University of Pittsburgh

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear John:

I read Bining's examination promptly but forgot to tell you that I found it satisfactory. I should grade it about a B plus. I am returning the examination to you herewith and I am sending along with it my class record book, which you may want to keep on file for a while.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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(original sent to Mr. Blägen)
COPY

St. John's Abbey
Collegeville, Minn.

February 12, 1935

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

For the past two summers I have taken care of the Catholic services at the Grand Portage, Minn., Catholic church. To be sure, I have read your "The Story of the Grand Portage." As it will soon be the centenary of the first converts made to the Catholic faith at Grand Portage, I am particularly interested in trying to get the definite date. On page 11 of your above mentioned pamphlet you write: "In October, 1837, Father, later Bishop, Frederic Baraga visited the village and baptized seven persons." May I kindly ask you for the source of this information?

Assuring you that I shall be very grateful for your kindness in this matter, I am.

Yours very truly,

(signed) Method Porwoll

Rev. Method Porwoll, O S B

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Rev. Method Forwell, O S B
St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minn.

Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania
Pittsburgh, (13), Pa., February 25, 1935

Dear Father Forwell:

Your letter of February 12 has been forwarded to me here. As the material that I used in my booklet on Grand Portage is all at the Minnesota Historical Society I am sending your letter to W. Theodore S. Blagen, my successor as superintendent of the Society, and am asking him to reply to it.

My interest in Grand Portage is still very keen, and I hope to visit it again next summer.

Sincerely yours,

SJW:DSC

Colon J. Buck

St. John's Abbey
Collegeville Minn