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October 9, 1934

Miss Frances Dorrance, Director
Wyoming Historical & Geological Society
69 South Franklin Street
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Dear Miss Dorrance:

In the enclosed envelope addressed to me you will find some material that illustrates the method used by the Minnesota Historical Society in building up its membership. Possibly something of this sort could be done for the Pennsylvania Historical Association. If a list of the present members, arranged by counties, could be included, it would help in the selection of prospects. I think that the form for listing prospects should have room for more names than does this one of the Minnesota Historical Society. ✓

I am sorry that the pressure of work makes it impossible for me to attend the Federation committee meeting, called by Major Melvin.

I have just read Julian Boyd's article in the October American Historical Review and find it admirable. He has evidently done a great deal of work on it and he has made his article very interesting and readable.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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Pa. Hist. Assn

November 13, 1934

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

Dear Bining:

As usual, I found the October number of Pennsylvania History very interesting from cover to cover. The article on a college research course seems to me to contain many excellent suggestions.

Would it not be desirable to include in the notes information about the contents of the last issues of the Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography and the Western Pennsylvania Historical Magazine; also the titles of such articles as bear upon Pennsylvania history in the Mississippi Valley Historical Review, the American Historical Review, and similar publications? Even New York History occasionally contains articles relating to the history of Pennsylvania. It seems to me that such information would be useful to the readers of Pennsylvania History, many of whom probably do not receive any other historical magazine.

The only other suggestion I have to offer is that if ever we can afford it you should be provided with an editorial assistant who would be competent to go over the articles with a fine-tooth comb and eliminate the solecisms. I think I noticed more of them in Downes' article than elsewhere. He has a lofty disdain of meticulousness in the correct use of language, and we usually have to revise his manuscripts considerably before publication.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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DIVISION OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES
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2434 Tunlaw Road, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.
December 1, 1934.

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

Pittsburgh seems to have its share of dead beats and that is the cause of this letter. On September 17 one J.H. Rial, writing on the stationery of Schenley High School, Pittsburgh, asked for a sample copy of of January number of our magazine, and wanted us to quote prices for quantities. We sent him a copy and asked how many copies he desired, all of which brought no reply. The following month, October 23 to be exact, a Mrs. Ella H. Lobingier, Assistant Director of the Pittsburgh Teaching Center or of the Western Pennsylvania Teacher Training Extension, 424 Duquesne Way, asked us to rush four copies of the same number to her. Dr. Bining did so and I billed her. Thus far we have had no reply and I have just sent her a reminder letter, a copy of which I am enclosing. Do you have many of such people in Pittsburgh? Can you tell me anything about them?

Our collections are still coming in slowly and we may run a little behind on the January magazine but there will be a substantial amount coming in, if we can collect it, the first of the year. After that I hope we may be able to get a quiet but effective membership campaign underway.

Sincerely yours,

Paul W. Gates
Paul W. Gates

2434 Tualaw Road, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.
December 1, 1934.

Mrs. Ella H. Lobingier,
Assistant Director,
Pittsburgh Teaching Center,
424 Duquesne Way,
Pittsburgh, Penna.

My dear Mrs. Lobingier:

On October 23 we received a letter from you asking us to rush to you four copies of Pennsylvania History for January, 1934 which request was quickly complied with and the copies forwarded. Subsequently we billed you for \$2.40. As we have not received your remittance I am writing again to remind you of this obligation.

If you are interested in joining our organization I shall be glad to send you membership blanks.

Very truly yours,

Paul W. Gates

Secretary

2434 Tuglaw Road, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.
December 1, 1934.

Mrs. Ella H. Jobingier,
Assistant Director,
884 Duquesne Way, Pittsburgh,

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P.H.A.

December 10, 1934

Dr. Paul W. Gates
Bucknell University
Lewisburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Gates:

I am afraid that I cannot help you out very much with reference to the matters referred to in your letter of December first. Mr. Rial is listed in the school directory as a teacher of history in the Schenley High School, but I do not know him and he is not a member of our Society. The "Pittsburgh Teaching Center" is an agency of Pennsylvania State College and conducts classes taught by Pittsburgh high school teachers. Miss Lobingier is also unknown to us.

I am sending you herewith a check for two dollars from Mr. J. Cutler Andrews, 6 Olympia Place, Pittsburgh, who wishes to become a member of the Association. He is an instructor in history in the Carnegie Institute of Technology. I did not have any applications at hand but I assume that you can take care of this.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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D.H.A.

December 17, 1934

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

Dear Bining:

I hope it is not too late to get into the January number of Pennsylvania History an announcement that the spring meeting of the Association is scheduled for Pittsburgh on Friday and Saturday, April 19 and 20. Mr. Hamilton has agreed to appoint the committees according to my recommendations, and I have recommended Judge Robert M. Swing, president of the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania, for chairman, and Mr. Franklin F. Holbrook, acting director of the Society, for secretary of the committee on local arrangements; also Dr. Alfred P. James, professor of history in the University of Pittsburgh, as chairman of the program committee. It is my understanding that the chairmen of these committees will be authorized to select the other members. So far as I know, these men have not yet been notified of their selection by Mr. Hamilton, but they undoubtedly will be in the near future, and I feel sure that they will accept. It seems to me important that the chairman of the program committee, at least, should be announced as soon as possible in order that those who may be contemplating offering papers will know to whom to write.

I trust that I shall see you in Washington next week.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

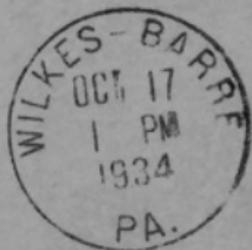
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Pa. Dist. Assn.
Thanks for letter &
suggestion. Will connect
with others at Fed. Reg.
Amour - we will
miss you greatly.

Hoping all are
well & the book
preparing satisfactorily
Cordially
Edna

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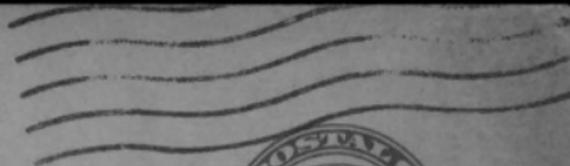
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Dr. Solomon J. Busch
West. Soc. of Ministers Pa
Pittsburgh
Pa

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may detain Roger
thru you - This is formally -
in the match wrapper -
I'm sure Billy will be
delighted. -

Can we have a mtg
of the P. N. A. Council
at time of Fed. mtg? -
Perhaps evening before? -
Even. if tied up with
Arch. Soc. Annual mtg
Evening - (Name subject)
to name -



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

Dr. Solomon J. Bush
West. Society of Western Pa.
Pittsburgh
Pa

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PHA

Miss Frances Dorrance
Wyoming Historical and Geological Society
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.
Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania
Pittsburgh, Pa. 12/26/34

Dear Miss Dorrance:

I am not quite sure as yet whether or not I shall attend the meeting of the Federation. I have got to be away the rest of this week attending the meeting of the American Historical Association in Washington. If I do not go, I shall probably send Mr. Holbrook to represent the Society. He is to be the secretary of the committee on local arrangements for the spring meeting. Major Ewing will be the chairman of that committee, and Dr. James the chairman of the committee on programs.

Sincerely,

Edwin J. Beck

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WYOMING HISTORICAL AND GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

WILKES-BARRÉ, PENNA.

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TREASURER, CHARLES W. LAYCOCK

January 8, 1935

RECORDING SECRETARY, SAMUEL C. CHASE
DIRECTOR, FRANCES DORRANCE

JAN 9 - 1935

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

I hope very much you will be able to come to the Federation meeting. We really need your guiding mind and it seems to me that if we could have a meeting of the Council, perhaps sitting together at the luncheon, we might be able to talk over the condition of the P. H. A. Mr. Hamilton has had to fight to retain his job and now, of course, is much taken up with it so I doubt his being able to do very much to help us. It is too bad that he cannot find time to carry out his good and ambitious ideas.

With very best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

FD/ch

Frances Dorrance
Director

Am writing Mr. H - & as if he can
call Council metg Wed. eve - Could you
(or your repres.) be present then? -

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P.H.A.

January 9, 1935

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

Dear Miss Dorrance:

I do not see how I can attend the Federation meeting. Judge Ewing is talking of going, and if he does not Mr. Holbrook will probably represent us. If Ewing is there, he certainly should be asked to sit in with the Council of the P.H.A., as he is to be chairman of the local arrangements committee for the spring meeting. Holbrook is secretary of the committee.

I talked with many of the members of the Council of the P.H.A. in Washington, but as a result of a lapse of memory I failed to attend the meeting of the Council that was held there. Dr. James, who is chairman of the program committee, did attend and got many suggestions for his program. I understand that the only other subject discussed was that of finances, which appear to be in a somewhat precarious position.

Yesterday I received a circular letter from Miss Crocker, president of the Pennsylvania Library Association, asking librarians to urge the maintenance of the status quo in the staff of the State Library. I questioned the advisability of such a procedure. It seems to me that librarians and others interested in the efficiency of the State Library will be on stronger ground if they urge instead that all appointments made to the staff of the State Library be on the basis of professional rather than of political qualification. If that principle had been followed in the past, then it would be logical to urge that no changes be made, but I understand that it has not been consistently followed.

It seems to me that the proposal of Mr. Munn, as chairman of the legislative committee of the Association, that a personnel survey be made of the staff is an excellent one, but unfortunately Miss Crocker's letter gives the impression that the purpose of this is to prevent any changes, whereas Mr. Munn's objective is to enable the Governor to distinguish between those members of the staff who should be retained because of their qualifications for the work and those who could be replaced without injury to the efficiency of the institution.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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P.S. I doubt if anyone from here will get to Harrisburg in time for a meeting Wed. eve.

Pa History PHA

Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania January 16, 1935

Dear Bining:

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

Under separate cover I am sending you a complimentary copy of some extracts from a journal that I edited recently for the American Antiquarian Society. In view of the fact that these extracts include some descriptive matter on Philadelphia, it occurs to me that you might consider the publication appropriate for mention in Pennsylvania History.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

DSC

MAR 21 1935

2434 Tunlaw Road, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.
March 19, 1935.

P
P.H.A.

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

The constitution of the Pennsylvania Historical Association provides for three year terms for the officers so there will be no officers to elect unless we have resignations. There will, of course, be members of the Council and editorial board to elect.

I do not have the date of the Pittsburgh meeting and have written to James for it but as yet have had no reply. Nor have I had any information as to the program. I have a revised list of members to whom copies of the program should be sent but I do not want to send it out till the last minute. Dr. Bining suggested that all the printing should be cleared through him as he can get lower rates than the rest of us through his association with the press in Gettysburg. I hope that the committee on arrangements will keep their expenses down to less than they expect to receive from registrations. We had quite a deficit at the Harrisburg meeting and in our present situation the convention, it seems to me, should carry itself.

One of the most important questions to be taken up at the meeting is that of membership and dues. Miss Dorrance is anxious to resign from her position as chairman of the Membership Committee as she feels that her duties in connection with the Archaeological Society take up enough of her time. I think we ought to retain her as chairman even though we depute someone else to do the work. She is better known than anyone else and her name is worth a lot. We need more members. Have had few come in recently except a few institutions, the result of correspondence, etc. by Bining and myself. We must also work out a policy with reference to delinquent members, of which we have a great many. Collections are so slow that I am sending the notices out a month in advance. Even then we have not enough money in the treasury to pay for the April number of the magazine. However, April is our biggest month.

Sincerely yours,
Paul W. Gates
Paul W. Gates

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P. H. A.

March 22, 1935

Dr. Paul W. Gates
2434 Tunlaw Road, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Gates:

Your letter of March 19 arrived yesterday and I realized, of course, that it was written before you had received Holbrook's recent communication. He has now shown me your letter to him and I assume that things are pretty well straightened out or will be taken care of in due time.

I am inclined to think that Miss Dorrance is justified in asking to be relieved of the membership work. It seems to me that this work could best be handled by someone who is not at the same time attempting to build up one or more other societies. If you are returning to the state it probably would be best to have the work carried on from your office or at least under your general direction.

I am enclosing herewith a form letter that the National Geographic Society is using with delinquent members, of which I happen to be one. Perhaps you could make use of something of this sort, but I suppose it would be difficult for Riving to indicate the prospective contents of the magazine very far ahead. I think that bills should be sent for dues as soon as they become payable and should be repeated monthly thereafter marked "Second Notice," "Third Notice," et cetera. After about six months a special letter should be sent asking the member whether or not he desires his name to be retained on the list and pointing out that the association cannot afford to send copies of its magazine to members who do not intend to pay their dues.

We are looking forward to seeing you here at the meeting. Will Mrs. Gates be with you?

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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Wilkes-Barre, Penna
May 15, 1935

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

It has not been possible for me earlier to get to work on the membership committee. First of all, however, let me thank you for all the pleasure of the meeting. It was most encouraging and full of inspiration for us.

As soon as Drs. Nichols and Gates return the outline of proposed program for the membership committee - I am going to send it to you for criticism. Enclosed is a list of the committee as selected at the meeting. Is Shappee correct? He is not a member of the Association and on the 9th I wrote him asking if he would join and serve on the membership committee. As nothing has come from him - there may be some mistake in his address or name. Any information you can send me will be very much appreciated.

As it was planned that you would take care of the institutions outside of Pennsylvania, I am enclosing a list of those secured to date. The "subscriptions" indicate subscription to the magazine but not membership. It seems to me quite a representative list already.

Some match covers will be going to Roger in a day or two but he need not bother even to acknowledge them or try to send duplicates. I do not want him to be sick in order to attend to this matter!

Is it Mr. Victor L. Beebe of the Potter County Historical Society who is to be on the membership committee?

With best wishes to you and Mrs. Buck,

Sincerely yours,

Frances Dorrance

Chairman, Membership Committee

FD/ch

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE - FRANCES DORRANCE, CHAIRMAN

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Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.

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N. A. M. Shappee, Johnstown Division, University of Pittsburgh,
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Bebee, Potter County Historical Society

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THE COLLEGE

JUN 28 1935

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History

Philadelphia

June 26, 1935.

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

Dear Buck:

Gates asked me some time ago to forward you the enclosed copy of the last minutes. I apologize for having neglected my plain duty in this respect.

We are at work building up the program for the fall meeting and I should be very glad if you would suggest someone from Pittsburgh with a paper. We are emphasizing the colonial period and the period of Constitution making. We have chosen the latter topic in view of the approach of the anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution.

I have heard various rumors about your leaving the state for Washington. I can see why for your own sake you would like to go, but it will be a sad blow to us.

My best wishes to Mrs. Buck and yourself.

Cordially yours,

Roy F. Nichols

RFN/M

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July, 1935

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Wilmington, Delaware

Yale University Library
New Haven, Conn.

P. H. A.

July 5, 1935

Professor Roy W. Nichols
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Nichols:

Thank you for the copy of the minutes of the P. H. A. meeting.

James has about completed a paper on the French regime at Fort Duquesne, which is, I believe, based largely on hitherto unused material in the French archives. I have not seen it, but I suspect that it will be a contribution, and he could probably be persuaded to read it at the fall meeting. Russell Ferguson might be able to give you a good paper on some aspect of the political history of the early constitutional period. He read a paper on Gallatin at the Bethlehem meeting, as you will recall. William J. Martin ought to be given a place on the program of the Association at the first opportunity, but his main field of interest is later than the constitutional period. Leland D. Baldwin of my staff could give you an interesting paper on the national aspects of the Whiskey Insurrection. Randolph C. Downes, also of my staff, could probably produce a paper on local government and political procedure in the period prior to the War of 1812.

My future is and has been for several weeks in the hands of the President and I am keeping the matter as quiet as possible until it is settled.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

BSC

P. H. A.

July 12, 1935

Miss Frances Dorrance
Chairman, Membership Committee
Pennsylvania Historical Association
Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania

Dear Miss Dorrance:

I regret very much that I have delayed so long replying to your letter of May 15. The explanation, although it is not an adequate excuse, is that at the time your letter was received I was expecting very shortly to be appointed to the position of director of publications in the National Archives, and my action with reference to the matters referred to in your letter would depend somewhat upon when I would be leaving Pittsburgh. As a matter of fact, the appointment was delayed, for some reason unknown to me, and has only just been made; it is still to be confirmed by the Senate, but I do not anticipate any difficulty there, though there may be more delay, and I have no idea as yet how soon I shall have to leave for Washington.

I have been striving as much as I could under the circumstances to push along the work on the book that I am writing. I do not expect to be able to complete it before I leave, but I shall finish it up on my own time thereafter.

In your letter you inquired if the name "Shappee" was correct for a member of the committee. That is the name. I understand that he has been ill, which may account for his failure to reply, or you may have heard from him by this time. I shall probably see him tonight, as I expect to be in Jhnstown on our summer historical tour and, if so, I shall inquire of him about the committee. Mr. Victor L. Beebe of Potter County was, I believe, one of the others suggested for the membership committee.

I have jotted down a list of institutions, which, in my opinion, ought to be subscribers to Pennsylvania History, and I am going to try to draft a form letter to be sent to someone, a personal acquaintance if possible, in each of these institutions, suggesting a subscription. Could you supply me with some kind of a blank or a form or statement to enclose in the letter? I assume that the association will reimburse me for the postage. Do you have stationery for the membership committee or shall I get it from Gates?

Roger wants me to thank you for the match wrappers that you sent to him. He is going with us on the summer tour today and tomorrow and is very much excited about it.

I am sorry, in many ways, to sever my connections with Pennsylvania and I shall, of course, retain my membership and interest in the Pennsylvania Historical Association. From what you know of the situation here, you can

Miss Dorrance

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readily understand that I could not afford to pass up an opportunity to take what will presumably be a permanent position, even though the salary is considerably less than I am getting here.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

DSC

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July 18, 1935

JUL 19 1935

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

Thanks for your letter. I had heard that you were leaving Pennsylvania but thought it best not to write you my congratulations and our own condolences at your leaving. Very best wishes, indeed, to you all and, of course, I know it is an interesting work and a splendid opportunity but we shall miss you very, very much.

It is good to know that you will continue your membership and interest in the Historical Association and you may find me often pestering you for advice! In the meantime, with all that you have to do, we would very much appreciate your writing to the out of Pennsylvania Institutions. I am enclosing circulars which I have on hand but, as they are pretty old, I am afraid they would not meet your needs - perhaps you might be able to get one mimeographed to include with your letter. I have, however, 25 or 30 of the Bethlehem programs if you would care to use them. I don't know if Bining has any left of the blue folders but he might tell you.

Please return all the letters so marked. I thought they might possibly help you in checking up the people to whom you will send an appeal. Enclosed also is a list of the Institutional and subscribing members which will help you. Some few Institutions have individual memberships as Syracuse Public Library has one in the name of Mr. Paine but I think he is the only one. At any rate they are very few.

Sincerely yours,

Frances Dorrance

Chairman, Membership Committee

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Dictated but
not signed



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THE Pennsylvania Historical Association was planned at preliminary conferences held at State College in 1932 and was formally launched at Lehigh University, Bethlehem, on April 28 and 29, 1933. This new organization is designed to serve as a coordinating body to aid, supplement and make more effective the efforts of the local historical societies and their Federation, and to stimulate the interest of teachers and other individuals who are concerned in the history of the Commonwealth. Its general aims are to promote scholarly activity in the history of Pennsylvania and the teaching of state history in the schools and colleges of the state. It is planned to accomplish these objectives through annual meetings held successively in different parts of the state and through the publication of articles, books and source material pertaining to Pennsylvania history.

Beginning January 1, 1934, the Association proposes to publish a magazine, which will include articles, documents, book reviews, notes on historical activities and other material planned to aid and direct a more intense interest in the history of the Commonwealth.

To those interested in our objectives we extend a most cordial invitation to join this new organization. We appeal to members of local historical societies, teachers of history in the schools and colleges, members of patriotic organizations and to all interested in the history of our state to join us in our important task for the following reasons:

1. The organization is not sectional, but is state-wide. All interests in the state will be represented and workers in any field of Pennsylvania history will be mutually benefited.
2. Membership in the Association will be beneficial because of the new contacts which will be made. Membership will bring a knowledge of what is being done in the state to further its history and will present opportunities for historical service.
3. Members will receive the magazine free and will also have the right to purchase all other publications below the trade price.

Application for membership and any further information may be obtained from Miss Frances Dorrance, 69 Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre, Penna.

THE
PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL
ASSOCIATION

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

I hereby apply for membership in the Pennsylvania Historical Association:

- Active (annual)\$ 2.00
- Institutional (annual) 3.00
- Sustaining (annual) 10.00
- Life 100.00
- Patron1000.00

Please check membership desired. All persons joining the Association this year have the honor of becoming charter members.

Name

Address

City

State

THE PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

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To meet the long felt need for a state wide historical society, the Pennsylvania Historical Association was formally launched in April, 1933, at a convention in Bethlehem. The Association is designed to promote a wider appreciation of the history of Pennsylvania through the publication of articles, books, documents and other materials on Pennsylvania history, and through annual meetings held successively in different parts of the State.

During the first year of its existence, the association distributed to members an article on Albert Gallatin and its quarterly magazine, PENNSYLVANIA HISTORY, which began publication in January, 1934. The following are some of the features appearing in the magazine, which should interest the history teacher in the public schools:

- "Early Labor Troubles in the Schuylkill Anthracite District."
- "A Brief Bibliography of Pennsylvania History for High School Teachers."
- "Samuel Breck and the Pennsylvania School Law of 1834."
- "Pennsylvania History in the New Social Studies Program."

The July number of the magazine contains articles on "The Significance of State and Local History in the Public Schools," "The Political Revolution in Pennsylvania in 1776" and "Lafayette in Pennsylvania."

Membership in the association entitles one to receive the quarterly magazine, to secure other publications at less than the list price, and to participate in the affairs of the association at its annual meetings.

There are various classes of memberships in the association, but perhaps mention need be made only of the annual individual membership with dues of \$2.00 per year and annual institutional membership with dues of \$3.00. Teachers, students and others interested in the history of the Commonwealth are urged to become members of the association and to attend its meetings at which many interesting phases of the history of Pennsylvania are discussed and good fellowship is enjoyed. Teachers are also urged to see that the magazine is placed in their local libraries where it will be available to their students.

Application for Membership in the
PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

I hereby apply for membership in the Pennsylvania Historical Association, and enclose \$__ for dues for __ year__.

Name _____

Address _____

Date _____

Please fill out this application form and give it to your history professor or send it to Miss Frances Dorrance, 69 S. Franklin Street, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

TO THOSE INTERESTED IN PENNSYLVANIA HISTORY:

The Pennsylvania Historical Association was formed at Bethlehem on April 28 and 29, 1933, by persons interested in promoting a wider interest in the field of Pennsylvania History. It has long been thought that such an organization was necessary to encourage the collection, preservation, and publication of source material, to interest scholars in studying the sources of Pennsylvania History and to aid in the publications of articles and books on the History of the Commonwealth. It is our purpose to establish a quarterly magazine for the publication of articles and to begin a series of monographs in which longer works of scholars could be made available.

The association hopes to interest a large number of the citizens of Pennsylvania in the new organization who will take out membership in it. We feel that members of the local historical societies, teachers of history in the public schools, members of patriotic organizations, news-writers, and many other groups will be interested in joining because of the relationships which exist between their work and what we propose to do.

In this, our first public appeal for membership, we wish to present a number of reasons why membership in the new Association will be of value to the readers.

1. The society is not sectional but rather is state-wide and all interests in the state will be represented so that specialists in any field in Pennsylvania History will be benefited by joining.
2. Members will receive the quarterly publication and will also have the right to purchase all other publications at a price below the trade cost.
3. Mutual support of the Association by all persons interested in seeing historical activity promoted will be beneficial through new contacts, knowledge of historical activities in all sections of the state acquired through the magazine and the aid which each membership will render in providing financial assistance in the publication of the magazine and other monographs.

To be mailed?

TO THE HISTORY TEACHERS OF PENNSYLVANIA:

The President and Officers of the Pennsylvania Historical Association extend to you a cordial invitation to become a member of this Association. They believe it will be of great interest to you personally and of direct benefit to you in your teaching and research.

Already a wide-spread interest has been manifested in its aims as set forth in the enclosed circular, which also indicates the form and contents of the magazine, to be sent to every member without extra charge. The membership is rapidly increasing.

The maintenance of the magazine and the annual conferences will depend upon the membership. There is no initiation fee. All joining now are charter members. Your annual dues, which should accompany acceptance, will discharge your financial obligations for 1934 and bring the first four issues of the magazine to you. You will wish a complete file.

Whether residents of the Commonwealth or not, all who are contributing to the preservation and study of Pennsylvania history, through personal interest; through the collection and custodianship of historical material, as historical societies and libraries; through research and writing and through teaching, will be interested in promoting an organization that promises permanent opportunity for co-operation and study.

On the enclosed application blank, please give your name as you wish it printed in the membership list. Also kindly send us names and addresses of others who might be interested.

We will be glad to send you a copy of the first number of the magazine if you will send a card requesting same.

Very truly yours,

FRANCES DORRANCE,

Chairman, Membership Committee,
Director, Wyoming Historical &
Geological Society, Wilkes-Barre,
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January 8th 1934.

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ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PENNSYLVANIA HISTORY?

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Already a wide-spread interest has been manifested in its aims to serve as a coordinating body to aid, supplement and make more effective the efforts of the local Historical Societies, and to promote scholarly activity in the history of Pennsylvania and the teaching of state history in the schools and colleges of the state. To accomplish these objectives, annual conferences and the publication of articles, books and source material are planned. The next annual conference will be held in Harrisburg, May 4 and 5 with a program of general interest. The publishing of our magazine, PENNSYLVANIA HISTORY, began January first. Each issue will include articles, documents, book reviews, notices of historical activities, etc. Number 2 is now in press, to be issued soon.

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All joining before the Harrisburg meeting will be Charter members. On the enclosed application blank, please give your name as you wish it printed on the membership list. Also kindly send us names and addresses of others who might be interested.

Very truly yours,

FRANCES DORRANCE
Chairman, Membership Committee,
Director, Wyo. Hist. & Geol. Society,
Wilkes-Barre, Penna.

Program

of the

First Annual Meeting of
THE PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

in cooperation with the

Federation of Historical Societies

and the

Pennsylvania State Historical Commission

at

LEHIGH UNIVERSITY
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY
April 28 - 29, 1933

THE PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

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PROGRAM

FRIDAY, APRIL 28

2:00 P. M. — Packard Auditorium, Lehigh University.

Dr. John Baer Stoudt, *Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Huguenot Society of Pennsylvania and Historian-General of the Huguenot Society in America*, Presiding.

Paper: PRESENT RESEARCH PROJECTS IN THE FIELD OF PENNSYLVANIA HISTORY. Dr. Paul W. Gates, *Professor of History, Bucknell University*.

Paper: CHIEF JUSTICE WILLIAM ALLEN. Miss Ruth Kistler, *History Teacher, Allentown High School*.

Paper: ALBERT GALLATIN IN WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA POLITICS. Dr. Russell J. Ferguson, *Associate Professor of History, University of Pittsburgh, and Research Associate of the Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey*.

Discussion.

5:00 P. M. — Packer Memorial University Church.

VESPER ORGAN RECITAL. Selections from Bach. Mr. T. Edgar Shields, A. A. G. O., *Lehigh University Organist*.

7:00 P. M. — Hotel Bethlehem. Ball Room. FORMAL DINNER.

Hon. A. Boyd Hamilton, *President of the Pennsylvania Historical Association*, Presiding.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME. Dr. Charles Russ Richards, *President of Lehigh University*.

Address: Dr. Dixon Ryan Fox, *Professor of History, Columbia University and President of the New York Historical Association*.

THE PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

BETHLEHEM, APRIL 28 -29, 1933

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*To Those Interested in
Promoting the Study of Pennsylvania History*

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As a result of two conferences at State College in 1932 held in coöperation with the State Historical Commission and the Pennsylvania Federation of Historical Societies and attended by many of the leading workers in the field of Pennsylvania history, it has been decided to create a permanent organization to be known as THE PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION. This will, it is believed, fill a long-felt need; for, up to the present, unfortunately there has existed within our Commonwealth no single body prepared to undertake effectively the task of coördinating, supplementing, and promoting in general the scholarly activities of all of those interested in its history. In other words, the Pennsylvania Historical Association is expected to stand in the same happy relation to workers in Pennsylvania history as does the American Historical Association to those in the larger field of American history, not only in upholding the same high standards of performance but in providing eventually various media for disseminating the results of investigation. This new instrumentality is, therefore, designed to bring together into a fellowship of common interest and effort all who are seeking to promote these important ends.

With the above purpose in mind, the Committee on General Arrangements for the first annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Historical Association extends to you a most cordial invitation to be present on this occasion and to participate as a charter member in the adoption of a permanent constitution and in the selection of officers for the ensuing year.

PLACE AND TIME OF THE SESSIONS

The Pennsylvania Historical Association will convene at Lehigh University in the city of Bethlehem on Friday, April 28. The first session, which will be devoted to the reading of papers, will be at 2 p. m. in the Auditorium of the James Ward Packard Laboratory, to be followed by a brief organ recital in the Packer Memorial University Church. In the evening a formal Association dinner will be served at the Hotel Bethlehem. Saturday morning there will take place in the Packard Auditorium a business meeting at which a constitution will be adopted, following which there will be another session devoted to the reading of papers. At noon a luncheon will be served in the old Sun Inn, famous as a hostelry in colonial days. For the afternoon a historical pilgrimage has been arranged which will terminate for supper and an address in the building commandeered by General Washington for use as an army hospital during the Revolutionary War and now occupied

by the Moravian Seminary and College for Women. Finally, Saturday evening the choir of the Central Moravian Church will present for the members of the Association a program of anthems composed during the eighteenth as well as the early part of the nineteenth century by Bethlehem musicians.

The city of Bethlehem, founded in 1741 by the Moravians, well known for its love of good music, its educational institutions, and its great steel industry, is served by the Lehigh Valley, the Reading, and the New Jersey Central railroads, the Greyhound and Reading Railroad bus lines, and an interurban trolley system. It can also be reached by automobile from all parts of the State over well-developed highways. Lehigh University located on South Mountain is very accessible. Not only does it possess a campus of striking beauty but its library contains rare historical materials, including an important Civil War collection of newspapers and pamphlets.

REGISTRATION

All persons planning to attend the meeting of the Association are requested to register in the lobby of the Packard Laboratory of Lehigh University. The registration desk will be open from 1 to 6 p. m. on Friday, April 28, and from 9 to 12 a. m. on Saturday, April 29. For those arriving too late to register on Friday afternoon, facilities will also be provided for registration at the Hotel Bethlehem. The registration fee will be one dollar.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Those attending the meeting of the Association can be accommodated at the Hotel Bethlehem, a modern caravansary, or at the old colonial Sun Inn. Please write for reservations.

The rates at the Hotel Bethlehem are: for single room with bath, \$2.00; for double room with bath, \$1.50 to \$2.00; for single room with hot and cold water, \$1.50; for double room with hot and cold water, \$1.25.

The rates at the Sun Inn range from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per room, with hot and cold water in each room and with showers and tub baths conveniently located on each floor.

Those desiring to stop in Allentown, which all but joins Bethlehem to the west, can secure adequate accommodations at the Americus Hotel, the Hotel Traylor, or the Hotel Allen.

The dinner at the Hotel Bethlehem will be \$1.25 per plate, the luncheon at the Sun Inn, 75c per plate, and the supper at the Moravian College for Women, 50c per plate.

NOTICE

Please address all inquiries regarding arrangements for the meeting of the Association to Lawrence H. Gipson, Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa.

SATURDAY, APRIL 29

9:30 A. M. — Packard Auditorium, Lehigh University.

Mr. Ross Pier Wright, *State Historical Commission, Erie*, Presiding.

Paper: EARLY COAL MINING IN PENNSYLVANIA WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO SCHUYLKILL COUNTY. Mr. W. A. Itter, *Department of History, University of Pennsylvania.*

Paper: SOME OF THE MANUSCRIPT RESOURCES OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA. Mr. Ernest Spofford, *Librarian of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania.*

11:00 A. M. — Packard Auditorium.

Hon. A. Boyd Hamilton, *President of the Pennsylvania Historical Association*, Presiding.

BUSINESS MEETING. Report of the Committee on a Permanent Constitution. Election of Officers.

1:00 P. M. — LUNCHEON. Sun Inn.

Mr. A. Dwight Chidsey, *Past President of the Northampton County Historical Society*, Presiding.

Address: MEMOIRS OF THE SUN INN. Mrs. J. Upton Myers, *Vice-President of the Northampton County Historical Society.*

2:30 P. M. — *Historical Pilgrimage.* Visit to the Treasure Room and Art Gallery, Lehigh University Library; the Moravian Archives, the Moravian Buildings, D. A. R. Home, Bethlehem; and Trout Hall, Allentown. This will be in charge of Mr. Howard S. Leach, Dr. Paul deSchweinitz, Dr. A. N. Schwarze, and Mr. Charles S. Roberts.

6:30 P. M. — OLD MORAVIAN SUPPER. Moravian College for Women.

Miss Frances Dorrance, *Director of the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society*, Presiding.

Address: THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY MORAVIAN ECONOMY AT BETHLEHEM. Dr. W. N. Schwarze, *President of the Moravian College and Theological Seminary and President of the Moravian Historical Society.*

8:15 P. M. — Central Moravian Church.

MUSICAL SERVICE. Anthems Composed by Bethlehem Musicians. The Central Moravian Choir under the direction of Dr. Albert G. Rau, *Dean of Moravian College and Theological Seminary and Vice-President of the Moravian Historical Society.*

COMMITTEE ON A PERMANENT CONSTITUTION

Solon J. Buck, *Department of History, University of Pittsburgh and Director of the Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey*, Chairman.

Frances Dorrance, *Second Vice-President of the Pennsylvania Historical Commission and Director of the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society.*

W. F. Dunaway, *Department of History, Pennsylvania State College.*

Paul W. Gates, *Department of History, Bucknell University.*

A. Boyd Hamilton, *President of the Pennsylvania Federation of Historical Societies.*

Roy F. Nichols, *Department of History, University of Pennsylvania.*

Ernest Spofford, *Librarian, The Historical Society of Pennsylvania.*

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C. M. Sullivan, *Department of History, Lock Haven State Teachers College*.
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For the Northampton County Historical and Geological Society

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For the Lehigh County Historical Society

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July 24, 1935.

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

Dear Buck:

For many reasons, I should congratulate you heartily and I do, but it is a matter of great personal regret to me that you are leaving the state. Our association has been very pleasant and you have done a great deal for the cause of history within our borders. It was also pleasant to meet you now and then at various historical gatherings. My two visits to Pittsburgh this past year were particularly pleasant because you were there. So far as the latter is concerned, I am in Washington very frequently and consequently will have the pleasure of continuing our pleasant meetings, but I fear I see the handwriting on the wall when it comes to the affairs of the Pennsylvania Historical Association. I do hope that you will in some way manage to keep a little time for this particular interest.

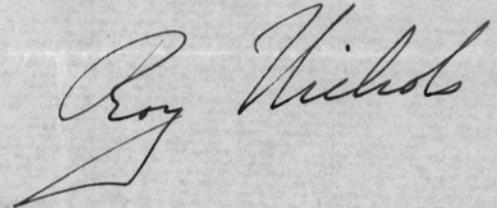
I was glad to have your letter with suggestions for the fall meeting. What we would like from Pittsburgh is to have one of your associates give a paper upon the part played by Pennsylvania in the making and the adoption of the Constitution. As the title indicates, this would not be a research paper, but a popular presentation which would serve to introduce the consideration of the coming anniversary in 1937. Personally, I would like to have William J. Martin do this. Do you think that he would undertake it? It ought not to be a long job, just a question of giving an interesting presentation.

I hope now that you can speak of your own plans more freely and let me know how long it will be before you expect to leave for Washington permanently.

In a recent talk with Bining, he expressed himself as feeling that he could not continue to edit Pennsylvania History much longer. This too is a sad blow. Have you any suggestions for a successor?

I shall be here until the 7th of August when we are leaving for a few weeks in Mexico. I shall look forward to hearing from you shortly. Please offer Mrs. Buck my congratulations upon this new venture. I am sure that you will have a great opportunity and in addition a much pleasanter time than perhaps you have enjoyed in Pittsburgh.

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Roy Nichols". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Roy Nichols".

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LEWISBURG, PENNA.

DIVISION OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

2444-39th St., N.W.,
Washington, D.C.
July 30, 1935.

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

I wish to congratulate you on your appointment to the National Archives. It was with no great feeling of surprise that I read of the appointment but rather of regret that it would take you out of Pennsylvania.

I hope it will be possible for you to keep up your connection with the Pennsylvania Historical Association for I feel that we are going to need your assistance as much in the future as in the past. Dr. Bining has probably told you that he feels he must resign in order to give more time to his own writing. This, I feel, is most unfortunate for it is going to be difficult to secure a man who will give as much time and care to the task as he has done.

Our membership activities seem to be lagging this summer. I have been unable to devote much time to the problem, Miss Dorrance is tied down with troubles of her own in Wilkes-Barre, and others are busy. If, as the result of your work, we can secure a number of additional institutional memberships from outside of the State they will be much surer than some of the summer school members who seem to pay for the first year and nothing further.

I am wondering if you are in Washington already.

Sincerely yours,
Paul W. Gates
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August 5, 1935

Dr. Paul W. Gates
2444 - 39th Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Gates:

Thank you very much for your congratulations. I have spent two days with the staff of the National Archives in Washington and I am sure that I am going to enjoy my work there very much. I have rented a house in Chevy Chase, D. C., on Twenty-eighth Street, near the Military Road, and we expect to move to Washington on September first. If you are still there, I hope that we will have an opportunity to see you and your family.

I shall, of course, retain my membership and interest in the Pennsylvania Historical Association. It is much to be regretted that Bining feels that he must resign, and I wish that influence could be brought to bear upon him to persuade him to continue. I feel guilty about the matter of obtaining subscriptions to the magazine, but I have been so crowded with work that it has been impossible for me to do anything about it. I still expect, however, to make up a list of people in institutions that are not receiving and ought to receive the magazine to whom form letters can be sent over my name. If you or Bining could supply me with a statement about the magazine for enclosure, that would help materially. I suppose I should use Bining's special magazine stationery. Can you supply me with some, or have him do so? Also, where do I get envelopes and postage? There are about thirty-five institutions in the list that I plan to cover.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Back

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Pa. West down

August 5, 1935

Dr. Roy F. Nichols
History Department
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Nichols:

Your letter of July 24 was received just as I was leaving for Washington to attend a staff meeting at the Archives and to look for a house. Hence, my delay in replying. I hope that this reaches you before your departure.

My appointment has been confirmed and the commission issued. I expect to begin the work in Washington about September first, but I hope to get in a vacation of some two weeks before I leave. I shall, of course, be very busy trying to wind things up.

Your kind words about my departure from Pennsylvania are much appreciated and I assure you that I shall not lose interest in the state and especially in the Pennsylvania Historical Association. I have not said anything to Martin about the paper that you would like to have him prepare, but I think he would probably do it, and I suggest that you write and ask him to. I am very sorry to learn that Bining thinks he must retire as editor of the magazine. Couldn't you arrange to relieve him of some of his University work to compensate him for the time put in on the magazine? It seems to me that it is a credit to the University of Pennsylvania to have this magazine edited by a member of its staff. I am afraid I haven't any good suggestions for a successor. Certainly there is no one here that I could recommend. Probably Gates could do it; he has lots of energy and enthusiasm. But we ought not to ask the same man to serve as secretary and as editor. I suppose Garrison would be a possibility.

I assume that you and Mrs. Nichols will be in Washington occasionally and when you are I hope that you will get in touch with us.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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