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59 Carmine Street,  
New York City.  
January 27, 1934.

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

I am sending off today an application to the American-Scandinavian Foundation, for a Fellowship (\$1,000. stipend) for the year 1934-1935. I have outlined in that application a plan of study on "The Background of Danish Immigration to America in the Nineteenth Century". As you know, although there have been a number of scholarly publications in the fields of Norwegian and Swedish immigration, relatively little has been produced on Danish immigration. This large gap in the history of Scandinavian immigration needs to be filled. In the course of the past year, I have investigated the Danish field in connection with an article, just completed, for the Michigan Historical Commission, on the Scandinavians in Michigan. The materials are very inadequate, and the published studies are almost all antiquarian and what Dr. Jameson has called filio-pietistic in character. The outstanding need in the field of Scandinavian immigration at present is a study of Danish immigration, and I should like to be permitted to do that study. I would hope to be able to produce as thorough a study of the background of Danish immigration as Dr. Blegen has produced on Norwegian immigration.

Although the size of the Fellowship is obviously inadequate for a year's study abroad, I shall be able to arrange supplementary funds sufficient to enable me to spend a year or eighteen months in Denmark. I feel that it would be a good investment, and that the next year would be a logical one for me to go. I am pressing forward with all speed on my dissertation and I hope to have it completed in time to get my degree this spring.

4 / You were kind enough to support my application of last year and I would be deeply grateful indeed if you could find it possible to support this year's application as well. Your letter may be addressed to The American-Scandinavian Foundation, Mr. Neilson Abeel, Secretary, 116 East 64th Street, New York City.

Respectfully yours,

*Carlton C. Qualey*  
Carlton C. Qualey

February 6, 1934

Mr. Carlton C. Qualey,  
59 Carmine Street,  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Qualey:

Your letter of January 27 was duly received but because of an absence from the city I have not been able to write the letter to the American Scandinavian Foundation until today. I have now written as strong a letter as I know how to and I very much hope that you receive the appointment. It seems to me that your project is a logical and timely one. Let me know the outcome.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

59 Carmine Street,  
New York City.  
April 23, 1934.

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

It is with regret that I must inform you that the American-Scandinavian fellowship did not materialize. I had been rather encouraged in my hopes for a fellowship by the Secretary of the Foundation, but aside from that and the prolonged delay in making notification, I can of course make no complaints. Doubtless there were numerous applicants, and the decision of the committee was perhaps merely in line with the general policy of the Foundation to foster better relations between the Scandinavian peoples and "Americans". I thank you most sincerely for your generous support of my application.

It is my expectation that I shall be appointed within ten days to a position in connection with preliminary investigations for the administration of the new archives building, under the agency administering the building, the Office of National Parks, Buildings, and Reservations. In view of the extremely uncertain academic outlook as far as a good position is concerned, I feel that I am well-advised to take advantage of the archives situation in Washington. I will be in position to secure a permanent appointment on the staff when and if legislation is passed - which is uncertain at this writing - and in any case if the building is administrated permanently by the Director of Buildings office. I shall also be in a position to be released to take advantage of an academic position, the appointment being under Public Works funds and thus relatively temporary. I have talked with Dr. Greene, Mr. Nevins, and Dr. Martin about the situation, and they thought I would be in a rather strategic position generally and would at the same time be earning a good salary and learning much about archival problems. My dissertation is so far advanced that I may be able to come up for examination before the end of the present term, more likely, however, in October or November and then certainly. I will have a study room in the Library of Congress and sufficient time to myself to make regular and rapid progress on my personal researches. I will also not be too far distant from Columbia University and contact with Professors Greene and Nevins, and the appointments bureau which has been most kind. My wife will remain in New York for the time being, but will undoubtedly follow to Washington later, unless a good academic appointment somewhere materializes. To date none such have appeared on the horizon, much as I should like one to do so. The archives situation is promising, however, and one could not ask a better city to work in than Washington.

My dissertation was delayed somewhat by a fifty page article I did on the Fox River settlement for the Journal of the Illinois Historical Society, but it has been coming along rapidly. I had hoped to get it done in time for the June commencement, but that seems impossible now. The study will improve by revision in some parts I know, and I will have a better draft to turn in in October.

Hoping that you and your family have been well through this past long winter, I remain

Respectfully yours,

*Barton C. Qualery*

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4360 Center Avenue  
Pittsburgh

April 28, 1934

Mr. Carlton C. Qualey,  
59 Carmine Street,  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Qualey:

I am sorry that you did not get the fellowship but I am not at all sure that the Washington position may not be more advantageous for you in the long run.

As you doubtless know, I have been very much interested in archives problems for many years and I have watched with much satisfaction the slow but certain approach to some attempt at the solution of these problems so far as they concern the national archives. I was very glad to learn from your letter that preliminary investigations are being undertaken with reference to the administration of the new buildings and also that they are in such good hands as the Office of National Parks, Buildings and Reservations. One of the members of my staff returned from a trip to Washington recently with a copy of the Bloom bill for setting up an archives administration, which has passed the House and, he was told, is likely to pass the Senate. I understand that there is some opposition to the bill, because it sets up a commission composed of representatives of the executive department and of Congress instead of giving a completely free hand to the archivist, and that another bill has been introduced of a somewhat different character.

If you do go to Washington, I shall appreciate any information that you can give me with reference to developments, present or prospective. The Bloom bill provides for the appointment of the archivist by the President and I presume that will be the final arrangement. I am wondering, however, with whom he will be likely to advise in the matter and whether the appointment will be made on a political or a professional basis.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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3029 Q Street N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.  
May 9, 1934.

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

Thank you for your letter. I arrived in Washington last Monday night and have now spent two days on the Federal payroll. I sincerely hope that I shall be able to secure a more permanent appointment in some university or college, or on the staff of the new archives building within this year, but until then I shall be earning some money, gaining valuable experience, and getting a good bit of personal writing done. I am living with my uncle-in-law, with roomy quarters on the third floor. I have had most of my Scandinavian material shipped down, and may be found at the above address almost every evening hereafter. Next Monday evening I shall attend the dinner and program of the Agricultural History Society with Mr. Paul Gates.

As to the Archives situation, Dr. Martin informed me today that Senator Fess wished to make some amendments to Senator McKellar's bill. The Sol Bloom bill is apparently not to be passed by the Senate but some compromise version of the McKellar bill may get through. Rumors of all kinds are current as to who will be the archivist, with prominent mention of such men as Dr. Martin, Mr. Carter of the State Department, Dunbar Roland (sp?) of Mississippi, Mr. Fitzpatrick, and yourself. With no desire to flatter, I feel that the interests of the historical profession would be best served if you were prevailed upon to undertake the position. President Roosevelt's appointments have been fairly intelligent to date. I sincerely hope that he will not go astray on this appointment. But no legislation has been enacted as yet, and until a law is passed or an executive order is issued, nothing definite can be reported.

I had a long and interesting conversation with Mr. Paul Gates today, and I shall meet Mr. Edwards of the Agriculture Department through him at a Brookings Institution lecture Friday evening. There is a small group of research men who get together, apparently, using Brookings lectures as occasions. The Agricultural History Society should prove interesting as well.

If you should come to Washington, you can reach me either at the above address (Potomac 3010) or the Interior Building (District 1820, Ext. 217).

Very sincerely yours,

*Carlton C. Qualey*  
Carlton C. Qualey

JUN 6 1934

59 Carmine Street,  
New York City.  
June 5, 1934.

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

As a result of catching a bad cold while on a field trip to the Virginia Peninsula two weekends previous to the last one, I was brought down with an attack of tonsillitis, with accompanying high fever that sapped my reserves. Our physician tells me that I must have used up my reserves before I caught the cold, for I should have been able to throw off the cold without letting it develop into tonsillitis. I have never been ill since childhood and this present experience has caused me to pause a bit to consider. It has been strongly urged that I do not return to Washington, or, if I do, not to try to do both a job and my own writing. Inasmuch as the latter is more important to me than the former, I have concluded to leave the National Park Service. There are other considerations as well. The archives work that I expected to be assigned to has not materialized, and weekend field trips have seriously intruded upon time that I expected to have to myself.. Generally speaking, it seems to me wise to take this opportunity to withdraw. My wife insists that I shall take some vacation this summer and perhaps it would be wise. I have set a deadline for my big dissertation at early fall, and if I am to have no time to myself, I may as well withdraw from my Washington position while there is still time.

As to the archives situation, it is apparent that no legislation will be passed this session. The President is much interested, I know, and may appoint an archivist by Executive Order. It is also proposed to set up an Assistant Director of Archives and Historic Sites under the Interior Department, National Parks office but I do not know how far that will go. In fact, it is not supposed to be generally known. I rather feel that the President will have sufficient interest in the situation to appoint someone who at least has some archives background. If the American Historical Association were active at this moment, an Executive Order setting up an administrative staff for the new building might be proposed to the President. Perhaps Dr. Jameson or Dr. Martin are doing this very thing.

Although the historical work being done in the National Park Service is interesting and varied, it is scarcely of academic stature, and I would not have taken this position had it not been for the archives possibilities. My present experience with illness has perhaps not been too unfortunate in the long run.

Please give my best regards to Mrs. Buck.

Respectfully yours,

Barton C. Qualey

June 6, 1934

Mr. Carlton C. Qualey,  
59 Carmine Street,  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Qualey:

Your letter of June 5 reaches me just after I had mailed a letter to you in Washington, which you will doubtless receive in the course of time. I was very sorry to learn of your illness and I think that you are wise to give up the Washington work and get some vacation. I know what it is to exhaust one's reserve. Despite the present pressure for jobs, I do not think that you have any occasion to worry about getting a position after you have completed your thesis and taken your degree.

I understand that the executive committee of the American Historical Association was planning to consider the archives situation at a meeting a week or two ago but I have heard nothing as to what action it may have taken. Dr. Leland writes me that Dr. Jameson and Dr. Putnam of the Library of Congress are giving the matter careful attention. It seems to me that by a mobilization of the historical interests of the country early in the session, it would have been possible to have brought about the enactment of satisfactory archives legislation. No one likes to interfere, however, when Dr. Jameson is supposed to be on the job.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

59 Carmine Street,  
New York City.  
June 9, 1934.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,  
4063 Center Avenue,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Dr. Buck:

Your first letter was awaiting me in Washington on my arrival Thursday, and the second was here when I returned yesterday evening. I appreciated them both so very much. I shall be most interested to see the published copy of your study on "The Planting of Civilization in Western Pennsylvania", and I hope that you will have enough time this summer to devote to it.

While in Washington to gather up my clothes and papers, I called on Dr. Martin briefly, and learned that the archives bill (the one that you described in your letter) is within twenty-nine bills of consideration on the Senate calendar, with a good chance that it will come up Monday next. At the last calendar bill session, over two hundred bills were rushed through. If no one objects, the bill may yet become law. Even though no act is passed, I feel confident that no Presidential Order will go through without Dr. Jameson's knowledge. Generally speaking, I felt rather relieved to know that there was a possibility yet of a law being passed, for the proposed administrative plan for the building under the National Park Service, which may not go farther than a proposal, would not seem to be the best plan. It is possible too that if no act is passed now, the President may regard the administrative act as the province of Congress and allow it to go over until next session. As I understand it, the building will be ready by December this year, but the stack contract is separate and there may be considerable delay before the building is ready for occupancy.

Meanwhile, I have turned, or returned after a very brief excursion, definitely to the academic field, and as previously indicated shall have my study done by early fall at latest. Although the academic field is not encouraging, there must turn up some positions and I shall hope to secure an interesting appointment.

My wife's vacation comes August 20 to September 17, and we shall spend it at "Abenaki" on Silver Lake, N.H. Should you and your family ever wander that far north this summer, or any summer, you will be more than welcome to occupy the ample cottage whether we are there or not.

Very sincerely yours,

*Carlton C. Qualey*  
Carlton C. Qualey

59 Carmine Street,  
New York City.  
June 22, 1934.

Dr. Solon J. Buck,  
4063 Center Avenue,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Dr. Buck:

In the event that you have not been informed, I thought you might be interested to know that the National Archives bill was passed and will presumably soon have the signature of the President. The bill passed is evidently the one sent to you by Dr. Carter.

Although the permanent appointee must be confirmed by the Senate, a recess appointment is possible and desirable. Whether or not the President takes action in this matter before his departure for Hawaii would seem to depend largely upon the pressure brought to bear upon him. With such a mass of legislation before him, it is probable that he will do nothing about the archives matter until his return.

In a previous letter you stated that certain others seemed to have the inside track to appointment. It is true that Dr. Martin has been active. It is also unfortunately true that the seventy year old Dunbar Rowland has been campaigning. Doubtless a host of candidates will appear. Nevertheless, I feel - and others with me I know - that no better head for the new National Archives Building could be found than yourself, and I do not think the other candidates have so much of a grip on the inside track as might be supposed.

Respectfully yours,

*Carlton C. Qualey*  
Carlton C. Qualey

*Quaid June 23.*

59 Carmine Street,  
New York City.  
July 21, 1934.

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

Your letter of July 17th reached me at Cambridge on my way back from two weeks at Silver Lake, N.H. I feel completely recovered from the after-effects of my illness earlier this summer.

I was very much interested in the action of the executive committee of the American Historical Association, and I regret very much that you feel that you should withdraw. As you know, Dr. Blegen has been active in support of your candidature, and through him others presumably. However, I shall of course respect your wishes. I do not know Mr. Connor but if you think well of him I am sure he is an able man.

It has been the good fortune of my wife and myself to be presented with the price of a trip to Norway during my wife's vacation, leaving on the "Kungsholm" August 18th and returning here September 20th, including in our itinerary Gothenburg, Oslo, Bergen, and some smaller towns in Norway. Mrs. Cummings has been urging upon us this trip for the past year but we have hesitated because of my work and the possibility that it might be better to go next summer. We find, however, that the sailing dates coincide splendidly with Elizabeth's vacation this year, and we feel that we had better take advantage of this opportunity while we are still somewhat "foot-loose". Dr. Blegen will furnish letters of introduction to various persons that I should know, as will others among the middle western Norwegians of my acquaintance.

Thank you for your note as to my Fox River article. I accomplished a good bit of work in the country, and, if this heat does not become too bad, I shall expect to have my dissertation at a very advanced stage before our departure. My only regret in connection with this trip is that I will have no time for any work in Oslo and other points. However, I shall hope to have the opportunity to spend a year over there later - and perhaps my time will be more profitably spent at a later date. We are naturally becoming quite excited about the trip and we hope that we will be blessed with good weather and freedom from sea-sickness.

Sincerely yours,

*Carlton C. Qualey*  
Carlton C. Qualey

59 Carmine Street,  
New York City.  
October 26, 1934.

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

Thank you for your letter of October 24th. I was very glad to be able to do the service you requested, and enjoyed the contact with Mr. Gabriel Wells.

As indicated in the enclosed inventory, the information you seek regarding the Brodhead expedition against the Delaware Indians in May 1781 is not available in the letterbook I examined. However, in view of the fact that your Society may consider acquiring the letterbook, and in order to give you some idea of its contents in case you should have use for other materials in it, I took a little extra time and inventoried the contents of the letterbook. I enclose a copy of the inventory. I have gone over it as carefully as possible for errors of spelling. There may be typographical errors, however.

Mr. Wells was naturally anxious that I recommend to you that you purchase the book, but I told him I would merely tell you the contents of the letterbook. It seems he has come down from \$1,900. to \$1,750. Being inexperienced in such matters, I thought the price absurdly exorbitant, but I cannot say as to that. It was suggested by Mr. Wells's assistant, Mr. Royce, that Miss Helen Frick might purchase it for your Society. Generally speaking, I was very well received and was interested in their business. I was much interested to learn that they owned the Herndon papers and that these papers had been consulted very little to date except by one or two persons. What their actual value is I cannot say, of course. It seems Mr. Wells wishes to sell them to the Federal government.

yesterday

I had my last appointment with the surgeon who removed my tonsils, and feel very much relieved to be rid of the troublesome things.

Following the announcement of the appointment of Professor R.D.W. Connor as National Archivist, I submitted my application to him for one of the executive assistantships, but have received no reply as yet. I took the liberty of mentioning your name as a reference, and I should deeply appreciate your support if he should interest himself in my application. He, of course, knows nothing about me. Professor Greene tells me that he is a very capable man. Until I hear from him, however, I do not deem it proper for me to request anyone to write to him in my behalf.

Although I shall hope to hear from you before December 27th, I shall certainly look forward to seeing you in Washington at that time.

Respectfully yours,

*Carlton C. Qualey*  
Carlton C. Qualey

November 1, 1934

Mr. Carlton C. Qualey  
59 Carmine Street  
New York City

Dear Qualey:

You certainly did a very excellent job with the Brodhead letter-book and we are very much indebted to you. The calendar of the letters that you prepared enabled us to check with the printed version of part of the letters in The Olden Time. It is now certain that the editor of The Olden Time had this letter-book in his possession and made his selections from it. He printed only about one-third of the letters but it appears that on the whole he selected the more important ones. It is obvious, however, that he made some mistakes in dates, and probably there are other errors. We would very much like, of course, to have the letter-book or a photographic reproduction of it but we haven't \$1750 to spend for it and if we had, we would use the money for other purposes. Moreover, I would not be willing to ask Miss Frick or anyone else to pay so large a sum for this letter-book. I shall write to Mr. Wells, of course, and thank him for permitting you to use the book.

I think your procedure with reference to a possible position in the new archives set-up is the correct one. Connor will undoubtedly be swamped with applications. To people who have asked me to recommend them to him I have stated that they might use my name in applying but that I preferred to volunteer no recommendations. Of course, if Connor asks me for my opinion about anyone, I shall give it to him, or if he asks for suggestions for any particular type of position I shall be glad to make them. I very much hope that you succeed in landing a satisfactory position, either there or elsewhere.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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59 Carmine Street,  
New York City.  
February 25, 1935.

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

Dear Dr. Buck:

Having received a letter from the office of the National Archivist indicating that it would be proper and advisable to request that letters of recommendation be sent in support of my application for an appointment to the staff of the National Archives, I wonder if you could find it possible and convenient to write to Dr. R.D.W. Connor, Archivist of the United States, The National Archives, Washington, D.C. in my behalf. I should greatly appreciate the favor.

Completion of my doctorate at Columbia University now waits upon the question of publication by the Norwegian-American Historical Association of my dissertation, a question to be decided about April 29th, favorably I have reason to hope.

It was a great pleasure to see you again at the convention in Washington!

Respectfully yours,

*Carlton C. Qualey*  
Carlton C. Qualey

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Mr. Carlton C. Qualey  
59 Carmine Street  
New York City

Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania  
Pittsburgh (15), Pa.      March 1, 1935

Dear Qualey:

I have written a letter as requested in your letter  
of February 25. Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Walter J. Ruck

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND SOCIAL SCIENCE  
HOPE COLLEGE, HOLLAND, MICHIGAN

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OCT 19 1934

October 17, 1934

Dr. Solon J Buck  
University of Pittsburg  
Pittsburg, Penna.

Dear Dr. Buck;

You will possibly remember that I was a student with you in Harvard several summers ago and that after having your course there you were kind enough to recommend me for a summer scholarship the following summer. I received that scholarship, as I felt largely on your recommendation, and took work at that time under Dr. Dexter Perkins. Since that time I have been unable to take any further work. It seems possible at the present time however that I shall be able to get a leave from my teaching next year and hope to get in a year of residence toward my Ph. D.

I will need some financial assistance and hope to be able to get a Graduate appointment that will give some remuneration. I should be very glad to receive any suggestions which you might be able to give me. I hope that I may be able to use your name as a reference in making any applications for scholarships or fellowships at various Graduate Schools. I hold my A. B. and A. M. degrees from the University of Nebraska and have had some thirty-six weeks of Graduate work beyond my M. A. work. If there is any possibility of doing work with you in Pittsburg I should be happy as some phase of the Westward Movement is what I desire to do my work in. I will complete my tenth year as Professor of History here this year and am at present thirty-six years old.

I will deeply appreciate anything which you are able to do for me and trust that I will not be asking too much in requesting your recommendation.

Yours very truly,

Prof. Bruce M. Raymond

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October 23, 1934

Professor Bruce M. Raymond  
Department of History and Social Science  
Hope College  
Holland, Michigan

Dear Mr. Raymond:

I was glad to learn from your letter of October 17 that you are planning to continue your work for the Ph. D. degree and I hope that you succeed in getting a satisfactory appointment. I shall, of course, be glad to have you use my name as a reference and to answer any inquiries that I may receive, although of course I cannot say anything about your work during recent years.

The situation here is such that I do not think there would be any prospect of your getting an appointment for next year. The department of history in the University has no fellowships or scholarships and while some use is made of graduate assistants, there is no need for them at present in American history. As for the Survey, I do not think that there are likely to be any vacancies to be filled next year.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY AND SOCIAL SCIENCE  
HOPE COLLEGE, HOLLAND, MICHIGAN

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December 12, 1934

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

Dear Dr. Buck;

I have reason to believe that I have a good chance to receive a Graduate appointment at the University of Nebraska for next year. I have listed your name as one who can tell something of my ability to do graduate work. Will you be so kind as to write Dean Oldfather a letter of recommendation for me.

I may call on you for other letters as I am making some other applications but at present this one looks the most favorable. I hesitate to put you to this trouble but you may be assured that I will deeply appreciate anything you can do for me and that I will do my best to merit your recommendation.

Sincerely yours,

*B. M. Raymond*  
B. M. Raymond.

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Professor B. M. Raymond  
Dept. of History and Social Science  
Hope College, Holland, Michigan

Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania  
Pittsburgh, Pa. 12/20/34

Dear Mr. Raymond:

This is to let you know that I have written the letter  
to Dean Oldfather as requested in your letter of Dec-  
ember 12.

With best wishes,

Solon J. Buck

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December 20, 1934

Dean Charles H. Oldfather  
University of Nebraska  
Lincoln, Nebraska

Dear Dean Oldfather:

Professor Bruce M. Raymond of Hope College has asked me to write you concerning his qualifications for a graduate appointment in the University of Nebraska. As I have not seen Mr. Raymond since he took work with me at Harvard in the summer session of 1926, perhaps the best thing I can do is to send you a copy of a statement that I wrote when he was applying for a scholarship at Harvard the following year. Here it is:

"Mr. Bruce M. Raymond, professor of history in Hope College, Michigan, was a student in my advanced course in history in the Harvard Summer School last year and did excellent work. He impresses me as having exceptional ability and an agreeable personality, and I take pleasure in recommending him for a summer scholarship."

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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Department of Justice,  
Washington,

January 1, 1934.

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

Dear Professor Buck:

I am trying to locate descriptions of the interior of the State House at Philadelphia written between 1775 and 1805. I suppose that such descriptions might be found in the writings of travellers and diarists. Professor Bemis tells me that you are preparing a bibliography which might furnish clues to the material sought.

I should greatly appreciate any help that you might give me in this matter. I have read the writings of Manasseh Cutler, Jacob Hiltzheimer and Christopher Marshall, but they do not supply all of the information which I need.

Very truly yours,

*Robert P. Reader*

4338 Bigelow Boulevard,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

January 3, 1934

Mr. Robert P. Reeder,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Reeder:

Upon receipt of your letter of January 1st, I ran through the completed part of the Travel Bibliography for the period, 1775-1805, and jotted down the accompanying list of works that might possibly contain the information that you desire. My notes on these works are not sufficiently detailed to enable me to tell whether or not they would be useful to you. All of them, except the two marked with stars, are available in the Library of Congress. The last item I happen to have at hand and a cursory examination of it shows that it contains an account of a meeting of the legislature but apparently not much about the appearance of the interior of the State House.

I would suggest that, unless you have already done so, you present your problem to Mr. Ernest Spofford, Librarian of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, 1300 Locust Street, Philadelphia.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

JAN 8 1934

Department of Justice,  
Washington,

RPR:vb

January 5, 1934

Professor Solon J. Buck  
4338 Bigelow Boulevard  
Pittsburgh  
Pennsylvania

Dear Professor Buck:

I thank you most heartily for the Travel Bibliography which you have just sent me. I feel sure that if the travelers between 1775 and 1805 said anything upon the subject in which I am interested it will be found in the books to which you have referred me.

Sincerely yours,

*Robert A. Reeder*

THE RHINOCEROI CLUB

FEB 5 1934

February 3, 1934

The Rhinoceroi Club will meet  
Tuesday, February 6 at 8:00 o'clock in  
the Faculty Club Rooms of the Hotel  
Schenley.

Dr. L. L. Nettleton will speak  
on Oil: Where It Comes From and How We  
Get It.

Elmer Hutchisson  
Secretary

*Calendar  
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THE RHINOCEROI SOCIETY

The Rhinoceroi Society will meet at  
8 P.M. Tuesday, March 6 in Room 200 at the  
Schenley Hotel. (One of the Faculty Club  
Rooms) Dr. Elmer Hutchisson will speak on  
Transmutation of Metals: Fact or Fancy?

Elmer Hutchisson  
Secretary

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THE RHINOCEROI CLUB

The final meeting of the Rhinoceroi for the year 1933-34 will be held Tuesday, May 8, at 8:00 P.M. in the Faculty Club rooms of the Hotel Schenley.

Dr. A. G. Worthing will deliver the retiring president's address. His subject will be:

The Expanding Universe

At this meeting, the election of officers for next year will be held.

E. Hatchisson  
Secretary

*This is the evening & time  
you have a dentist  
engagement.*

OCT 19 1934

Rhinoceros Club.

The first meeting of the year will be held on Tuesday , October 23rd at 8 P.M. in the Faculty Club rooms in the Hotel Schenley.

Dr. Frank F. Rupert will give a talk on "Silicosis". This is a disease caused by very finely powdered sand. Dr. Rupert has been making some investigations on this subject.

B.L. Souther

Secretary.

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January 12, 1934

Mr. Howard M. Chapin,  
Librarian, Rhode Island Historical Society,  
68 Waterman Street, Providence, R. I.

Dear Mr. Chapin:

Thank you very much for sending me the extra copies of your quarterly containing the "Adam and Eve". The extract makes an interesting little item and the advertisement that you appended to it adds materially to the interest.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

July 21, 1934

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
President of the United States  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

It is, as you of course realize, very important that the new position of Archivist of the United States be filled by a man of professional as well as executive ability. I understand that Dr. R. D. W. Connor, professor of history in the University of North Carolina, has been recommended to you for the position by a number of members of the historical profession, and I should like to join with them in urging his appointment. He is a man of high scholarship and great ability, and his former position as secretary of the North Carolina Historical Commission has given him valuable experience in executive and archival work.

I believe that a number of my friends in the profession have recommended me to you for the position. I do not desire, however, to be considered as a candidate in opposition to Dr. Connor.

Sincerely yours,

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

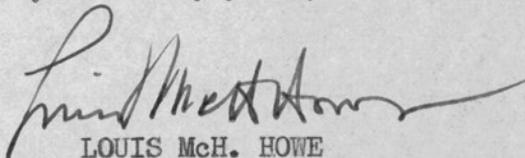
July 26, 1934.

My dear Mr. Buck:

Your letter of July twenty-first, regarding Dr. R. D. W. Connor, Professor of History at the University of North Carolina, who has been suggested for appointment as Archivist, has been received.

I shall be very glad to call it to the attention of the President when the matter of this appointment is taken up.

Very sincerely yours,



LOUIS McH. HOWE  
Secretary to the President

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

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August 2, 1935

The Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt  
President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

Recently I received from the Secretary of State my commission as director of publications in the National Archives, and I have duly acknowledged it to him. I desire, however, to express to you my deep appreciation of the confidence shown in me by this appointment. It will be an honor and a privilege to work with Dr. Connor in the development of the National Archives.

Very sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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## THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN

JOSEPH SCHAFER  
Superintendent

(TRUSTEE OF THE STATE)

MADISON

July 11<sup>th</sup> 1935

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My dear Dr. Buck:

Mrs. Kellogg has shown me your letter with its interesting news of your selection as editor for the Hall Archives. I want to congratulate you on the fine recognition implied in that appointment, and to bespeak for you a highly successful and happy career in the national capital. Let me say, also, that in view of the spirit revealed by certain much publicized episodes, I'm glad you are shaking the peculiarly foul dust of Pittsburgh from your feet. Washington will be an easier place to breathe.

With kind regards to yourself and to Mrs. Buck, I remain,

Sincerely yours,  
Joseph Schaffer

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**United States Senate**

COMMITTEE ON INTEROCEANIC CANALS

WASHINGTON, D.C.

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July 23, 1935.

Hon. Solon J. Buck  
Director of Publications  
The National Archives  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Buck,

I wish to congratulate you on your new position  
and I am sure your many friends in Minnesota join me in  
wishing you the best of luck in your new field of work.

Best wishes.

Cordially yours,

Thos D Schall

4360 Center Avenue  
Pittsburgh, Penna.

August 5, 1935

Hon. Thomas D. Schall  
United States Senate  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator:

It was kind of you to remember me and my Minnesota connections and to send me your congratulations on my appointment to the position of director of publications in the National Archives. I suspect that some of my Minnesota friends had a good deal to do with getting the appointment for me.

After I transfer to Washington, which will be about September first, I hope to have the opportunity to see you and some of the other Minnesotans in the capital.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

DSC

HARVARD UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY  
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

JAN 28 1935

415 Widener Library,  
January 25, 1935.

Dear Buck:

Thank you for sending me a re-  
print of the bits from the Boynton  
journal, which I shall at my first  
opportunity etc. etc. Seriously, my  
first glances at it show that I shall  
find much to interest me.

I am sorry we did not have a  
longer chance to talk in Washington.

Sincerely yours,

A. M. Schlesinger

Professor S. J. Buck,  
4338 Bigelow St.,  
Pittsburgh, Penn.

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HARVARD UNIVERSITY  
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY  
CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

415 Widener Library,  
July 16, 1935.

Dear Buck:

I was delighted to learn that you are to be appointed Director of Publications in the National Archives. Please accept my heartiest congratulations. My colleagues will feel about the matter just as I do.

With cordial regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

A. M. Schlesinger

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

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Chicago, Illinois,  
August 3rd, 1935.

Prof. Solon J. Buck,  
c/o Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania,  
Pittsburgh, Penna.

Dear Professor Solon:-

With the greatest of interest I read of your nomination to the position of director of publications of the National Archives at Washington. It is an honor that you fully deserve and a position that you can fill with great trustworthiness.

I hope you are in good health so that you can enter upon the work with your usual ambition.

Hoping also that your family are all well,

I remain,

Very sincerely yours,

*Otto L. Schmidt*

38 062  
S. Dearborn St  
Chicago

August 14, 1935

Dr. Otto L. Schmidt  
Room 1204, First National Bank Bldg.  
38 South Dearborn Street  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Schmidt:

I was delighted to hear from you again and to see your familiar signature on a letter. I hope that it means that you are much better than you have been.

It was very kind of you to take note of my appointment and to send me your congratulations. I have spent a couple of days in Washington with the staff of the National Archives and I am sure that I shall enjoy the work there very much. The salary will be less than I have been getting here but the prospects of permanence will be considerably greater.

We are planning to move to Washington about the end of July and have succeeded in renting a house there at 5316 Twenty-eighth Street, N. W. It is in the Chevy Chase district, about four and a half miles from the White House and very near to Rock Creek Park.

Although I am moving outside of the Mississippi Valley, I shall always feel that I belong to that section of the country, and I hope that it will be possible for me to continue to attend the meetings of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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THE SCIENTIFIC MONTHLY  
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Grand Central Terminal  
New York, New York  
November 8, 1934

Professor Solon J. Buck  
University of Pittsburgh  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

In connection with an article in THE SCIENTIFIC MONTHLY on the approaching meetings of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, we will print the portraits of the chairmen of the different sections. Since nearly six thousand members of the association take the MONTHLY it is desirable that each section be represented by a portrait of its chairman. We trust that we may have the privilege of printing yours.

The account will appear in the January number which is placed in the mails just before Christmas. We shall be very glad to send you five reprints of the article containing the portraits in case they would be of interest to you.

Very truly yours,

Ware Cattell

Associate Editor

WC:HL

November 15, 1934

Mr. Ware Cattell, Associate Editor  
The Scientific Monthly  
Grand Central Terminal  
New York City

Dear Mr. Cattell:

Your request of November 8 for the privilege of printing my portrait in the Scientific Monthly has been duly received, and I assure you that I have no objection. While your letter does not specifically say so, I assume that you want me to send you a print and I am therefore enclosing one herewith. I shall appreciate it if you will have this print returned to me when you are through with it.

Very truly yours,

Solon J. Buck  
Chairman of Section L (Historical and  
Philological Sciences) A.A.A.S.

THE SCIENTIFIC MONTHLY  
EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT

NOV 21 1934

Grand Central Terminal  
New York, New York  
November 20, 1934

Dear Dr. Buck:

We are under obligation to you for your  
portrait which we shall use in the January number  
of THE SCIENTIFIC MONTHLY.

Very truly yours,

*Ware Cattell*

Associate Editor

WC:HL

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



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New York, May 23, 1934

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

We have been pleased to send you with the compliments of our Pennsylvania representative, Dr. James E. Mooney, a copy of our new publication, WESTWARD TO THE PACIFIC--PENNSYLVANIA EDITION, by Marion G. Clark, Director of Elementary and Junior High School Education, Montclair, New Jersey, and Instructor in History, Summer Session of Teachers College, Columbia University.

As you examine this book, which meets in every way the requirements of the new Pennsylvania Program for the Social Studies in Grade Six, we hope you will notice the unusually fine balance maintained in the presentation of national history and the part Pennsylvania played in the making of our nation. Please see pages 507-508 of the introduction to the Pennsylvania material, for they set forth so well the objectives of this arrangement. Parts I-XI inclusive in this book tell about the growth of our nation as a whole and what it has done in the world, with full justice to every other state, for our boys and girls must be so taught if they are to have the broad understanding which distinguishes the worthwhile citizen. Part XII has been written especially to answer the questions of Pennsylvania boys and girls about their own state and the splendid part it has played in our country's history.

We believe you will agree with us that this is an ideal arrangement. Furthermore, the simplicity of language and style in WESTWARD TO THE PACIFIC--PENNSYLVANIA EDITION is outstanding. The illustrations are plentiful and most attractive. The class activities are well-planned ones--they are more than just questions, for they direct study and stimulate constructive thought.

Please note the excellent binding of this book. The pages are stitched together in a way which not only makes for unusual durability, but also permits the book to remain open at any place.

We await with much interest your opinion of WESTWARD TO THE PACIFIC--PENNSYLVANIA EDITION, and hope that you will want to introduce it in the sixth-grade classes under your supervision. The list price of \$1.20 is subject to an educational discount of 25%, f.o.b. New York.

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SAN FRANCISCO

New York, May 23, 1934

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

Dear Sir:

At the suggestion of our representative, Mr. J. E. Mooney, we have made a note to send you, just as soon as it comes from the press, a copy of the history book which meets in every way the recommendations of the Pennsylvania Course of Study for the fifth grade--Clark and Gordy's FIRST THREE HUNDRED YEARS IN AMERICA, PENNSYLVANIA EDITION.

We feel sure that you will be delighted with this text because it is so simple in vocabulary and style, so authentic in facts, and so well balanced in national and Pennsylvania history.

Yours very truly,

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CHARLES SCRIBNER'S SONS

April 30, 1935

Professor James L. Sellers  
University of Nebraska  
Lincoln, Nebraska

Dear Sellers:

Understanding that B. J. Hovde of our department is being considered for a position at the University of Nebraska, I am writing to tell you that I think you would make no mistake in selecting him. He has a very fine personality, is a scholar and a gentleman, and has the reputation of being a good teacher. While he is distinctly a liberal and makes no attempt to conceal it, he is tactful enough to avoid antagonizing conservatives, except perhaps the most dyed-in-the-wool variety. I am not, of course, in a position to judge his work in the field of European history but I know that he has done some valuable work on Norwegian-American history.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

DSC

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA  
LINCOLN

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

May 15, 1935

Dr. Solon J. Buck  
Pittsburgh Pa.

MAY 17 1935

Dear Solon:

Thanks for your note relative to  
Hove. However I don't think there is any  
possibility of our department taking  
on a man. I have just been urging  
the insistence upon an item in next  
year's budget for choosing a man (visits)  
to be employed for '36-'37. That is  
contingent upon a retirement or —.

The bill to reorganize Sheldon was  
withdrawn by the introducer.

With very kindest regards,

Sincerely  
J. L. Sellers.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH  
JOHNSTOWN CENTER  
JOHNSTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA

February 23, 1934.

Dr. Solon J. Buck, Director,  
Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania,  
4360 Center Avenue,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

My dear Dr. Buck:

I am applying for a University Fellowship at Columbia for the academic year of 1934-35. I would appreciate any word that you would be willing to advance in my behalf. I realize that our relations have been very slight and informal, so the letter is entirely up to your discretion. Since the applications close by March 1, would it be possible, if you want to, to write a letter to Dr. Frank Diehl Fackenthal, Secretary of Columbia University, on Monday, February 26?

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Thanking you for any aid you can render, I

Sincerely yours,

*Nathan Shappee*

Nathan Shappee,  
Instructor in History.

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February 27, 1934

Dr. Frank D. Fackenthal,  
Secretary, Columbia University,  
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Fackenthal:

Mr. Nathan Shappee, instructor in history at the Johnstown Center of the University of Pittsburgh, has asked me to write you regarding his application for a university fellowship at Columbia for the academic year 1934-35. I have had a number of contacts with Mr. Shappee during the last few years and for a part of last year he was in my seminar at the University of Pittsburgh. Mr. Shappee's strong points are industry, enthusiasm, and initiative. He is particularly good at locating and digging into hitherto unused manuscript material for research in history. He appears also to have considerable ability in the interpretation of his material, but he needs training in organization and literary presentation. I believe that he would profit by the training that he would get at Columbia.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

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Mr. Nathan Shappee,

Instructor in History,

The University of Pittsburgh,  
(Johnstown Center)

Johnstown, Pennsylvania

WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL SURVEY  
4338 Bigelow Boulevard, Pittsburgh, Pa.

February 27, 1964

Dear Mr. Shappee:

Your letter of February 23rd was sent to my home address and consequently I did not see it until last night. I am sending off this morning the letter that you requested me to write.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

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May 9, 1934

Professor Lester B. Shippee,  
University of Minnesota,  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Shippee:

I have just learned of your election to the presidency of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association and I hasten to extend my congratulations. I have not yet learned where and when the next meeting is to be held but I shall be there if possible. To have gone this year would have taken more time and money than I could spare. I have just returned from a meeting of our new Pennsylvania Historical Association in Harrisburg. The third annual meeting, next spring, is to be in Pittsburgh and that will mean a lot of work for me.

The Bucks are all well at present and I trust that the Shippees are the same.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:AM

MAY 31 1934

Como Station, St. Paul, Minn.,

May 27, 1934.

Dear Steve,

An answer to your kind note of congratulation is over due. I remember your saying a long time ago that you had got out of the habit of writing with your own hand (or hands) letters, since you had so long been accustomed to have a stenographer do the deed for you. While I cannot say that my correspondence is very extensive, I do have Miss Eayrs do about all of it and am getting more and more indolent in writing for myself.

Yesterday or the day before Ted was showing me a note he had from you. I had had some intimation before that things were not progressing any too happily in Pittsburgh; an earlier hint from Ted, a conversation with the Coles at Columbia and a few things of that sort. I am much concerned that things have not developed as satisfactorily as you had hoped, for the opening did look like an attractive one when you took it. Be sure that I shall be prompt to let you know of anything that comes to my attention. I wish it were possible to get you back here, but you know how things are: we are all cut and there is no prospect of any expansion for a long time. We still need most desperately that ancient history man so that Harold Deutsch may be relieved to carrying the European history along with Larry, but there just is not the money. This year we have been struggling along with six assistants and you remember that when you left we had, I think, seventeen. Next year we shall be relieved a bit because, since White is taking a sabbatical we can use half of his salary to have some more assistants, while Dave and Faith carry on his Constitutional History and the other courses are cancelled for the year. What will happen the year following, God knows, but we're taking only one year at a time and not making any long time plans where they involve money.

I suppose rumors of the accident to the Stephensons reached you. Yesterday I saw George who had just come back from Decorah where the trial of Lil's case had just taken place. The jury without any hesitation gave her the verdict and awarded a substantial sum for damages, but that does not mean they'll get it right away. The old man who did the damage has the means to pay but probably there will be legal delays, perhaps an appeal, although it would seem the height of absurdity for his lawyer to advise this course. George's trial comes later, just when I don't know.

The rest of the department seem to be progressing about as usual. Augie is, I think, steadily getting to be himself again. He has been carrying his work since the early part of January and apparently has not suffered as a result. Now that the report of the commission is actually out and the other volumes in press or nearly there, he can ease up on that end of things. By the way, that report strikes me as very good, and I am not scared by its implications.

The Heaton's and Burts will spend the summer in Canada; the Whites will be in Rowe until the latter part of July and then go to England; the Fords apparently expect to spend most of the summer in town, and that appears to be the case of most of the rest of them. The Shippees will be scattered. I shall be spending most of the summer in Washington and Ottawa with a little time in New York. The Carnegie Endowment is financing an elaborate study of

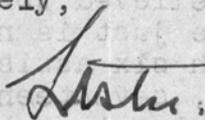
Canadian-American relations and I have been asked to do the historical side in the period from 1850 to 1874, and this means working in the archives. The rest of the family expect to go to the lake as soon as I leave, which will be as soon as I can get away from here at the close of this term, and stay there about six weeks, then Edna, Zeke and Margaret will drive east and I'll meet them somewhere and they will settle down for a few weeks in New England where it will be possible to see the various relatives and be seen by them. Elizabeth expects to go to New Mexico to take the six weeks course in archeological field work offered there.

I suppose that you may have noted in Minneapolis we have been having a little excitement with a truck drivers' strike. It's over now and it seems to me that on the whole it was pretty well handled, and, unless there are jokers in the agreement reached, the truck drivers got a good portion of what they were after. At least we had no such mess as developed in Toledo.

From Mrs. Cole at Columbia I received quite a little budget of Buck news; Cole added a little, and of course I saw Oliver. I trust that Roger has been restored to his usual activity and that none of the other youngsters have been up to anything.

Edna joins me in very best wishes to both Elizabeth and you.

Sincerely,



I suppose rumors of the accident to the 2. Spencer are reached you. Yesterday I saw George who had just come back from court where the trial of Mr. Ows had just taken place. The jury with one exception gave the verdict and awarded a substantial sum for damages, but that does not mean they'll get it right away. The old man who did the damage has the means to pay but probably there will be legal delays, perhaps an appeal, although it would seem the height of absurdity for his lawyer to advise this course. George's trial comes later, just when I don't know.

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The Benson and Burt will spend the summer in Canada. The wives will be in the latter part of July and then go to England; the Bords apparently expect to spend most of the summer in town, and that appears to be the case of most of the rest of them. The students will be scattered; I shall be spending most of the summer in Washington and New York with a little time in New York. The Garnetts and what I'm working in separate study of

UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA  
COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, LITERATURE, AND THE ARTS  
MINNEAPOLIS

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

April 1, 1935.

Dear Steve,

Enclosed you will find a copy of my letter to Cox and his answer. I hoped that there might be something which would develop at Northwestern, but you see from what Cox says the situation at that place. Ted told me something of what you had written him, and of course I knew from our conversations at Washington how unpleasant the Pittsburgh situation had become. I do wish something would break so that you might get away.

We are just starting the spring quarter here with no excitement in immediate prospect. In fact it is the end of a winter with the usual feeling that it will take considerable spring atmosphere to bring back some portion of the old zest. We're waiting for the legislature to make up their mind what is to happen; right now it looks as though there would be increased taxation, no increased appropriations and a threat of a further cut in salaries which would affect everybody here except the deans and a few others who, if it were strictly applied would get more than they are now. It seems that the committees of the two houses were very sore because some of the state departments evaded their wish that there should be a 15% cut. Here at the University there was a graded cut so that, while all told the University cut its salary list by about 25%, there was no straight 15% cut of individuals. That's that.

Departmentally there is nothing exciting, unless it be that Harold has a Social Science Research Fellowship and he is to take a sabbatical next year on the strength of that. We shall not be able to hire anyone with the half of his salary so we'll use it to get another assistant or two and just cancel his courses. Meantime there are more students and fewer people to handle them; in other words just about the same situation as everywhere else.

I hope I shall be able to see you at Cincinnati. At present we plan to drive down, starting very early Wednesday morning and making the thing in one push, hoping to arrive before it is very late that night. Ted, Ernest and Wesley plan to go with me, while George is going to Rock Island and from there driving on with some of his Augustana friends.

Best to you and Elizabeth, Edna joining me, and I hope that so far as the physical condition is concerned that all the youngsters are behaving themselves and you and Bess are holding your heads above water.

Sincerely,

L.R.S.

JUL 15 1935

July 12, 1935

Hon. Henrik Shipstead  
241 Senate Office Building  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator Shipstead:-

I notice that the President has sent to the Senate the nomination of Dr. Solon J. Buck of Pittsburgh for an important position in the National Archives. You will recall that Dr. Buck was formerly superintendent of the Minnesota Historical Society and a member of the University of Minnesota faculty. He is, I think, the best man in the country for the position to which he has been nominated, and I sincerely hope that you will do what you can to forward the confirmation of the nomination by the Senate.

Sincerely yours

(Signed)

Theodore C. Blegen

TGBxP

December 17, 1934

Dr. Lee Paul Sieg, President  
University of Washington  
Seattle, Washington

Dear Dr. Sieg:

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of the brochure containing your address at the inauguration exercises. I have read the address with very great interest and I hope that you will find yourself in a position to put your ideals into practice.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:DSC

Answer to questionnaire from

COLLEGE AND SPECIALIST BUREAU

434-436 Goodwyn Inst. Bldg.

Memphis, Tenn.

May 21, 1934

Same sent to: The University of Wisconsin, Committee on High-School Relations,  
Room 120, Bascom Hall, U. of W., Madison, Wis. on June 4, 1934

Miss Silveus has never been a student of mine and I know nothing about the teaching that she may have done. During the past two years, however, she has done considerable work for the Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey, mostly on a volunteer basis, and I have had an excellent opportunity of observing her and judging her qualifications. She prepared a paper on the election of 1896 in western Pennsylvania, which was so good that I asked her to read it at a meeting of the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania and later published it in the society's magazine. She has also arranged, inventoried, and reported upon a large collection of personal papers in our custody. In all of this work she has shown exceptional initiative, intelligence, and ability to organize and present the results of her work in finished form. In general, I should say that she is a woman of high character and exceptional ability. She has had excellent training for historical research and her scholarship is of the highest.

Her personal appearance is not attractive but I should expect her to make good in a research or a teaching position.

Very truly yours,

May 24, 1934

Director, Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey and  
Professor of History in the University of Pittsburgh.

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WILLIAM WARNER BISHOP  
LIBRARIAN

June 27, 1935.

My dear Mr. Buck:

Miss Marian Silveus, of Pittsburgh, is applying for admission to the Department of Library Science and has given your name as a reference.

We limit very strictly the number of first-year full-time students in the Department of Library Science. Our reason for this is two-fold: first, the present economic crisis has so reduced the demand for librarians that we are forced not to train more than we can find places for, and, second, we are firmly convinced that a small and highly selected group offers better promise for the future than a larger number less carefully chosen. In other words, our reason for selection is both economic and professional.

We shall be grateful for any information you can send us about Miss Silveus. We shall particularly welcome information as to her **character** and personality, and her probable success in library work.

Very truly yours,

*Gertrude Maginn*  
Gertrude Maginn,  
Assistant to the Librarian.

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

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June 28, 1935

Miss Gertrude Maginn, Assistant  
University of Michigan General Library  
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Miss Maginn:

Miss Marian Silveus, the applicant for admission to your Department of Library Science about whom you inquire in your letter of June 27, has the degree of doctor of philosophy in history from the University of Wisconsin. She has been employed, off and on, for several years by our organization in various types of research work, the arrangement and classification of manuscripts, etc. She does not, I believe, expect to enter the field of general library work but wishes to prepare herself for the specialized type of library work for which there is a small but increasing demand in archives establishments, historical societies, and similar institutions.

My own experience in this field over a long period of years has convinced me that a knowledge of the principles of cataloguing and classification, especially as developed in the larger research libraries, is of great value to anyone engaged in organizing and making available for use collections of manuscript materials and similar materials used in historical research. For this reason I encouraged Dr. Silveus to take some work in ~~the~~ library school.

Dr. Silveus has a scholarly mind, high intelligence, and much initiative, and I believe that she will be likely to find a position in which her training and experience in historical research, together with a knowledge of library science, will enable her to render valuable service. I hope that you will find it possible to admit her.

Very truly yours,

Solon J. Ruck

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UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
ANN ARBOR  
GENERAL LIBRARY

JUL 3 - 1935

WILLIAM WARNER BISHOP  
LIBRARIAN

July 1, 1935.

Dear Mr. Buck:

Let me thank you sincerely for your kindness in writing so fully about Miss Marian Silveus. This information will be very useful to us in passing upon her application for admission to the Department of Library Science.

Very truly yours,

*Gertrude Maginn*  
Gertrude Maginn,  
Assistant to the Librarian.

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

GM:ML

October 31, 1934

Dr. Charles E. Skinner  
215 Elmore Road  
Wilkinsburg, Pa.

Dear Dr. Skinner:

In this morning's mail I have received a letter from Dr. Bining of the University of Pennsylvania stating that it will be impossible for him to be here for our joint meeting and a letter from Dr. George W. Bennett, professor of organic chemistry at Grove City College, offering a paper on a subject of some interest. I quote a paragraph from his letter:

"I have prepared a paper on the life of Francis Julius LeMoyne of Washington, Pennsylvania, who was the first person to practice cremation of the human cadaver in the United States. LeMoyne also had wide scientific interests. It occurred to me that perhaps such a paper would be very timely for the Pittsburgh meeting in view of the fact that LeMoyne belonged to the Pittsburgh district, and that many of the memorabilia are still in existence."

What would you think of including this paper in our joint program? I have designated the general subject of the session as "Science and Technology in Western Pennsylvania," and Bennett's subject would seem to fall within the field. I am relying upon you to provide at least one paper by an engineer or in the engineering field.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:DSC

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August 6, 1935

Miss Alice Smith  
State Historical Society of Wisconsin  
Madison, Wisconsin:

Dear Miss Smith:

Doubtless you have heard of my appointment to the position of director of publications in The National Archives. I am wondering whether you have an application for a position on file at the Archives. I do not know that there will be any position that would be of interest to you, but I understand that those who have applications on file will receive preferred consideration. I would suggest, therefore, that if you are interested in the possibility you write to Dr. R. D. W. Connor, The National Archivist, Washington, D. C., and ask for an application blank, fill it out, and send it in. You can, of course, give my name as reference, if you desire to do so.

Please consider this letter as confidential.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

DSC

THE STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN

(TRUSTEE OF THE STATE)

MADISON

JOSEPH SCHAFER  
Superintendent

AUG 19 1935

August 17, 1935

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

My dear Dr. Buck:

Needless to say, I was delighted to hear of your appointment to the position of director of publications of the National Archives. The opportunity to inaugurate and develop the publication policies of the institution will, I know, interest you, and I am sure that Mrs. Buck will enjoy living in Washington.

I was likewise pleased at your suggestion that I enter my application for a position in the Archives. I have been tempted for some time with the desire to work in that collection, but inasmuch as practically every person I know of with historical interests has had similar aspirations, I had decided to maintain a splendid isolation. I appreciate the fact that, as you say, there may not be any positions that would interest me, but I think it advisable to have my application on file.

I filled out a blank this morning and wrote to Dean Ford and Mr. Blegen for recommendations. I also asked Dr. Schafer to write -- he threatens you with destruction but promised to do so -- and I should be grateful if you would write too. I did not specify any particular work but modestly stated that I had had experience in practically every phase of the handling of personal and public manuscripts, as well as in the editing of historical publications.

Yesterday we learned from the newspapers that \$500,000 is to be available for "coordinating historical activities" in this state under the new public works project. The "coordinating" is to be directed by the women's work committee, with the advice, if not the consent, of the historical society. So far as I have been able to find out, they plan to collect historical manuscripts, also, perhaps, to make inventories of county archives. It all looks as if the state could dispense quite nicely with a curator of manuscripts.

I want to offer you my congratulations on your new position and my thanks for any recommendations that you may make for me.

Sincerely yours,

*Alice E. Smith*

Smith, G. B.

GBS

My dear Mr. Buck:

This note  
is by way of introducing  
to you, a cousin of mine,  
Philip Mack Smith.  
He is an Amherst man,  
and his interests are in  
line with yours, in the  
study of records, archives,  
and genealogy. He  
can give you any perti-  
nent details better than  
I can, including his  
work in the production  
of a history of the town  
of Middlefield, Masso-  
chusetts, the home of  
our forebears. I am

that meeting you will be  
a pleasure to him, and  
possibly of profit.

I hope things in Washington  
are taking shape to your  
liking - I shall keep  
in touch with the works  
and days of the Bucks  
through Elizabeth. I, too,  
am going to the South,  
the real South, in Jacksonville,  
at the moment, it seems  
a far cry from the  
Berkshire hills, but  
who knows?

with cordial good wishes  
Yours faithfully  
Gertrude Smith  
Middlefield, Mass'ts  
August twenty six

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January 31, 1935

Social Science Research Council  
Committee on Grants-in-Aid  
230 Park Avenue, New York City

Gentlemen:

(1) I have read with care Dr. Turner's explanation of his project, and it impresses me as distinctly worth while and feasible. I have no special knowledge of English history in this period but I feel that there can be no question as to the desirability of intensive study and interpretation of the origin and development of industrial capitalism and its influence on governmental policy.

(2) I have been in close touch with Dr. Turner during the last three years, have examined some of his work, and have had many conversations with him about social and economic problems and their historical backgrounds. I am convinced that he has a most unusual combination of thoroughness in research and penetration in interpretation, and I can think of no person that would be better qualified than he for the project that he has outlined.

Very truly yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:DSC

Professor of History, University of Pittsburgh, and Director of the  
Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey  
Historical Building, 4338 Bigelow Blvd., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Jan. 31, 1935

January 31, 1935

Social Science Research Council  
Committee on Grants-in-Aid  
230 Park Avenue, New York City

Gentlemen:

(1) The history of the iron and steel industry in Pennsylvania is obviously of fundamental importance for the interpretation of the economic and also the social and political development of the United States. Extensive materials are available for the study of this subject prior to 1865, and the work that Dr. Bining has already done demonstrates the feasibility of the project.

(2) I have been in touch with Dr. Bining during the last three years, have talked over with him his work in this field on several occasions, and have examined some of it. I am convinced that he has unusual ability for locating and handling the scattered materials that have to be used in a project of this sort, and I believe that he is able to synthesize and interpret his materials, and to present the results of his research in good form.

Very truly yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:DSC

Professor of History, University of Pittsburgh, and Director of the  
Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey.

Historical Bldg. 4338 Bigelow Blvd., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Jan. 31, 1935

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SOCIAL SCIENCE RESEARCH COUNCIL  
230 PARK AVENUE  
New York City

The Committee wishes to thank you for your  
confidential statement concerning

Ralph E. Turner

Arthur C. Bining

DONALD YOUNG

*Secretary for Fellowships and Grants-in-Aid*

JUL 5 1934

STEEFEL COTTAGE

STAR ISLAND

CASS LAKE

MINNESOTA

July 3, 1934.

Dear Steve,

I have just had a letter from an old acquaintance of mine asking my support of his candidacy for the position of Archivist (I assume that that is equivalent to director) in the new archives setup in Washington. I have long felt that of all the people I know of, you would be the best man for the job. I have long since made up my mind that when the time and opportunity came, I would do anything I could to further your appointment to the position if there were any chance of it interesting you.

My correspondent tells me that there is a contest for the position and suggests that I write to the President and to the Senators from Minnesota. I think that he would be an excellent assistant but I do not believe that he could be compared with you in technical equipment and especially in executive ability for a position of such importance as that of the first Archivist. ~~Disregard~~ Even disregarding my feeling for you personally, I believe that your work at the Minnesota Historical Society alone would amply justify your appointment to the larger task at Washington.

If you are interested in the position or even if you are merely willing to consider it if offered, I should like to add my voice to the chorus. Simply as an historian, interested in the success of the national archives, I should like to write on your behalf to the President, the Senators from Minnesota, or to any other authorities who might have a voice in the selection.

With best regards to you and  
Elizabeth  
Lawrence.

JUL 23 1934

STEEFEL COTTAGE

STAR ISLAND

CASS LAKE

MINNESOTA

July 20, 1934.

Dear Steve,

I am sorry that we were too late but I too feel that, so long as the Council has agreed on a man of unquestioned ability, nothing more can be done.

I saw Ford last Friday in Minneapolis and he told me what the situation was. The evening before, Ted and I had worked out a plan of campaign but had not put it into execution so there is nothing to recall.

I hope that, with improved conditions, something equally good may turn up for you.

Our best regards to you  
and Bess.

Harry.

JUL 26 1934

STEEFEL COTTAGE

STAR ISLAND

CASS LAKE

MINNESOTA

July 23, 1934.

Dear Steve,

Ford didn't tell me, either, that his information was confidential. However, I had told only Lester and Ted, when I heard from Dexter Perkins. I wrote Lester at once and I suppose Ford has told Ted.

We are managing to keep reasonably cool by frequent immersions in the lake. I hope Pittsburg isn't as hot as Minneapolis has been.

Best regards,  
Harry.

July 15, 1935.

Dear Steve,

Heris letter to Bess will have let you know how pleased we were to hear of your appointment but I want to add a line of my own.

It is good to know that you are free from the Cathedral of Learning and specially that you are to be in a place where you should have full opportunity to ~~work~~ make use of your ability on important projects.

I am trying to finish my share of a 19th century text this summer so that my hands will be

free for other things in the fall. I want  
to get another article done so that  
I can ask for my sabbatical in 1936-7  
with a clear conscience.

The dining club continues to  
flourish in spite of the fact that I  
have the misfortune to be secretary.  
We are meeting at the Skylight  
Club and Oscar Burkhardt is  
happy with his beer. We have  
wine for those who prefer it.  
I hear the mailboat,

Larry.

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Dr. Edward Larocque Tinker  
449 Park Avenue  
New York City

Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania  
Pittsburgh (13), Pa.      November 15, 1934

My dear Dr. Tinker:

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of your pamphlet entitled "Penn. Pills and Pistols." I read it with very great interest and I am glad to have the copy for my files.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

SJB:DSC

Turner, Ralph

Jan. 17, 1935  
11 Vandam Street,  
New York City.

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

Dear Steve,

I am sorry that I did not get to talk to you in Washington. For I had a few items perhaps worth passing on. But a new one came to me this morning which I think you will find interesting. I got it from Frank Knight, economist, at Chicago. When Tibbets of Buffalo, who has been appointed Dean of the Bus. Ad school, asked Bowman about my case, Bowman told him that the straw that broke the camel's back was the speech at the Historical Society. This is the first intimation that that speech had a direct bearing on the situation; of course, I know that many people suspected that it did. According to Bowman I assailed prominent Pittsburgher by name in that speech and then said that I expected to be fired on account of having done so. So he obligingly complied with my expectation. He did mention his trials over my attacks upon the religion of my students to Tibbets, too.

Last week I sent in an application to the Social Science Research Council for a grant in aid, using your name as one of my references. I hope that you will feel free to tell them the truth about whatever they ask about. But don't tell any lies; I have had enough of them told about me. I don't want even any good lies told. Don't take all of this admonition too seriously.

Greeting to Elisabeth; Olive sends greeting, too.

Cordially yours,

Ralph.

Turner, Ralph

Jan. 22, 1935  
11 Vandam Street,  
N. Y. C.

Dear Steve,

Thanks for your note. I appreciate your kindness.

But I do not wish you any bad luck with Fisher; he is bad luck enough. Recent documents which have come into my possession definitely establish that he kept a pretty close watch over the Univ. when he was gov. He even went so far as to threaten to take away the appropriation if Warne did not stop talking about the coal situation. This was back in 1928.

The AAUP report is coming along. Had a note from Wittke today. The officers of the association are debating about sending section one to me and Bowman before section two is ready to send out. Section one deals with the Turner case; section two deals with general conditions at Pitt. I have no specific information on the content of the report. ~~Its~~ tenor is one that will not make Bowman very happy, if I interpret certain remarks correctly.

The University has already asked its alumni to bring pressure to bear on the legislature. I understand that there is a group in the House all set to force an investigation of ~~the~~ <sup>university</sup> policies and finance. How much my information is worth I do not know.

At any rate the wars in Penna are not over. And there may be more casualties before the arms are stacked. Tell Gov, Fisher for me that he may have do another Gettysburgh on the run.

Yours ever,

Ralph.

Pardon my typing.

Feb. 21, 1935  
11 Vandam Street,  
N.Y.C.

Dear Steve,

Well, I suppose that you are regaled with the blasts that the AAUP report is bringing forth. I learned this morning by telegram that Bowman released the report<sup>w</sup> without returning it to the Association for final correction. I have had the report since Friday. There was one point in it upon which I asked the insertion of the following note. This point had to do with my appearance before the W.P.H.S.; the following sentence required, it seemed to me an explanatory note: "Whether Mr. Turner misjudged the character of his audience or simply neglected to adapt himself to it, the Committee does not know." I have asked that the final report contain the following note on this sentence: "In regard to this point Mr. Turner says that since, during the entire period of his membership of the faculty of the University, several of his departmental colleagues had spoken time and again before the Western Pennsylvania Historical Society, he assumed that its members were accustomed to hearing historical topics<sup>p</sup> discussed~~discussed~~ treated critically and realistically." I tried to word this note so as to leave you out of the picture; perhaps I did not succeed. At any rate I hope that I did, for I do not want to cause<sup>you</sup> any embarrassment of any kind. Please accept my assurance of good faith on this point.

From all that I can gather the situation has become critical for the estimable chancellor. I am informed that the resolution for an investigation has a good chance to pass. The report of the AAUP certainly make easy the opening of a breach between both the trustees and the faculty and Bowman. I have gathered from private sources that Bowman was actually boastful of what he~~x~~ has done and that~~x~~ he delights to assume full responsibility for it.

Well, we shall see what we shall see.

Cordially and faithfully yours,

Ralph E. Turner

Apr. 28, 1935

Dear Steve,

see Jones / I am enclosing a copy of the letter which I have written to Jones. I hope it does the job for you. As I understand the situation the appointment ought to go through without opposition; it is well, however, that Senator Guffey know about your name and be ready to sponsor it when it comes up on the Senate floor. I see no reason why Jones should not mention your name to him.

I have been reading with interest and some amusement the University's case. If the newspaper reports are to be trusted, Sieg and Oliver seem to me to have done their best to help Bowman out of his hole. At the same time however, I note (if the newspapers are correct) that neither of them had denied saying to me the things which I testified to. I am particularly amused at Sieg's statement that he told me several times that my outside work was interfering with my teaching; this qualifies Sieg as an author of high fiction. Oliver qualifies, too (for low fiction), with his statement that time and time again he had mentioned complaints to me about what I had said about religion. I don't think that you need to be reminded that such a statement on his part runs counter to all his ways of dealing with issues; as you know he hasn't faced an issue in the last four years. Of course, as Olive says, Johnny was singing for his supper.

We are working very hard to finish this book we have had under way this year before we leave; we hope to beat the dead line. Nothing else goes on here now but this work. After returning from Pittsburgh, things have seemed peaceful for the first time this year; I hope the hullabaloo comes to an end some time soon.

You are to be congratulated enthusiastically for escaping; I hope you have the pleasure of telling both Bowman and Oliver a few things about the wide world that they haven't heard and don't want to hear. Olive joins me in sending greetings to you and Elizabeth. Let us hear when this becomes definite.

Sincerely yours,

Ralph .

*Turners*

August 6, 1935,  
London, Eng.

Dear Steve and Elizabeth,

Congratulations, twice over. It must be a relief to you to get away from that place. I hope that the financial aspects of the situation are not too trying.

Bryn wrote last week that you had got the place, and that when he talked with Oliver about your leaving the little chief got quite nettled. you must have left him with a very clear notion of your picture of the situation. Bryn says that he talks about getting some on of national reputation to continue the survey. My guess is that Krey's attitude will be found to be very wide spread. One of my former students writes that he is enjoying Krey's work very much. I hope you find time to finish the book in between the bridge games. Bryn writes that the Fac. Club is quite elegant. But he says that the new appointment to the deanship is not popular. Even Blackwood seems irritated by it. That is almost unbelievable.

Our affairs are not yet jellied. I have hopes that they will in the course of the next two or three weeks. I have had word that one of my wangles is progressing. I should hear from it before Sept. 1. If it does not come through we will have to return to some American breadline. We have hopes.

Yours ever, sincerely,

*Ralph and Olive*

# Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY

HARRISBURG

THE SECRETARY

May 6, 1935

Dr. Ralph E. Turner  
11 Van Dam St.  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Ralph:

In accordance with your request, I have asked Senator Guffey to speak to Dr. Connor in behalf of Dr. Buck for the position of Director of Publications in the National Archives in Washington.

I have been reading with a great deal of interest the reports of the hearings in the celebrated Turner case in Pittsburgh. I am inclined to believe they are making it rather hot for the Chancellor.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "E. Jones".

Edward N. Jones  
Secretary of Labor and Industry

Dear Steve,

This letter, I hope, indicates that your affairs are moving in the right direction. My informants in Pittsburgh feel that the case against Bowman is going o.k. But I guess no one as yet has any idea what the committee thinks. I am told that Hinstead took the last of Oliver's self respect and gave Sieg a flat contradiction. I am fully aware that the Univ. have not hesitated to go the limit in lying to make even any kind of a case. There may be a surprise or two left for next week. But I hope the thing ends soon. I donot suppose that a college president will ever look at me after causing such an uproar. But I am going to England anyway; what we will do when we get back, God only knows now.

I hope to hear soon that you are going to W. Greetings to E.

P.  
U. S. Sec. Hall

August 2, 1935

The Honorable  
The Secretary of State,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

My commission as director of publications in the National Archives and accompanying papers have been duly received. In view of the fact that my obligations in my present position cannot well be terminated before the end of August, I have arranged with Dr. Connor, the archivist of the United States, to postpone the beginning of my work for the National Archives until September first, on which date I shall qualify for the position.

Very truly yours,

Solon J. Buck

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JAN 12 1934

The University Club  
University Place  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

January 11, 1934

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

My dear Dr. Buck:

I regret very much to hear that you have resigned your membership in the University Club, and I am taking the liberty of asking whether you cannot give the matter a reconsideration. Some of us in the University of Pittsburgh are most anxious that we increase the membership of the University of Pittsburgh men in the Club, and naturally we are disappointed when a resignation comes along. I do not know the circumstances back of your decision, but I hope you can find a way around them and withdraw your resignation. I shall be glad to know if there is any chance of your changing your mind in the matter.

Faithfully yours,

*J. Steele Gow*

Secretary

JSG/MKW

JAN 19 1934

The University Club  
University Place  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

January 19, 1934.

Mr. Solon J. Buck,  
The University of Pittsburgh,  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Mr. Buck:

We are very pleased to note that you have  
withdrawn your resignation.

We appreciate very much this decision on your  
part and sincerely hope that you will avail yourself  
of the Club's facilities frequently.

Very truly yours,

*J. Steele Gow.*

Secretary.

4360 Center Ave.  
Pittsburgh, Pa.  
September 11, 1934

Mr. J. Steele Gow  
Secretary, The University Club  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Dear Mr. Gow:

I hereby resign my membership in the University Club, to take effect at the end of the present quarter, September 30, 1934. I regret the necessity of this step but financial considerations make it imperative.

Sincerely yours,

The University Club  
University Place  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

September 13, 1934.

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

Dear Mr. Buck:

We have your letter of September 11, and note that you desire to resign from the Club.

Under a ruling of the Board of Directors, your communication has been referred to the Committee on Admission for attention.

Very truly yours,

*J. Steele Gow*  
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Secretary.

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August 21, 1934

Hon. Robert M. Ewing  
President of The Historical Society  
of Western Pennsylvania  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

My dear Judge Ewing:

In order to insure the continuation of the work of the Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey during the fiscal year beginning September 1, 1934, I hereby pledge myself to make whatever contribution may be necessary to the special fund that is being raised by the Historical Society to enable it to make contributions to the Survey fund of \$625 on September 1 and December 1, 1934, and March 1 and June 1, 1935, provided the Buhl Foundation and the University of Pittsburgh make their agreed contributions to the Survey fund and the work of the Survey is continued under my direction.

Sincerely yours,

Solon J. Buck

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**The Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania**

4338 Bigelow Boulevard, Pittsburgh, Pa.

TELEPHONE  
SCHENLEY 5021

July 23, 1935

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

**Dear Dr. Buck:**

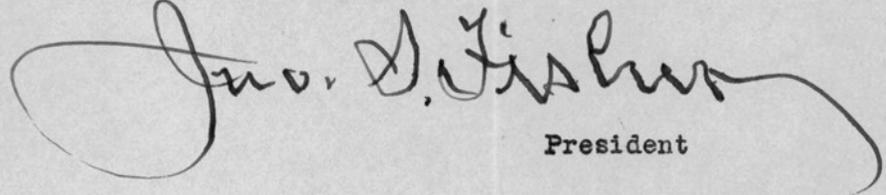
This note will serve as formal acknowledgment of the receipt of your resignation, to take effect August 31, 1935, delivered to me today.

Your services have been so satisfactory and your relations with the Board of Control and members of the Historical Society so pleasant that I am sure everyone will join with me in regret that you are to leave us.

In your new position of Director of Publications in the National Archives at Washington, D.C., our good wishes and congratulations follow you.

With cordial regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,



President

THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

GEORGE W. RIGHTMIRE, *President*

COLUMBUS

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

JUL 12 1935

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July 11, 1935

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

Dear Buck:

Thank you for sending me a copy of the Alvord Memorial  
Commission Report.

May I congratulate you on the opportunity to go to  
Washington as Director of Publications in the National  
Archives. I know you will do an excellent job and  
enjoy the work, and I am glad that you are getting  
out of Pittsburgh.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

*Carl Wittke*

Carl Wittke

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WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION  
UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

March. 17 - 34

Prof. Solon I. Busch,  
Pittsburgh,

Dear Dr. Busch:-

The Women's Association  
of the University of Pittsburgh  
thank you for the splendid  
and most generous talk  
you gave to them on  
March fourteenth.

Sincerely,

Jessie Ashley Elmer.  
(Mrs. M. C.)

Corresponding Secretary