

Obituaries

SOLON J. BUCK (1871-1959)

Solon J. Buck, the second of four children, was born at Berlin, Wisconsin, on July 20, 1871, to Charles A. and Clara (Lathrop) Buck. He graduated through the University of Wisconsin at Stevens Point and Jackson Turner to Harvard University in 1895. On June 30, 1959, he died at Chicago, a distinguished scholar in his own right.

Buck's professional career began in 1896 at the University of Indiana, where he served as an instructor in History at Indiana, where he served as an instructor of Illinois, and, in 1914, as a member of the faculty as Assistant Professor of History in the University of Minnesota and Superintendent of the Minnesota Historical Society. His work in raising that institution's standards of historical importance needs no comment at large. In 1917 he became editor of the *Minnesota Historical Society Quarterly*, in touch with the American Association of University Professors, the Historical Society of the State of Wisconsin, and us in regard to such matters as the *Journal of American History*. We elected him to membership in our Society at the meeting of October, 1933; he read "Selections from the Papers of Lucien C. Boynton, 1817-1878," which had just been published in our *Proceedings*. His own application of the material application of his own research to the *Journal of American History* had the significance of the *Journal of American History*, which had appeared in the *Journal of American History*, he devoted himself to the study of the *Journal of American History*, and carrying the work of the *Journal of American History*. Not that "Stevenson" would have been able to do it.

gentle servant of the profession; he was not. He would suffer neither fools nor incompetents.

In 1931 Buck went to Pittsburgh as a professor of History in the University and as Director of the Western Pennsylvania Historical Survey, being particularly charged with the task of reorganizing the Historical Society of Western Pennsylvania. When funds for this project ran out in 1935, he went to Washington as Director of Publications of the National Archives, and after six years he succeeded R. D. W. Connor in the position of Archivist. In 1948 he moved over to become Chief of the Division of Manuscripts of the Library of Congress, and three years later he became Assistant Librarian. In these posts he showed a genius for organization rare in historians. He retired from the Library in 1951, but retained his active interest in a number of organizations, particularly in the Society of American Archivists and the International Council on Archives, in the beginnings of both of which he had been active. From 1937-1957 he was Treasurer of the American Historical Association, but except for this he lost, during his Washington years, nearly all touch with his old associates in the historical society circuits. He bluntly told one of the early meetings of the Association for State and Local History that its constituent societies should no longer give any thought to publication; hereafter the Federal Government would handle all such business.

After a long and uncomfortable illness, he died at Washington on May 25, 1962.

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ALEXANDER HAMILTON BULLOCK

Alexander H. Bullock, a Worcester lawyer and trustee, was born in that town on November 7, 1874, a grandson of Governor Bullock, a son of Augustus George and Mary (Chandler) Bullock, and a brother of Chandler Bullock, who for so many years was treasurer of this Society. Alec was

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