

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Date: 25 April 1984

TO: Mr. Casey
FROM: Debbie
SUBJECT: Amb. Bruce's Diary

REMARKS:

The Librarian at the VA Historical Society now tells me that the following periods are held in Richmond:

- May 1942 - June 1942
- Aug 1942 - Sept 1942
- 10-26 September 1942
- 7-24 July 1943
- 30 May - 6 December 1944

These records were catalogued in 1975 and the Call Number is:

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So, we are back to square one. I will get a copy of Mrs. Bruce's letter for you.

30 April - Advised DCI will
be coming Sat., 5 May.

17 May - Mrs. Bruce will call to

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[redacted] is waiting for reply letter
from Mrs. Bruce [redacted] DCI address
Ogden and [redacted] will forward
materials as soon as he receives letter.

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17 May - already mailed.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

Date: 24 April 1984

TO: Mr. Casey *632-5215 Ka*
 FROM: Debbie *State Historical*
 SUBJECT: Virginia Historical Society Library *523-3258*
National Archives

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REMARKS:

Re your reviewing of Mr. David Bruce's diary:

Location:
 428 North Boulevard
 Richmond, Virginia 23221

Telephone:
 (804) 358-4901

Hours:
 Mon-Sat 0900-1645 (except Federal
 holidays & Sats before holidays)

Librarian:

Mrs. Bruce is writing a letter to be sent to I have requested a copy of letter for you and courier will pick up tomorrow.

The Librarian advised that he needs two days notice of your visit, i.e., we will have to call on Thursday for a Sat. visit. He also asked that I tell you the periods of the diary located in Richmond (the other periods are at State Department):

- Feb 1942 - Dec 1945 of DC Interest*
- ~~May 1949 - December 1954~~
- April 1957 - October 1959
- March 1961 - March 1969
- March 1973 - September 1974

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Just reading document
or making copies??

Amb. David K.E. Bruce

Mrs. Bruce

[Redacted]

Call

May 1949 - Dec 54

Apr 1957 - Oct 1959

March 61 - March 1969

Nov 1973 - 1974

Secty: Mrs. Bruce

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Ask [Redacted]

① David Bruce's diary at VHS Library?

② What type of permission needed from Mrs. Bruce - telephone, note?

③ Mr. C. will come down Saturday; must see give notice?

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Re DCI reviewing David Bruce's diary:

Virginia Historical Society - Library
(804) 358-4901

428 North Boulevard
Richmond, VA 23221

(Corner Kensington and
Boulevard; near
Virginia Museum)

Hours: Mon-Sat 0900-1645 (except Fed holidays)
(Important to call first so they expect you)
Probably can bring letter of permission from Mrs. Bruce with you; call Monday, [Redacted] to check on that.

Letter in hand
Mrs. Bruce should send letter to [Redacted] Very limited personnel on duty but OK if they know in advance.

Handwritten Date 20 April 1984

Mrs. DAVID K. E. BRUCE

[Redacted]

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24 April 1984

[Redacted]

Virginia Historical Society
P.O. Box 7311
Richmond, Virginia, 23221

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Dear [Redacted]

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I would be grateful if you could make available to Mr. William Joseph Casey, Director of Central Intelligence, the papers and diaries of my late husband, David K. E. Bruce.

I am told by his secretary that he does not desire to xerox any of the papers, only to take notes which he is welcome to do.

Sincerely yours,

E.B.B.

Evangeline Bruce

cc. Mr. Casey

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VICKSBURG & WARREN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY (Old Court House Museum) - MC CARDLE RESEARCH LIBRARY

Vicksburg, MS 39180
Subjects: Area history from the Indians through the Civil War. **Holdings:** 2000 volumes. **Services:** Copying; library open to public. **Staff:** Blanche Terry, Res.Asst.

VIGO COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY - HISTORICAL MUSEUM OF THE WABASH VALLEY - LIBRARY

1411 S. 6th St.
 Terre Haute, IN 47802
Founded: 1958. **Staff:** Prof 1; Other 3. **Subjects:** Local history. **Holdings:** Figures not available. **Services:** Library open to public by permission. **Publications:** Leaves of Thyme, quarterly. **Staff:** Dorothy Jerse, Musm.Cur.; Dorothy J. Clark, Sec.

VIGO COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY - SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

222 N. Seventh St.
 One Library Square
 Terre Haute, IN 47807
Staff: Prof 3; Other 3. **Subjects:** State and local history, genealogy. **Special Collections:** Baertich Collection (6 VF drawers); Family files (16 VF drawers); Community Affairs (84 VF drawers); Local Club and Association records (26 boxes); Dr. Charles N. Combs Memorabilia (1 box); Eugene V. Debs Collection (2 boxes); Jane Dabney Shackelford Collection (1 box); Joseph Jenckes Collection (1 box); Theodore Dreiser/Paul Dresser Collection (1 box); J.A. Wickersham Scrapbook (1 box). **Holdings:** 7047 books; 1260 bound periodical volumes; 287 maps and charts. **Subscriptions:** 62 journals and other serials. **Services:** Copying; library open to public for reference use only. **Automated Operations:** Computerized cataloging. **Networks/Consortia:** Member of OCLC through INCOLSA. **Publications:** Surname Index, irregular. **Special Catalogs:** Main Special Collections (card); Community Archives (card). **Staff:** Lois Harris, Spec.Coll.Libn.; Nancy Sherrill, Genealogist.

VINCENNES UNIVERSITY - BYRON R. LEWIS HISTORICAL LIBRARY

Vincennes, IN 47591
Founded: 1967. **Staff:** Prof 1; Other 2. **Subjects:** Political, social, economic and general history of Lower Wabash; University archives; oral history of Depression Era; genealogy. **Holdings:** 6000 books and bound periodical volumes; manuscripts; photographs; maps; broadsides; newspapers; pamphlets. **Subscriptions:** 12 journals and other serials. **Services:** Limited area and genealogical research; library open to public.

VINELAND HISTORICAL AND ANTIQUARIAN SOCIETY - LIBRARY

108 S. 7th St.
 Vineland, NJ 08360
Founded: 1864. **Staff:** Prof 1. **Subjects:** Genealogy and local history. **Special Collections:** Sheppard Genealogical Papers; Autograph Collection. **Holdings:** 5000 books; bound local newspapers, 1861-1935; 1 VF drawer of pamphlets; 8 boxes of documents; census material on microfilm. **Services:** Copying; library open to public for reference use only. **Publications:** The Vineland Historical Magazine, annual - free to members, for sale to others.

VIRGIN ISLANDS - DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION & CULTURAL AFFAIRS - BUREAU OF LIBRARIES AND MUSEUMS

Box 390, Charlotte Amalie
 St. Thomas, VI 00801
Founded: 1920. **Staff:** Prof 20; Other 36. **Subjects:** General and reference topics. **Special Collections:** Von Scholton Collection (Caribbean and Virgin Island materials; 12,000 volumes; periodicals and newspapers; dissertations and manuscripts; maps and documents). **Holdings:** 96,500 books; U.N., U.S. and Virgin Islands government documents depository; Virgin Islands archives, 1655-1933 on microfilm; microfilm of newspapers 1770-date; 9 VF drawers. **Subscriptions:** 354 journals and other serials. **Services:** Interlibrary loans; copying; microfilming; library open to public. **Networks/Consortia:** Member of Virgin Islands Library & Information Network (VILINET). **Publications:** Annual Reports, Virgin Islands Government Documents, quarterly; Information newsletter, bimonthly; acquisitions list, irregular; occasional papers. **Special Catalogs:** Union List of Periodicals and Newspapers (book); Union Title File (card). **Special Indexes:** Local Newspaper index (card). **Remarks:** An additional telephone number is (809) 774-0630. **Staff:** June A.V. Lindqvist, Cur., Spec.Coll.

VIRGINIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY - LIBRARY

428 North Blvd.
 Richmond, VA 23221
Founded: 1831. **Staff:** Prof 6; Other 3. **Subjects:** Virginiana and colonial Americana. **Special Collections:** Confederate imprints; 17th and 18th century English architecture. **Holdings:** 250,000 books and bound periodical volumes; 4 million manuscripts (cataloged); prints and engravings; maps and printed ephemera; sheet music; newspapers; paintings. **Subscriptions:** 560 journals and other serials. **Services:** Copying; library open to public. **Publications:** Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, quarterly; Occasional Bulletin, semiannual. **Staff:** Howson W. Cole, Libn.

VIRGINIA STATE LIBRARY

Capitol St.
 Richmond, VA 23219
Founded: 1823. **Staff:** Prof 51; Other 75. **Subjects:** Virginiana, English history, American literature, Southern and Confederate history, genealogy, social sciences, U.S. history, English literature. **Special Collections:** Virginia newspapers; Virginia public records; Virginia maps; Confederate imprints. **Holdings:** 543,684 volumes; 81,002 maps; 20 million manuscripts; 65,000 reels of microfilm. **Subscriptions:** 1280 journals and other serials; 100 newspapers. **Services:** Interlibrary loans; copying; library open to public. **Networks/Consortia:** Member of OCLC through SOLINET. **Publications:** Virginia Cavalcade, quarterly - by subscription; Virginia State Library Publications - by subscription and exchange; Virginiana in the Printed Book Collections of the Virginia State Library (book, 2 vols.). **Staff:** Dr. Louis H. Manarin, State Archv.; Dr. Paul I. Chestnut, Asst. State Archv.; Jon K. Kukla, Asst.Dir., Pubn.; Connis O. Brown, Asst. State Archv.; Dorothy C. Fuller, Dir., Lib.Dev.; William R. Chamberlain, Asst.Dir., Gen.Libn.; Nolan T. Yelich, Dir., Adm.Serv.

WABASH COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM - HISTORICAL LIBRARY

Memorial Hall
 Wabash, IN 46992
Founded: 1923. **Subjects:** Indiana and Wabash County history; Civil War. **Holdings:** 1940 books; newspapers, manuscripts and documents. **Services:** Library open to public for research on premises.

WACO-MC LENNAN COUNTY LIBRARY - SPECIAL COLLECTIONS DEPARTMENT

1717 Austin Ave.
 Waco, TX 76701
Staff: 4. **Subjects:** Texas and local history, genealogy. **Holdings:** 8859 books; 1159 bound periodical volumes; 1812 reels of microfilmed newspapers and books; 1000 microfiche; 1375 reels of census and indices. **Subscriptions:** 167 journals and other serials; 13 newspapers. **Services:** Copying; library open to public for reference use only. **Automated Operations:** Online systems. **Networks/Consortia:** Member of OCLC. **Publications:** Heart of Texas Records, quarterly - by subscription.

WAGNALLS MEMORIAL - LIBRARY

150 E. Columbus St.
 Lithopolis, OH 43136
Founded: 1924. **Staff:** 9. **Special Collections:** Books written by and belonging to Mabel Wagnalls-Jones; local history; letters written by O. Henry to Mabel Wagnalls-Jones; paintings by John Ward Dunsmore. **Services:** Library open to residents in the immediate area. **Staff:** Marilyn Stebelton, Prog.Coord.; Mrs. Jo Riegel, Hd.Libn.

WALLINGFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC. - LIBRARY

180 S. Main St.
 Wallingford, CT 06492
Staff: 2. **Subjects:** Local history, genealogy. **Holdings:** Figures not available. **Services:** Library open to public.

WALNUT CREEK HISTORICAL SOCIETY - SHADELANDS RANCH HISTORICAL MUSEUM - HISTORY ROOM

2660 Ygnacio Valley Rd.
 Walnut Creek, CA 94598
Founded: 1973. **Subjects:** Walnut Creek history. **Special Collections:** Joseph Reddeford Walker, Albert and Bessie Johnson; bound collection of Walnut Kernel newspapers (37 years). **Holdings:** 450 books; 62 bound periodical volumes; 3 VF drawers of maps, manuscripts, files, records; 850 photographs; 20 tapes; 120 unbound newspapers. **Services:** Library open to public by appointment.

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185 Lyman St.
 Waltham, MA 02154
Subjects: Waltham history and memorabilia. **Special Collections:** Early diaries and land deeds of Waltham people. **Holdings:** 437 books; 18 bound volumes of "Waltham Sentinel"; 320 pamphlets; reports, manuscripts, clippings, documents, photographs, transparencies, maps. **Staff:** Marjorie C. Hunt, Cons.

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VIRGINIA HISTORICAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL SOCIETY. See Virginia Historical Society, The.

VIRGINIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY, THE. For 150 years—longer than half the states of the Union have been in existence—the Virginia Historical Society has sought to preserve the treasures of the past. The Virginia historical agency is the fourth oldest among state societies. In unbroken fashion through two centuries, Virginians have supported the organization with what former Senator J. William Fulbright once called “a mystic sense of a continuing contract between generations.”

Few depositories in America can boast of holdings as varied and valuable as those found inside the Richmond-based organization. Much of the society's wealth is directly attributable to its growth—a saga of persistence and devotion worthy of high praise.

Motivated by a desire “to collect and preserve materials for the civil and physical history of Virginia,” twenty-eight gentlemen met in the House of Delegates chamber of the State Capitol on December 29, 1831, and established the Virginia Historical and Philosophical Society. Its birth came closely behind the formation of similar groups in Massachusetts, New York, and Pennsylvania, yet it ranked first in the illustriousness of its leader. Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court John Marshall headed the Old Dominion society during its initial four years. Former President James Madison was the first person elected to honorary membership in the association.

The society's early growth was slow but steady. Monthly meetings were held in the homes of executive committee members. During the period 1848-1853 it published the only historical journal in the South. The *Virginia History Register and Literary Companion* stressed colonial history and was eclectic in nature. Its circulation was never the equal of its quality.

Gifts to the Richmond group came in a trickle. Some donations were of questionable value. An altar cloth from a defunct Episcopal Church in cen-

tral Virginia was accepted with enthusiasm, for it was elaborately adorned with figures depicting the battle of Jericho. The embroidery was truly impressive until one noticed Israelites storming Jericho with cannon and mortars—one thousand years before such weapons were developed.

Four years of civil war all but destroyed the Virginia Historical Society. The April, 1865, fire that swept through downtown Richmond commensurate with the Confederate evacuation of the capital incinerated most of the society's records; the endowment, which had been patriotically invested in Confederate bonds, by war's end was gone with the wind; and during the "Reconstruction" years a fourth of its five thousand books simply disappeared.

Stability did not begin in earnest until 1893, when the John Stewart family donated to the Virginia Historical Society (as it was by then called) the Lee mansion on East Franklin Street. That same year also witnessed the establishment of a quarterly journal, the *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*. It remains the oldest such state publication still in print.

Lee House, where General Robert E. Lee spent the immediate postwar months, served as society headquarters for sixty years. By the early 1950s, thanks to the generosity of a legion of donors, the building was literally bulging at the seams. Providentially, the society received its largest bequest shortly thereafter. From the estate of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Weddell, a prominent Richmond couple, it inherited Virginia House (a reconstructed English manor), a magnificent collection of printed Virginiana, plus an endowment that became the base for a greatly increased operating budget. The generosity of the Weddells, the society's 1948 annual report stated, placed the agency in a position in which it could perform in the future a greater service to the people of Virginia than it had been able to do theretofore.

Eleven years of planning and construction followed, which resulted in the shift of the society's facilities to Richmond's west side and an enlarged Battle Abbey. This merger with the famous Confederate memorial hall, where massed battle flags and Charles Hoffbauer's murals continue to flank the entryway, makes the building one of Richmond's most popular and impressive attractions.

Artifacts, memorabilia, portraiture, and a wide variety of cultural exhibits draw large numbers of people annually to Battle Abbey. However, the society is better known as one of the principal research centers in the United States. Students and scholars alike flock to the library with such regularity as to give the staff scant relaxation during working hours.

The society's holdings are especially strong in Revolutionary and Civil War history, local histories, genealogy, British history and heraldry, early travels, architecture, agriculture, cookery, and works by and about Virginians. Included in the 3.5 million manuscripts are the major portion of William Byrd's papers. Equally valuable are the papers of the Lee and

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Custis families. This huge collection spans many generations of two of the state's most influential clans. The Preston collection numbers thirty thousand pieces and is so extensive that a recently prepared typescript-genealogy of the family runs to three bound volumes.

The society is especially rich in Civil War manuscripts. General J. E. B. Stuart's letterbook and Mrs. Robert E. Lee's personal cookbook are items of inestimable worth. In the Virginia-agency's vaults are the original draft of General Jubal A. Early's memoirs along with that Virginian's major papers. Wartime letters, diaries, and reminiscences from scores of Old Dominion Confederates are also preserved.

A few of the highly revealing but almost forgotten holdings are beginning to gain public notice. For example, a master's thesis is currently being prepared on Colonel Thomas T. Munford's recollections of the Appomattox Campaign; another thesis under way revolves around the wartime diary of Colonel Osmun Latrobe, who was General James Longstreet's chief of staff.

Over one hundred thousand books rest on the society's shelves. Among the priceless titles are Richard Hakluyt's volumes on English navigation. Published between 1589 and 1600, this series sparked the settlement of Virginia a decade later. Other printed holdings are a first edition (London, 1624) of John Smith's *Generall Historie of Virginia*; a 1733 Williamsburg edition of the acts of the colonial assembly; Edmund Pendleton's only printed monograph, *An Address . . . to the American Citizens on the Present State of Our Country* (1799); James Monroe's copy of the George Wythe compilation, *Reports of Cases Decided in the Virginia High Court of Chancery* (1796); twenty different printings of Thomas Jefferson's incomparable *Notes on the State of Virginia*; and Robert E. Lee's much-used wartime copy of the Episcopal *Book of Common Prayer*.

Newspapers are extremely difficult to preserve. They generally end up as floor mats, fire starters, and garbage bags; when left alone, they self-destruct. However, in the society's newspaper collection there are 42,500 separate issues. They begin with the 1736-1740 numbers of the Williamsburg *Virginia Gazette*, which were the first issues of the colony's oldest newspaper.

The society owns six thousand maps, including John White's 1590 *Americae Pars*, the first separate map ever drawn of the Virginia area. Heavily used in the cartographic collection are seventy county maps prepared during the Civil War by Confederate engineers.

Dominating one hundred thousand photographic negatives are the A. Aubrey Bodine collection of Civil War battlefield and historic sites (five hundred items) and the well-known Michael Miley collection (eight hundred items).

Portraiture is the foundation for much of the beauty on regular display at Battle Abbey. The society owns more than six hundred portraits of Vir-

ginian and American notables. Yet because of space limitations, no more than sixty works can be shown at one time. In addition to magnificent likenesses of William Byrd II, Washington, Jefferson, and others, the society has many paintings of outdoor scenes. Lewis Miller's watercolor drawings of southwest Virginia have long held national attention.

The 1,180 pieces of Confederate currency that the society owns gives it the largest collection of Civil War money known to exist in one place. The Maryland Stuart collection of Confederate weapons and accoutrements could more than fill several rooms.

Equally impressive is the annual increase in the society's research materials. Acquisitions for 1979 alone included 44,230 manuscripts and 2,170 books. In recent years the Virginia organization has been fortunate indeed where endowment is concerned. In 1948 the society was struggling on a three hundred thousand-dollar base. Today the endowment approaches the four-million-dollar mark.

One of the Old Dominion agency's greatest assets is the traditional courtesy of its staff. This is a remarkable compliment when one remembers that daily requests for information range from the search for a great-great-uncle named John Jones to "please send me everything you have on George Washington." A major weakness at the moment is a shortage of space. If book and manuscript acquisitions continue at their present rate—and they must if the depository is to maintain its reputation for excellence—a major expansion of the physical plant will be mandatory before this decade ends.

The future, however, looks bright because strong leadership has always characterized the society. Its presidents have included Henry St. George Tucker, William Cabell Rives, Hugh Blair Grigsby, William Gordon McCabe, Virginius Dabney, and D. Tennant Bryan. Four Pulitzer prize recipients (Dabney, Douglas S. Freeman, Lenoir Chambers, and David J. Mays) have served on its board of trustees, as have judges, physicians, attorneys, historians, bankers, and businessmen of proven talents.

After a century and a half, the basic goal of the Virginia Historical Society remains the same: to preserve wisdom and beauty from the past so that the future can be faced with knowledge and confidence.

For further information, see the following articles appearing in the *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*: William G. Stanard, "History of the Virginia Historical Society" (October, 1931); Richard Beale Davis, "A Fitting Representation: Seventy-Five Years of the *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*" (July, 1967); and James I. Robertson, Jr., "Virginia Historical Society: The Energies of Some for the Enrichment of All" (April, 1978). See also William M. E. Rachal, "The formation of the Virginia Historical Society," in Darrett B. Rutman, ed., *The Old Dominion: Essays for Thomas Perkins Abernethy* (1964).

JAMES I. ROBERTSON, JR.