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BOARD OF SURVEYS AND MAPS OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT  
Washington, D.C., November 6, 1923.

The Board of Surveys and Maps will hold a public meeting on Tuesday, November 13, 1923, at 10:00 A.M. in Room 5243, Interior Department Building.

The following subjects will be discussed:

Progress of Geodetic and Topographic Surveys  
by William Bowie and Glenn S. Smith.

Surveys on the Colorado River by C. H. Birdseye.

Publication of papers on Surveying and Mapping  
by Major J. C. H. Lee.

C. H. BIRDSEYE,  
Secretary.

November sixteenth  
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Mr. C. H. Birdseye  
United States Geological Survey  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Birdseye:

Our overland trip to Worcester was completed last evening without any serious difficulty, and with a great deal of pleasure. I need hardly refer again to the very inspiring meeting which I attended just before leaving Washington. I think the work which the Board is doing in promoting the more active survey of our national domains is most worthy, and I wanted to congratulate the Board on the notable progress which has been made since the Board was organized.

In visiting with Mr. Renshawe I went over some of the work which he is doing for us as we prepare the report of the San Juan region, and I have agreed to send him detailed specifications for two or three smaller relief maps which would fit into our report very nicely indeed.

While looking over his various drawings, I examined again that special four-quadrangle trial map of a section of the Appalachian Mountains, including the Alleghany Front. That drawing is getting very dusty, and I suppose it is not planned for any particular use. It would, however, be of immediate value, and it would often be used directly in our teaching, if it was here at Clark. We should like very much to have it autographed by Mr. Renshawe, and then provide for its proper mounting—probably framing—as a sample of his work, and as a bit of laboratory equipment which I can assure you would be appreciated here if you found that the Survey could present that piece of work to the Clark School of Geography.

Cordially yours,

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

WASHINGTON

November 20, 1923.

TOPOGRAPHIC BRANCH


Dr. Wallace W. Atwood,  
President, Clark University,  
Worcester, Massachusetts.

Dear Doctor Atwood:

In reply to your letter of November 16:

I have planned to use the shaded relief map covering the Milton, Williamsport, Lock Haven and Howard quadrangles in Pennsylvania as an exhibit at the meeting of the Geological Society of America to be held here in December. After that meeting I shall be pleased to send the maps to you. Under the law we can not give away original map data, but I anticipate no urgent need for these maps for several years and I will be glad to lend them to you with the probability that we will not find it necessary to call them in for a considerable length of time.

Cordially yours,

  
C. H. BIRDSEYE  
Chief Topographic Engineer.

January  
Fifth  
1924

Mr. C. H. Birdseye  
Board of Surveys and Maps  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Birdseye

I received my card for the Cosmos Club and I enjoyed one evening there, for all of which I wish especially to thank you. The meetings in Washington seem as I look back to them as one busy whirl. I wish we had had a chance somewhere to sit down for a good visit.

Cordially yours

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
UNITED STATES GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

WASHINGTON

March 1, 1924.

TOPOGRAPHIC BRANCH

Dr. Wallace W. Atwood,  
President, Clark University,  
Worcester, Massachusetts.

Dear Doctor Atwood:

In further reply to your letter of November 16:

The original drawings of the shaded relief maps of the Howard, Lock Haven, Milton and Williamsport (Pennsylvania) quadrangles have been mailed to you under separate cover. As stated in my letter of November 20, we can not give you these original maps, but the Director is glad to be able to lend them to you with the probability that they will not be needed here for a long time; so you may consider them in the nature of a permanent loan.

Yours very truly,

*(Receipt  
acknowledged)*

*C. H. Birdseye*  
C. H. BIRDSEYE  
Chief Topographic Engineer.

March  
twenty-eighth  
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Mr. C. H. Birdseye  
United States Geological Survey  
Washington D.C.

Dear Mr. Birdseye:

I wish to acknowledge the receipt of the original drawings by Mr. Renshawe of the four quadrangles of Pennsylvania, and assure you that I am very much pleased to have them here, as I understand on the basis of a loan from the Survey. They will, as now framed and on exhibition in our geographical workroom, prove to be not only instructive but an inspiration to those who enjoy bringing out clearly the great physical features of the landscape.

I wish to especially thank you for making arrangements so that we might have these drawings here at Clark for a time, at least.

Sincerely yours,

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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY  
WASHINGTON

1877

June 1, 1925.

To friends of Mr. John H. Renshaw  
To Members of the U. S. Geological Survey:

Mr. John H. Renshaw has been officially notified that his retirement from active duty will become effective July 1, after 46 years of continuous service with the Geological Survey and a previous 7 years' service with organizations which preceded our own.

Knowing the esteem in which he is universally held by the members of the Survey, I am suggesting that if you feel so inclined, you send him at this time a personal letter expressing your appreciation of his life accomplishments in the Survey and good wishes for the future.

Will you kindly prepare such a letter and send it to Mr. W. H. Herron, <sup>Int. Dept Bldg</sup> Room 6232. This procedure is desirable in order to assemble the letters and present them as a whole. It is necessary that only one side of the paper be used in writing this letter; otherwise, there is no restriction as to size and kind of paper used.

I would greatly appreciate it if you would give this your attention previous to June 15th.

July 25<sup>th</sup>

*W. H. Herron*  
Chief Topographic Engineer



Clark University  
Worcester, Mass.  
July 10, 1925

Mr. C. H. Birdseye Chief Topographic Engineer  
United States Geological Survey  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Birdseye

I am enclosing a little letter addressed to Mr. Renshawe. I wish to do everything I can to express my appreciation of his work. He has done a great deal for me personally. He has recently prepared a number of drawings which are to be incorporated in my report on the San Juan region. I hope someone will carry on and complete the many maps which he has under way. You must train someone in that same line so that the relief shading can be used in connection with the topographic maps, and in the preparation of state maps which are so useful to us in our educational work.

As I read your letter I expected to see a paragraph in which you referred to some special gift to Renshawe as an expression of our fellowship, perhaps a loving cup. Perhaps some of you who are more intimately associated with him are doing that and leaving me out, but I wish to indicate if there is anything like that being done I should like to be included and given an opportunity to make my contribution.

Cordially yours

Geologist

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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY  
WASHINGTON

July 15, 1925.

Dr. Wallace W. Atwood,  
President, Clark University,  
Worcester, Massachusetts.

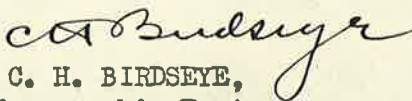
My dear Doctor Atwood:

We were certainly glad to have your letter to include with others in the book we have given Mr. Renshawe. You may be interested to know that we were fortunate enough to find a binder with a very appropriate hand-tooled cover exactly like the one that was given to Mrs. Coolidge last Christmas. The letters are mounted on leaves of parchment, bound in the book and will be something that Mr. Renshawe will prize highly.

We gave Mr. Renshawe a loving cup with an appropriate inscription engraved on the cup. This was purely a Topographic Branch matter and no one outside the Branch contributed. I appreciate your offer to contribute, but the matter is all settled.

Mr. Renshawe will, of course, keep up his art work and would like to keep on with his work in shaded relief maps. It occurs to me that you and others of your acquaintance may wish some of this class of work done in the future for which you may have funds for reimbursement. If so, I shall always be glad to have you correspond with Mr. Renshawe directly or send your request through me. Mr. Renshawe can, for the present, be reached through the Geological Survey.

Cordially yours,

  
C. H. BIRDSEYE,  
Chief Topographic Engineer.