

January 10, 1919

Mr. John B. Burnham, President,  
American Game Protective Association,  
New York City

My dear Mr. Burnham:

When I suggested at the recent meeting of the Board an addition to the Roosevelt Memorial resolution by giving more in detail his wonderful and beneficent activities as a sportsman, I hardly realized the possible advantage of this addition. I would now suggest that you take ample time in preparing this so as to make a complete and satisfactory summary of Colonel Roosevelt's record as a sportsman, naturalist, explorer, author and game conservationist. I think this would merit your coming down here to consult with Mr. Nelson and others so as to agree upon the details.

Furthermore, I want you to consider the propriety of including in this resolution a bill for the creation of a "Roosevelt Foundation For the Protection of Wild Life," this organization to be incorporated and to be managed by a Board of Trustees selected by the donors or their representatives, with a proviso that the income of such a fund be expended by and through such existing sportsmen's organizations as merit recognition by the Board of Trustees, thereby relieving them of the responsibility of the exacting work such a plan would involve.

I have no doubt that as the organizer of this movement, and so long as we earn recognition, our association will be one of the main instrumentalities in this work. From the first we should be free from any purpose other than arranging for a wise and beneficial use of the income of this Foundation, even though in the judgment of the donors it might result in a wholly separate organization. I am of the opinion that if this project is properly presented, one million dollars can be raised and a Foundation created that will stand as a permanent testimonial to this illustrious sportsman.

Yours very sincerely,

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Map showing (shaded) States that have adopted the Audubon Law protecting the non-game birds

February 13, 1919.

Mr. George Shiras, 3rd,  
Hotel Ormond,  
Ormond Beach, Florida.

Dear Mr. Shiras:

I inclose with this one of the first copies of our appeal to the public which is being sent out. I hope its general appearance will meet with your approval.

In a big undertaking of this character, much of course depends on the start which it gets in the beginning. Therefore, I naturally hope that each member of the Committee will be able to devise ways and means of getting the subject more thoroughly before the public, and soliciting subscriptions. Many of the Clubs and organizations to which you belong would no doubt be glad to take up the subject with their members at the slightest suggestion on your part.

Under separate cover by first class mail I am sending some additional copies of the Roosevelt appeal which I would be glad for you to send to some of your friends with a personal note.

The work has started out very nicely. The first circulars went out Saturday and we have already received over \$2,500 and many pleasant letters.

Such a fountain as we have in mind should cost some place from one hundred thousand to two hundred thousand dollars, and be widely representative of the out-of-door interests. Will you please forward to the chairman any suggestions you may have to make as to what should be done here, and how we can aid you.

Yours sincerely,

*T. Gilbert Pearson*

Chairman, Committee on The  
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Hon. George Shiras, 3d,  
Orlando Beach,  
Florida.

My dear Mr. Shiras:-

I got everything in readiness some time ago for the New York luncheon to start the project for the Roosevelt Foundation, but, as you undoubtedly know, Mr. Sheldon deemed it best to see Mrs. Roosevelt and action is delayed pending her reply. In the meanwhile a new phase has come up.

I lunched with Carl Akeley today, who is a member of the Roosevelt Permanent Memorial National Committee and as a result of my conversation with Akeley I am very much of the opinion that it would be a good thing to make the Wild Life Foundation the feature of the Permanent Memorial National Committee.

Akeley tells me that the National Committee will meet in about two weeks to consider the best plan for the permanent memorial and that he believes if your plan were presented to them that there is a good fair chance of their being influenced to accept it as the big feature of their organization.

It is, of course, unwise to have competition in affairs of this character. The Roosevelts have already approved the Permanent Memorial National Committee and it seems to me we could get something of great value by joining with them, provided they will accept your ideas. You should, of course, have a place on that committee.

I shall appreciate it if you will wire me what you think of the idea on receipt of this letter and if you approve we will take it up with the others who have been talked to and be in a position to have the plan in good

Hon. George Shiras, 3d

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shape by the time the national committee meets.

With regards to Mrs. Shiras, believe me

Very sincerely yours,

JBB/FM

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John B. Burnham".

PRESIDENT.

*Copy of Memorandum sent  
Pres. Roosevelt Feb 11/19 to  
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her was written.*

In Washington, about the middle of January, 1919, George Shiras, 3d, made the suggestion to a few friends interested in the preservation of wild life that it would be peculiarly fitting, as an effort toward the fulfillment of the ideas and activities of Colonel Roosevelt in behalf of wild life, that a large fund should be raised for the establishment of <sup>N</sup> the Theodore Roosevelt Foundation for the Conservation of Wild Life. "These men, who were friends of Colonel Roosevelt, at once were impressed by the feeling that the successful accomplishment of such a plan would greatly have pleased him.

The plan was therefore discussed and was shaped tentatively as follows:

That a fund should be raised by some method of popular subscription to the amount, if possible, of two or three million dollars.

That this fund when completed should be incorporated in Washington as a national organization in a manner similar to that of the Carnegie Institution of Washington.

That the charter should contain the names of twelve or more men representing different sections of the United States who, as trustees, should manage the fund and direct the expenditures of the derived income exclusively toward the conservation of wild life.

That no activities of the proposed Foundation should ever become involved in politics or in legislative activities, but the work should be confined to a study and presentation of the facts in regard to the conservation of wild life, and of assisting all outside activities interested in that end.

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Mr. George Shiras, 3d,  
Orlando Beach,  
Florida.

Dear Mr. Shiras:-

Mr. Nelson and I were in Ot-tawa last week at a conservation meeting, and last Monday on his way back Mr. Nelson saw Carl Akeley in New York with reference to the proposed Roosevelt Foundation for the Protection of Wild Life. I showed Mr. Nelson your telegram and he agrees with you.

To-day Carl Akeley invited me up to luncheon to meet Mr. H. Hagedorn, secretary of the Roosevelt Memorial Committee, whose address is 1 Madison Avenue, New York. We talked over the wild life foundation matter with Mr. Hagedorn and he asks that a memorandum of two or three hundred words in length be sent him on this subject, just as soon as possible, so that it may be incorporated in a printed report covering this and other projects which will be presented to the committee when it meets on March 25th to make its final decision.

I will take up with Mr. Nelson the subject of preparing this memorandum and wish very much, if you find it possible, that you will send us suggestions. This part of the business will be concluded in a week or ten days at the outside.

We have decided that you are the proper person to appear before the committee on March 25th to present the plan orally. Its success or failure depends in large measure on its proper presentation and no other man can do this so well as you can. We, therefore, sincerely hope that you will be here on the morning

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of March 25th with this end in view. The meeting will be held in the assembly room of the Metropolitan Life Building, at 1 Madison Avenue.

Mr. Hagedorn says frankly that so far there is a preponderance of opinion in favor of the raising of a fund for the Americanization of the foreign element in this country. This does not necessarily mean, however, that your project will not be accepted, moreover, I do not think the committee is in any way bound to select merely one project.

Awaiting your reply, I am

Very sincerely yours,



PRESIDENT.

JBB:J

C O P Y.

New York, March 4th, 1917

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE ROOSEVELT PERMANENT MEMORIAL COMMITTEE:

GENTLEMEN:

The establishment of a Foundation for the conservation of wild life to continue and perpetuate the notable constructive activities of Colonel Roosevelt along these lines appears to be an especially fitting tribute to his memory. From his well-known interest in nature throughout his life, both as one of the keenest and most observant of our field naturalists, and as a hunter of big game, it is believed that no memorial could be devised which he would have looked upon with greater appreciation and pleasure.

As a boy, Colonel Roosevelt was a student of birds and seriously contemplated becoming a professional ornithologist. Later he became an ardent big game hunter and in time an explorer of remote regions, always imbued with and led by his intense love and sympathy for wild life.

When President he began the establishment of Federal bird and game refuges, one of the most notable and effective achievements for the conservation of our birds and mammals. His delight in wild things of the forest and plain and his intimate association and fellowship with naturalists, big game hunters and others interested in wild life have been well known for years.

Throughout all the later years of his life when in or out of the White House Colonel Roosevelt took the most active interest in whatever affected the welfare of the wild life of this and other countries and repeatedly took an active part in promoting conservation measures along many lines.

Such an institution as the proposed foundation is urgently needed. Most well informed people now appreciate the value and importance of wild life and the need for its conservation. The perpetuation of our bird life is essential to successful agriculture and forest growth, and the perpetuation of wild game is an insurance for the opportunity of healthful out-of-door activities, such as those which transformed Colonel Roosevelt from weekly youth to the magnificent physique we all admired.

The growth of population in all parts of the world and especially in America is seriously endangering the future of our wild life and presents an opportunity for real service to mankind by a Foundation such as here suggested that has few parallels. The institution would be unique and would quickly become of world-wide influence.

It may be added that the plan for the Foundation here suggested was formed and under consideration by friends of Colonel Roosevelt some time prior to the announcement of the Roosevelt Permanent Memorial Committee.

The project here explained is submitted as of the dignity and importance to warrant favorable consideration by your committee.

Signed George Shiras 3d per H.  
Faunal Naturalist  
Edw. Nelson, Chief Biol. Survey  
John B. Burroughs, Pres. Am. Ornith. Soc.



THE ROOSEVELT FOUNDATION FOR THE CONSERVATION  
OF WILD LIFE.

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It is proposed to establish at Washington an institution to be known as "The Roosevelt Foundation for the Conservation of Wild Life", the object of which shall be the conservation of wild life, mainly in America but secondarily in other parts of the world. The wild life to be thus conserved being principally the native bird and mammal faunas.

The Foundation should be governed by a Board of Trustees under whom a Director would have administrative control of its activities. The expenses of the organization should be borne by income from the trust, or foundation, funds. The activities of the Foundation may be briefly summarized as follows:

1. Investigations necessary to supply accurate information concerning wild life, its present and former status, its relations to man and studies of the factors to be considered in relation to saving and increasing valuable species threatened with extermination. The Foundation would become a central point where conservationists of America and elsewhere could obtain needed information to work effectively and should act as a clearing house in promoting conservation.
2. Educational work to inform the public of the importance and value of wild life should be undertaken through publications and by promoting the activities of affiliating organizations and individuals.
3. The building up of a conservation reference library and of great information files including maps and other data which would be unique and of the utmost value in connection with making the Foundation useful to the national and state governments and communities in solving the constantly increasing and perplexing questions arising in connection with their conservation activities.
4. The allotment of funds to be expended under the general supervision of the Director for the direct protection and increase of wild life in carrying out the object of the Foundation.

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Hon. George Shiras, 3d,  
Orlando Beach,  
Florida.

Dear Mr. Shiras:-

Everybody with the possible exception of Sheldon has gotten together and prepared a memorandum to the Roosevelt Permanent Memorial National Committee advocating the plan of a Roosevelt Foundation for the Protection of Wild Life as the chief interest of that committee.

To be exact, after consultation with Carl Akeley, Mr. Nelson prepared the statement and I added some suggestions. Mr. Nelson took this over personally to Mr. H. Hagedorn, the acting secretary of the committee, who asked us each to prepare an additional memorandum. I have just sent him mine.

Mr. Hagedorn says that the plan appeals to him as much as anything which has been presented to the committee. He is frank, however, in saying that there seems to be a preponderance of opinion at the present time in favor of a plan for the Americanization of foreign residents in this country. He has promised to give your plan the second mention in the pamphlet which is being prepared for the committee when it meets on March 24th to decide upon the main object for which funds will be raised.

I am not quite sure that I told you the 24th is the day for oral presentation of the plan. I have an idea that I said the 25th.

In my memorandum I have emphasized the point of Roosevelt's many sided character and his remarkable mastery of many things and

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have said that a memorial which would typify only one of his activities would not suffice to do justice to his character and therefore suggested that two or three memorial objects be selected, each one particularly appealing to some large class of citizens.

I then go on to say that if the committee decides to raise but one memorial to him that the plan for a Roosevelt wild life foundation should have the precedence and give my reasons for this statement.

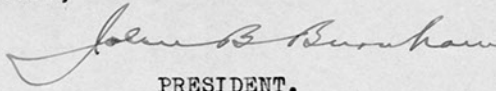
I talked over this idea with Mr. Hagedorn and he seemed to think that it was quite probable the committee might favor both the Americanization and wild life foundation ideas and might make it a composite scheme, so that I thought it would be well to suggest this idea as tactfully as I could in case our plan did not win the first choice.

We are counting on you coming up on March 24th to present the argument orally. Mr. Akeley and Mr. Hagedorn, as well as the others of us, think that you should do this.

Hoping very much that you will come, I am

Sincerely yours,

JBB/FM



Handwritten signature of John B. Burroughs in cursive script.

PRESIDENT.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
BUREAU OF BIOLOGICAL SURVEY  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

ADDRESS REPLY TO  
CHIEF, BUREAU OF BIOLOGICAL SURVEY,  
AND REFER TO

March 7, 1919.

Hon. George Shiras, 3d,  
Ormond Beach, Florida.

Dear Shiras:

Burnham told me of your writing and favoring submitting your wild-life-foundation plan to the National Memorial Committee in New York. At first I was doubtful about the advisability of this, but after consulting with Akeley and Burnham, and also with the Acting Secretary of the Memorial Committee, decided that it was probably the best thing to do, and as a result we handed in the communications to the Committee on the afternoon of the fourth instant.

There will be a meeting of the permanent Memorial National Committee on the twenty-fourth instant, when they desire to have representatives of each of the projects appear to represent the projects and explain them to the Committee. Will it not be possible for you to be in New York on that date for this purpose? I think your presence would be of great assistance in stating the desirability and appropriateness of the idea, which I understand was originally yours. I hope to hear from you on this at as early a date as possible.

It now looks as though my trip to Florida this year had been thoroughly blocked. As you know, a short time since I was called to a meeting of the conservation commissioners in Canada to talk over migratory-bird and other matters, following which I attended a meeting called by the State Game Commission at Boston, and came back the day before yesterday from the National Game Association meeting in New York. On Sunday, the ninth, Dr. Fisher and I leave for Denver to meet our field men in charge of rodent and predatory-animal work throughout the West for a three-days' conference. I hope to be back in Washington about the seventeenth or eighteenth, at which time I trust your letter will be awaiting me stating that it will be possible for you to come up to go to the meeting. It is possible that I shall be ready to go with you at that time.

I may add that everyone who has had the plan presented to him is very much pleased with it, including the Acting Secretary of the Memorial Committee.

I hope you and the family are enjoying the best of health and are having a delightful season.

Up to the present time less than one inch of snow has fallen in

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Washington during the entire winter. On my trip to Canada no snow was encountered until we passed Albany, and they reported in Boston and New York practically the same absence as we have had in Washington.

I am deeply disappointed over the failure of my plans to make you a visit this winter, but after I get back from Denver I simply must get at some urgent work which has awaited my attention for months.

Sincerely yours,

*E. W. Nelson*  
Chief of Bureau.

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"One flag, the American flag; one language, the language of the Declaration of Independence;  
one loyalty, loyalty to the American people"

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Mr. George Shiras, 3d.,  
Ormond Beach,  
Florida.

My dear Mr. Shiras:

The Roosevelt Permanent Memorial National Committee, which will meet on March 24th to consider the various proposals which have been made for a national memorial to Colonel Roosevelt, takes pleasure in inviting you to address the members concerning the project which you have presented to them. The meeting will be called at the Executive Library of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Building, <sup>on the 2<sup>d</sup> floor,</sup> One Madison Avenue, at 10 A.M. Since a number of plans will be presented at the meeting, the Committee asks that you will kindly limit your address to five minutes.

Yours sincerely,

Acting Secretary.

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George Shiras,

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Would be greatly obliged if you would send at your earliest convenience in two or three hundred words most ~~sig~~ significant passages of address you expect to deliver at roosevelt memorial committee meeting march 24th wish to have this for publicity locally and in michigan

Hermann Hagedorn, Roosevelt permanent memorial  
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March 17th, 1919.

Mr. George Shiras, 3d.

Ormond Beach,  
Florida.

My dear Mr. Shiras:

I have received your telegram and regret extremely that you will not be able to attend the meeting on March 24th. In your absence your group will probably be represented either by Mr. Burnham or Mr. Nelson.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "William H. Taft".

Acting Secretary.

HH/CW



Release March 17.

Plan Roosevelt Memorial to Conserve Wild Life

Noted Naturalists Present Project to Memorial Committee

New York, March -- The establishment of a Foundation for the conservation of wild life is the plan proposed to Colonel William Boyce Thompson, Chairman of the Roosevelt Permanent Memorial National Committee, by a group of Colonel Roosevelt's friends, naturalists and sportsmen. Among the sponsors of the plan are George Shiras 3rd, the famous faunal naturalist, E. W. Nelson, Chief of the Bureau of Biological Survey in the Department of Agriculture, Charles Sheldon, and John B. Burnham, President of the American Game Protective Association. They contend that because of Colonel Roosevelt's well known interest in nature throughout his life, both as one of the keenest and most observant of American field naturalists and as a hunter of big game, no memorial could be devised which he himself would have looked upon with greater appreciation and pleasure.

The project calls for the establishment at Washington of an institution to be known as "The Roosevelt Foundation for the Conservation of Wild Life", the object of which shall be the conservation of wild life, mainly in America but secondarily in other parts of the world; the wild life to be thus conserved being principally the native bird and mammal faunas.

The Foundation is, according to the plan, to be governed by a Board of Trustees under whom a Director will have administrative control of its activities. This will include:

1. Investigations necessary to supply accurate information concerning wild life, its present and former status, its relation to man, and studies of the factors to be considered in relation to saving and increasing valuable species threatened with extermination. The foundation would become a central point where conservationists of America and elsewhere could obtain needed information to work effectively and should act as a clearing house in promoting conservation.

2. Educational work to inform the public of the importance and value of wild life should be undertaken through publications and by promoting the activities of affiliating organizations and individuals.

3. The building up of a conservation reference library and of great files including maps and other data which would be unique and of the utmost value in connection with making the Foundation useful to the national and state governments and communities in solving the constantly increasing and perplexing questions arising in connection with their conservative activities.

4. The allotment of funds to be expended under the general supervision of the Director for the direct protection and increase of wild life in carrying out the object of the Foundation.

"As a boy, Colonel Roosevelt was a student of birds and seriously contemplated becoming a professional ornithologist," said Mr. Nelson, speaking of the plan. "Later he became an ardent big game hunter and in time an explorer of remote regions, always imbued with and led by his intense love and sympathy for wild life. When President he began the establishment of Federal

bird and game refuges, one of the most notable and effective achievements for the conservation of our birds and mammals. His delight in wild things of the forest and plain and his intimate association and fellowship with naturalists, big game hunters and others interested in wild life have been well known for years.

"Such an institution as the proposed Foundation is urgently needed. Most well informed people now appreciate the value and importance of wild life and the need for its conservation. The perpetuation of our bird life is essential to successful agriculture and forest growth, and the perpetuation of wild game is an insurance for the opportunity of healthful out-of-door activities, such as those which transformed Colonel Roosevelt from weakly youth to the magnificent physique we all admired. This Foundation presents an opportunity that has few parallels. The institution will be unique and will quickly become of world-wide influence."

Colonel William Boyce Thompson, Chairman of the Roosevelt Memorial Committee, said that the proposal would be among those given most careful consideration when the Committee meets on March 24th. It is understood that other plans that may be adopted include an elaborate Americanization project and several designs for monuments of great beauty. A book containing all the suggestions hitherto presented has been published by the Committee.

Release March 18

ARGUES FOR WILD LIFE CONSERVATION

President of American Game Protective Association Says  
Project for Memorial Would Have Roosevelt's Approval

New York, March - - - John B. Burnham, President of the American Game Protective Association, believes that Roosevelt himself would like no better memorial than one that would assure the continued protection of American wild life, according to a letter made public yesterday by Colonel William Boyce Thompson, Chairman of the Roosevelt Permanent Memorial National Committee, which announced recently a proposal by noted naturalists to establish in Washington a foundation for the conservation of native bird and mammal faunas.

"If the Roosevelt Memorial Committee decides to raise but one memorial to Theodore Roosevelt", Mr. Burnham writes, "I believe that the plan for a 'Roosevelt Foundation for the Protection and Preservation of Wild Life' in this country should have its favorable consideration. If he were here such a plan I am sure would give him the keenest pleasure.

"All his life Roosevelt was a naturalist and a sportsman. He was the greatest sportsman this country has produced and one of its greatest naturalists. At the age of nine he wrote his own natural history. He founded the Boone and Crockett Club of big game hunters. He established forest reserves, and most of his recreation came from sport.

"The sport which he loved and the protection of the birds and game which he advocated can be continued and safeguarded by a wild life foundation. The need for this is urgent. Roosevelt himself

said that the welfare of this country depended in large measure upon sport in the open, which produces our best soldiers and makes for the health of the nation."

Mr. Burnham called attention to a statement issued by Colonel Roosevelt from the Roosevelt Hospital a year ago:

"To the profiteering proposal of the pseudo-patriots, the patriots for revenue only, that protection of wild life in war time be relaxed, the united hosts of conservation reply:

'YOU SHALL NOT PASS'!

"Let this be the slogan of every farmer, of all who dwell in the open, and of all who love nature and who wish to see our natural resources preserved for the perpetual use of our people and not destroyed for all time to gratify the greed of a moment.

(Signed) Theodore Roosevelt."



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Mr. George Shiras, 3d,  
Ormond Beach,  
Florida.

Dear Mr. Shiras:-

As yesterday was a holiday in New York, on account of the 27th's parade, this is the first opportunity I have had to write you relative to the presentation of the Roosevelt Wild Life Foundation before the National Committee, Monday afternoon.

Things were very well prepared for our plan. Carl Akeley got the Roosevelt family in favor of it and as you will see by the enclosed clipping from the New York Times, Col. Theodore Roosevelt, Jr. recommended it. Gifford Pinchot also spoke in favor of the plan, wanting it, however, to include the larger scope of the whole field of conservation, but Elihu Root spilled the beans, so that the presentation made by Mr. Nelson and myself was wasted. The committee hearing was dominated by Root and Root then, as always, opposed anything being done for wild life conservation.

I am sorry to have to send this report. I think we have done all that could be done, under the circumstances.

Very sincerely yours,

PRESIDENT.

JBB:J

*I read your paper to the Committee.*

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Mr. George Shiras, 3d,  
Ormond Beach,  
Florida.

Dear Mr. Shiras:-

Mr. Herman Hagedorn wants us to get together with the committee when the projected Roosevelt Society is being formed, to bring the Foundation plan before it. He is very much of the opinion that this can be incorporated in the general plan of the Roosevelt Society. I imagine the matter will not assume definite form much if any before the time you will come north.

Very sincerely yours,

PRESIDENT.

JBB:J



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June 12, 1919

Mr. George Shiras, 3rd,  
Marquette, Michigan.

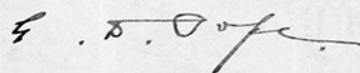
My dear Mr. Shiras:

I have been asked to call a meeting of the following gentlemen to arrange for the creation of the Michigan Branch of the Roosevelt Memorial Committee, and as it is important that this meeting be held at an early date, I would suggest that we meet at 11:30 o'clock on Friday, June 20th, in the Old Colony Clubrooms at the Hotel Pontchartrain.

I have set this hour because it makes it possible for us to either transact our business briefly before the noon hour or if it seems advisable, we can lunch together.

Trusting you will find it convenient to attend the meeting and will advise me of your intention, I remain

Very cordially yours.



Members invited:

John W. Blodgett	-	Grand Rapids
Paul King	-	Detroit
George Shiras, 3rd	-	Marquette
Major Roy C. Vandercook	-	Detroit
Charles B. Warren	-	Detroit
Ex-Governor Chase S. Osborn	-	Saulte Ste Marie
William Alden Smith	-	Grand Rapids
John Dodge	-	Detroit

THE NEW YORK STATE COLLEGE OF FORESTRY  
AT SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

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THE ROOSEVELT WILD LIFE  
FOREST EXPERIMENT STATION

CHARLES C. ADAMS, DIRECTOR

SYRACUSE, N. Y.

February 1, 1921.

Mr. George Shiras, 3d,  
Stanleigh Court,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Shiras,

On account of your interest in wild life I am sending to you a brief account of the establishment of "The Roosevelt Wild Life Forest Experiment Station". Plans for research on wild life were presented to Roosevelt four years ago and enlisted his hearty support at once. When he died our Trustees asked the Legislature to make an adaptation of these plans a Memorial to him and this was done in May, 1919.

The Station has two functions, to conduct research on wild life and to develop a wild life library.

Many close friends of Roosevelt consider this the most appropriate type of Memorial because a living institution devoted to constructive work is just the such as would appeal to him.

Recently when talking with Mr. Horace Albright of the Yellowstone about the work of our Station and wild life problems, he mentioned your name and kindly gave me your address.

Several years ago when I was Curator of the Museum of the University of Michigan, I had a good friend in Hon. Peter White, who greatly aided the zoological explorations of the Museum in the Porcupine Mts. and on Isle Royal. I also recall with pleasure that President Angell received from you some fine enlargements of your deer photographs, some of which he presented to the Museum and these I had framed and hung in the Museum for exhibition. I always recall with pleasure my relations with Mr. White. If I recall correctly you married his daughter.

As you have shown so much interest in wild life I am assuming that you will be interested in our efforts to do something on the constructive aspect of this wild life problem. Just now we are making plans to begin work in the Yellowstone next summer on certain phases of wild life work. Our studies in the Palisades, *Park* opened up a number of problems which are somewhat similar to those in the Yellowstone and yet are so distinct that we are looking forward with great eagerness to starting this work.

Yours very truly,

*Chas. C. Adams*

Director

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THE ROOSEVELT WILD LIFE  
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CHARLES C. ADAMS, DIRECTOR

SYRACUSE, N. Y.

March 17, 1921.

Mr. George Shiras, 3d.,  
Ormond Beach, Fla.

My dear Mr. Shiras:--

Your letter of February 8 came some time ago and I have read it with very great interest. It was a very natural and spontaneous tribute to Roosevelt that you should have thought of a wild life memorial to him. That this is in many respects the most appropriate kind of memorial is, as you know, the opinion of his family, his closest friends and associates.

I have been much interested in the history of your suggestion. I had heard that some one had suggested to the National Memorial Association that there should be some kind of a wild life memorial, but I had not been able to learn the details of this plan, and I did not know that you were the originator of it. I wish I had known of this before, and of your interest in this subject, as we might have cooperated before to advantage.

As Roosevelt himself had already approved of a plan which I had presented to him, and which he had presented and heartily approved to the Boone and Crockett Club, I naturally feel that our plan has a unique approval as a Memorial. The Trustees of our College gladly requested the Legislature to give the mandate that they establish this Memorial Station, which the Roosevelt family had approved, and had given permission to use his name. The original plan presented to Roosevelt (a copy of which I am enclosing) was a broad program for wild life research not limited by State boundaries, and although the funds from the N. Y. Legislature cannot be generally used outside

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of the State, the Charter of our College (which had previously been amended according to the plans of the Hon. Louis Marshall, President of our Board of Trustees, and who, as you know, presented that important brief in defence of the migration bird treaty) gives us full authority to cooperate with other organizations and to receive gifts, endowments, etc., from other sources, and it thus makes it legally possible for the Station to conduct its work as extensively as available funds will permit. As we already have so many organizations devoted to the protection of wild life and to wild life propa<sup>g</sup>anda, I urged Roosevelt that we needed one to be devoted exclusively to research. This was the distinctive feature of my original plan. If this memorial idea enters the field of propa<sup>g</sup>anda it will be more difficult for the whole memorial to be kept out of politics, and it seems to me that the truest memorial to him should be devoted solely to search for the truth, and should be strictly scientific in character. There is no similar memorial or similar foundation in the world, devoted exclusively to wild life research. There are many organizations, State, Federal and private which are doing research on wild life, but so far as known to me, our present Memorial is completely unique and distinctive.

While I believe that in all the States we need wild life experiment stations, just as we have agricultural experiment stations, yet I do not feel that to name all of them Roosevelt Stations would be practicable, or is even desirable.

The work of this Station is not, as I have stated, restricted solely to this State. Its work has already extended beyond these borders. Working in cooperation with Mr. George W. Perkins, President of the Commissioners of the Palisades Interstate Park, we began a cooperative wild life survey of this Interstate Park. Mr. Perkins was much interested in this Memorial and even wrote

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me that he wished that it might in some way be connected with the Palisades Interstate Park, but his sudden and unexpected death shattered this suggestion.

As a part of the original plans presented to Roosevelt we provided for an Honorary Advisory Council. We have decided also that only those will be invited to become members who were close to Roosevelt in some way. I therefore, take great pleasure in inviting you to become a member. The only obligation is to assist in an advisory capacity. The other members of the Council to date are: Dr. George Bird Grinnell, Dr. Gifford Pinchot, Theodore and Kermit Roosevelt, Mr. Chauncey J. Hamlin of Buffalo and the two foreign members are: Viscount Grey, and Sir Harry H. Johnston. At present no public announcement has been made of this Council. We will appreciate very much your cooperation and advice.

Very sincerely,

*Charles C. Adams*

Director.

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THE NEW YORK STATE COLLEGE OF FORESTRY  
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THE ROOSEVELT WILD LIFE  
FOREST EXPERIMENT STATION

CHARLES C. ADAMS, DIRECTOR

SYRACUSE N. Y.

April 7, 1921.

Hon. George Shiras, 3d.,  
Ormond Beach, Fla.

Dear Mr. Shiras:-

Your very welcome letter of March 31 is just here and I hasten to thank you very sincerely on behalf of the Station for accepting membership on the Honorary Advisory Council. This is particularly appreciated because of your interest also in allied interests. I believe however that the Station will before long be able to give assistance to your other plans. We are now making plans to conduct wild life research in the Yellowstone this summer, and our Assistant Director, Prof. A. G. Whitney, on leave, will conduct a boys summer school and camp out there. I enclose some circulars about his plans. We have already secured living expenses for a wild life research party, to study game, birds, and fish in the Yellowstone. We will soon make an effort to get funds to get the party out there, and we will need some funds for salaries. We hope that this sort of work will materially aid the Yellowstone plans. Our plans have been heartily approved by Mather, Albright, Yard, and others.

I am much interested indeed in learning that you are following Roosevelt's suggestion to get your wild life studies into print. We are just about ready to send the first number of the "Roosevelt Wild Life Bulletin" to the printer, and we need for this number an article on some game subject. I wonder if you have an illustrated 10 or 15 page paper which you would be pleased to have published in this number. I would appreciate this very much. I have a fine address by George W. Perkins on the relation of science to the modern world which will be printed in this number and a short paper by Edmund Heller. I wish as soon as possible to publish in the Bulletin also photographs of the members of the Honorary Advisory Council. For this reason I would greatly appreciate your photograph for this purpose.

I note your kind suggestion to present the plans of the Roosevelt Station to the American Game Protective Association, and I am sure that this will be a good plan at the proper time.

In your February 8 letter you stated that you expected to be in Washington late in April. I am hoping to attend the annual meeting of the American Society of Mammalogists, during the first week in May, and I hope that during this time I may have a chance to talk over Station plans with you.

April 7, 1921.

Hon. George Shiras, 3d.

Thanks for the enclosure, including Ma. L. R. Johnston's letter, which I am enclosing, your reprint from Forest and Stream on the Yellowstone and your circular on migratory fish. Our Roosevelt Station ichthyologist, Prof. T. L. Hankinson, is much interested in all fish problems and we will both be pleased to secure all published data which you get out on the migratory fish problems.

Dr. Grinnell has taken an active interest in the Station from the first. As you will probably be interested in his last letter I enclose a copy. I see him frequently in New York City, and talk over all our plans with him. As you know he is a member of our Council.

Very sincerely,

*Chas. C. Adams,*  
Director.

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## ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION

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June 11, 1923.

My dear Mr. Shiras:-

The President and Trustees of the Roosevelt Memorial Association would consider it an honor if you would attend the presentation of the Roosevelt Medals for Distinguished Service by President Harding at the White House on Friday, June 15th at 4:30 p.m. Those who will receive the medals personally (or by proxy) will be Miss Louisa Lee Schuyler, for the promotion of the welfare of women and children; Professor Henry Fairfield Osborn, for the promotion of the study of natural history; and Major-General Leonard Wood for the promotion of the national defense.

Kindly let me know ~~on the enclosed postal card~~ whether it will be *by wire* possible for you to attend the presentation ceremonies.

Yours sincerely,

*Hermann Hagedorn*  
Director.

George Shiras, 3rd. Esq.,  
Stonleigh Court,  
Washington, D. C.

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GREYSTONE LODGE  
WEST CHESTER, PA. U.S.A.

August 13, 1925.

Hon. George Shiras, 3d.,  
Marquette, Michigan.

My dear Mr. Shiras :

I am writing to ask you to contribute some personal reminiscences of Roosevelt for a volume I am compiling of REMINISCENCES OF THEODORE ROOSEVELT by his distinguished contemporaries.

In a letter from Dr. Frank M. Chapman of The American Museum of Natural History of New York, written on July 31st and just received by me today, he urges me to invite you to contribute to this volume. Dr. Chapman is contributing.

President Coolidge has written a tribute for the book, Mrs. Corinne Roosevelt Robinson is writing the introduction, and more than one hundred distinguished men, such as, Elihu Root, William Howard Taft, Leonard Wood, Charles W. Eliot, Charles E. Hughes, David Starr Jordan, Richard Washburn Child, Nicholas M. Butler, William S. Sims ( a partial list of contributors is hereto attached) have already sent me reminiscences, while General Goethals, James R. Garfield, Ray Stannard Baker, John H. Finley and Henry J. Allen are just a few who have written me that they are preparing articles and will get them to me in the near future. The Roosevelt Memorial Association is giving its support and profits from the sale of the book will be turned over to that society.

My aim is to portray every phase of Roosevelt's versatility through reminiscences by his distinguished contemporaries.

How your name escaped me this long I don't know. I do know that looking under your name in "WHO'S WHO" has made me thoroughly ashamed of myself.

I should like very much, indeed, to secure some of your personal reminiscences of Roosevelt. Perhaps you would like to tell something about the famous Marquette trial; but I'll leave the subject entirely to your selection.

Select some striking conversation or incident in your associations with Roosevelt that will exemplify his force and character and will at the same time bring your own personality into the story. Herewith you will find two or three typical reminiscences that will illustrate a desirable form for your material.

Will you be good enough to let me know when I may expect to receive your article? Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,  
F.S. Wood. *F.S. Wood*

*Sample*

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some personal reminiscence, or an account  
of some experience with Theodore Roosevelt.

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*etc etc*

The following are some anecdotes about Theodore Roosevelt written by Charles W. Eliot, President of Harvard University, when Roosevelt was a student.

Theodore Roosevelt, while he was President of the United States, attended the Harvard Commencement in 1902. He reached my house on the morning of Commencement, shortly before the academic procession was to form in the College Yard. When I asked him what I could do for him, he replied, "I must clean up before I go down to Massachusetts Hall". I showed him to a chamber and followed him in, that I might tell him where the bathroom was. He hastily threw his coat and waistcoat on the bed, and drew from his hip pocket a good-sized pistol which he laid on the dressing-table. President McKinley had been assassinated in the previous September. When I asked if he habitually carried a revolver, he replied, "Yes, when I am going into public places. I should have some chance of shooting the assassin before he could shoot me, if he were near me". In a few moments, we went down together to join the procession from Massachusetts Hall to Sanders Theatre. He was received with great enthusiasm by the assembled graduates, who had not had a chance to salute on the College grounds a Harvard Bachelor of Arts as President of the United States, since the days of John Quincy Adams (1825-1829). I walked across the Yard with President Roosevelt in the Academic Procession, and along our path hundreds of people stood, many of whom cheered and shouted as he passed. No police force was present, but plenty of marshals, graduate and undergraduate. We had gone but a few hundred feet when Roosevelt caught sight, behind the crowd, of an epileptic defective known to many generations of students as JOHN the Orangeman, who was allowed, contrary to regulations, to sell oranges, cocoanut cakes, and similar delicacies on the College premises during the intervals between his frequent confinements in the House of Correction or at "the Island" for drunkenness. John was emitting a continuous yell with his large mouth wide open. The President left the ranks, pushed through the crowd, and shook hands energetically with John, to John's triumphant delight. He was the only person so distinguished on that walk to the Theatre. This was a very characteristic act on the part of Theodore Roosevelt -- impetuous, sympathetic, kindly, and dramatic.

Few people now know that Roosevelt was an excellent student in college -- he graduated magna cum laude -- and that he already exhibited tastes and powers which characterized or determined much of his after life. His leading passion seemed to be the study of natural history in books, museums, and the field, and the intellectual power which most attracted the attention of his companions and teachers was an extraordinary capacity for concentrating every faculty on the work in hand, whether it were reading, writing, listening, or boxing. Thus he would read by himself in a room half-filled with noisy students without having his attention distracted even for an instant, indeed he would make no answer to questions addressed directly to him,

and did not seem to hear them. Hence he acquired knowledge with remarkable rapidity, and that knowledge he held in a very retentive memory. He was too slight in body to take part in any of the strenuous athletic sports, but he early showed the combativeness and love of adventure which marked his whole career.

While Roosevelt was President I attended as usual the annual meeting in Washington of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, and had the privilege of dining at the White House as principal guest, the President having arranged the company several days beforehand. I sat at the President's right, at a table which held some sixteen gentlemen. On the President's left was Mr. Justice Holmes, the rest of the guests being, as the President explained to me, heads of Bureaus or members of Commissions actively engaged in the work of the Administration. The moment we sat down the President informed me that this was a group of "his young men" on whom he was chiefly relying for the attainment of the administrative objects he had in view - "all but Holmes", he said, "he and I do not have much to do with each other. I invited him because he is a distinguished Harvard graduate and a friend of yours".

The President talked eagerly in the most interesting manner, partly to me, partly addressing to other guests, questions intending to draw them out, but much of the time to the whole table. When I got a chance, I asked him if he received substantial aid in his efforts towards industrial peace from any religious bodies in the country and that question led to some conversation about our own religious beliefs. Suddenly the President said: "I will ask all these men about their religious beliefs and practices, I don't know what they are, but I could guess". Thereupon, he actually requested each man in succession to give some account of his religious connection and his practical beliefs. Each man at the table made answer, most of them in a few simple words. When the circle had been completed, the President remarks to me, "There, Mr. President, you see that we are modern men".

Of the five Presidents who visited Harvard while I was President of the University, Roosevelt was the only one who possessed the faculty of attaching all sorts of men to him with a deep sense of personal devotion, although their contact with him might have been but slight. Most of the American Presidents have had nothing of this faculty. Roosevelt possessed it in a supreme degree. Perhaps it came to him with the Irish strain in his blood. Surely, not with the Dutch strain. His tastes, habits, and environment brought out this power in him more and more as his life advanced, until his health failed in consequence of his Amazon journey.

Charles W. Eliot.

Charles Evans Hughes, Secretary of State, says the following in connection with his association with Theodore Roosevelt:

I recall most vividly the meeting at the Union League Club in New York City on March 21, 1917, when after addresses by Theodore Roosevelt, Joseph H. Choate, Elihu Root and others, the Club adopted resolutions, urging immediate action by the Government in recognition of the fact that Germany had made and was making war upon the United States. Colonel Roosevelt was at his best and in a voice strained with emotion, he insisted upon not only immediate but adequate preparation for war. There was both demand and prophecy when he exclaimed: "We want to prepare at once a great army. I should hope an army of a couple of million men, so that if the war lasts for a year, we will be able to be the decisive and controlling element in it". But even Colonel Roosevelt did not then foresee the extent of America's effort.

After the speeches, a group tarried in the Club rooms, consisting of Colonel Roosevelt, Mr. Root, Robert Bacon and myself and we talked until two o'clock in the morning, discussing the situation. It was then that he voiced in the most impassioned manner, his desire to be allowed to go abroad and take part in the fighting. He urged us again and again to do all in our power to persuade the President to let him go. I shall never forget the solemnity of his manner and the depth of his feeling, as he said, "I shall not come back, my boys may not come back, my grandchildren may be left alone but they will carry forward the family name. I must go". Perhaps this was the keenest desire of his life -- to take a soldier's part in the great struggle.

I remember another occasion at Oyster Bay in 1910, when he was showing to his friends some of the souvenirs of his trip abroad. He brought out a folio on art, which he had received from the Kaiser. It had a long inscription dealing, as I recall it, with some of the cannons of art and signed "Wilhelm, I. R." (Imperator, Rex). Roosevelt read the inscription with great glee and snapped out "Wilhelm, I. R. -- slightly ungrammatical".

CHARLES E. HUGHES

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THE FIRST ~~AND THE LAST~~ MEETING WITH THEODORE ROOSEVELT

An Interesting Coincidence

About the year 1907 a former college and fraternity associate, William Seymour Edwards, Speaker of the West Virginia House of Representatives, called on Mr. Shiras in Washington, and in talking about President Roosevelt, whom Edwards greatly admired, he asked: "Do you remember your first meeting with T.R.?"

Shiras replied, "Yes, quite readily. It was one evening in 1903 during a Congressional reception. As the large assembly passed by the President and received a brief ~~xxxxxxxx~~ handshake, I was gratified by the greeting: "I wish to congratulate you ancestrally, personally and politically, and hope to see more of you." It was some years later, however, before mutual interests brought us together in a more intimate way."

"Well", said Edwards, "You are entirely mistaken. For 28 years before this, you did Theodore Roosevelt a good turn in probably his first public appearance outside of his college activities. In the spring of 1879, you and I were appointed delegates by the Cornell Chapter to the general convention of Alpha Delta Phi, at Rochester, N.Y. We were under instructions to vote for the withdrawal of the Harvard Chapter, as well as were a majority of the other delegates, on the ground that this Chapter was too exclusive and did not show the proper fraternal spirit towards the members of the smaller colleges. Two delegates came from the Harvard Chapter to protest against this proposed action. One was the son of Edward Everett Hale, and the other a slender youth who energetically argued against the justice of this expulsion, saying, in effect, that it was not a square deal to visit upon the members of the Harvard Chapter previous shortcomings, if any; for the present delegation bore evidence of the unanimous desire of the undergraduates to continue in good standing with the fraternity at large. As this delegate was concluding, you asked permission to interrogate him, with the result that though under instructions to vote for the withdrawal, you said you were convinced it was unfair, and concluded by expressing the hope that no such action would be taken. After a general discussion the convention voted down, with practical unanimity, the resolution under consideration. Afterwards the Harvard delegate whom you supported thanked you for your aid. This delegate was Theodore Roosevelt, then unknown to fame beyond the circle of his intimates."

GREYSTONE LODGE  
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April 20, 1926

Hon. George S. Shiras, 3rd,  
Ormond Beach, Fla.

My dear Mr. Shiras:

I am forwarding to you the binder contain-  
ing the correspondence between Theodore Roosevelt and  
yourself.

I appreciate very much the courtesy which you  
have shown in making this accessible to me.

The Roosevelt book is now finished and in  
readiness for publication. I have marked a personal  
copy for you and hope you will receive it in the early  
Summer.

With much appreciation for your co-operation,  
I am,

Sincerely yours,

*J. S. Wood*

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My dear Mr. Shiras:

You may remember that last spring you very generously offered to contribute \$500.00 a year for two years to the motion picture fund of the Association. You said at the time that you would make your first contribution in November, (that is, last November). I hate to bother you about the matter, but having spent all our funds and then some, we are in a receptive mood and would be mighty glad if we could have the first of your contributions at your early convenience.

Financially, our record is sound. I have raised altogether about \$20,000.00 and spent approximately the same amount. Experts from the Famous Players Lasky Corporation and the Pathe Company, however, have estimated the value of our collected film at about \$56,000.00; and the value of the one and two reel pictures made from some of this material at \$20,000.00, and so for an outlay of \$10,000 a year for the past two years we have acquired assets estimated by experts at \$76,000.00.

Beside the film we have collected and the pictures we have assembled, we have stirred up things in the motion picture industry to such an extent that three or four companies are now planning seriously to put on important Roosevelt pictures of one sort or another, and the big companies are beginning to come to us when they want historical material relating to the Roosevelt era. When the Pathe Company recently sent out



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January 25, 1928

My dear Mr. Shiras:

I am enclosing as of possible interest a recent editorial from the Washington press commenting on a bill that has been introduced by Congressman Charles Tatgenhorst of Ohio. This bill of Mr. Tatgenhorst is of interest in the light of the bill you have proposed for the Federal regulation of pollution in interstate waters. I believe the proposed bill of yours and particularly the comment in your pamphlet "History of the First Migratory Bird Bill" should be of interest to Mr. Tatgenhorst. You will note that the constitutionality of the Tatgenhorst bill is based on the power to regulate interstate commerce of navigable waters. As you have so clearly pointed out such an effort based upon the commerce clause in the Constitution is "futile and fictitious". Moreover, the Congressman does not seem informed of the decision of the Supreme Court in the case of Missouri vs. Illinois which you quote. Would it not be well to bring your pamphlet to the attention of Congressman Tatgenhorst? I have but one copy and if you do not care to engage his interest yourself, would you like me to do so? And could you send me an extra copy of your pamphlet?

I have sent for a copy of Representative Tatgenhorst's bill and will send it to you.

I do trust that your health is improving.

Very sincerely yours,

*Arthur Ringland*  
Arthur Ringland,  
Secretary

Honorable George Shiras, 3d  
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*I shall be glad to come out and  
talk this over if you desire.*

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