



TRINITY COLLEGE

May 20, 1918.

My dear Judge Shiras:-

I wish to entertain all the recipients of honorary degrees at Luncheon at my house at one o'clock on June 17th, immediately following the Commencement Exercises, and I trust that you will give me this pleasure.

Hoping for an early and favorable reply I am

Sincerely yours

*F. S. Luther*

P.S. I have just received your letter of the 17th and am writing this morning to order your cap and gown. I will have them sent here.  
F.S.L.

To The Honorable George Shiras, III.  
Stoneleigh Court  
Washington, D.C.

WILLIAM SEYMOUR EDWARDS,  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW,  
Charleston-Kanawha,  
West Virginia.

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*Dictated.*

September 9th, 1896,

Geo. Shiras, 3rd,  
# 100 Diamond Street,  
Pittsburgh,  
Pennsylvania,

My dear George:---

I have been appointed a member of the  
Advisory Committee of the Republican State Committee of  
West Virginia. I think I shall be able to get to  
Pittsburgh about Sunday or Monday, somewhere along there,  
and would then like to take up with you the matter of  
raising some funds for our campaign, as we badly need money.  
I will call upon you promptly on my arrival.

Very sincerely yours,

*William Seymour Edwards*



JOHN W. STONE.  
JUDGE 25TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT.

Marquette, Mich. Dec. 7 1906.

Mr. George Shiras 3d.  
Washington D.C.  
My dear Mr. Shiras.

I have been much interested in reading your article in Forest and Stream, entitled "Federal Protection of Wildfowl," and I believe that your argument is unanswerable from a constitutional standpoint.

It has occurred to me that the "general welfare" clause of the Constitution might also be invoked. - "The Congress shall have power to + + + provide for the + + + general welfare of the United States." That the protection of migratory wildfowl, and the fishery interest, is for the general welfare of the people of our U.S. seems to me to be clear. In this connection I call your attention to the able address of Lucian Hugh Alexander Esq. of the Phila. bar entitled, "James Wilson, Patriot and the Wilson



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JUDGE 25TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT.

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Doctrine. Near the close of the address attention is called to the above quoted clause, and Mr. Alexander contends for "The power of the National Government to legislate concerning every object relating to the general welfare of the United States to which at least no particular State is competent."

Very truly yours,  
J. W. Stone



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McKEESPORT, PA., 2-11 1907.

Hon Geo Shuman III  
Washington DC

My Dear Sir

When in Washington last week I called to see you but you were out of the city

Dahzell seems to be against Campbell. but Purvose is O.K. and will not allow any one to be confirmed by Senate but Campbell

Bersam who is out for P.O. is not a man of any standing. Campbell has good record. Do you think we could get Dept to name Campbell over Dahzell or do you think the case could be taken up to the President

We will be glad to have any advice or help you can give us. Thanking you for past favors I am

Yours truly  
J. D. O'Neil

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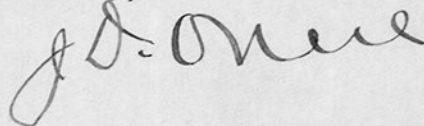
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do for us will be considered a personal favor. I have talked with Hon. James W. Brown and some other good people and they informed me they would endeavor to see what could be done to help us. Anything you may wish to write me will be considered strictly confidential. I trust you understand the situation and will leave it to you as to the best way of getting at the matter. We do not want to make any mistake at this time. As you are aware the President makes the appointment and knowing your standing with the President thought it might be possible to have you say a word to him in Mr. Campbell's behalf. You can see him either before or after you see Mr. Dalzell, but as it will likely be somewhat difficult for us to have many persons speak to the President I do trust you will have an opportunity to present this matter to him. If you find it possible to comply with my request, you can use such parts of the information given you in this letter, as you think necessary, if you see Mr. Dalzell and any of the information contained herein if you have an opportunity to talk with the President.

Thanking you for many past favors and trusting you can assist us in this matter, I am,

Respectfully,



THE  
OUTING MAGAZINE

Edited by  
CASPAR WHITNEY

35 AND 37 W. 31ST STREET  
NEW YORK

Dictated P

July 23, 1907.

My dear Mr. Shiras :

Recently the President sent me the galley proofs of a very long article you have written apropos of the nature fakir discussion. He said that I might use it in the magazine. I replied that all I could use of it was that part on the first galley where you begin to talk about what Long has to say about the wolf and then go on to tell your own experience, etc. That is all I could use in the magazine of your article. Of course I should want the exclusive use of that. If I cannot have the exclusive use I would not want to use it at all. In talking with the President the other day, he said he thought you would not object to my using this small part. However I wish to be on the safe side; that is why I am writing you direct for your permission, which is also the President's suggestion.

I have been collecting some data as to the experience in the field of Seton, Roberts and Long and my thought was to just assemble some facts and to write a paragraph or so about it, comparing their experience with the experience of those who have been drawn into this controversy - the President, Burroughs, etc. I would be very glad to add you to the list and intended to do so and use what you say about wolves.

Perhaps in replying to this letter you might give me briefly in several statements when you began to study animals afield, where you studied them and how long you have been studying them. My idea is not at all to club Long; there has been enough of that done in my judgment, but to simply assemble some facts and to

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print them without the color of personal abuse or argument. They will speak for themselves.

I must ask you to reply to this letter by return post as I must have an answer right away if I am to use this. I have wired the President asking him to send you the galley on which I have marked what I can use.

Sincerely yours,

*Carson Whitney*

Mr. George Shiras, 3rd.,

Marquette, Michigan.

LELAND STANFORD JUNIOR UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Stanford University, Cal.,

February 23, 1909.

Mr. George Shiras 3rd,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Permit me to thank you very sincerely for your kind letter of February 16th. We shall consider your suggestions with the greatest care when we come finally to finish up our report.

We have been warned by the State Department that we cannot touch any matter unless it is clearly involved in the treaty itself. In the treaty itself Lake Michigan and the Georgian Bay are expressly excluded, and we are informed that the waters running into all these lakes must necessarily be excluded, and that only the courts can determine where a river leaves off and a lake begins. It is clear that our jurisdiction covers fully the food fishes, and from this we cannot escape even if we wish to. As regards the game fishes, we might perhaps to advantage leave their close season to the individual states. In fact, we must depend on the judgments of the individual states to make these close seasons successful.

So far as brook trout are concerned, there are none excepting in Lake Superior, and it is not important that the statutes on one side of the Lake should be identical with the other. I



G. S. 3rd -2-

have already made this a test question, asking for a decision from the Department of State as to what point of view they wish us to take. I can see that in some respects the unification of the statutes on the two sides of the Lake leaves the matter in bad condition, when the local statutes governing the inland waters are different from ours; but the best we can do is to do the best we can, and I value your suggestions most highly.

Very truly yours,

*Samuel H. Jordan*

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TREASURY DEPARTMENT  
PUBLIC HEALTH  
AND  
MARINE HOSPITAL SERVICE

Washington,

May 31, 1911.

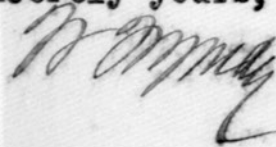
Hon. George Shiras, 3rd,  
Stoneleigh Court,  
City.

My dear Mr. Shiras:

I am sending you herewith a copy of the treaty between the United States and Great Britain upon the boundary waters between the United States and Canada, to which I referred in our recent conversation.

With regard,

Sincerely yours,



FRANK J. RUSSELL,  
MARQUETTE, MICH.

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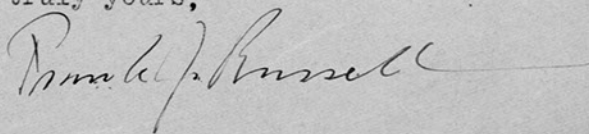
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My Dear Mr. Shiras - I am pleased that you have called the matter of counsel to the attention of the colonel . My views on that matter are shared by Dr. Cunningham and a number of other of our friends who are particularly interested in the case, including, as I may have written you , Mr. Hill , who has great respect for Belden's ability .

Now I feel that we at least have called this matter to the colonel's attention , and so he will be informed that at least in some minds there is question whether his case is in the best hands. That lets us out .

I don't believe there will be much opportunity of setting up a jury in this case . The original panel will likely be exhausted . We ought to be able to tell from the run of the men whether there was any particular selection of them . Of course I don't believe Belden would want to do anything but what was right .

Very truly yours,



FRANK J. RUSSELL,  
MARQUETTE, MICH.

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My Dear Mr. Shiras - I have read your recent letter with interest, and with pleasure because of the assurance it contained that there would be additional counsel in the case. Pound told me in a general way of the Miller deposition, and from what he told me it seemed to me that it was very weak, and one that would be of little service to the defense. I told you they didn't impress me as being very happy over the outlook. Hewett continues offensive in his references to Roosevelt, but as usual I think he is achieving the results he usually achieves, which are directly opposite to those he would like to achieve. In other words his attitude is, I think, helpful to the colonel. I will be greatly disappointed in Belden if he does not handle this case in a manner that can meet with the approval of fairminded men.

The Progressive convention has just been held at Battle Creek. To be absolutely frank about it, I believe the Progressives nominated the weakest ticket put up by any one of the three major parties, but it appears to

**FRANK J. RUSSELL,**  
MARQUETTE, MICH.

have been fairly well received . One thing that was significant was the raising of \$4,000 of campaign funds . The upper peninsula counties were not represented to any extent , but that will not stand in the way of the polling of a heavy Progressive vote up here , if the proper work is done . We will take hold and do what we can . I have written a number of letters today to get a line on things . At the same time I can't feel highly enthusiastic over the ticket .

I wrote Col. Roosevelt about a week ago asking when it would be convenient for him to see me , but have not as yet heard from him . I have been held here lately by Father's absence .

I wish you would tell George P. to write me of the whereabouts of that little black book in which he kept the names of committeemen , persons to whom we sent literature , etc . , as we will want to use it in the spring campaign / I would appreciate it if you would have him attend to this at once .



**FRANK J. RUSSELL,**  
MARQUETTE, MICH.

I enclose some clippings from lower state  
papers referring to the convention.

With best regards

*Frank J. Russell*

*Feb. 22, 1913*

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*Your democratic Certificate of*  
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WILLIAM S. HILL  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
MARQUETTE, MICHIGAN

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July 29, 1913.

Mr. George Shiras 3rd.,  
C i t y .

My Dear Mr. Shiras:

Permit me to thank you for your very kind favor of  
the 26th in the form of a check for \$250 to cover my compensation  
in the Roosevelt case. This is exceedingly generous on your part  
and is thoroughly appreciated by me. Again thanking you, I am,

Very respectfully yours,

*W. S. Hill*



GIFFORD PINCHOT  
1617 RHODE ISLAND AVENUE  
WASHINGTON D C

November 24, 1913

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

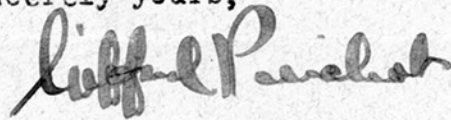
Dear Shiras:

What would you think of the Constitutionality of a bill forbidding interstate commerce in lumber cut in contravention of certain simple forest regulations? My idea of the most practical way would be to require a certificate from the State forest officials that these regulations had been complied with, but I have not yet studied the question of means sufficiently to have much confidence in my own judgment. I am, however, perfectly clear that we shall get no effective regulation of forestry on private lands by means of tax exemptions or in any way except by forbidding private owners by law from using wasteful methods, and to do this under the police power either of the State or the Nation. If the thing could be made National, that would be immensely the better plan.

GIFFORD PINCHOT  
1617 RHODE ISLAND AVENUE  
WASHINGTON D C

If you think it feasible, then I should like to go ahead quietly, saying nothing about it until a bill had been drawn, and we could lay the whole scheme complete before the National Lumber Manufacturers Association. It would probably precipitate a riot. That would call public attention to the question, and then we could go ahead and create public sentiment on large scale. How does the whole scheme strike you?

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Gifford Pinchot". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "G".

United States Court,  
Pittsburgh.

January 8, 1917.

Hon. George Shiras, III,  
Stone Leigh Court,  
Washington, D. C.  
My Dear Friend:

I have rather set my heart on a degree for you from my Alma Mater this coming commencement. I may or may not be able to put it through, but I hope to do so. Your scientific work I feel is well worthy of academic recognition.

I would be very much obliged if you would send me a memorandum of the fullest kind about what articles, contributions or other literary work you have done. Don't be modest about it but send me the whole roster *of your Early Commissee*.

With assurances of personal regard to Mrs. Shiras and yourself, I am

Very truly yours,

*Wm. Bragg*  
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UNITED STATES COURT  
PITTSBURGH

February 11, 1918

Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor,  
National Geographic Society,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Grosvenor:

I was overpowered this morning when I received the splendid copy of Mr. Shiras' articles. I have sent it on to Dr. Luther, and am sure that this compilation of yours will satisfy our Committee on Degrees. What is the matter with your coming up to Commencement next year and seeing the degrees conferred? We are going to make it a recognition of applied science, and if you thought of coming up I would write you in confidence what our plans are and who we are going to honor in connection with Mr. Shiras. If we carry out the plans, which I hope we will, of making it a distinctively scientific commencement, the National Geographic Magazine ought to have some pictures and an article in recognition of what we are doing that day. From its foundation, Trinity has been prone to recognize the natural sciences to an unusual degree, and the exphasizing of this feature of educational work I know will appeal very strongly to you. I may say to you in entire confidence, and I know you will not disclose it, that we propose at that time to confer the degree of Doctor of Science on Shiras, Colonel Roosevelt and Russell J. Coles. I trust the movement may meet with your approval.

Very cordially yours,

Jos. Buffington.



# National Geographic Society

WASHINGTON, D. C.

GILBERT H. GROSVENOR, DIRECTOR AND EDITOR

February 13, 1918

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

My dear Shiras:

I am very much pleased to receive your letter of February 11.

As soon as we received the bound copies of your articles I forwarded a copy to Judge Buffington, and enclose herewith a copy of my letter and his reply.

Regarding McClintock's lecture, about a week ago I advised him that I should like to postpone his lecture until April, as it was necessary to rearrange our dates, so that I can give McClintock either April 5 or April 12. I am glad to learn that the change will be convenient to McClintock, as it will be to us.

My present plans are to leave here with Mrs. Grosvenor about March 7, proceeding directly to Miami and spending about a week with the Fairchilds at Coconut Grove, and then returning north to Ormond about the 18th or 19th, and spending a couple of days with you at Ormond, if this length of time will not be too much of a burden on you and Mrs. Shiras.

Since receiving your letter I note that McClintock will be with you on the 19th and 20th, therefore if it would be more convenient for you for us to stop over in Ormond on our way south, instead of on the 19th on our return north, will you kindly let me know. It is immaterial to Mrs. Grosvenor and me on which time we make our visit at Ormond.

Many thanks for your letter and your cordial invitation. Our regards to Mrs. Shiras and the Chapmans.

Yours faithfully,

*Gilbert Grosvenor*



TRINITY COLLEGE  
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

HARTFORD, CONN.      February 19, 1918.

The Honorable George Shiras, 3rd  
Stoneleigh Court  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Sir:-

I have lately received through our mutual friend, Judge Buffington, a copy of that superb book of yours in which appear a great number of your wonderful photographs of game. I cannot tell you how I have enjoyed the pictures and how much I am enjoying the text that goes with them.

I am particularly interested in those pictures which were taken in upper Michigan and that general region because in the 70's and early 80's I used to go camping, hunting, and fishing in that locality nearly every summer. I am afraid that I hadn't then come to appreciate all that may be said against shooting wild game for I did a good deal of that. However, more deer escaped than fell to my rifle, so perhaps there is a majority in my favor. One grows more tender and merciful as he grows older. I do not like to think of some things that I did as a boy and young man with a gun.

You may be interested to know that in 1888 a friend of mine, Frederick Chapin, got a picture of a grizzly bear standing on a mountain side. It was not a good picture as compared with those which may be taken now, but it was unmis-

The Honorable George Shiras, 3rd -2-

takable and a great curiosity. I wonder if it is not almost the earliest of the pictures of wild game in their natural surroundings. This picture may be found on page 106 of Chapin's "Mountaineering in Colorado", published in 1889.

Thanking you for the pleasure you have given and are giving me I am

Sincerely yours

*David S. Luther*

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TRINITY COLLEGE  
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

HARTFORD, CONN.

February 28, 1918.

The Honorable George Shiras, 3rd  
Ormond Beach  
Florida

My dear Mr. Shiras:-

I do not mean to bother you by constant letters, but your pleasant favor of February 25th stirred so many pleasant recollections of upper Michigan that I must boil over a little bit. My longest and most delightful stay in those woods was in the late summer and early fall of 1880. At that time I was a professor in Racine College, Racine, Wisconsin. We took a steamer down Lake Michigan and touched at one of the islands at the entrance to Green Bay where I took a tug with all of our stuff for Manistique, though I think the lumber town was then called Epsport. With the aid of a man whom I hired as cook we got our two boats and stuff some distance up Indian River and into a lake which is nameless. There I camped by myself over night. That was my only experience of being absolutely alone in the woods, and I enjoyed it beyond anything. The next day my two fellow-campers joined me and a few days later we went a long distance up Indian River. Then we left the river and went across country about a mile with rather difficult portage and camped out on a very beautiful but nameless lake. I suppose we must have been about twenty miles south of Munising.

The Honorable George Shiras -2-

The map which I have before me has no names and doesn't even show the lakes, but there in the midst of herds of deer and with the lake filled with splendid bass and the river at hand where there were plenty of trout I had I think the most glorious time of my whole life. Of course there were many trifling adventures, - The one which I remember best consisting of getting absolutely lost in the woods. What filled me with pride is the fact that I did not get rattled, but after wandering about a little I sat down on a fallen tree to take account of stock and see what had better be done. I was carrying a shot gun, and I remember that I had five small shot cartridges and three buck shot cartridges. I had a few matches and I had a compass. It was a gray day and no sun, and I did not know in what direction the camp was any more than the man in the moon; but I knew that by going due south I should strike Lake Michigan some time. Having just about made up my mind that I would start pretty soon I saw a perfectly familiar landmark within a half a mile. I am glad that I was once a little scared - perhaps a good deal scared. It helped me to appreciate what may happen to a man in the woods when the proper course is not quite as clear as it was in my case.

Pardon this reminiscence. I haven't much but reminiscences to feed upon in these sere and yellow days.

The Honorable George Shiras -3-

I suppose you must have been in that neighborhood at that time, but I don't recall meeting any strangers except a man who seemed to be looking after bog-iron.

I thank you for the copy of your proposed law. It will be a terrible pity if the game is allowed to perish entirely from that fine country. Did you ever cross over into Door County of Wisconsin? It occupies the long peninsula between Green Bay and the lake. Very near the point is a beautiful lake where I camped more than once. We named this Lake Isabel after my wife, but I suppose the effort to make the name permanent was most likely a failure. The lake where we camped in Michigan as described above we called Trinity Lake on account of its trefoil shape and perhaps in prophecy of my later destiny. Of course it has some other name long before this time.

I wish I could once more before I get through get into the wild woods, sleep on hemlock branches, rustle and cook my own food, but I doubt if I have such luck.

Pardon me again for this overflow of garrulous biography. It can hardly interest you, but it does me a lot of good to see it written out.

Very sincerely yours



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UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS,  
THIRD JUDICIAL CIRCUIT.  
PHILADELPHIA.

March 6th, 1918

My dear Shiras:

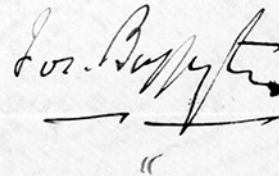
I am in receipt of your letter of March 2d, telling me that you would send through Dr. Chapman a resume that you had collected. I shall be very much gratified to receive it, and I assure you your friends have not been idle. From Dr. Grosvenor of the National Geographic Magazine I received a very fine bound copy of your articles, which I sent on to Dr. Luther to lay before the Committee on Degrees. As soon as I receive the articles through Dr. Chapman I will do the same thing. I am more than pleased that we are to have you among our Honorary Alumni, and I hope you will have no hesitation in letting me have any data that you should gather together bearing on what you have done. We want to put it all together in the College Library as we have done with what Dr. Grosvenor sent us.

I want to acknowledge also from you the letter you sent with the picture of the beaver. How in the world you took it I cannot imagine. I was uncertain whether I should send that up to the College as an evidence of your capacity because I knew Dr. Luther would be greatly interested in seeing it, and on the other hand I felt I wanted to send it over to our boy who is now with the French Army. He and I have had such splendid canoe trips together, and we have seen the work of the beavers, so I could not resist the temptation of sending the picture to him. So your beaver is now some place along the Chemin de Dames, the Aisne, or Rhiems, and I don't doubt that a lot of the boys over there have been very much interested in trying to work out how you ever succeeded in taking that chap's picture. It certainly is a marvel. I trust you will excuse me for not having acknowledged the receipt of it before this.

With assurances of regard, and cordial remembrances to Mrs. Shiras, I am,

Very truly yours,

George Shiras, 3rd, Esq.,  
Ormond Beach Property Owners' Assos.,  
Ormond Beach, Florida.



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TRINITY COLLEGE  
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

HARTFORD, CONN.

March 11, 1918.

The Honorable George Shiras, 3rd

Hotel Ormond

Ormond Beach, Florida

My dear Mr. Shiras:-

In spite of your courteous answer to my earlier letter I doubt whether you knew what you were in for when I got started on my camping reminiscences; and your clipping from "Forest and Stream" as to Albino deer has particularly brought back the memory of one of my great disappointments. I saw an Albino deer - a large doe - in that region in Door County, Wisconsin, which I mentioned in my other letter. I did what I still think to be a nice bit of stalking and got within easy range and carefully rested my rifle on the log behind which I saw lying, took a careful sight and pulled the trigger. Now my rifle was one of the old Remington's, and if you know the gun you will remember that occasionally the hammer-block would catch on the breech-block preventing the discharge. That is just what happened on this occasion and the only time it ever happened while I used that gun. There was a faint click. I gently pulled back the gun to see what was the matter and thoughtlessly pushed the breech-block into place. Of course the cartridge exploded and the bullet went off into space - the deer went off into space also.

The Honorable George Shiras -2-

I jumped up and got another cartridge and fired at her on the run at a distance of perhaps 300 yards and missed. Ah, me! Pish - likewise tush.

Very sincerely yours, and after all these years

Yours regretfully

*G. Shiras*

P.S. I visited Grand Island a few years ago as the guest of William G. Mather, who is one of our Trustees. I saw the half-tamed game and ate rather more than my share of a fine whitefish. F.S.L.

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TRINITY COLLEGE  
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

HARTFORD, CONN.

MARCH 30, 1918

Gilbert Grosvenor, Esquire,  
National Geographic Society  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Grosvenor:

I thank you most sincerely for the book of which you advised me in your favor of March 27th (BIRD BOOK). It has not reached me yet, but I am sure it will shortly., and I am sure that I shall find it interesting and instructive.

I have been in correspondence with Mr. Shiras with reference to various matters for some little time. Indeed, I presume I have pestered him with letters until he wishes that he was again in the inaccessible wilds of the back woods where old men cease from troubling and the R.F.D. is not.

Sincerely yours,

F.S.LUTHER

L/M

National Geographic Society

WASHINGTON, D. C.

GILBERT GROSVENOR, DIRECTOR AND EDITOR

April 1, 1918

Honorable George Shiras, 3d,  
Hotel Ormond,  
Ormond Beach, Florida

My dear Shiras:

I enclose copy of a letter just received from  
President Luther of Trinity. I sincerely hope that  
you will send him the information requested, particularly  
the copies of some of your briefs.

With cordial regards, I am

Yours faithfully,

*Gilbert Grosvenor*

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TRINITY COLLEGE  
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

HARTFORD, CONN.

May 6, 1918.

The Honorable George Shiras, III  
Stoneleigh Court  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Judge Shiras:-

I have yours of May 4th and am sincerely pleased that you accept and will come to us. Further details as to Commencement Week exercises will be sent you a little later. You should have an Oxford cap and Doctor's gown which you may purchase and have sent here to us; or, if you so prefer, and will so advise me, I can hire them for you from Messrs. Cotrell & Leonard, of Albany, New York. The hood is presented by the college together with the diploma.

With very best regards and expressing again my pleasure that you are to be with us I am

Sincerely yours



L/M

TRINITY COLLEGE  
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

HARTFORD, CONN.      May 23, 1918.

The Honorable Joseph Buffington, LL.D.  
United States Courts  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

My dear Judge Buffington:-

Will you kindly tell me, and as promptly as you conveniently can, whether Judge Shiras is married? If he has a wife and she comes with him Mrs. Luther wants her at Luncheon on Commencement Day, and if he hasn't I do not wish to embarrass him by inviting a non-existent guest.

Always sincerely yours



L/M

P.S. I am sending this letter to Pittsburgh. If it has to be forwarded to Philadelphia I am going to ask you to wire me in order to lose as little time as possible. P.S.L.

United States Court,

Pittsburgh. May 25, 1918.

George Shiras III, Esq.,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Shiras:

I presume by this time you have got official notice that we are going to honor ourselves by conferring the degree of Doctor of Science on your good self. I enclose you a letter I just had from Dr. Luther, and a copy of my reply, which explain themselves. I do hope that you will be able to persuade Mrs. Shiras to go to Hartford with you when you receive your degree. Hartford is, to my mind, the most attractive of all New England cities, and I trust you may persuade her to go along when you go up for your degree.

With kind regards to Mrs. Shiras, I am,

Very cordially yours,

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*For. Bradford*

TRINITY COLLEGE  
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

HARTFORD, CONN.      June 21, 1918.

George Shiras, III, Sc.D.  
Stoneleigh Court  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Doctor Shiras:-

I have your very pleasant letter of June 19th, and it is indeed a joy to feel that we may count you among our foster sons. It was a great satisfaction to have you here and a greater one to know that you enjoyed your visit.

Quite to my surprise Mrs. Luther did not seem much tired after the ceremonies were completed and we were left practically alone.

I had looked forward to your visit with the earnest hope that we might talk over some of our experiences in the country which is dear to us both I am sure.

How I wish I could accept your cordial invitation to visit you at White Fish Lake! It has been a dream of mine that once more before I die I might go into the real woods and see the deer troop down to the water at nightfall and watch the porcupines and see an occasional black squirrel, that I might again hunt around with a feeling that to see a bear is not an impossibility. I should like to cuddle the butt of my rifle into its old place on my right shoulder and look across the sights to my dinner; but whether all this will ever

George Shiras, III, Sc.D. -2-

come to pass seems doubtful.

As for this summer: after turning your invitation over and over in my mind as a boy sucks a "jackson ball", I have been driven to the conclusion that I must stay here. To confess the truth, it will keep me busy to pay up my last subscription to the Liberty Bonds.

Mrs. Luther sends her very best regards and hopes that she may, in the not too distant future, meet you again and Mrs. Shiras with you.

I am sending this letter to Stoneleigh Court, Washington, not knowing when you leave for Marquette, and being sure that it will be forwarded if you have gone before it reaches your winter home.

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M. S. Luther". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed name "Sincerely yours".

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June 24, 1918

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

My dear Doctor Shiras:

I am in receipt of yours of the 21st and have examined proofs of both photographers, one of which was very much superior to the other. I have ordered one each of the three groups you mention, but it will be a week or more before these are ready. At that time I will send them to you at Marquette. I am a little doubtful from your letter whether you wish three copies from each of the three groups, or only one print from each of the three groups. I have ordered one, but if you meant three let me know and I will order the balance.

Mrs. Morris and the children were much disappointed when I told them of our call the afternoon they were out. I hope now that you are an alumnus of Trinity that you will come to Hartford again some Commencement and let us really show you the place.

With kindest regards to yourself and family, I am

Yours truly,

S.M.:G.

TRINITY COLLEGE  
PRESIDENT'S OFFICE

HARTFORD, CONN.

June 28, 1918.

Doctor George Shiras, III  
Stoneleigh Court  
Washington, D.C.

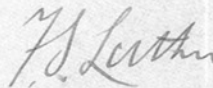
My dear Doctor Shiras:-

I have your pleasant letter of June 26th, and I wish very much that I could feel encouraged to believe that I might go to you this summer; but it is, I fear, entirely out of the question. It is a comfort to remember that, as you say, we have beautiful surroundings at our home, and what with the garden and loafing in general I get a considerable amount of out-door life.

Some years ago I went from Cleveland to Marquette and back on one of Mather's steamers, together with himself and half a dozen other Trinity men. We had a glorious time. Whether we violated federal regulations or not I do not know and I shouldn't have cared even then as I was on a lawless expedition in many ways.

With very best regards and thanking you most heartily for your kind thought for Mrs. Luther and myself I am

Sincerely yours



L/M

WILLIAM G. MATHER  
CLEVELAND OHIO

Lake Shore Boulevard

July 4, 1918.

Mr. George Shiras,  
Marquette, Mich.,

Dear ~~Mr. Shiras~~:

*George* :

Enclosed find clipping from the Hartford Cour-  
ant giving some groups. You will notice Mr. R. H. Schutz, he is  
the man on the extreme left of the right hand picture looking to-  
wards it; he sent this picture to me. Schutz had the honor of  
~~directing~~ <sup>directing</sup> Buffington, Howell and me out to the Bond House the  
night we welcomed you to Hartford.

I regret to see by the picture that you are appar-  
ently much dissatisfied with your surroundings, I had not realized  
it before.

Sincerely yours,

*W. Mather*

SHIRAS MORRIS  
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

July 6, 1918.

Dr. George Shiras 3rd,  
Marquette, Michigan.

My dear Dr. Shiras:

I have finally received the photographs you requested. The photographer sent me one extra copy for which you did not ask, that of the Colonel and those of the Trustees who were present. I am sending it along with the rest, though, and hope you will receive all of these from me with my best wishes.

Yours very truly,

*Shiras Morris.*

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