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ARCHEOLOGY

✓ PALEOGRAPHY

CAMPBELL, W. A.

LOWE, E. A.

HERZFIELD, ERNST

Academic Activities

Academic Activities

Biographical

The Director reports that he has conferred with the Executive Committee and was authorized to increase the estimated expenditures from \$250,000 to \$265,000 for the purpose of offering Professor E. A. Lowe, greatest of living latin paleographers, now professor at the University of Oxford, a professorship at the Institute. The biographical sketch states that Lowe is an American by birth but has received education abroad. Lowe has accepted. The Carnegie Institution at Washington is willing to make a substantial appropriation toward his expenses. The librarian of the Morgan Library, Miss Belle Greene, has volunteered to put treasures of the Morgan Library at Lowe's disposal.

Lowe is preparing an important work ultimately to be issued by the Clarendon Press in 10 volumes, two of which have been published. The Clarendon Press is contributing one-third toward the total cost and the remainder of the money needed has been secured and is now in the hands of the Clarendon Press.

Also the Director recommends that a professorship should be offered to W. A. Campbell who has been field director of the excavations at Antioch and who through Professor Morey of Princeton University the Director understands is available. A graduate of Dartmouth, master of fine arts, magna cum laude in Princeton in 1930.

He has performed distinguished excavation work at Corinth and at Athens. He was a Carnegie Fellow at Princeton, he belongs to the same class as Professor Meritt and is most promising.

Also the Emergency Committee in the Aid of Displaced Foreign Scholars is willing to supply \$2000 toward the salary of Professor Ernst Herzfeld in order to permit the Institute to offer him a professorship in the School of Humanistic Studies. Herzfeld is recognized as the foremost scholar in the field of Islamic Archeology of present day and one of the explorers in the field of Persian Archeology. He has extraordinary command of both the languages involved and also of the archeology and field methods.

Herzfeld's library, himself and his immense materials in preparation for publication are all at the present unlocated so that the setting of this great scholar in some place where he can finish his work in the course of the next ten years would seem to be a great contribution.

Professor Lowe was appointed professor of humanistic studies effective July 1, 1936 at \$10,000 with the usual provisions for pension. Professor W. A. Campbell was appointed professor of humanistic studies effective July 1, 1936 at \$6,000 with the usual provisions for pension.

Professor Ernst Herzfeld was appointed a professor of humanistic studies effective July 1, 1936 at \$4,000, one-half of which was to be supplied for the year 1936-1937 by the Emergency Committee in the Aid of Displaced Foreign Scholars, with the

usual provisions for pension which the Institute and Herzfeld were to assume.
(Minutes, 1/27/36)

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CARNEGIE INSTITUTE OF WASHINGTON

Educational Institutions

~~PALEOGRAPHY (CLA)~~

Academic Activities

LOWE, E. A.

Biographical

A memo April 25 noting Carnegie Institute of Washington has reduced aid to CLA from \$4500 to \$4000 to \$1000. IAS committed to make up difference, \$3000. Already pays \$1800 for assistants. Find \$1200 to finance costs. Letter from Essex Lowe April 21, 1940.

See Ames letter 4/21 asking Aydelott to assure
of continuance of \$4500 annual Subvention which A F promised
Lowe (1/17/35?) + whether C.I. will continue it. Indirectly the
inquiry probed the reduction?

A, 10/18/56, IAS Miscellaneous #2 (File # 37)

1941-45

✓ PALEOGRAPHY

Academic Activities:

SCHOOL OF HUMANISTIC STUDIES (pp. 25-36) Academic Organization

LOWE, E. A.

Biographical

Lowe has customarily given a course in paleography; during 1943 and 1944 he did not, for there were no good students in paleography at Princeton. But he maintained contact with younger scholars at N. Y. U., N. Carolina, Bryn Mawr College, Pierpont Morgan Library.

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SCHOOL OF HUMANISTIC STUDIES

Academic Organization

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Academic Activities

ARCHAEOLOGY

ORIENTAL STUDIES

✓ PALEOGRAPHY

POLICIES

Administration

*Spitt, Herzfeld,
Lowe, Babofsky*

Biographical

Unsigned ribbon / copy of memorandum directed to the
Director from the faculty of the School of Humanistic Studies,
April 18, 1941.

"The Institute as we of the humanist faculty understand it,
was designed primarily as a center for research where a
scholar could devote all his time to the pursuit of his
particular investigation, undisturbed by administrative duties
and unhampered by teaching, except of pupils of his own choice."
Granting that methods of research and work are individual and
are so-recognized, it is essential that professors have the means

"For inviting suitable young assistants to collaborate with us and mature colleagues with whom to exchange ideas. This is perhaps the most fruitful use to which our ~~Latin~~ Institute can be put. The second way of proving his usefulness is by publication; for this it is necessary to have the appropriate means."

School of Romanistic Studies must have enough ~~unexpended~~ money for funds to invite assistants and members and to publish.

Another question of Institute policy: Havitt, Lowe, Hersfeld have had to spend years and money collecting their particular libraries of material. ~~Within the history of the fine~~
"While it is a known fact that the study of the history of fine arts is adequately supported and well represented in our universities and colleges, research in prehistoric archaeology and Oriental culture, and as well as in epigraphy and paleography, have only a precarious footing in our larger universities and are utterly neglected in our colleges. Yet the latter two subjects form the very foundation for other

fields of study and are therefore basic. ^{The} ~~The~~ question of policy, then, is this: should the Institute consciously strive to be a real center for these fundamental and specialized subjects and plan for their continuation when the present incumbents of these chairs are no longer in the Institute?"

The memorandum then likens the potential position of the Institute in future as the sheltering place for learning as was Monte Cassino in its shelter in the critical fifth century.

(This is clearly an attack on Panofsky by Heritt, Lowe, and Hersfeld. Correspondence on P. H. S. involving Morey usually was without between Morey, Panofsky and Planner. Heritt does not figure much in it.)

D, Humanistic Studies (School of) (Correspondence, Memoranda, etc.)

1945-1949

BUDGET

Finance

LOWE, E. A.

Biographical

✓ PALEOGRAPHY

Academic Activities

An annual budget of \$12,000 for an assistant, for a secretary to the assistant, for travels, for the editor's per diem, quarters for C. L. A. abroad and contingent fund of which the Institute furnishes \$4500, leaving a balance of \$7500 which multiplied by three amounts ~~at~~ to \$22,500 to be found outside of the Institute.

D, Lowe, E. A.

1932 1945

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✓ PALEOGRAPHY

Academic Activities

LOWE, E. A.

Biographical

MOREY, C. R.

AYDELOTTE, F.

Princeton

Relation to ASI

Morey to Aydelotte, February 14, 1945.

The story of Lowe's discomfort^{ture} has spread. Morey and his colleagues in the Princeton University think that possibly their fears are unwarranted that there will not be a unit of paleography in the future. He really is speaking about Lowe's library, but he does not come out and say so definitely. He does say, however, that this center for paleography is indispensable to classic, medieval and Renaissance scholarship, and he hopes it will be carried forward. The other three great American paleographers--Rand, Beeson, and Ullman, are apparently leaving these schools. The University, says Morey, feels keenly that Lowe's help has been very important to Friend, De Wald, and Weitzmann, as well as to himself. Morey also feels that the ~~unit is~~

to.

Medieval Academy of America would share concern at the idea that
Lowe's library might disappear from Princeton.

"I think and hope that any fear that we might have of the
discontinuing of paleography as one of the Institute's humanistic
~~xxxxxxxix~~ subjects is quite unfounded, and, if so, I hope you
will excuse this letter. But even the remote prospect of
Lowe's magnificent library disappearing from Princeton along with
the research of which it was the center has emboldened me to write
to ask you if there is any chance that this might happen."
There is no answer to Morey in this matter, in the file.

D, Lowe, E. A.

1945

2/14

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

PALEOGRAPHY

MOREY, C. R.

LOWE, E. A.

AYDELOTTE, F.

Relations WOI

Academic Activities

Biographical

Morey to Aydelotte on carrying I. A. S. ~~xxxxxxx~~
activity in Paleography beyond Lowe's life and work.

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D File, Lowe, E. A.

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✓ PALEOGRAPHY

E. A. LOWE

ROCKWELLER FOUNDATION

Academic Activities

Biographical

Foundations

David H. Stevens to Dr. Aydelotte: (Stevens, Rockefeller Foundation, 49 W. 49 St., NYC)

"A few days before going over to England I had my visit with other men at the Institute, and among them E.A.Lowe. I know that your wish to have me discuss his further work on manuscript resources came from the need to make some recommendation regarding his status at the Institute. Let me therefore tell you what I learned at Oxford. Sisam gave me these comments with no suggestion that they might not be passed on to you or even to Low himself. That I leave to your discretion.

"The work is absolutely first-rate, and should be of basic value for a hundred years. That is, most of the deductions will stand, both on value and on the slight chance of new materials of evidence. On the other hand, it does not seem evident that more support is indicated. Three parts now out would get the most important supplement if the volume on France were brought into print. I judge that the Press would be glad to forego the other six folios, since they would be less significant in any case and are not discernible in any reasonable time as completed manuscripts.

"On the third volume the delay seems to have been almost inexplicable. The sales have been such that the Press took no profit whatever out of sales. This is an exceptional handling of a very difficult project.

"My own conclusion then is that the scholar has had great advantage, and that for the part of the Foundation I think the treatment has been as liberal as could be expected."

Dr. Aydelotte send the letter to Lowe for his comments and Lowe's answer is:

"Thanks for showing me the letter. I'll comment verbally. I hope it is not final: for I think Stevens didn't quite grasp all that Sisam meant.

E.A.L."

1947

3/27

✓ PALEOGRAPHY

ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES

LOWE, E. A.

BIOGRAPHICAL

Lowe to Aydelotte regarding above.

Letter filed in Chronological file under 1947, 3/27.

D, Lowe, 1941

1947

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✓ PALEOGRAPHY

LOWE, E. A.

Academic Activities

Biographical

Board extended \$4,500 grant to Lowe for 2 years ~~for~~
from 7/1/48.

D, Lowe, 1944

1947

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5/26

CARNEGIE INSTITUTE

Foundations

✓ PALEOGRAPHY

Academic Activities

LOWE, E. A.

Biographical

Aydelotte to V. Max Bush, 4/10. Lowe needs
\$10,000 more beyond I. A. S. contributes to finish C. L. A.
Get it 5/26.

D, Lowe

1947

5/23

✓ PALEOGRAPHY (MEDIEVAL)

CARNEGIE INSTITUTION

LOWE, E. A.

Academic Activities

Institutional Foundations

Biographical

V. Bush to Aydelotte, May 23, 1947 regarding aid by Carnegie Institution to Lowe.

Filed in Chronological File under 1947, 5/23.

D File, Lowe, E. A.

1948

4/22

PALEOGRAPHY
E.A.LOWE
OPPENHEIMER; R.

Academic Activities
Biographical

Dr. Lowe (Cropus Christi College, Oxford) to Dr. Oppenheimer:

"I have been waiting to get to Oxford before writing you and thanking you for your last-hour-coming to the rescue and for your kind message of farewell. But this you would have done for any member of the Institute. For me, ever since I met you as Director, you have done vastly more: for you have given me the kind of sympathetic understanding and encouragement which give me the hope that I may yet be privileged to pursue my research undisturbed and under conditions favorable enough to bring some of the work to a conclusion. One of the many mistakes of my life is to have been born too soon, and in consequence join the Institute ten whole years too soon. This will remain a source of bitter regret with me to my dying day. For had I had a term of years as active professor under your regime, the annals of Paleography at our Institute would not be closing with my name.

"It is wonderful being here--you know the place so I need waste no words; but it should do your heart good to hear for the first time that it was with some feeling of *heimweh* and reluctance that I left Princeton to go abroad--a novel experience for me. Et tout ça à cause de vous. You have turned the Institute into a place with "running water", life and hope, and it did me good to put foot on its threshold.

"So it will be a pleasant thought when my time on this side is up and my boat ploughs the waves on the way home.

"I am writing from your college, where I dine at the high table now and then. I live in Balliol; the Fellows have kindly given me Common Room rights and have even let me have one of the very few guest rooms to occupy during the whole term. I like their Common Room: it is full of vigorous quiet, the pick of Oxford brains; and the Master Sandy Lindsay (now Lord L.) is a fine man. Remember most kindly to your wife and since this is your birthday, may I wish you many happy returns."

File: IAS Former Faculty - E.A.Lowe 1944.

1950

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✓ PALEOGRAPHY, MEDIEVAL)

ROCKEFELLER

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OXFORD

LOWE, E. A.

Academic Activities

Foundations

Relations WOI

Biographical

Lowe to Oppenheimer.

Lowe retired 1944. Since then IAS has been making annual grant of \$4500 to carry on publication of corpus of CLA begun at Oxford, to be 10 volumes. This was aside from his pension. The 5th Volume was published in 1950. Each volume has taken 3 years on average. Next 5 are in advanced stage of preparation and should therefore take less than 3 years per volume.

In 1947 (4/1) Trustees IAS had extended \$4500 grant for 2 years, recognized that Rockefeller Foundation had already subsidized publication by Oxford Press and authorized appeal to Carnegie Institution for grant.

Carnegie Institution of Washington made \$10,000 available to assist Lowe in 1947 (V. Bush to F. A., 5/23/47, Ibid.) See R. O.'s acknowledgment and thanks ~~an~~ one of his first duties "in this queer office." (R. O. to V. B. 10/15/47 / Ibid)

Joseph Lowe, E. A. Lowe's *brother*, contribution to IAS ~~\$1k~~ \$1,000
to further CLA (J. L. to F. A. April 1, 1947 Ibid.)

D File, Lowe, E. A.

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12/29

✓ PALEOGRAPHY

Academic Activities

LOWE, E. A.

Biographical

FULTON, JOHN F.

LEWIS, WILMARTH

A. L. P. Norrington to Fulton, December 5, 1952.

Says that Lowe is in Oxford making final arrangements for the next Volume of his C. L. A. which Clarendon Press at Oxford hopes to publish in the spring. (Norrington is with the Press). Volume VI.

Volume VII is well advanced, and the press will get it out in 1954 or 1955. The ones beyond that, Volumes VIII and IX deal with MSS. in Germany, and Vol. X with a rather miscellaneous remnant. The material is all assembled in rough form, it all has to be checked, many photographs have to be made, and much journeying "and the great little man is 73."

He begs Fulton to see that nothing gets in the way of Lowe's finishing as far as humans can contrive. "There has never been anything like it in the field of Paleography before, and I don't suppose ever will be again! Lowe stands to his subject as Mommsen did to his--the last man who can see it steadily and see it whole. So, if you do not think it impertinent of me to say so, I hope that the Institute will be able to continue to support this great work, and even, perhaps, to make Lowe's way even smoother. He is in great form, and looks good for several years' activity, but he has an inefficient heart, and something he told me today about hurrying from one platform to another on Zürich station rather alarmed me."

Fulton to Lewis, December 26, Encloses the letter and asks Lewis to send it on to Oppenheimer.

December 29, 1952, Oppenheimer to Fulton. He says that it won't be necessary to bring the matter up at the next Board meeting because the Institute always does support the work of all former professors and permanent members just as long as ~~xxxxxx~~ they have work under way and are performing it.

"In Lowe's case I think I have done everything that he has asked, and sometimes more, in providing funds for assistants and secretarial work, and travel and publication. This was particularly necessary at the time when his eyes were so bad, and of course it continues to be necessary. It is perhaps one of the civilities that the Institute can afford to pay not too much attention to the age of retirement as far as a man's work is concerned; and it would never occur to me to let Lowe down as long as he himself is capable of carrying on."

D, Fulton, John F.

✓ PALEOGRAPHY (MEDIAEVEL)

Academic Activities

CARNEGIE

Foundations

LOWE, E. A.

Biographical

OPPENHEIMER, R.

Oppenheimer to Moe, May 7, 1954, regarding Lowe, etc.

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D File, Lowe, E. A.

1956

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CARNEGIE INSTITUTE

Foundations

ROCKEFELLER FOUNDATION

PRINCETON UNIVERSITY

Relations WOA I

✓ PALEOGRAPHY

Academic Activities

LOWE, E. A.

Biographical

Interview with Professor E. A. Lowe, April 24, 1956.

Filed in Vertical File under Lowe Interviews.

Interview with Lowe, 4/24/56

1957

7/20

✓ PALEOGRAPHY (C. L. A.)

Academic Activities

LOWE, E. A.
MURRAY, JANET
~~MURRYXXXXXXXX~~

Biographical

Janet Murray has written Lowe she is leaving--has been with him since 1951. Dissatisfied with custodial duties, especially since Mrs. Lowe is coming to Merrick and because of Mrs. Johnson, etc. Worried about how Lowe will get on--Morgan Library's last payment on his Library is next year. Doesn't know by whom she is paid.

Worried also about 150 sections or subjects which have to be typed to ready Volumes 8 & 9 for Press. She is critical of both Lowe and James for leisurely attitude. Current is Lowe's last trip to Europe.

Lunch conversation with Janet Murray, July 20, 1957