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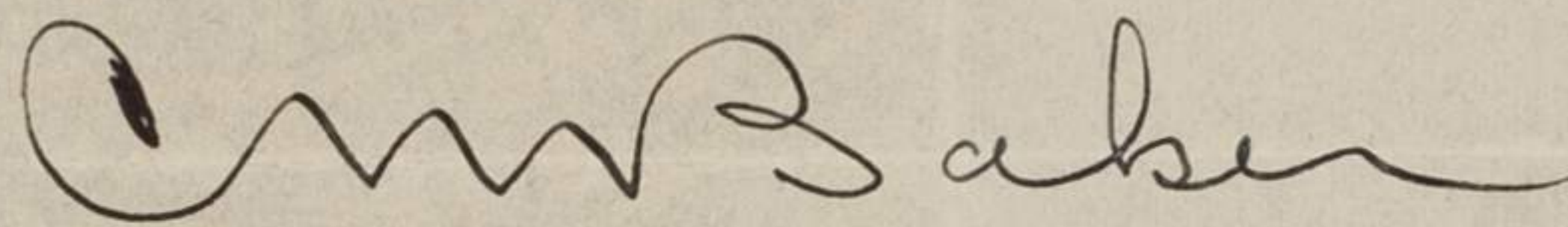
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Mr. Wilford C. Simons
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Dear Sir:

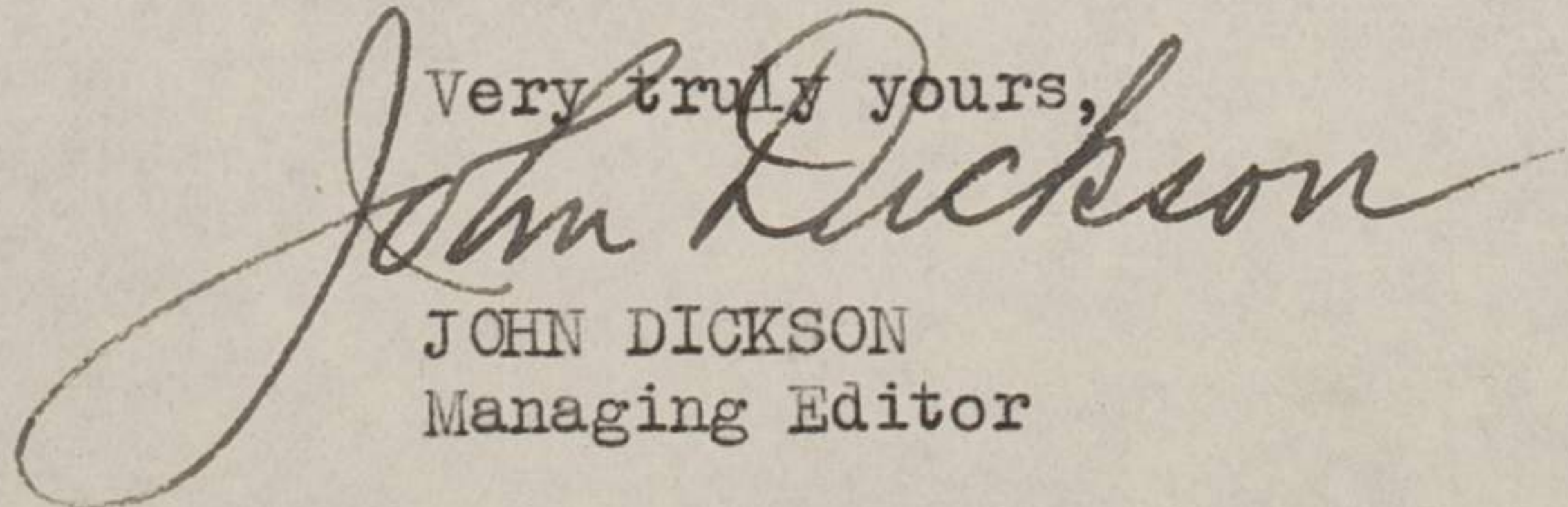
An account of your career is wanted for the next volume of this Cyclopedia (Living Series). Will you please send us the information called for on the enclosed questionnaire.

The National Cyclopedia of American Biography, called "White's" by the librarians, furnishes authentic information on American achievement in every line of activity, and in the nearly fifty years of its existence the distribution of its published volumes has become world wide. It is a standard historical reference work, purchased on standing orders by the libraries, newspapers, schools and colleges, and government departments.

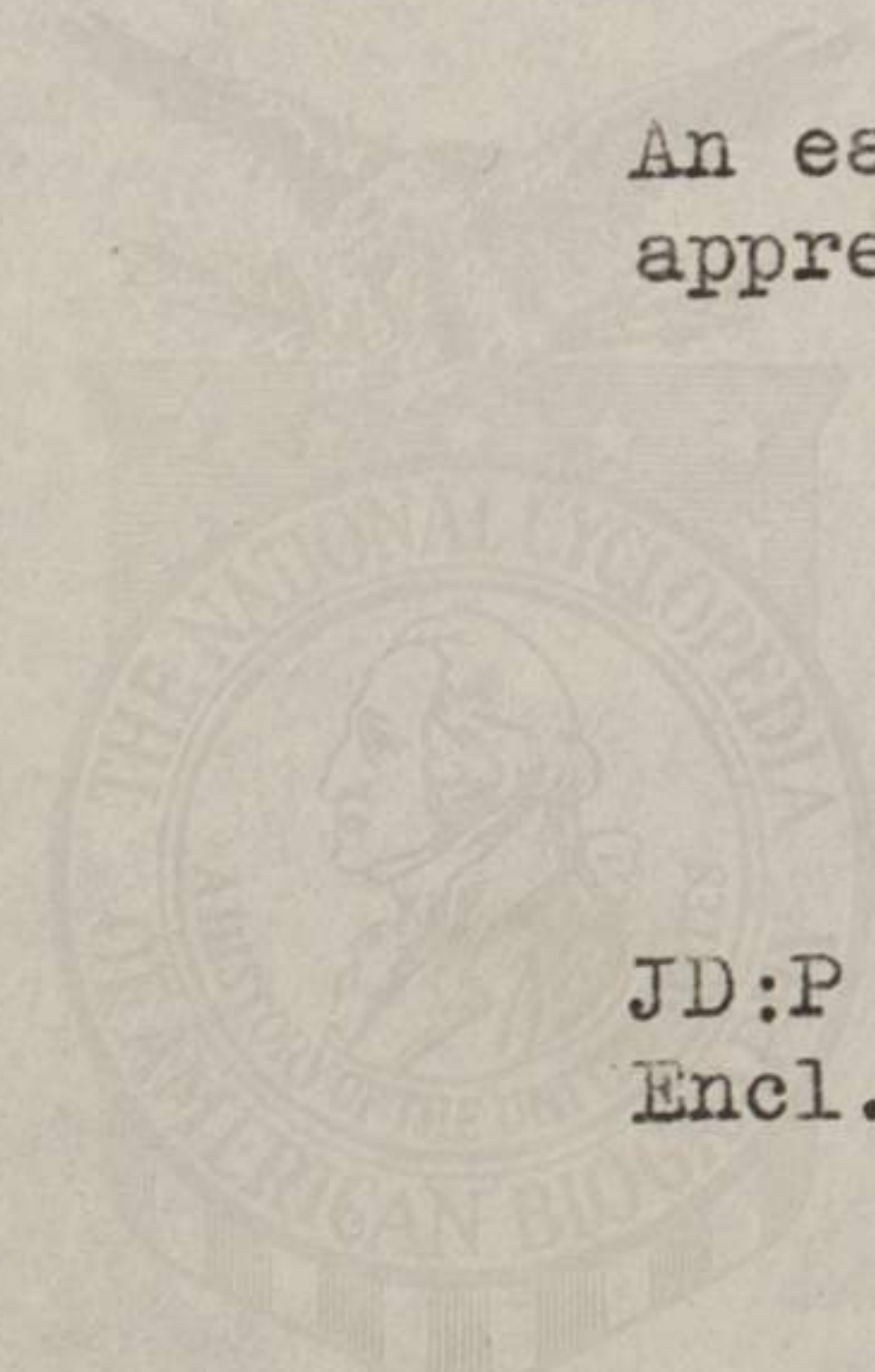
This Cyclopedia is not the "Who's Who" type of publication. It presents in narrative form the full story of the subject's lifework. In our published volumes are recorded in detail the achievements of Americans in every line of endeavor, thus giving a word picture of history in the making. For this reason, we need particularly the details indicated under Paragraph 10 of the questionnaire enclosed.

An early response to this request will be very much appreciated.

Very truly yours,



JOHN DICKSON
Managing Editor



JD:P
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1. Name in full, spelling out the middle one. (Correct pronunciation of surname. If first name is not used or only initial, or part of first name is used, please indicate by placing in brackets.)
2. If a biography has been published, state where and when.
3. Place and exact date of birth.
4. Father's name in full; dates of his birth and death; his occupation and any notable facts of his career.
5. Mother's maiden name in full, and name of her father, and any notable facts of his career.
6. Where educated—if a college graduate, give name of college, date of graduation, and degrees.
7. Where, when and with whom was business or professional career begun?
8. Give positions since occupied in regular calling, with dates of changes.

Give full names, not initials, for all persons mentioned.

From the New York Herald Tribune—"The National Cyclopædia of American Biography has done in biography what most reference works fail to do. It is detailed without being ponderous. It is written in a clear, straightforward, interesting style, by which the reader may gain his information with a minimum of labor. In editorial treatment the articles are concise, dignified and dispassionate and the facts are marshaled in such a fashion as to indicate that accuracy and thoroughness are the primary objectives of the publishers."

9. If connected with other business enterprises give particulars.

10. Details of vocation, profession or business.

[NOTE:—As the most essential part of a biography is the account of the subject's life work full details under this paragraph are desired. The Cyclopædia is not a Who's Who, but a collection of real biographies, constituting a history of American institutions, American industry and American achievement in terms of biography.]

- (a) If in a manufacturing or mercantile business, give the history of its development during the subject's connection with it, including figures showing its growth and standing in that period, and mention any distinguishing features.
- (b) If an author, give full titles of books, dates of publication and extracts from suitable critiques.
- (c) If an inventor, describe inventions and give numbers of patents and dates issued.
- (d) If a musician, artist or sculptor, give catalogue of important works, dates of production and some notices of the critics.
- (e) If a scientist, give particular lines of research and investigations, with results achieved.
- (f) If a physician or dentist, give account of practice and details of specialties.
- (g) If a lawyer or a judge, give titles of notable cases conducted or tried, involving new or unique questions of law.
- (h) If an architect or engineer, give list of important commissions or contracts with description of special features.
- (i) If a legislator, give committees on which served and important bills with which identified.
- (j) If a governor, give features of terms of office.
- (k) If a college president, give records of growth of institution and principal features of administration.
- (l) If a military or naval officer, give record of service.

11. Mention noteworthy incidents in business or professional career.

12. Give titles, with years of publication, of any books written by the subject and a brief, *selected* list of outstanding papers, with names and dates of publications in which they appeared.

Give full names, not initials, for all persons mentioned.

From the Librarian, Mechanics-Mercantile Library, San Francisco, Calif.—“The Mechanics Institute has been a subscriber of The National Cyclopædia of American Biography, since it was first published. Our set was destroyed in the fire of 1906 and one of our earliest orders afterwards was to have the set replaced.”

13. World War record.

14. Political affiliation and public positions held, with terms of offices.

15. Membership in professional and learned societies and clubs. If president of any of them give dates.

16. Honorary degrees, decorations, medals and awards, with years conferred.

17. Religious affiliation and activities.

18. Dominating characteristics; special tastes and gifts, and recreations.

19. When and where married. Wife's maiden name; full name, residence and vocation of her father. (If married more than once, give same facts for each case, with date of wife's or husband's death.)

20. Full names of all children, living and dead, with vocations and addresses of those who grew to maturity. Names and addresses of married daughters' husbands.

21. If the subject is deceased, exact date and place of death.

Give full names, not initials, for all persons mentioned.

From the Library of Congress, Division of Accessions:—“Please increase our order to six copies and send us six copies hereafter of each volume as published.”

22. Name of earliest paternal American ancestor; his residence previous to coming to America; the date of his landing, and where he settled; also name of wife. Did she emigrate with him?

23. Give direct line of descent from paternal ancestor arranged by generations:

[NOTE: While these ancestral records are not an indispensable part of the biography they are included when obtainable. The founders of American families with their notable descendants are listed in the Index Volume. If there were more than one wife, name only the one through whom the line descends.]

GENERATION

1st and wife

2nd and wife

3rd and wife

4th and wife

5th and wife

6th and wife

7th and wife

8th and wife

9th and wife

24. State notable facts regarding any of them, such as offices held, public or military services, work accomplished, inventions, etc.

Information furnished by

Date..... Address.....

Give full names, not initials, for all persons mentioned.

April 17, 1939

Mr. C. H. Hoinville
7539 Colfax Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Charlie:

I have just run across the correspondence between Lathrop and Etoile, a copy of which went to you. I am very happy that under the arrangement she was not given the sum outright, but will continue to have monthly payments.

I have been piling letters in on you and Julia so fast that you will have to spend a week some day answering them.

Thank the Lord it is still raining and there is some hope that the parched subsoil will again be moistened.

With love to all,

Your brother,