

Philad<sup>t</sup> June 15<sup>th</sup> 1840.

My Dear Sir,

I received from you, several weeks ago, an official notification that I was elected a Fellow of the American Statistical Association. I very cordially approve of the objects and plan of your Association, and shall cheerfully contribute to its collections whenever it is in my power; and did I reside some hundreds of miles nearer, were I in your neighborhood, to be a Fellow would be a privilege, which I should gladly embrace, the more especially as I see on your list of Fellows several very highly esteemed friends. And moreover I perceive that your list of Members embraces some of my intimate Philadelphia friends. But my remote situation and other engagements render it unadvisable that I should subscribe an obligation to the faithful discharge <sup>the duties of</sup> an active member of the Association.

With much respect & esteem, I am  
your friend

Rev. Joseph B. Felt.

Rec<sup>y</sup> Sec<sup>y</sup> of the A. S. A.

Henry Bond

I herewith send you for your Association the four Annual Reports of the State Geologist of Pennsylvania — Also I send ~~you~~ you the annual Reports of the births & deaths in Philadelphia for

the last nineteen years. These Reports, of which  
it would now be difficult to obtain more than two  
or three files in this city, may hereafter be found  
to possess some value, as there is no other city in the  
U. States, where these Reports have been made with  
<sup>equal</sup>  
~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> minuteness & accuracy —

D. B. —

Pro. Joseph B. Felt

Secy of the

Amer. State Assoc<sup>n</sup>  
Boston

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Sir,

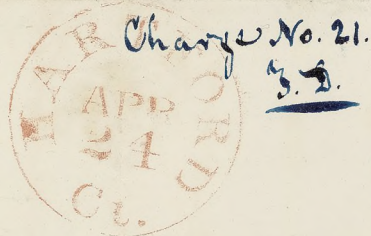
Your communication of the 12<sup>th</sup> ulto. informing me of my election as an honorary member of the American Statistical Association, was duly received, accompanied by a copy of the constitution &c. That institution will please to accept my thanks for the honor thus conferred upon me, with an assurance that its object meets with my cordial approbation, and shall receive from me all the co-operation it may be in my power to afford. I am connected with an institution here, one of whose prominent objects is similar to or identical with yours; and it is probable that in many cases, we may exchange reports and duplicates communications to mutual advantage. We shall bear this in mind ourselves, while we suggest it for your consideration.

One word for yourself personally. We hoped to have had the pleasure of your presence at our anniversary celebration (as we call it) this week; and whenever you visit Hartford again, I hope it may be my lot to see more of you than I did when you were last here.

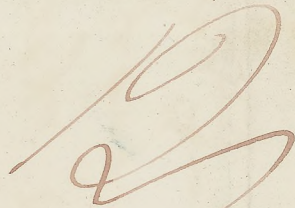
Yours, with great regard,  
Thomas Day

Rev. Mr. Holt.

Wm Good Day  
recd Apr 27 - 1840



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Rev. Joseph B. Felt,  
Recording Secretary of the  
American Statistical Association  
Boston.

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Philad<sup>a</sup> April 14 1840

Rev Joseph B. Felt

Recording Secy of Amer. Stat. Socy

Sir

Allow me through <sup>you</sup> to express  
my acknowledgments to the Association for the honor  
they have done me in electing me a corresponding mem-  
ber, and to assure them that it will afford me plea-  
sure to cooperate with them in promoting the lauda-  
ble objects of the institution. — As a small commence-  
ment I beg leave to present the first vol. of my Reg-  
ister of the U. S. & the numbers as far as published of  
the 2<sup>d</sup>, which I send directed to the care of Samuel  
Shattuck Esq the Librarian. — The address of the Assoc<sup>n</sup>  
you will perceive, I have republished. — The numbers  
will in future be forwarded by mail as published.  
I have a considerable number of duplicate pamphlets  
which if the Association deem them desirable, I will  
with pleasure forward to them.

Very respectfully

I am for

Yours

Samuel Hazard

Philad<sup>a</sup> April 14. 1840

Samuel Shattuck Esq  
Librarian

Sir

I have this <sup>day</sup> forwarded through  
Cary & Co. addressed to C. C. Smith Esq. — the first  
vol. bound & the numbers as far as published of  
the 2<sup>d</sup> Vol. of the U. S. Register U. S. which please  
present to the Assoc<sup>n</sup>. I understand they will  
go by Rail Road & probably arrive soon after this  
reaches you — I annex a letter of acknow-  
ledgement to the ap<sup>t</sup> which I will thank you  
to hand to the Recording Secy

I am Sir

very respectfully

Yours

Sam'l Hayward

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Samuel J. Peacock Esq  
Librarian of the Amer. Statist  
apoc  
Boston  
Mass<sup>ts</sup>

Samuel Peacock Esq  
of Phila - rec'd Apr  
1840

Lynn January 11<sup>th</sup> 1840. [1841]

Rev. Joseph B. Felt

Dear Sir,

Your very kind letter, dated the 20<sup>th</sup> of October last, informing me of my election as an Honorary Member of the American Statistical Association, was duly received.

While accepting the distinguished honor thus conferred upon me, I embrace the opportunity to tender to the Association my sincere thanks and grateful acknowledgements for this unmerited expression of their kindness.

The laudable design of the American Statistical Association is highly creditable to its founders, of vast importance to the advancement of American literature, & to a correct knowledge of the nature, design, and practical operations of our Republican Institutions.

I hope, in a short time, to be able to contribute something to the advancement of the objects of the Association, and, be assured, it will ever afford me great pleasure to do so, as means and opportunities occur.

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Very respectfully, Yours & The Ass.

Obt. Servant,

William Prescott.

Doct<sup>r</sup> Wm Prescott  
Recd Jan 7 15<sup>th</sup> 1841

Rev. Joseph B. Felt  
Boston



Washington 15 March 1840

Dear Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th, accompanying which I also received a copy of the Constitution of the Statistical Association.

I highly appreciate the value of the objects contemplated by the Association; and shall very gladly cooperate, as a Fellow, & otherwise, in promoting its interests.

If any specific service that I can render occurs to you, I beg of you to command me; & I am,

Very truly & respectfully  
C. Croker.

Rev. Joseph R. Felt,  
Recording Secretary

From Caleb Cushing  
recd March 20 - 1840



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Cushing

Rev. Joseph A. Felt

Porter.

My dear Sir,

I received this morning the copy of the Constitution of the American Statistical Association, which I suppose you had the kindness of sending me. I am truly rejoiced at seeing an institution of this kind at length having sprung into existence in our country. We wanted it much, far more than any other civilized country, owing to the vastness of our territory and the compound character of our government. I have repeatedly and in print expressed this idea, and you will judge therefore yourself how much pleasure it gave me to find that the Society has thought of me in electing foreign members. I think this society may do much good by proceeding upon plans well laid out.

I have just been studying a vol. by Hoffmann: The Population of the Prussian State, Berlin 1839, a statistical work of the utmost interest so far as it goes, and which I decidedly advise the Society to purchase. You may have it for about \$1.75.

I am trying to collect some statistics respecting Emigrants, & who have embarked for the U.S., at Bre-mer - the great outlet of German Emigrants - and have. If I obtain anything worthy of being communicated to you, you shall have it.

I send for the library of the Society, two little

publications of mine, to save them from the  
sweeping course of destruction, which in this coun-  
try awaits every ~~to~~ publication under the thickness  
of half an inch. You need not send me the  
thanks of the Society - I take them as a matter  
of course ~~although~~ <sup>even though</sup> these pamphlets do not  
deserve them.

I would beg the Society seriously to  
consider the expediency of offering at a future  
period, price questions of a statistical charac-  
ter. I consider them as very judicious means  
to excite interest in distant quarters, and  
legitimate aids to promote the cause of know-  
ledge. To have it published in the various  
parts of the Union that A. B. has obtained  
the price on such or such question, would  
be no mean source of gratification to the  
interested person. If ever something of  
the sort should be brought about, I should  
desire to propose to the Society a few questions  
to be offered by them to the public.

I am Dear Sir respectfully Your obedient  
servant

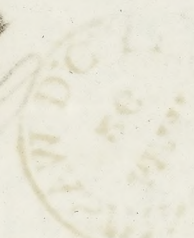
Columbian S.C.  
March 22. 1840.

Francis Lieber

P. 1.

Pray do you not think it would be worth  
your while to propose Dr Julius, of Hamburg  
as foreign member. I think he deserves  
it by his extensive statistical researches  
in this country, and I know, it would  
flatter him.

Dr Julius  
Hamburg



Francis Lieber LL.D.  
recd Apr 8 - 1840



Free  
Wm. G. Carter

Richard Fletcher Esq

President of the Amer. Statist. Associa.  
tion

Boston  
Mass.

Philadelphia  
March 21. 1840

Dear Sir,

I have to return my thanks to the  
American Statistical Association for having  
elected me one of their members. The objects  
of the Society cannot fail to meet with universal  
approbation, and to lead to most valuable  
results. It will be my endeavour to  
aid in the fulfilment of those objects as far as  
may lie in my power; and as an earnest of  
this, I shall have much pleasure in recommending  
the Association to the American Philosophical  
Society of which I am one of the Secretaries,  
in order that a copy of the Bulletin of their  
proceedings may be forwarded regularly  
to the Association.

I am ~~Dear~~

Respectfully yours Geo. A. Searl.

Robert D. Duncanson

Rev. Joseph B. Felt  
to do.

Robley Dunglison Esq  
rec<sup>d</sup> March 26 - 1840



*R. D.*

Rev. J. B. Felt,  
Recording Secretary of the American  
Statistical Association,  
Boston.

Rock Spring, Illinois, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 1840.

Dear Sir, your communication of the 13<sup>th</sup> inst, noticing the formation of the "American Statistical Association", & of my election as a Corresponding member, is hereby acknowledged, with the reception of the Copy of the Constitution, By-Laws & Address.

The plan of the Amer. Statistical Association meets my entire approbation. It is precisely such an Association as has long been needed in our country, & it will afford me satisfaction to contribute any thing in my power to forward its interests. At a period of a little more leisure than at present I will endeavor to collect & prepare for the Association a paper on the Statistics of Illinois, & perhaps extend my enquiries some what further.

I am very respectfully  
Yours,

J. M. Peck

Rev. J. M. Peck - recd  
Apr 14 - 1840

Rock Spring, Ill. pr 55 J. M. Peck P.M.  
March 31.

Rev. Joseph B. Felt, Rec. Secy  
American Statistical Association,  
Boston,  
Mass.

Mr Gerry book

# HISTORY OF ILLINOIS.

VANDALIA, ILLINOIS, SATURDAY EVENING, FEB. 4, 1837.

At a meeting of citizens of Illinois, held in the Representative's Hall, Vandalia, at the close of an original and interesting lecture by Rev. J. M. Peck, on the early Indian history of Illinois, on motion of Jesse B. Thomas, Esq., Hon. Samuel D. Lockwood was called to the Chair, and Hon. Walter B. Scates chosen Secretary.

Hon. Thomas Ford, from a committee appointed at a preliminary meeting on the 2d inst., made a Report, with the following

## RESOLUTIONS.

*Resolved*, That this meeting regard the preparing and publishing of a complete history of Illinois, as a measure that should be accomplished so soon as it can be done with correctness of manner and accuracy of detail.

*Resolved*, That a competent person be nominated and requested to perform this work, and that a committee of correspondence be appointed to aid him in that object.

The Report and Resolutions were unanimously adopted.

On motion of J. M. Hewitt, Esq.,

*Resolved*, That a complete history of Illinois should embrace the various stages of its progress, from its earliest discoveries to the present time; and the various relations of its inhabitants, political, military, commercial, moral, and religious.

On motion of Jesse B. Thomas, Esq.,

*Resolved*, That a history of Illinois should be complete in its parts, methodical in its arrangement, accurate and discriminating in all its details, perfectly impartial in its characteristics, and divested of all political, religious, and local prepossessions.

On motion of Hon. Cyrus Edwards,

*Resolved*, That Rev. John M. Peck be requested to undertake the writing and publication of a complete history of Illinois, from the earliest visits of the Europeans up to the present time.

On motion of James Shields, Esq.,

*Resolved*, That the following named gentlemen, citizens of this State, be appointed a Committee of Correspondence, and that they be solicited to procure materials, and otherwise aid Mr. Peck in preparing the history of Illinois.

After the resolution was read, several additional names were added to the list, amongst which, on motion of Judge Ford, was that of the mover, all of which were unanimously adopted.

## COMMITTEE OF CORRESPONDENCE.

|                                    |                                     |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Hon. Sidney Breese, Clinton county | Hon. J. Reynolds, St. Clair county. |
| Hon. S. McRoberts, Vermilion "     | Hon. J. M. Robinson, White "        |
| Hon. N. Pope, Randolph "           | Hon. S. D. Lockwood, Morgan "       |
| Hon. William Wilson, White "       | Rev. G. Blackburn, Macoupin "       |
| Hon. R. M. Young, Adams "          | Mr. J. Shields, Esq., Randolph "    |
| Hon. Thomas Ford, Ogle "           | Mr. John Hay, Esq., St. Clair "     |
| Hon. Zadock Casey, Jefferson "     | Rev. James Lemen, " "               |
| Hon. Pierre Menard, Randolph "     | Gen. J. B. Moore, Monroe "          |
| Hon. Cyrus Edwards, Madison "      | J. W. Whitney, Esq., Adams "        |
| Mr. John Russell, Esq., Green "    | Hon. Wm. Kinney, St. Clair "        |
| Mr. J. H. Kinzie, Esq., Cook "     |                                     |

On motion of Col. Wm. Ross,

*Resolved*, That the proceedings of this meeting, and the names of the committee of correspondence, be published in all the papers of this state.

On motion of J. W. Whitney, Esq.,

*Resolved*, That the Rev. J. M. Peck be requested to publish in the papers of this state, the two lectures delivered by him at this place, on the early French discoveries, and the early Indian history of Illinois.

And the meeting adjourned.

S. D. LOCKWOOD, *Chairman*.

WALTER B. SCATES, *Secretary*.

Brunswick March 27, 1840.

Rev. Joseph W. Felt,

Sir,

I have the honor of receiving your favor of March 12, with the accompanying Pamphlet, announcing my election as Honorary member of the "American Statistical Association."

It will give me pleasure to hold this connection with your Society, and to promote, as far as may be in my power, the important objects of the Association.

I am, Sir,  
respectfully  
Yr Obedt  
P. Chandler

Single.

Paid No. 44.



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*M<sup>r</sup>*

To *Mr. Joseph B. Felt*

*Boston*

*(Mr.)*

*1840*

*March 30*

*Prof. J. Brewster*

Boston Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> 1840.

Dear Sir,

I have the pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your letter enclosing a Copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of the American Statistical Association, with an Address appended. It will afford me great satisfaction to be in any manner serviceable to the Association, the utility and importance of which to the public, will increase with its age - it will have a tendency to make our fellow Citizens more extensively and better acquainted with the resources of every portion of our delightful, and most interesting Country - with cordial good wishes for its prosperity, I am respectfully, & very truly,

Sir,

J. Ogdon Servt  
Thos. L. Winthrop

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Joseph W. Felt  
Recording Secretary  
of the American Statistical Association.

Wm. L. W. W. W.  
rec March 21 - 1840

The Rev. Joseph B. Felt  
Recording Secretary of the  
American Statistical Association  
Boston.

Boston, April 10. 1840.

Rev. Sir,

I beg leave to acknowledge my obligation to you for communicating to me notice of my election as an honorary member of the American Statistical Association. I have the honor to accept the plan proposed to me by the Association with much pleasure.

I hope that the objects proposed by the establishment of this Association will be attained, and that the great importance of Statistical information will be better understood hereafter, by means of the arduous labors of yourself and your honorable associates; such aid as I may be able to render will be readily given.

I am Sir very respectfully  
Your obt. Servt.

Rev. W. Felt,

Jam. J. Armstrong

Lt Gov L. T. Armstrong  
recd Apr 13<sup>th</sup> 1840

To,

Rev. Joseph B. Felt,

Recording Secretary,

American Statistical Assocn  
Boston

Boston, February 3, 1840.

Sir,

When I subscribed, as a member of the "American Statistical Society," it was not my intention to take so prominent and active a part, as might be expected of one of the highest officers who might be elected to preside over its doings, my avocations being such, as to prevent that constant attendance at the meetings which, I think, should be given by one of the Vice Presidents, or by a Director of the Society.

I must therefore beg leave to resign the office to which I have been elected, and to be considered, as a private member only, in which capacity, I shall be disposed to exert myself as zealously, in behalf of the objects of the society, as I should have done, had I retained the office to which I have been elected.

You will please notify the Government of the Society of my resignation at their next meeting.

To

Joseph B. Felt Esq.  
Recording Secretary,  
of the A. S. Society.

Your Obt. St.,  
Hiram A. C.

Letter from Fanny Lee  
Esq. of Boston -  
Dec 27th 1840

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Joseph B. Felt Esq.

Recording Secretary

A. S. Society.

to be delivered  
Wednesday -

Boston Jan. 6th Jan. 1844

New York B.lett.

My dear Sir -

Your favour of the 30th ult  
came to my hands on the 1st. inst.

It was impossible for me to meet you in Boston  
as you requested - nor have I had time even to make  
this communication to you before -

The whole statement of the errors of the last United  
States census I have published in the Philadelphia Journal  
of Medical Science - in January of this year - Dr. Henry J.  
Burdett ordered 300 extra copies of the article - which  
I suppose he must have by this time - If you will  
do me the favour to call on Dr. B. at his house in  
Bedford St. you will find one of the copies, which I  
commend to your attention -

I wish to lay this article - on the substance of it,  
before the Statistical Association, at its next meeting,  
and request that body - to adopt it as the basis of a me-  
morial to Congress - requesting that the census be revised  
and its errors corrected - Mr Adams assured me that  
he would lend me all the aid in his power to have  
the matter considered and the remedy if possible, of  
a corrected edition of the census published.

I thought it would have more weight, if the petitioners  
were from a public body - like the Statistical Association  
than if it came from an individual -

Dr. John B. Fisher is acquainted with the whole plan and will be glad, to advise with you, as to the best means of attaining its end.

Will you inform me, when the association will next meet?

If the association do not meet early, will it not be best for the officers to assume the responsibility of sending the memorial to Congress?

Are you at the Historical Room in the afternoon? I shall visit Boston next week & desire them to see you -

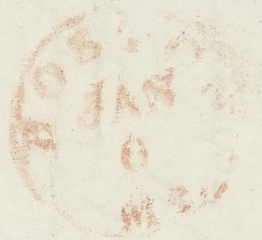
Have you or the Librarian of the Statistical Association ever obtained that box of documents which I forwarded from Kentucky - for the two sanctus? It is - or it was at L. B. Kimball's 45 or 9 Blockstone St -

I am Sir

Very respectfully  
Yours Wm. Lunt

Edward Jarvis.

P.S. - Any communications sent thro Boston Post Office - to care of Wm B. Swann Eng Makers School Boston - will reach me, the day it is left in the office.



Rev Joseph B. Felt  
Historical Society  
Boston Mass

Post Office  
Jan 21 1844

Providence, March 18<sup>th</sup> 1840.

Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge your favor of the 7<sup>th</sup> inst. informing me that the American Statistical Association, at their Annual Meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup> of February last, elected me a Fellow.

Be pleased to tender to the Fellows of the Association my thanks for this testimony of respect, & to assure them that it will give me great pleasure, if I can in any way promote the useful objects for which the Society has been formed. The Constitution & By-Laws, in my opinion, are judicious, & I hereby authorize you

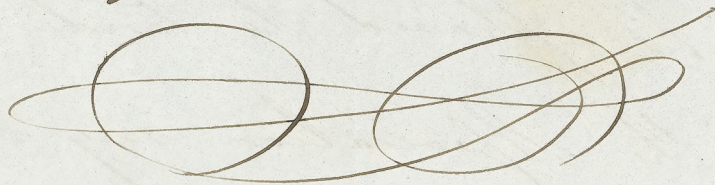
to affix my name to the obligation on p. 6.  
I enclose five dollars for my initiation fee.

With my best wishes for the  
prosperity of the Association,

I am, Sir, very respectfully,

Yours.

Romeo Elton.



Rev. Joseph B. Fell.

Rev. Sec. Amer. Stat. Assn.

*paid*  
Rec. Joseph B. Felt,  
Sec. Secretary Amer. Stat. Assoc.<sup>n</sup>

Boston,

Mass.

Prof. James Ellon  
of Providence R.I.  
see March 19 - 1840

Dover, N.H. 16 March, 1840.

Rev. Joseph B. Felt.

Secy. Socy. A. S. A.

Dr. Sir,

Your letter informing me of my election, as a Fellow of the American Statistical Association, was duly received.

I feel deeply impressed with the honor thus conferred upon me.

The object, which the Association has in view, receives my cordial approbation.

I, therefore, communicate my acceptance of the Fellowship, and hope I shall be able, at some future time, to contribute something towards accomplishing the laudable undertaking of the Association.

Very Respectfully,  
Yrs. &c.

Francis Cogswell.

P.S. I have transmitted to my Brother of Boston the initiation fee of five dollars.

He will hand it to the  
Treasurer -

F. C.

Rev. Joseph B. Felt.  
Sec. Secy A. S. Association  
Boston,

Ms.

Francis Cogswell Esq  
of Dover N. H. recd  
March 19 - 1870