

August 15, 1969.

THE CLINE TEACHERS AGENCY - BOX 607 - EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN 48823

REFERENCE FOR: J. DAVID HENRY

FROM DR. ERNEST M. GOULD, JR., ACTING DIRECTOR.

Mr. J. David Henry enrolled as a student at the Harvard Forest in June of 1967. His work was completed in the normal time so he received his MFS degree a year later. During this period Mr. Henry did research of considerable significance in the area of ecology. He showed a good grasp of the biological problems of reconstructing the life history of forest stands. To this work he brought a lively imagination, and proved dependable and hard working. He ranked in the upper fifth of people who have been at the Forest.

Mr. Henry enjoyed good health and got on well with the people around him. He was thoughtful, well read and once he convinced himself of the value of any project pursued it with admirable energy and good results.

Because he is vitally interested in modern problems, and convinced of the desirability of an excellent education I expect that he will mature into a good teacher. He is probably best prepared in the subjects of biology, botany and ecology.

Ernest M. Gould, Jr.

Acting Director

J. David Henry
P.O. Box 295
Buffalo, Wyoming, 82834

June 23, 1969

Dr. Ernest Gould
Harvard Forest
Petersham, Massachusetts

Dear Ernie:

Mark mentioned that you got my letter. I have managed to find one "hot prospect" in the far West. There is a position to teach physiology and microbiology at Carroll College in Helena, Montana. I'm quite impressed with that area and the school seems quite good too. I feel pretty competent to handle the physiology after the course I had at Holy Cross and the reading I did at H.F. The microbiology I'd have to go a bit on, but I think I'd find that pretty interesting too. If the microbiology course wasn't given until second semester, I think I would have enough time to prepare a pretty good course in it.

They asked that I have sent to them three letters of reference. Would you send a copy of the one you wrote for me to:

Rev. J.D. Harrington
Academic Dean
Carroll College
Helena, Montana, 59601

It's nice to at least have a "hot prospect". I'll let you know the outcome of it all. Thanks alot. My greetings to all.

Sincerely,

David

J. David Henry
2025 S. 4th W.
Missoula, Montana, 59801

September 2, 1969

Dr. Ernest Gould
Harvard Forest
Petersham, Massachusetts, 01366

Dear Ernie:

If I may ask "yet another" form! As you see from the new address we have moved up to the University of Montana. I thought I'd give our plans some more time to ripen and at the same time do some investigating in the area of animal behavior. This will be good since if I do get into a Ph.D. program here or elsewhere I'll have a clear notion of what (either plant ecology or mammalian ethology) I'll wish to make my chosen vocation and which will have to be an avocation.

This school seems quite good so far, the surrounding area is beautiful. They have agreed to put me on a provisional status for their doctoral program until I've reached a decision about which area I wish to devote myself to. I imagine what they would like is for you to evaluate me as a full time doctoral student. Thanks very much for all your help. By the way the Calgary thing fell through due to lack of funds.

Much appreciative,

Dave

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9/5/69

J. David Henry
P. O. Box 295
Buffalo, Wyoming, 82834

June 10, 1969

Dr. Ernest Gould
Harvard Forest
Petersham, Massachusetts, 01366

Dear Ernie,

I'm writing to ask one of those "time consuming" favors of you. Suzanne and I find Wyoming, its wildlife and wilderness areas, quite fascinating and its job opportunities quite miserable. So I'm presently trying to locate, on my own and via several teacher placement agencies, a teaching position in a college or junior college. My small request is, of course, I've taken the liberty of using your name as a reference (only once, so far). I would be very pleased to find a suitable teaching position in the West that would allow me some opportunity for studying the vegetation and wildlife out here and writing about it on the level that I wish to. The books for the general reader on these topics are quite miserable which makes the writing opportunities quite attractive. All that is missing is a way to "swing it" financially. So I do appreciate this request I'm asking of you quite abit.

From what I gather from Mark, things at the Forest are quite busy and most interesting. I hope next year I will be in a better position to help Mark with our article about the Pisgah forest. I was sorry to hear about your father's death this past year. Our best to Ann and you. Hope to show up for a visit some one of these days. I promise to make it fairly short, except for Marcus whom we shall lure away to the nearest beer garden for a round or two.

Thanks again for being my reference, it is much appreciated.

Sincerely,

David

February 25, 1980

Ms Katherine T. Robie
Pratt Hollow Road
Northfield MA 01360

Dear Ms Robie:

Enclosed is a reprint from Ecology of a study by Henry & Swan of the Harvard Forest Pisgah holding. We acquired this tract in 1926 from the Dickinson Real Estate and Lumber Co. which was at the time logging over a large surrounding area of virgin timber. Cline and Spurr published a Harvard Forest Bulletin on the area in 1942 entitled, The Virgin Upland Forest of Central New England. Unfortunately, this is now out of print, but we have a library copy.

I don't know anything more about the Pisgah area. I believe that members of the Dickinson Family are still active in the New England Box Company which used to have its headquarters in Greenfield. They might have more information. Otherwise, I have nothing to suggest except a search of local history.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest M. Gould, Jr.
Forest Economist

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Pratt Hollow Road
Northfield, Massachusetts 01360
February 21, 1980

Fisher Museum of Forestry
Harvard Forest
Petersham, Massachusetts 01366

Dear Sir or Madam:

I am a science teacher involved in a Land Use Curriculum Study of Pisgah State Park in southwestern New Hampshire. This study is being done in affiliation with Antioch New England College in Keene, New Hampshire.

I am attempting to make a series of maps illustrating the extent of the forest, the villages and mill sites of the Pisgah area from the late 1700's to the present. While reading the booklet describing your dioramas, I noticed a reference to Mt. Pisgah, N.H. on pp. 3 (a description of the primeval forest of central New England). Could you please send me information about the source of that reference?

If you have knowledge of any maps or narrative discussions which would help in my search for documentation of land use in the Pisgah area, I would much appreciate being sent a list of the same (with prices if appropriate).

Thank you for any assistance you can give me in this matter.

Yours truly,

Katherine T. Robie

Katherine T. Robie

Feb. 7, 1978.

C/O Dr Fred E. Smeins
Dept. Range Science,
College of Agriculture,
Texas A&M University,
College Station,
Texas 77843.

Hi Ernie:

Here I am in Austin, Texas.

Suzanne has been down for a week only to return to romping New England blizzards. We travelled a good deal inside the State while she was here. I have been interviewing for jobs while she has been sizing up the living environment. We both love the area and what we have seen of the people and we have decided to set up a home here. I am looking forward to supporting the family and all my energies are therefore concentrated on getting a good job.

I have spoken with Keith Arnold and Stephen Spur and although they do not know of any specific openings for a field ecologist at this time, I think they could be very helpful if something should come up. So I have left them a copy of my resume. I wonder if you could write a brief letter of recommendation to Dr. Arnold saying you know I am in the area; that I am anxious to practice ecology here. I have not, of course, told them anyone will write on my behalf. I enclose a page of my resume to indicate the type of position for which I am applying. I feel that my academic training and my preference for active out-of-door physical activities make me well suited to field survey or

experimental work and there appears to be quite a lot of pilot work being funded at the moment. I'd like to break into it.

Please don't feel obliged to write on my behalf but if you have time I'd certainly appreciate it.

Anything you'd like from Texas? Let me know.

Love to Ann

Affectionately

Mark

Personal Data

Name: John Marcus Allan SWAN
 Nationality: British. Permanent Alien. Registration Number: A-17 456 402.
 Place of Birth: York, England.
 Date of Birth: January 27, 1938.
 Social Security Number: 011-42-4925.
 Temporary Address: C/O Professor F. E. Smeins, Address and Phone for messages:
 Department of Range Science, C/O Mrs. Catherine Danahar,
 Texas A&M University, Harvard University Forest,
 College Station, Petersham,
 Texas, 77843. Mass. 01366. 617 724-3285
 Temporary Phone Number: 713 845-6531

Background, experience, aims.

For thirty years (until 1956), my father was an administrative officer with the Sudan Gezira Cotton Scheme in Africa. As a consequence, I lived both in Britain and the Sudan while a child. In 1956 my father retired to Dundalk in the Irish Republic where my parents presently make their home and where my younger brother and I completed our primary education.

Upon obtaining my B.A. in Natural Science from Trinity College, Dublin, I emigrated to Canada to become a graduate student in Plant Ecology at the University of Saskatchewan, where I obtained my Ph.D. in 1967. Then I emigrated to the U.S., coming to the Harvard University Forest in Petersham, Mass., where I remained as Lecturer on Biology and Forest Ecologist until 1974.

My interests have always been diverse and in 1975 I set out, at my own expense, to design and construct a small house with the objectives of 1, low construction cost 2, pleasing and original yet practical design 3, producing a saleable property at the end of two years. I completed the structure and sold it covering costs in 1977. This was the fulfillment of a long-held ambition. While building the house I maintained an active interest in my field and am now seeking permanent employment in eco-botanical field research. I bring to this aim an academic research experience covering all phases of a study from choice of problem to completion, publication and presentation of results as well as general skills in the establishment of nature trails, a minimal maintenance museum and skills acquired while building.

In seeking a research position, I have a preference for applied studies. I consider a research associate position in field experimental work or survey ideal.

Below is a summary of my education, experience and skills.

My hobbies are hiking, botanical photography, sketching, ragtime piano.

Education

Primary and secondary education in Britain (North Wales) and the Sudan.
 1956-60. Undergraduate. Trinity College, Dublin. B. A. in Natural Science, 1960.

Trinity College Awards:

1958 Edge Prize in Botany for independent research.
 1958 Trinity College, Dublin Foundation Scholarship in Natural Science.

1961-66. Graduate Student. Dept. of Plant Ecology, PH.D. in Plant Ecology. 1966.
 University of Saskatchewan,
 Saskatoon, Sask., CANADA.

February 26, 1981

Ms. Gloria Rapalee
Post Office Box 6-S, RR-4
West Brattleboro, Vermont 05301

Dear Ms. Rapalee:

Enclosed are several maps, more or less detailed, showing how to find the Pisgah Tract. I haven't been up there myself for several years. The "Fisher Sign" is gone so you will have to depend on painted boundaries, corner posts and the fact that the post-hurricane blowdown was never cleaned up.

We will be most appreciative of any information you can furnish. If you need anything else, please write.

Sincerely yours,

Ernest M. Gould, Jr.
Forest Economist

Enclosures

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Box 6-S RR-4
West Brattleboro, Vermont
February 21, 1981

Harvard University
Harvard Forest
Petersham, Massachusetts

To whom it may concern:

I am interested in obtaining information as to the exact location of the tract of land which was the study area for Henry and Swan in their article entitled "Reconstructing forest history from live and dead plant material-- An approach to the study of forest succession in Southwest New Hampshire!"

Presently I am working on an inventory of the Pisgah State Park and will be cruising in that location sometime this spring.

Any information you might send me would be appreciated. I have a copy of the article by Henry and Swan and have reread it recently when it became clear we would be cruising that tract of land.

I will be happy to update this study with data we collect and observations we make in the course of cruising that tract of land. Any suggestions as to what to look for while we are on this section would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Gloria Rapalee

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