Board of Trustees, May 22, 1936

Valley Forge Campus

To adapt the Valley Forge property as a supplemental campus of the University upon an experimental basis; to establish initially a residential and educational unit for a group of male freshmen students; to provide recreational facilities for all men students; and to foster closer relations among faculty, students, and alumni;

the initial requirement is for $600,000

Improvement of Undergraduate and Graduate Scholarship

It is planned to establish 30 Franklin Scholarships and 10 Franklin Fellowships in endowments of $25,000 to provide annual sums of $1,000 each (or as much thereof as required in each individual case), to be awarded to students of exceptional ability who show promise of useful public service in their future careers.

For these, the requirement is $1,000,000

Improvement of Physical Facilities

Chemistry Building. The present chemistry building is entirely inadequate. To strengthen the work in this basic science, concurrently with the development of physics, a new building is imperative.

The estimated cost, with endowment, is $2,000,000

Library Building. The University Library, built in 1891, is antiquated. That the book collections of the present and the future may be properly housed and made more effective in promoting scholarship among students and faculty, a new building is required.

The minimum cost, with endowment, is estimated to be $2,000,000

University Museum

The University Museum is known throughout the world for its collections and its archaeological expeditions. To maintain expeditions and research already planned, and to maintain the work and improve the housing of the Museum, the requirement is for the sum of $500,000

$5,100,000

Note: Only funds designated for the foregoing Special Projects will be devoted to them, until the General Needs previously set forth have been provided for, after which unallocated funds may be used for the completion of these projects.

Grand Total $12,500,000

Appendix III

DIGEST OF VALLEY FORGE PLAN

Secretary
This plan embraces two proposals:

1. The development of an educational and residential unit at Valley Forge on a modest scale, to conduct with a limited group of students an experiment in teaching and in living; its course of development will depend upon demands created through its operation; its future will depend upon the degree of success met and the support given.

2. And, in addition, the development of this supplementary Campus at Valley Forge for the benefit of the whole University, educationally, socially, and recreationally.

An Experiment in Undergraduate Education

In more detail, the educational plan proposes the establishment, at Cressbrook Farm, of a residential unit for the purpose of giving a thorough and sincere test, under University auspices and direction, to the practicability of affording educational opportunities there to a qualified group of students and at the same time serving the general educational purposes of the University. Valley Forge will start with a freshman class of men who meet certain educational requirements. Provision will be made for fifty students; a minimum enrollment of thirty will be required before the experiment is undertaken.

The program can be accomplished most successfully, at least in the beginning, if the students constitute a homogeneous group, studying the same subjects. The curriculum will, therefore, be so arranged as to place emphasis upon American History, Government, and English, subjects which, while not requiring costly equipment, are basic in preparation for enlightened American citizenship. Other courses to be added will be selected from the standpoint of their values as a foundation of a liberal education.

Those admitted will be enrolled as students in the College, but the curriculum will be so arranged that men desiring and qualified to do so may transfer to the Wharton School at the beginning of the sophomore year.

For admission it will be required that a student must stand in the top quarter of the school from which he comes or must be especially recommended by the headmaster of that school, and also that he must have obtained a high score in the Scholastic Aptitude Test, or that he be of such a character as to indicate special abilities to be developed.

This educational program for freshmen at Valley Forge has been so planned as to combine the advantages of the faculty, library, and other facilities of the University in Philadelphia with the additional benefits of individual, personal guidance by outstandingly qualified teachers at Valley Forge. With this end in view, the members of the Valley Forge unit will be brought to the Philadelphia campus to attend classes not taught at Valley Forge, and lectures in American History and Government by senior professors of the University, and to have access to the resources of the University Library not available at Valley Forge. In this way, they will have the benefits of the inspiration and teaching of distinguished members of the University faculty and become familiar with the campus to which they will be transferred for other courses.

The remainder of their work will be carried on under the supervision of preceptors in residence at Valley Forge, men carefully selected, preferably from the University's own faculty, for personality and for expertness in teaching History, Government, and English composition. With such a small group of students instruction will be given individually and in small group conferences, with methods adapted to the particular needs.
and aptitudes of the student - the emphasis being placed upon the cultivation of more intensive observation, independent thinking, and power of analysis.

An Extension of the Campus for the Benefit of the Whole University

The Valley Forge plan, on the one hand proposing this experiment among a limited group of undergraduates, embraces also, as its second proposal, the opening of new advantages for male students of the whole University. This second objective of the plan is to supplement at Valley Forge the present recreational and social facilities of the University in Philadelphia, to the end that life-time habits of sport and recreation may be developed and also to supplement present educational facilities to the end that desirable intellectual relationships may be fostered between students and faculty and between alumni and faculty in a way which cannot be done merely through classroom and laboratory courses.

For the educational benefit of the whole University, as distinct from the limited freshman unit, it is planned to provide informal, extracurricular seminars and group discussions of students and faculty members at Valley Forge, and to furnish a working library of fundamental sources and of books for pleasure reading. A program of intellectual companionship will thus be developed to bring adolescent and mature minds into a contact which will have a strong influence upon the growth of character and healthy idealism.

The aim will be to make Valley Forge so attractive to students as to provide there opportunities which should go far to solve the problem of the student's leisure-time activities which at many institutions are now furnished only by the week-end exodus to the city.

The plans may be developed to the point of assigning periods during which certain divisions of the undergraduate family will live together at Valley Forge. Fraternities, dormitories, and lecture classes will be considered in such planning.

The DuPortail House will be undisturbed and unaltered. It will serve as the headquarters building of Valley Forge. The main barn at Cressbrook will be so altered as to provide for the residence unit for the freshman group. The tenant house and other small buildings will be used for kitchens, for offices, and supplementary residential and educational uses.

It is probable that, in making a modest educational beginning, the Cressbrook buildings will, with necessary adaption, meet all immediate educational requirements, while the Lafayette Farm buildings can readily be converted to recreational and social uses.

A frequent transportation schedule by motor will be maintained to supplement the transportation of students by their own automobiles. The Devon Station of the Pennsylvania Railroad is only ten minutes by bus from the Headquarters House.

The Cost

So far as possible the enterprise at Valley Forge will be made self-supporting. For the educational unit the fees charged will be in the neighborhood of $1,250 a year.

The minimum financial requirement for the Valley Forge plan may be summarized as follows:

| Lafayette Farm | $ 175,000 |
| Other needs including improvements, landscaping and reserves, the final allocation to be determined by the Board of Managers | |
of the Valley Forge Project, upon considera-
tion of the budget supplied by the Valley Forge
Committee of the General Alumni Society.

APPENDIX IV

MINUTE ON DEATH OF MR. EDWARD B. ROBINETTE

With deepest regret the Trustees record the death on March 7, 1956, of Mr. Edward Burton Robinette, Trustee, and benefactor of the University of Pennsylvania. After graduation Mr. Robinette was for some years assistant to Mr. Charles C. Harrison, Provost of the University, entering later a successful business career. During the World War he was Naval Attache at Stockholm, and was decorated for distinguished service by the United States, France, Belgium, Sweden and Finland. He established in 1928 the Edward B. Robinette Foundation for the study of diseases of the heart and the circulatory system, and made other notable gifts to the University. Since 1929 he had served as a Trustee of the University, and had also been a Manager of the University Museum, the Graduate Hospital, and the Thomas W. Evans Institute. The University pays its tribute of gratitude and affection to a loyal alumnus, officer, and friend.

(Signed)

Secretary

Board of Trustees, May 22, 1934

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Appendix IV