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April 13, 1939

M. W. MITCHELL, CLERK

Honorable Marriner S. Eccles
Chairman, Federal Reserve Board
Washington, D. C.

Dear Chairman Eccles:

Pursuant to my personal call, I am addressing you in regard to Mr. Charles G. Buckingham, President of the National State Bank of Boulder, Colorado for the past sixty-five years.

I am quoting from a letter which I have received from John T. Bartlett, President of the Boulder Chamber of Commerce, in which he asks that you address Mr. Buckingham a congratulatory message upon his birthday on April 22:

"On April 22, Charles G. Buckingham of Boulder will have been President of the National State Bank of this city for sixty-five years—a record unequalled in the annals of American banking. At 93, he is actively at his desk in the bank, and today, and throughout his career, is far more interested in talking about the present and the future of Boulder and the state than of the past. He is a grand citizen, and on the occasion of his sixty-fifth anniversary, we want to contribute to his greatest happiness in the event.

"With his brother, he started the private bank of Buckingham Brothers April 22, 1874; this became the National State Bank, charter number 2255, in 1877. The bank today is one of the three largest in the state, outside of Denver, Colorado Springs and Pueblo; only four banks have a longer history in our state (First National, Colorado National, Denver; First National, Pueblo; First National, Longmont).

"Any cooperation you can give us in this will be deeply appreciated. Mr. Buckingham and his institution have had a wonderful record, through the years. No depositor has ever lost a penny. The bank weathered the panics of 1893, 1907, and 1933, without batting an eyelash, so to speak."

I deeply appreciate your assurance of compliance with this request.

Sincerely yours

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April 15, 1939.

My dear Senator:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter which, thanks to your reminder, I have forwarded to Mr. Charles G. Buckingham on the occasion of his sixty-fifth anniversary as president of the National State Bank of Boulder, Colorado.

This is indeed a remarkable record and I am glad to join in the richly deserved congratulations.

Sincerely yours,

M. S. Eccles,
Chairman.

Honorable Edwin C. Johnson,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

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April 15, 1939.

My dear Mr. Buckingham:

Permit me to join with your host of friends and admirers in congratulating you upon the anniversary of your sixty-fifth year as President of the National State Bank of Boulder, an occasion which is all the more deserving of celebration because of the continued successful record of the institution founded by yourself and your brother on April 23, 1874.

Senator Johnson, who shares in the pride that all of your fellow-citizens feel in your distinguished achievement, has made me wish that I could see you in person on this anniversary because it would be heartening to talk for a moment with a banker who, having weathered many storms in our economic history, looks ahead today with unabated courage and confidence, notwithstanding the many new and difficult problems that face our people.

May you continue to do so and to have every happiness and success.

Sincerely yours,

M. S. Eccles,
Chairman.

Mr. Charles G. Buckingham, President,
National State Bank of Boulder,
Boulder, Colorado.



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THE NATIONAL STATE BANK
OF BOULDER

BOULDER, COLORADO

April 25, 1939

Hon. M. S. Eccles, Chairman,
Board of Governors,
Federal Reserve System,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Eccles: ,

I wish to thank you for your splendid letter of congratulations and best wishes on the occasion of the celebration of our Sixty-fifth Anniversary on Saturday, April 22d.

A copy of our brochure gotten out for the occasion has been mailed to you, and we hope you may enjoy reading it.

Very sincerely yours,

C. G. Buckingham

President.

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