

February 20, 1952

Mr. E. S. Wilhelm
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Dear Sir:

Your letter of February 15, 1952, concerning Clarence O. Durham has been received.

Clarence was a student of mine in Spring 1949. Also he was my research assistant in the Bureau of Economic Geology, September 1948 to August 1949. I became very well acquainted with him during the field work which we both did in 1948/49. At the end of his tour of duty with me at the Bureau I recommended him to the Geology Department of Columbia University for a scholarship.

Clarence is a mature, reliable person, good in many fields, but his outstanding interest is geologic field work. He is a very keen field geologist. His educational background in geology is excellent; he has learned a great deal here at the Geology Department, from the geologic field work done for the Bureau, and at Columbia University. He is bright, capable, and attentive. His mind is quick and analytical.

He is in fine physical shape for field work. He is very well liked here, and I have found him good company at all times. He never lost his temper nor did he become cross or tired. I would rate his mental stability as excellent. I believe he would work very well in any group of people. In short I wish to recommend him most highly because I think he is top quality all around.

Very truly yours,

H. B. Stenzel, Geologist

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