Epilogue

With little regret, I leave the federal soil survey and look for
a new professional position, effective July 1, 1970: Professor, D. of
Geology, and Director, Water Resources Research Center, Indi
University, Bloomington. The academic chair that I assume has
a strong connection in geomorphology behind it, resulting from the efforts of
Clyde Malott and William D. Thornbury. This chair and the direc
will afford an opportunity to build a training and research pro
morphology and water resources, and including soils.

This epilogue, then, is really the prelude for the next few de
cember, the soil morphologists, classificationists, and the geneticists
be prepared to stand by for a ram, as the saying goes in sea-god

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Ames, Iowa
June 21, 1970

Parting Shot

This epilogue was written as Ruhe prepared to move from his USDA
job to Indiana University. It is believed that Ruhe would have preferred
but was basically forced out by G.D. Smith, and this quote was a 'parting shot'
to speak.

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Those Who Came Before...
Soil Science Pioneer Hilgard

E.W. Hilgard (1833–1916), a year before his arrival
at the Berkeley campus. Hilgard was a professor of
agriculture at the University of California and was
a pioneer in agriculture and soil survey. His founda-
tional book Soils—Their Formation, Properties,
Composition, and Relations to Climate and Plant
Growth in the Humid and Arid Regions was pub-
lished in 1906.

For more information see "E.W. Hilgard and John Wesley
Powell: Efforts for a joint agricultural and geological

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In the Classroom

Gordon Huntington, University of California-Berkeley, lectured to the 1976 class of Soil Science 105.
A cotton field near Raisin City, California
Arkeley, UC Berkeley, is to Gordon’s right
and khaki field clothes.