

## MARY OWEN BRUCE

Assisting Elementary Editor,  
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1710 Blair Boulevard  
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Creative Writing

No all out testimony  
I'd be surprised if jury  
placed her high.

Name Mary Owen Bruce Field: Creative Writing

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Plan of Work To write two or more brief books of five to eight chapters (for retail sale of less than a dollar), a supplementary reading for second, third, and some first grade, Southern children. The stories will be kept within the vocabulary of primary readers but written for their enjoyment, with the obvious teaching technique used in textbooks avoided.

Requests grant for one year beginning June 1947. Will not return to present position. Seeks further training in writing, and probably work with pre-school children, kindergarten in particular.

Personal Data Born Hendersonville, Tennessee, April, 1908 Age: 34  
Divorced, one dependent Draft Status:

Undergraduate Work Stonewall Jackson Jr. College, diploma, 1927  
George Peabody College for Teachers, 1929-1944-1946-1947

Graduate Work  
Special Study: Child Study Clinic, Peabody College, January to April 1947

Experience Home management supervisor, Farm Security Administration, Nashville, Tennessee, 1935-39, \$1800; teacher, Cayce Nursery and Kindergarten, Nashville, Tennessee, 1944-46, \$1460

Accomplishments Association for Childhood Education

Publications: The Sad Farm Bell, Oxford University Press, 1943; Once, Long Ago, Westminster Press, late 1947 or early 1948; also between 100 and 150 stories for young children; verse for children; stories and short human-interest articles for children 12 and under; articles on use of nature materials with young children; country-newspaper style, monthly letter, originated for Farm Security Administration, also factual stories for F.S.A. publicity

#### References

Robbie Trent, Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention,  
Nashville, Tennessee

Dorothy B. Fritz, Presbyterian Board of Christian Education, Philadelphia

Eunice Blake, Oxford University Press, New York City

Marion Saunders, Literary Agent, New York City

#### Budget Summary

Total Amount Needed	\$1725
From Applicant	225
From Fund	\$1500

Sent to Committee

AMOUNT GRANTED

