

Name Ham, Thomas Byrd (1912) Negro   
 White Southerner

Position Picture Editor, Atlanta Journal Special Field Creative  
 Group Writing

College Bob Jones College, (Tennessee), 1930-32  
 University of Georgia, 1932-33

University

Plan of Work:

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 To write a novel about the people of Georgia's Blue Ridge mountains.

Action of Fellowship Committee:

Granted \$1,500

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Served with several small newspapers in Alabama and Georgia from 1933 to 1940.  
Served as picture editor with Atlanta Journal from 1940 - , \$2,990.

"Little Lady Godiva" Atlanta Journal Magazine, August 18, 1940

"Closeup of a Hillbilly Family", American Mercury, June, 1941

"A Home - and Independence - in the Hills", Reader's Digest, June, 1941. (condensation  
of American Mercury article.

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HAM, TOM

Joined the Navy early in October, 1943. Ensign, USNR, Public Relations  
Office, Navy Yard, Charleston, South Carolina

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## Creative Writing

Grand testimony  
(Are all the Southern writers top men? !)

Bontemps says he can go it  
alone. And will write a best seller  
But he implies it may be more  
interesting than socially significant

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Name Thomas Byrd Ham Field: Creative Writing  
Picture Editor, Atlanta Journal  
Atlanta, Georgia *Dunwoody Road  
Doraville Ga*

Plan of Work

The writing of a novel based on the people of Georgia's Blue Ridge Mountains, their origin, folklore, development and possibilities.

Probable duration of work one year, May 1, 1942 to May 1, 1943.

*Begins  
July 1, 1942*

Personal Data Born Cobb County, Georgia, October, 1912. Married. Age: 29  
Two children

Undergraduate Work Bob Jones College, 1930-32.  
University of Georgia, 1932-33

Graduate Work

Experience

Editor and Publisher, Lineville Tribune, Lineville, Alabama, 1933-35, all profits;  
Assistant Publisher, The Toccoa Record, Toccoa, Georgia, 1935-37, \$1,100; Columnist,  
Atlanta Georgian, Atlanta, Georgia, 1937-39, \$2,400; Executive Editor, Macon  
Telegraph, Macon, Georgia, 1940, \$2,600; Picture Editor, Atlanta Journal, Atlanta,  
Georgia, 1940 - , \$2,990.

Accomplishments Have turned down several offers by larger papers in the North  
and East because I do not want to leave the South.

Publications: Little Lady Godiva, Atlanta Journal Magazine, August 18, 1940.  
Closeup of a Hillbilly Family, The American Mercury, June, 1941.  
A Home - and Independence in the Hills, The Reader's Digest, June,  
1941.

References

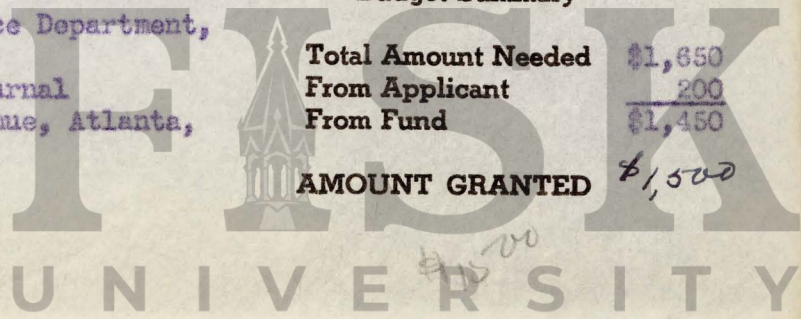
- Mr. Ralph McGill, Executive Editor, Atlanta Constitution,  
Atlanta, Georgia.
- Mr. James Pope, Managing Editor, The Courier Journal,  
Louisville, Kentucky.
- Dr. Cullen Gosnell, Head, Political Science Department,  
Emory University
- Mr. John Paschall, Editor, The Atlanta Journal
- Miss Margaret Mitchell, 1268 Piedmont Avenue, Atlanta,  
Georgia.

Sent to Committee

Budget Summary

Total Amount Needed	\$1,650
From Applicant	200
From Fund	\$1,450

AMOUNT GRANTED \$1,500



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