

ALTONA TRENT-JOHNS (MRS.)

Teacher of music and English  
R. R. Moton High School  
Farmville, Virginia

Social Service

*Affliction combines music  
and teaching and social work  
No references to anyone outside  
the little southern circle. And  
a year at Atlanta Soc Work  
isn't my idea of development.*

**Name** Altona Trent-Johns (Mrs.)**Field:** Social ServiceTeacher of music and English, R. R. Moton High School  
Route 3, Box 258, Farmville, Virginia**Plan of Work**

To enlist rural Negro people for musical and artistic expression at established rural centers with a view to the general enrichment of rural life; if successful, to "blue-print" methods employed so they may be duplicated wherever circumstances warrant.

Requests grant for fifteen months beginning June, 1945. Wishes to study at the Atlanta School of Social Work and at the Eastman School of Music or the University of Pennsylvania.

**Personal Data** Born Asheville, North Carolina, December, 1904.  
Married, six children.

**Age:** 41  
**Draft Status:**

**Undergraduate Work** Atlanta University, A.B., 1925.

**Graduate Work** West Virginia State College, summer 1940.  
University of Pennsylvania, summer 1934.  
Virginia Theological Seminary, 1931-32.

**Special:** Private studies in music.

**Experience** Latin teacher, Atlanta University, 1925-26, \$800; music teacher,  
**Special** Bennett College for Women, Greensboro, North Carolina, 1926-27,  
\$1125; music teacher, Virginia Theological Seminary, Lynchburg, Virginia,  
1929-34, \$900; teacher of music and English, R. R. Moton High School,  
Farmville, Virginia, 1934- , \$1250.

**Accomplishments**

**Publications:** Book: Play-Songs of the Deep South, November, 1944.  
Article: "A Music Festival Project in Prince Edward County,"  
Virginia Teachers' Bulletin, April, 1940.

**References**

John P. Whittaker, Atlanta University  
George A. Towns, Sr., " "  
Mrs. Ruth Morse White, Jeanes Supervisor, Farmville, Virginia  
Mrs. Anne Spencer, Lynchburg, Virginia  
Kemper Harreld, Morehouse College

**Budget Summary**

Total Amount Needed	\$2,000
From Applicant	500
From Fund	\$1,500

**AMOUNT GRANTED**

Sent to Committee

