

Name Jean Thomas

Field:

English Language & Literature

Writer, lecturer, researcher in American folk lore
3201 Cogan Street, Ashland, Kentucky

Plan of Work

To do research into the ballads, hymns and folk lore of the more isolated parts of Kentucky, Tennessee and Carolina mountains (1) obtaining stories of the old folks, (2) making comparative recordings of the voices and speech in the various sections; (3) capturing ballads of the younger generation, etc.

Probable duration of study one year, beginning as soon as possible.

Personal Data

Born Ashland, Kentucky, November, 1891. Divorced.

Age: 48

Undergraduate Work

Graduate Work

Experience

Accomplishments

Publications: Devils Ditties, W. Wilbur Hatfield, Chicago, University of Chicago, 1931; The Traipsin' Woman, E. P. Dutton & Co., 1933; The Singin' Fiddler of Lost Hope Hollow, E. P. Dutton & Co., 1938; The Singin' Gatherin', Silver, Burdett Company, New York, 1939; Ballad Makin' in the Mountains of Kentucky, Henry Holt & Co., 1939; Big Sandy River, Henry Holt & Co., now in process of publication.

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Articles contributed to Journal of National Education Association, American Magazine, New York Times Magazine, folk lore and music journals.

References

Rockefeller Foundation grant, 1936, \$700. Is now also applying to Guggenheim Foundation.

Mr. Carl Sandburg, Harbert, Michigan
Mrs. Ida M. Tarbell, New York City
Dr. Louise Pound, University of Nebraska
Dr. John Harrington, University of West Virginia
Mr. Percy Hutchinson, New York Times
Dr. Frederick H. Koch, Carolina Playmakers
Dr. Josiah Combs, Paris University

Budget Summary

Total Amount Needed	\$1500.00
From Applicant	---
From Fund	\$1500.00

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