

Name Wiley, Bell Irvin (1906) Negro   
 White Southerner

Position Professor of history, and head of department at University of Mississippi Special Field History Group

College Asbury College, Kentucky, A. B., 1928

University University of Kentucky, M. A., 1929; Yale University, Ph. D., 1933., and post-doctoral year, 1933-34.

Plan of Work:

For a study of the daily life of the Confederate soldier, as revealed in letters and diaries.

Action of Fellowship Committee:

Granted \$2,000.



Asbury College, Kentucky, assistant professor of history and speech, 1928-31; State Teachers College, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, head of history department, 1934-38; Peabody College, instructor in history four summers; head of history department, University of Mississippi, 1938 - (add)

1944: Major in Army (On leave from University of Mississippi) Assistant Historical Officer, Headquarters Army Ground Forces. Helping to write history of Army Ground Forces.

1947 Head, History Department, Louisiana State University

Author of 5 historical studies: No. 12, The Building & Training of Infantry Divisions, No. 14, Problems of Non-Divisional Training in the Army Ground Forces. No. 21, Preparation of Units for Overseas Movement. No. 38, Redeployment Training. No. 36, The Training of Negro Troops.

Rockefeller fellowship awarded 1948-49 to prepare study on training of Negro troops. Head, History Department & Professor of History, Louisiana State University.

*Headquarters,  
Army Ground Forces  
Washington, D. C.*

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Name Bell Irvin Wiley Field: History  
 Head, History Department, Professor of History  
 University of Mississippi, University

## Plan of Work

Subject: "Everyday Life of Confederate Soldier"; chief emphasis on attitudes, interests, and activities of privates as revealed in their letters and diaries. Study begun June, 1940, should, with full year's leave, be ready for publication in 1942. An established university press has offered contract for publication.

Seeks no degree. Will return to present position.

Personal Data Born Halls, Tennessee, January, 1906. Married. Age: 35

Undergraduate Work Asbury College, A. B., 1928.

Graduate Work University of Kentucky, M. A., 1929.  
 Yale University, Ph.D., 1933.

Experience Assistant professor of history and speech, Asbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky, 1928-31, \$1350; head, history department, State Teachers College, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, 1934-38, \$3000; history instructor, George Peabody College, summers of 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, \$450 for the summer; head, history department, University of Mississippi, 1938 - , \$5180.

Accomplishments Master's thesis: Cotton and Slavery in the History of Western Tennessee.

Publications: Book: Southern Negroes, 1861-1865, Yale University Press, 1938. Articles in Journal of Southern History and Agricultural History.

Fellowships: Yale University, 1932-33, \$400; 1933-34, \$700.

## References

Thomas S. Staples, Hendrix College  
 Frank Owsley, Vanderbilt University  
 Charles W. Ramsdell, University of Texas  
 Wendell H. Stephenson, Louisiana State University  
 A. B. Butts, University of Mississippi  
 Fred McGuistion, General Education Board

## Budget Summary

Total Amount Needed	\$ 2,920
From Applicant	500
From Fund	\$ 2,420

AMOUNT GRANTED

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