

W. W. Norton & Co. have signed a contract with Herschel Brickell for publication of his book on the history of Natchez, Mississippi. Mr. Brickell has been at work on this book in Natchez and at Jackson, Miss. After doing some research at the Widener Library and the Boston Athenaeum, he has returned to his native Mississippi for further work.

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# FELLOWSHIPS

April 12, 1939

Dear Mr. Brickell: It is a pleasure to inform you that you have been selected by the Committee on Fellowships of the Julius Rosenwald Fund to receive a grant of Two thousand dollars (\$2,000) to assist you in carrying forward your creative writing in accordance with the plan of work which you submitted to our Committee.

A plan covering the details of payments under this grant will be arranged to fit your particular needs.

Please let us know at once if you accept this grant. An official announcement of the Committee's selections for the year will be made soon and can include only those from whom acceptances have been received.

Very truly yours,

GMR:RW

GEORGE M. REYNOLDS

Mr. Herschel Brickell  
325 North State Street  
Jackson, Mississippi

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NAME: Brickell, Herschel (Mr.)

ADDRESS: Ridgefield, Connecticut

OCCUPATION: Writer

PLAN: "First, a history of the city of Natchez, Mississippi from the earliest days to the present. . . Second, a book on Spain to be called something like 'Spain Revisited'. . . Third, a life of Cervantes and a study of his times, which is badly needed. . ."

NOTES: Born, Mississippi, 1889. University of Mississippi, A. B., 1910.

## RECORD:

On the staff of various Southern newspapers from 1911 to 1919, from 1915 on in executive capacities. Joined the staff of the New York Evening Post in 1919 as copy reader, contributed to the editorial page and to the Literary Review. Became daily book columnist in 1924, associate editor of the Literary Review in 1925. Resigned in 1928 to go abroad for a year of study, and spent the time in Spain, France, Italy and England, contributing a series of letters on the contemporary literature of the different countries visited, most of which appeared in the Post, with some in the New York Times.

Returned in late 1928 to the daily book column, and remained until 1928, when I became editor of the trade department for Henry Holt and Company. From then until 1933 continued in this capacity, making various trips abroad, and also contributing regularly to the Times and Herald Tribune book sections, as well as holding the post of literary editor of the North American Review for eight years.

In 1933, I went abroad again, spending three months studying and traveling in Spain, and continued my literary contributions. In 1934, returned to the Post as book columnist and literary editor, where I remained until September 1 of this year. . .

Two summers I was a visiting lecturer at the Blowing Rock Summer School of English. . . and this year was a visiting lecturer at the University of New Hampshire Writers' Conference. . . and member of the staff at the Breadleaf Writers' Conference. . . I have also lectured elsewhere on Spain and on current books, and am at present planning more of the same kind of work.

I have a working knowledge of Spanish and French, and know some German and Italian. I have written considerably on contemporary Spanish literature and also on other aspects of Spanish civilization, which I have studied with care and thoroughness for some 12 years. I wrote the introduction to the Modern Library edition of "Don Quixote" and have recently revised it on the basis of further research into the life of Cervantes.

## PROJECTS:

These are three:

Herschel Brickell (2)

First, a history of the city of Natchez, Mississippi from the earliest days to the present, with as complete a picture of life in this unique community, once the wealthiest town in America and still a perfect museum of the Old South, as I can do. I have begun the research already, and have access to an almost unlimited quantity of family documents and private letters. The book is already under contract. A considerable amount of the research will be in Spanish and French and the records are complete and easily available. The suggested title is "Natchez: Place and People" and it is proposed to bring out a handsome illustrated volume. This project has been in mind for five years, but other commitments have prevented me from doing more than think about it; I am now ready to start to work. No book of the kind exists.

The research involved is considerable, and would probably take a year of hard and steady work.

Second, a book on Spain, to be called something like "Spain Revisited" and to result from two or three months spent in the country with a car, examining the damage of the civil war to art and architecture particularly, as well as with as much human stuff in it as possible, too. While in a sense a journalistic venture, informational in its character, it would be done against the background of many visits to the country and long study of its civilization; in effect, a search for the eternal Spain that has survived every disaster, and may be expected to survive the present holocaust.

I estimate that three months in the country and another two or three months for the writing would see this job finished, and I should like to get at it whenever a truce appears that will permit me to do the necessary traveling, even though it breaks into the Natchez research, on which I hope and expect to spend as much time as is needed. I want the Natchez book to be definitive, realizing just what this statement means.

Third, a life of Cervantes and a study of his times, which is badly needed, since nothing of this exact nature has been done and there is fresh material available. This is the most ambitious project of the three by far and would represent two or three years' work, most of it abroad, before the writing could even be started. I have read virtually all the available material, much of which is condensed in the introduction I mentioned. The research would have to be done in Spanish, French and German, and I thought of taking some work in German next summer at the Middlebury School of Foreign Languages in preparation for it, as I expect to return to Breadloaf next summer to lecture.

All three of the projects suggested represent many hours, of thought and study in whatever leisure my work has left me.

Hershel Brickell  
Ridgefield, Conn.

Plan of Work for a History  
of Natchez, Mississippi.

1 - My plan is to spend a year more or less with Natchez as the base of operations. Much of the time will be put into a first-hand study of the community and the surrounding country, in an investigation of the local archives, which go as far back as the Spanish period, and in research into several excellent private libraries, as well as collections of correspondence and diaries to which I have been promised access.

I expect to carry on more general research in the libraries of New Orleans, particularly the Hammond Memorial Library, which has a great deal of Lower Mississippi Valley material, and in the State Department of Archives and History at Jackson, Mississippi.

From the historical and personal data thus obtained, I hope to write a humanized history of the town from its earliest times to the present, emphasizing the peculiar character of the place and its people as it seems to have taken shape under various factors, geographical, racial, etc. Some of the research will have to be done in French and Spanish, and I have a working knowledge of the two languages.

I believe it may be possible to begin writing the earlier chapters while the research in the later period is being completed, as the scheme of the book will be chronological, so that the two lines of work may be carried on together.

The significance of the contribution lies in the fact that no such book exists and the subject offers many unusual angles. The town has recently been rediscovered as the result of widely advertised garden pilgrimages. Even its Indian period represents a singularly interesting culture, whose development has long been a matter of speculation among authorities. Its place as a center of culture and commerce on the far frontier during the early days of this country, its life under French, Spanish and British rule, its vital connection with the Aaron Burr conspiracy, its important part in the history of cotton and of the Mississippi River traffic, all give it unusual importance, and furnish innumerable approaches for the kind of treatment I have in mind. At present, it is deservedly famous as a kind of living museum of ante-bellum civilization, and is full of interest for its architecture, its gardens, and its unusual social life.

2. I began to think seriously of undertaking the book in the autumn of 1938, although it had been considered for some time previously. My first plan was to spend the past winter on the ground in research and in laying out as exact a scheme for the book as seemed possible in advance of the actual writing. But I was unable to carry this through because of unforeseen circumstances, and the actual progress to date is represented by the beginning of a collection of out-of-print books on the town itself and the country near by, together with some general background reading. More important still is the definite promise of cooperation of residents of the community in the way of allowing me to use their libraries and family papers and letters.

3. I am emitting this question, since it obviously relates to another type of project.

4. Several of the best publishers have expressed a willingness to sign a contract for the book whenever I am ready and others have expressed an interest in it.

5. Subsequent plans at present include a book on Spain as it is after the civil war, to be undertaken as soon as the Natchez project is completed. I had first contemplated going to Spain earlier than this, but have now decided that it will be better to wait until conditions are more settled. I have visited the country a number of times since 1936 and have made a special study of its history, literature and civilization.

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# FELLOWSHIPS

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	PO		BU. 325 North State Street
			Jackson, Miss., 16 April, 1935

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

I accept with sincere and deep appreciation the Fellowship that has been granted by your committee.

The details, I take it from your letter, need not be arranged at the moment, but I shall write you further as soon as I can.

Sincerely  
Herschel Brickell

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FELLOWSHIPS

375 North State Street

Jackson, Miss., 6<sup>th</sup> June, 1939

Buckell, H.

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

We have just returned from a week in Natchez, where I found a great deal of valuable material and also got on the trail of much more. L. S. U. has a lot and is buying pretty nearly everything that comes into the market, to the great sorrow of the Mississippi Department of Archives, which is without funds for such purchases. This means we shall have to be in Baton Rouge part of the time. We have found all the local historians eager to cooperate and some of these in Natchez itself have done a great deal of solid work in recent years.

We went to the country just after you were here, where I rested some more and read pretty steadily. There has been a slow improvement, although I am still unable to walk much. However,

I expect to have a check-up as soon as we get back to New York and hope to be entirely fit before very long.

We shall probably be on our way East in a week or two, as I must prepare my New Hampshire and Vermont lectures. I expect to spend every leisure moment this summer in further reading for the book and to be settled down here by November with a clear track.

It was a pleasure to have the brief glimpse of you and your wife and we hope to see you both again. Perhaps you might consider coming to Hatcher for one of the Pilgrimages next Spring —

Sincerely yours  
Herschel Brickell

P.S. I do not know yet where we shall be in New York, but the Jackson address will always reach us.

FELLOWSHIPS

June 13, 1939

Dear Mr. Brickell: On my return to the office  
I find your letter of June 6.  
I am glad to know that you are finding the material  
in which you are interested. I am not surprised to  
hear that Louisiana State University is buying so  
much, as I had heard that they were planning to do  
a lot of that sort of thing throughout the area.

I am glad to know that you  
are improving, and I certainly hope that by fall  
you will be entirely recovered. Sometime when you  
are in Natchez I hope to stop there on one of my  
trips. Perhaps I can, as you suggest, be there  
during the Pilgrimage, and have Mrs. Reynolds with  
me.

Greetings and best wishes to  
you and Mrs. Brickell.

Sincerely yours,

GMR:MLU

GEORGE M. REYNOLDS

Mr. Herschel Brickell  
325 North State Street  
Jackson, Mississippi

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## FELLOWSHIPS

325 North State Street  
 Jackson, Miss., 23rd June 1939

Brickell, H

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

Thanks very much for the offer of the microfilm machine. I shan't be needing anything of the kind at present, however.

We are off to Baton Rouge today to spy out the landscape there. It will be only a brief visit preparatory to a longer stay in the autumn or winter.

There is a tremendous lot of material in the State Department here, more than I suspected. Dr. W. D. McCain, the present director, is doing wonders with the job and has been most encouraging and helpful. He has had excellent training and I think is going to be heard from, especially if the legis- lature ever decides to let him have any money.

We had expected to be off to New York before this, but a temporary back- set delayed us. Perhaps we can get away next week. The heat is beginning and you know

what it can be nice down here.

Mrs. Buckell joins me in kindest regards  
to you and your wife and in the hope  
that we shall see you in Natchez, which would  
give us much pleasure.

Sincerely yours  
Herschel Buckell

# FELLOWSHIPS

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0325 north State Street

Jackson, Miss., 27<sup>th</sup> June, 19

Dear Mrs. Reynolds:

Brickell, #

Thanks very much

for your offer of the microfilm machine. I may need it sometime later, but not for several months, so I relinquish any claim upon it for the present.

We made a brief visit to Bator Rouge last week to look over the grounds and found two fine new batches of material in the Natchez country that had just been purchased. It was very hard to tear myself away from it. The archives department is well organized and promises to be a pleasant place to work.

We came back through Natchez, which has already begun to seem like home and also spent

a short time in Woodville, which  
will, I believe, fall within the scope  
of the book.

My wife joins me in the hope that  
you and Mrs. Reynolds can come to Ketchikan  
while we are there and in kindest  
regards.

Sincerely yours  
Herschel B. Miller

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*Brickell, Herschel*  
 Durham, N. H., Friday

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Dear	Mr. Reynolds:		
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Mr. Reynolds:

The writer's conference here has just ended and was, I think, successful. We went on now to Bread Loaf for two weeks and I hope to put in a good part of September on the hatching material. I have a series of lectures booked in Mississippi in November, after which I expect to settle down seriously to the main job. I lined up quantities of material before I left the South and made many plans that will some time, I think.

My leg is improving pretty steadily and I find I can drive all night for short distances, also that some walking is possible, so perhaps in another month or two I'll be free of handicaps.

I found good hatching



stuff in the library here - U-7  
H. - to my surprise - and of  
course had a very hard time tear-  
ing myself away from it to  
do my conference work.

Mrs. Buckell has rested well  
here in the cool New England  
weather. She sends her regards,  
with mine, to you and Mrs. Rey-  
nolds.

So far as I can tell now, I'd like  
to take up the Fellowship Decem-  
ber 1, unless I can devote all  
of September to the research in  
Washington, in which case ~~she~~  
I may need a little money then. I'll  
let you know later -

Tom Bead Loof, Vermont, will reach  
me until September 2 and after  
that Ridgefield Conn -

Sincerely  
Hester Buckell

# FELLOWSHIPS

September 13, 1939

Dear Mr. Brickell: On my return to the office today I find your letter from Durham, North Carolina. I am glad to know that you have had such a pleasant summer, and that everywhere you are discovering Natchez material.

Keep me posted on your whereabouts, as I will be travelling a good deal this fall, and may have an opportunity to drop in to see you.

Best regards to you and to

Mrs. Brickell.

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE M. REYNOLDS

GMR:MLU

~~Mr. Herschel Brickell~~  
Ridgefield  
Connecticut

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*Brickell, Herschel*

September 18, 1939

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Mr. George M. Reynolds  
Julius Rosenwald Fund  
4901 Ellis Avenue  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

Thanks very much for your letter of September 15th. It was at Durham, N. H. where I talked at a writer's conference and then I went on to Bread Loaf for another two weeks. I have been here in Worcester for a week working steadily in the American Antiquarian Society Library and finding an extraordinary amount of Natchez material, particularly in the files of old newspapers, which is unique.

I expect to go on to Boston in about two days and also to Cambridge before going back to New York around October 1st. My present plans are to leave for Mississippi toward the end of October as I have a month's lectures which will probably occupy November. By December 1st we expect to be settled in Natchez and to stay there as long as it takes to finish the job.

During the month of October our address will be Ridgefield, Conn. and after that 325 North State St. Jackson.

We are hoping that you and Mrs. Reynolds are going to be able to come to Natchez for the Garden Pilgrimage which will be some time in March.

I shall be grateful if you will have your Treasury Department mail a check for \$250 to the Corn Exchange Trust Company, Fourth Avenue Branch, to be credited to my account, and it may be sent in care of Mr. J. P. Birch who is manager of the Bank. I expect to devote my entire time for the rest of this month to the Natchez project and also as much time in October as possible.

All the best to you and Mrs. Reynolds.

Sincerely,

*Herschel Brickell*

23 Trowbridge Road  
Worcester, Mass.

  
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# FELLOWSHIPS

September 26, 1939

Dear Mr. Brickell:      A check for \$250 has been  
sent to the Corn Exchange  
Bank and Trust Company in New York to be deposited to  
your account. Additional payments on your fellowship  
grant will be mailed on request.

Very truly yours,

DOROTHY A. ELVIDGE

DE:AM

~~Mr. Herschel Brickell  
Ridgfield, Connecticut~~

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# Julius Rosenwald Fund

4901 Ellis Avenue  
CHICAGO

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To Corn Exchange Bank and Trust Company - A/C -

Payment Voucher No. 274

Herschel Brickell

Date September 26, 1959

Corn Exchange Bank & Trust Company  
Fourth Avenue Branch  
4th Avenue and 29th Street  
New York City

e/o Mr. J. P. Birch

First installment on fellowship grant - - - - - \$250.00

Ck.#21880

Accounts	Appropriation No.	Debit	Credit
White Southern Fellowships	33-9A	\$250.00	

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1st November 1938

George M. Reynolds, Esq  
 Rosenwald Foundation  
 Chicago, Illinois

Buckele, H

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

Will you kindly have your treasurer deposit \$200 to my credit at the Fourth Avenue Branch of the Corn Exchange Bank, New York?

I am on a lecture tour at present, but shall be back soon on the boat. The New England research went well and I found much original material.



I am still hoping that you  
and Mrs. Reynolds can come to  
Ketchikan during the pilgrim-  
age season.

My leg is almost well now  
and the track seems to be  
clear for the rest of the job.

Sincerely

Herschel

# Julius Rosenwald Fund

4901 Ellis Avenue  
CHICAGO

FELLOWSHIPS

To  
Corn Exchange Bank and Trust Company

A/C - Herschel Brickell

Corn Exchange Bank and Trust Company  
Fourth Avenue Branch  
4th Avenue and 29th Street  
New York City (c/o Mr. J. P. Birch)

Payment Voucher No. 407

Date November 3, 1939

Second installment on fellowship grant - - - - - \$200.00

Ck.#22036

Accounts	Appropriation No.	Debit	Credit
White Southern Fellowships	38-9A	\$200.00	

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# FELLOWSHIPS

November 3, 1939

Dear Mr. Brickell: Your recent letter has arrived during Mr. Reynolds' absence from the office. I shall see that it is referred to him when he returns early next week.

A check for \$200 was sent today to the Corn Exchange Bank in New York for deposit to your account.

Very truly yours,

DOROTHY A. ELVIDGE

DE:AM

~~Mr. Herschel Brickell~~  
325 North State Street  
Jackson, Mississippi

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# FELLOWSHIPS

November 3, 1939

Dear Mr. Birch: Kindly deposit the enclosed  
check to the account of  
Mr. Herschel Brickell, notifying him when this  
has been done.

Very truly yours,

DOROTHY A. ELVIDGE

DE:AM

Mr. J. P. Birch  
Corn Exchange Bank and Trust Company  
Fourth Avenue Branch  
4th Avenue and 29th Street  
New York City

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FELLOWSHIPS

Brickell, H

165 Fifth street  
San Antonio, Texas  
9th December, 1939.

Dear Mr. Reynolds!

This will acknowledge the receipt of your letter concerning next year's Fellowships. I have two excellent people in mind and shall write you about them in a day or two.

Will you please have your treasurer mail a check for \$30 to Mrs. Merle D. Humphries, P.O. Box 27, Natchez, Mississippi, charging the amount to my fellowship? Mrs. Humphries is helping me with some of the routine research while I am finishing up a job out here and also looking over this end of the Natchez business, James Bowie, etc...

The project is coming along well, and I believe the six months in Natchez next year will about finish the ~~research~~ research. I signed a contract for the book with W.W. Norton and Company, after considering several offers, and we are expecting to have it out in the spring of 1941. I found a great deal of interest in it during my recent lecture tour in Mississippi, and the prospects of a decent sale, provided it is a good book-- I think it will be somehow-- are excellent.

With kind regards, and still looking forward to seeing you and Mrs. Reynolds in Natchez next spring, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*H. B. Brickell*

I shall be here until the 17th, and in Tucson, Arizona, until the 26th, but you can always reach me through Yazoo City, Mississippi, care Carey M. Brickell.

H.B.

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4901 Ellis Avenue  
CHICAGO

To Western Union Telegraph Company

Payment Voucher No. 612


Date December 19, 1939

Fourth payment on fellowship grant to Herschel Brickell,  
awarded 4/12/39, this payment sent by wire - - - - - \$100.00

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White Southern Fellowships	38-9A	\$100.00	

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# FELLOWSHIPS

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December 12, 1939

Dear Mrs. Humphries:      The enclosed check for  
   \$30 is being sent to  
you at the request of Mr. Herschel Brickell in  
payment for services rendered to him in the  
study which he is doing under a Rosenwald  
fellowship.

Very truly yours,

DOROTHY A. ELVIDGE

DE:RW

Mrs. Merle D. Humphries  
P. O. Box 27  
Natchez, Mississippi

Cc to Mr. Herschel Brickell  
165 Fifth Street  
San Antonio, Texas

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# Julius Rosenwald Fund

4901 Ellis Avenue  
CHICAGO

FELLOWSHIPS

To Mrs. Marle D. Humphries  
P. O. Box 27  
Natchez, Mississippi

Payment Voucher No. 581

Date December 11, 1939

Reimbursement for services rendered Mr. Herschel Brickell - - - - - \$30.00

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White Southern Fellowships	38-9A	\$30.00	

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FELLOWSHIPS

Mr George M. Reynolds  
Rosenwald Fund  
4901 Ellis  
Chicago, Illinois

December 19, 1939

Please have one hundred dollars wired me today Bonair Courts,  
Dallas, Texas. Thanks

Herschel Brickell



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FELLOWSHIPS

December 19, 1939

Mr. Herschel Brickell  
~~Donair Courts~~  
Dallas, Texas

ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR PAYMENT BEING WIRED WITH THIS MESSAGE.

Julius Rosenwald Fund

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The Oct 10

COMMANDER HOTEL

Cambridge Massachusetts

Friday

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inDear Mr. Reynolds: **Brickell, H**

I have been thinking pretty hard over for my nominations for the Rosewalds and have reduced them to three, with one rated A-grade in all respects and the other two good enough to have been selected from a considerable number of possibilities.

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First comes Dr.

William McCain, Director of the State Department of Archives and History, Jackson, Miss. McCain is a Harvard Ph.D. top-ranking, with two years in the National Archives added. He wishes to do a good bibliography of Mississippi historical material, which he is fully equipped to handle, but can't spare the time because his salary is only \$2500

a year. He has done wonders with the department in the face of many obstacles. He told me of his ambition with no thought of a fellowship. With his qualifications I consider him a bet and his work would be useful for years to come. In a sense, Mississippi history is just now beginning to be written, so the job would be timely.

The second candidate is a young woman named Josephina Niggli, 221 King Hillman Street, San Antonio, Texas, one of the most brilliant young playwrights in the country. Her Mexican folk plays have been published by the University of North Carolina press very successfully. Miss Niggli has her M.A. from North Carolina, is half-Mexican, and knows more about Mexico in all fields than any one else I happen to have come across. She is very much interested in the Mexican-American race situation along the border and from my own

The  
COMMANDER HOTEL  
Cambridge Massachusetts

Observations of the situation there during a recent visit it seems to me there is a book to be written about it. It comes as a shock to a stranger to observe the bitter and violent prejudice against the Mexicans and to see that Negroes, fewer in number, benefit by the fact that they are liked better than Mexicans. Anyway, Miss Higley has had other Fellowships for work of this nature and is therefore fully experienced, although still young.

The third candidate is also good, although I do not know how far you are going in the field of fiction. He is Clifford Dowley, Route 2, Box 619, Tucson Arizona, author of "Bugles Blow no more" and "Gambler's Hand", historical novels with a Virginia setting, both well received. They have a good deal of



social value, as Dowdey's principal interest is the yeoman class, and he is now at work on another story covering a later period. I know his books and I know him, and have a high regard for both.

In Texas I found quite a lot of hatchey material and I expect to go back in the Spring to study it more closely. After about ten days I'll be in hatchey to stay until July and it will be a pleasure to sit down right next to the job again.

With all good wishes for the new year, I am

Sincerely yours  
Herschel Brechee

My address will be Hatchey after the 15<sup>th</sup> of January.

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# FELLOWSHIPS

Natchez, Miss., 29<sup>th</sup> January

George W. Reynolds, ex,  
The Rosewood Fund  
Chicago, Illinois.

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Dear Mr. Reynolds:

I am on the ground at last, to stay for several months, and glad to be here. If you and Mrs. Reynolds plan to come to one of the pilgrimages, as I hope you will, be sure to let me know as far in advance as you can, as the outlook is for huge crowds. Henry Wood expects to be here at least a few days early in March.

Will you please have your auditing department let me know how I stand on my Fellowship at present, and also send \$100 to the Fourth Avenue Branch of the Loan Exchange Bank Trust Co., New York?

The old spell almost paralyzed us down here but we are thawing today, thank Heaven.

Sincerely,  
Hurdell Brickell



Co Mrs. W. R. Wade  
Clifton Heights

# Julius Rosenwald Fund

4901 Ellis Avenue  
CHICAGO

FELLOWSHIPS

To

The Fourth Avenue Branch of the Corn  
Exchange Bank and Trust Company  
A/C Herschel Brickell

4th Avenue and 29th Street  
New York City

Payment Voucher No. 817

Date January 31, 1940

Fifth payment on fellowship granted 4/12/39 - - - - - \$100.00

Ck. #22518

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# FELLOWSHIPS

February 1, 1940

Dear Mr. Brickell: A check for \$100 was sent to  
the Corn Exchange Bank today,  
to be deposited to your account.

A schedule of the payments  
charged against your fellowship grant is given below:

September 26, 1939	\$ 250.00
November 3, 1939	200.00
December 11, 1939	30.00
December 19, 1939	100.00
February 1, 1940	100.00
	<u>\$ 680.00</u>
Balance available	<u>1,320.00</u>
	<u><u>\$2,000.00</u></u>

We shall be glad to send you additional payments on  
request.

Very truly yours,

DE:McK

DOROTHY A. ELWIDGE

Mr. Herschel Brickell  
c/o Mrs. W. R. Wade  
Clifton Heights  
Natchez, Mississippi

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# FELLOWSHIPS

February 1, 1940

Gentlemen: Kindly deposit the enclosed check  
for \$100. to the account of Mr.  
Herschel Brickell, notifying him when this has  
been done. Mr. Brickell's address is c/o Mrs.  
W. R. Wade, Clifton Heights, Natchez, Mississippi.

Very truly yours,

DOROTHY A. ELWIDGE

DE:McK

Corn Exchange Bank and Trust Company  
4th Avenue and 29th Street  
New York City

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# FELLOWSHIPS

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Natchez, Miss., 8th March, 1940.

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

Thanks for your note. It will be a pleasure to look after any other applications you care to send me.

Sincerely,

Herschel Bricclee

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# FELLOWSHIPS

Brickell, H.

March 11, 1940

Dear Mr. Brickell: I appreciate beyond measure your willingness to give us your opinion on a few additional candidates in the field of creative writing.

Under separate cover I am sending you "Dossie Bell Is Dead", a novel by Jack Boone, and three of his short stories. Boone is applying for assistance in order that he may write another novel.

Ned DeWitt wishes to do some personal histories similar to those in "These Are Our Lives". I am sending you two things of his, "Economy of Scarcity" and "Oklahoma Past and Present".

James Aswell and Ida Moore are applying in order to do novels. In "These Are Our Lives", which I am sending you, you will find their contributions on pages 77, 231, 235, 253, 298, 305, 357, and 411 for Aswell, and on pages 129, 187, 214, and 325 for Miss Moore.

Our Committee has its first meeting on the 23rd, so anything you can tell us before that date will be greatly appreciated.

Will you please return this material by express collect?

GMR:MLU

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Herschel Brickell  
Clifton Heights  
Natchez, Mississippi

George M. Reynolds  
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# FELLOWSHIPS

Monday  
Brickell

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

I am returning the material you sent me, according to instructions.

Mr. Boone's Donnie Bell's "Dead" is a tour de force, rather than a fully realized novel, but it is well done and shows, as do the short stories, an unmistakable and impressive talent for handling the lives of primitive people. Whether the lack of range or variety in Mr. Boone's work will prove too much of a handicap is a serious question, but he seems to me the most promising of the fiction candidates so far, probably well worth taking a chance on.

Mr. Aswell's stories are really one dates and as such well-enough written, although not in the



nor the sketches in "These are Our Lines" form any very sound basis for a judgment of the writer's ability to handle long fiction. About all that can be said is that Mr. Aswell and Miss Moore are both perfectly competent at their jobs - both show a thorough grasp of the principles of writing and also an understanding of their material, in other words. They would be plain gamblers without more fiction upon which to judge their possibilities.

Leo Delwitt does effective work in all the samples submitted and since what he plans is close to what he has already accomplished, may be more safely judged. There is no reason why he should not do some good work in the way of sketches and I should like to report favorably on his possibilities in this field.

Please let me know if there is anything further I can tell you.

Henry Allen has arrived yesterday for a stay of a few days and we are going over the long list of Guggenheim applications, also seeing something of Hatchey. We're sorry you and Mrs. Reynolds aren't here - The weather has been good lately and the flowers have come out wonderfully in the past week.

Sincerely

Harshel B. Reese

207 Clifton  
Hatchey, Miss.

# FELLOWSHIPS

March 21, 1940

Dear Mr. Brickell: I appreciate very much your letter of recent date concerning the alleged writers whose material I sent you. Our Committee meets on Saturday and Sunday for the first time, and I am glad to have your notes at hand. We have several other writers under consideration whose material has either not come in or has just been received, and it may be necessary to impose on you again. Possibly I will go to Natchez to talk with you, or possibly I will only send you the material. Are you planning to be in Natchez the two weeks following the 25th?

I know that you have enjoyed Moe's visit. I regret very much that he will not be able to attend our first meeting, but we are counting on him for the second one.

I am sorry, too, that Mrs. Reynolds and I could not get down for the Garden Pilgrimage this year. It happened to come at just the busiest time with the fellowship program.

Best regards to you and to

Mrs. Brickell.

GMR:MLU

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE M. REYNOLDS

Mr. Herschel Brickell  
207 Clifton  
Natchez, Mississippi

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P.S. Will you please have your treasurer mail a check for \$100 to the Com Exchange Bank Trust Company, Fourth Avenue Branch, New York City, to be credited to my account there? Thanks.

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Herchel Brickell

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# FELLOWSHIPS

March 26, 1940

Dear Mr. Brickell: Thank you for your further comments on Aswell. The Committee acted favorably on his application Sunday.

I am having Miss Elvidge mail a check to the Corn Exchange Bank in accordance with your request.

I am sending you by express today some additional material. We have just received a copy of the novel Let Me Breathe Thunder by William Attaway. Also in the package is a book by Saunders Redding. Marcus Christian has submitted a section of his proposed biography which I should like to have you glance over.

In order that you may have a little more information on these candidates I am sending digests of their applications. The digests include plans of work if awarded a fellowship, and letters of reference.

I am leaving here tonight on a trip which takes me to Memphis, Jackson, Greenville, Baton Rouge, and New Orleans. I am planning to telephone you from Jackson, probably on Thursday, to make an engagement to go to Natchez to see you, as the Committee has asked that I talk with you about several of our candidates on whom no decision was reached. I hope that it is not too much of an imposition to ask you for a little more of your time. In case you need to reach me send word to me at the Robert E. Lee Hotel in Jackson Thursday.

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE M. REYNOLDS

GMR:MLU

Mr. Herschel Brickell  
207 Clifton  
Natchez, Mississippi

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# Julius Rosenwald Fund

4901 Ellis Avenue  
CHICAGO

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To  
Corn Exchange Bank & Trust Company

A/C - Herschel Brickell

Corn Exchange Bank & Trust Company  
Fourth Avenue Branch  
4th Avenue and 29th Street  
New York City (c/o Mr. J. P. Brich)

Payment Voucher No. 9154

Date March 26, 1940

Sixth installment on fellowship granted 4/12/39 - - - - - \$100.00

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March 27, 1940

Dear Mr. Birch: Kindly deposit the enclosed  
check for \$100 to the account  
of Mr. Herschel Erickell, notifying him when this  
has been done.

Very truly yours,

DOROTHY A. ELVIDGE

DE:AM

Mr. J. P. Birch  
Corn Exchange Bank & Trust Company  
Fourth Avenue Branch  
4th Avenue and 29th Street  
New York City

cc: Mr. Herschel Erickell

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Dear Mr. Reynolds:

After carefully consider  
the question I raised about the Hatchey book  
I'd like it if you could hold the Fellow  
ship in abeyance for a time, anyway. It  
seems probable that I shall be able to  
work out of my present difficulties in time  
and get back to the book, which certainly  
should be written.

This asks a great deal of  
patience and understanding on your part  
and perhaps it will not be possible, but it  
at least appears to me the most reasonable  
solution of the problem.

I shall be very grateful  
indeed for any information about openings  
in departments of journalism, or summer  
schools.

It was a real pleasure to  
work with you here and my only regret  
was that I had to take so much of your  
time discussing my personal situation.

Sincerely

Herschel Greener



# FELLOWSHIPS

April 26, 1940

Dear Mr. Brickell: We have just released the announcement of fellowship awards for the year, and I am now getting around to correspondence. In accordance with your request, we will hold further payments under your grant until you are ready to resume the work on your book.

I am sorry that you are running into some difficulties which make it seem advisable to hold up the work. I feel sure that when they are worked out your research and writing will shape up much more readily than it seems possible for them to do at the present time.

I will keep in mind the question of vacancies in departments of journalism and if I run into anything I will let you know.

Sincerely yours,

GMR:MLU

GEORGE M. REYNOLDS

Mr. Herschel Brickell  
207 Clifton Heights  
Natchez, Mississippi

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# FELLOWSHIPS

Hatchey, 2nd May

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

Thank you for your letter concerning the Fellowship. I am more grateful than I can tell you for your patience and consideration. My plans are still perforce uncertain, but things will clear up in time. There's a job to be done here, one point, at least, on which there is no argument.

With every good wish, I am  
Sincerely  
Herschel Brierlee

# FELLOWSHIPS

May 6, 1940

Dear Mr. Brickell: Mr. Reynolds will be  
glad to have your note  
of May 2 when he returns to the office next  
week.

Very truly yours,

MARGARET L. UTLEY

Secretary to Mr. Reynolds

~~Mr. Herschel Brickell~~  
~~207 Clifton~~  
Natchez  
Mississippi

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# FELLOWSHIPS

May 17, 1940

Dear Mr. Wilkerson: I wonder if you know of a post in journalism that may be open for the summer for one of our Fellows. Mr. Herschel Brickell, who is writing a history of Natchez, has found it necessary to interrupt his research for a few months, and is seeking other work. He has had several years of experience with the New York Evening Post, was general editor for Henry Holt and Company, and literary editor of the North American Review. I know it is late to be looking for a vacancy, but it has occurred to me that you may know of some opening.

I am sorry to have missed you in Baton Rouge when I was there a month or so ago, but will be there again rather soon and hope to find you in.

Sincerely yours,

GMR:MLJ

Mr. Marcus Wilkerson  
Department of Journalism  
Louisiana State University  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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# FELLOWSHIPS

May 17, 1940

Dear Mr. Brickell: I have been away from the office for nearly three weeks, so just have your letter of the 2nd.

I made some inquiries on my trip concerning a post in journalism for the summer, but so far have had no definite leads. I have a very good friend at LSU, Professor Marcus M. Wilkerson, whom I am writing. There is a possibility that he may know of something. If you happen to be in Baton Rouge at any time I am sure Wilkerson will be glad to talk with you.

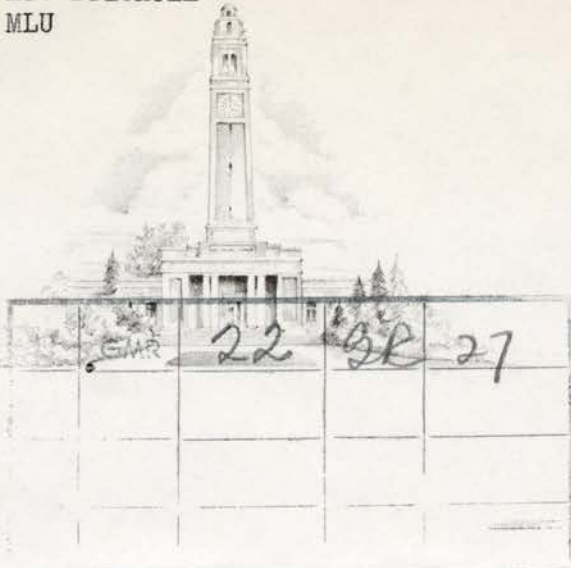
Sincerely yours,

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GEORGE M. REYNOLDS

Mr. Herschel Brickell  
207 Clifton  
Natchez, Mississippi

Copy to Mr. Brickell  
5/27/40 MLU



# FELLOWSHIPS

## LOUISIANA STATE UNIVERSITY PRESS

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May 20, 1940

Dear George:

I have your letter concerning Mr. Herschel Brickell, and I am sorry to say that work in journalism for the summer is so limited that it is difficult to find places for our own staff members. Does Mr. Brickell want work just during the summer, or would he be interested in employment for the year?

I am quite interested in the history of Natchez he is writing and I wonder if he has already committed himself as to a publisher. Otherwise, University Press would be pleased to consider it for publication. I am sure you are quite familiar with what we are doing here at the Press, particularly in the field of southern history. I would consider it a favor if you would speak to Mr. Brickell on this point and let me hear from you or him.

I hope next time you are in Baton Rouge that you will give me a call.

Sincerely yours,

M. M. Wilkerson  
Director

MMW:BMK

Mr. George M. Reynolds  
Julius Rosenwald Fund  
4901 Ellis Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

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# FELLOWSHIPS

May 27, 1940

Dear Mr. Brickell: I am enclosing a copy of a letter from Marcus Wilkerson, Professor of Journalism and Director of the University Press at Louisiana State University. I do not know whether or not he means there is a possibility of a vacancy during the coming year at LSU.

You will note that he is interested in publishing your book in case you have not made other arrangements.

I have not had any other leads in journalism. I see no harm in your writing Wilkerson to find out whether or not there is likelihood of a position in the summer or next year in his department.

Sincerely yours,  
GEORGE M. REYNOLDS

GMR:MLU

Mr. Herschel Brickell  
207 Clifton  
Natchez  
Mississippi

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# FELLOWSHIPS

May 27, 1940

Dear Marcus: I appreciate your letter of May 20 in answer to mine concerning Herschel Brickell. I think Mr. Brickell would consider a post for next year as well as for the summer.

It is my impression that Brickell has already arranged for the publication of his book on Natchez. I am not sure, though, and am passing your letter along to him so that he may get in touch with you if his plans are not definite.

I will be in Baton Rouge sometime in June, and will certainly look you up.

Best regards to you and Mrs. Wilkerson.

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE M. REYNOLDS

GMR:MLU

Mr. Marcus M. Wilkerson  
Louisiana State University Press  
University  
Louisiana

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Yazoo City, Miss., 30<sup>th</sup> May 1940

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

Thanks for your letter about L. S. U. I'll write to Wilkinson at once. The book is committed to Horton, as you may recall, and I am grateful for his interest in it.

I was ill for a time in Natchez and came up here to recuperate. I am about all right again, though and trying to make plans for the future.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours

Herbert S. Brice

FELLOWSHIPS

Cable Address "PRINCEGEO"



13 20  
Prince George Hotel

14 East 28th Street  
New York City

ALBURN M. GUTTERSON, Manager

11th September, 1940

Dear Mr. Reynolds: *Buckell, H*

I am back in these parts again after completing the annual tour of duty at the New Hampshire and Vermont winters' conferences. Both seemed to go well and so far as we could tell the customers appeared pleased. The percentage of genius was no higher than usual.

My personal affairs are rapidly straightening out and I feel much better and steadier than I did when we last met. I have not been able to do much more work on the Hatcher books, but have done a lot of thinking

about it and may be able to take it up again this winter. If you can without too much inconvenience hold my fellowship open for a while longer, I shall be most grateful. There is a good book to be written and I should like to be the one to do it - my feelings are unchanged and the circumstances are more propitious than they were.

I saw Henry more briefly on my way through New York in July. We talked a good deal about South America and our efforts at closer and more friendly relations there.

Mrs. Buicee and I are returning to Ridgefield (Conn.) tomorrow to remain at least through September.

With kindest regards and thanks again for your patience and consideration,  
I am,

Sincerely yours

Herschel Buicee

# FELLOWSHIPS

September 20, 1940

Dear Mr. Brickell: I am glad to have your letter of September 11, which came during my absence from the office.

It is good to know that things seem to be clearing up, and that you think you may be able to get back to Natchez material before long. We will hold your fellowship open until we hear from you again.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE M. REYNOLDS

GMR:MLJ

Mr. Herschel Brickell  
Ridgefield  
Connecticut

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# FELLOWSHIPS

## EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Bogota, Colombia  
12th December, 1941.

Dear Mr. Haygood:

Thanks for your letter regarding the Fellowships for 1942. I do not think of any candidates off-hand, except one, about whom I spoke to George Reynolds last year. I am referring to Dr. William D. McCain, director of the State Department of Archives and History in Jackson, Mississippi. A year or two ago Dr. McCain said that if he had a grant of \$2,000 he could make an index and bibliography of the wealth of material in the Department, with which he has done wonders already. He is a Harvard Ph.D. and worked two years in the National Archives in Washington; his salary as director is about enough for him to live on and no more. I am familiar with his work and the whole situation and I honestly do not believe it would be possible to spend the \$2000 any better than to give him a Fellowship for this specific task.

sent  
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The results of his work will be useful for all time to come, and to every body who works in the field of Mississippi history.

I was sorry to have to leave New York without writing you about my appointment down here, especially in connection with its effect upon the Natchez book, but the State Department sent me down in a hurry, and we hardly had time to take a deep breath until we had landed in Colombia. This year I have done a good deal of work on the Natchez project, which I shall continue, so if you will hold the balance due on my Fellowship I shall greatly appreciate it. I hope to do some lectures down here on Natchez and the Spaniards in West Florida, so the subject will be kept alive-- anyway, I think about it all the time and shall want to get back to it full time as soon as this assignment has been finished.

I hope when your applications are in that you will let me give you whatever help I can on them, as I have done in the past with George Reynolds and with Dr. Moe on the Guggenheims. Don't hesitate to write me and I shall reply as promptly as I can. Or if you want me to read anything, send it along, although I suppose I'd be familiar with the work of most people who might apply.

It is too bad that we did not have time for a chat before our departure for this charming far-away country but we'll meet one of these days, I hope. Bogota is most interesting and I am looking forward with the greatest eagerness to the work that is to be done here.

With all good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*Herschel Brickell*



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Bucknell UP

Ridgefield Conn.,  
27<sup>th</sup> December, 1940

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

I have been very busy recently, or I should have written you sooner to offer my services in connection with the new Fellowships. If you care to have me read any material, send it along whenever it suits you, and I'll be very happy to take things over with you when the time comes for the final decision. It looks now as if I'd be here or hereabouts for a few months anyway - at any rate this address will always reach me, and the telephone here in the country is Ridgefield 994-Ring 2, in case you happen to be in New York and wish to see me. I drive in in about 1 hour and fifteen minutes.

I have some more news to tell you, but am rushing to catch



one of our infrequent trains with  
this note. Things go well, on the whole,  
and the 1944 outlook is not at all  
discouraging.

All the best for the New Year and  
looking forward to an early meeting,

Janey

as ever

Herschel Buckell

11/18/44



# FELLOWSHIPS

December 31, 1940

Dear Mr. Brickell: I am very glad to have your letter of the 27th, and greatly appreciate your offer to help in deciding on any writers who may apply. We already have quite a few and will be getting more in the few days that are left before our dead line. After we have eliminated the obviously poor ones we will need your very excellent critical judgment and I will certainly be getting in touch with you.

I may be in New York for a day or two around the 21st of January and if so I will be very happy to see you. I will let you know how my plans develop. ||| ✓

All good wishes for the new year.

Sincerely yours,

GMR:MLU

GEORGE M. REYNOLDS


Mr. Herschel Brickell  
Ridgefield  
Connecticut

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Ridgefield, Conn.  
3-2 January

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

I fully expect to be in this neighborhood at the time of your prospective visit to New York and shall be delighted to see you again, here in the country if you can spare the time, or in town if you are rushed.

Send along anything you would like to have me read before we discuss the Fellowships.

Sincerely

Hershel Breckee

  
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# FELLOWSHIPS

January 13, 1941

Dear Mr. Brickell: Mr. Reynolds has had to change his itinerary and will not be in New York this month as he planned. He is sorry not to see you, but hopes that a meeting can be arranged later in the year.

In view of your very kind offer to help us with our creative writing candidates, will you please keep us informed of your address so we can get in touch with you without too much delay?

Very truly yours,  
MARGARET L. UTLEY

Secretary to Mr. Reynolds

Mr. Herschel Brickell  
Ridgefield  
Connecticut

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# FELLOWSHIPS

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21 The ~~MARDEBILT~~ <sup>MANDEBILT</sup> Hotel  
Park Avenue at Thirty-Fourth Street  
New York, N. Y.

Washington, D. C. Monday

Dear Mr. Reynolds;

I have been on the move with a group of South American students the past two or three days, so I should have answered your secretary's note sooner. I was sorry to hear that you would not be in New York as expected, but hope to see you later in the year.

As for emergency addresses, Ridgefield Conn., is home, and the telephone number is Ridgefield, 994 - ring two. I am rarely away from there more than a day and mail or messages are forwarded.

Very occasionally I am at 10 East 16th Street, New York City, care Lindsey, and the phone there is Algonquin 4-9491.

Aside from here, Gordon Luce, Reader's Digest, Chappaqua, N.Y. with whom I work on the Digest's Spanish edition, will always know where I am.

I'll be at home from Thursday of this week until February 7, when I leave for Chapel Hill, N.C., to give some lectures to the South American summer school there, and to remain until the 16th. I'll also do some work on batches in the library

at N.E. U.

Don't hesitate to call on  
me for anything I can do.

Mrs. Breckle must hope  
that you and Mrs. Reynolds  
will come to the country  
to see us one of these days. If  
you are East in April, our  
daffodils will be blooming—

Sincerely

Hazel Breckle

# FELLOWSHIPS

January 27, 1941

Dear Mr. Brickell: I am sorry I was unable to  
be in New York on the last  
trip east. As a matter of fact, I was in Wash-  
ington the same day you were, but of course did not  
know it. I will be going east sometime during the  
next month or two, and I will certainly get in  
touch with you.

Sincerely yours,

GMR:MLU

GEORGE M. REYNOLDS

Mr. Herschel Brickell  
Ridgefield  
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Mr. ~~Herschel Birkhall~~  
Ridgefield, Connecticut

February 24, 1941

We have several exhibits which we would like to have you see.

Shall I send to Ridgefield? Please wire collect.

George M. Reynolds

Rosenwald Fund  
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HERSCHELL BRICKELL.



# FELLOWSHIPS

February 27, 1941

Dear Mr. Brickell: We sent you yesterday by express some books and manuscripts which have been submitted by our candidates. One or two other things will follow shortly. It will certainly be a great service to us if you can find time to look over this material and to let us have your comments. If it would not be too early, I can probably discuss these cases with you on the 8th or 9th of March in New York. Our Committee meets on the 15th and 16th here in Chicago, and it is rather important that I be here the week before the meeting, so I am suggesting the earlier dates. If it is impossible for you to go over the material before the 8th or 9th, perhaps a written comment on each would serve the purpose of the Committee at the first meeting. However, I should like to discuss the candidates with you if possible.

Will you please let me know if the 8th or 9th will be a convenient date?

All good wishes to you, and many thanks.

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE M. REYNOLDS

GMR:MLU

Mr. Herschel Brickell  
~~Ridgefield~~  
Connecticut

  
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# FELLOWSHIPS

February 28, 1941

Dear Mr. Brickell: Mr. William Attaway will,

I hope, send you some of the work he has done on fellowship during the present year. He is applying for a renewal. To save time I have asked that he send it directly to you. Many thanks for what you are doing for us.

Very truly yours,

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*will meet you morning of eighth <sup>please</sup> call me Chatham Hotel.*



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Mr. Herschel Brickell  
 Hotel McAlpin  
 New York, N. Y.

March 4, 1941

Will meet you morning of eighth. Please call me Chatham Hotel.

George M. Reynolds

Rosenwald Fund  
 4901 Ellis Drex 7100 MLU



FELLOWSHIPS

March 7, 1941

Dear Mr. Brickell: I have just had a note  
from Mr. Attaway saying  
that he has no extra copy of his book manu-  
script. I thought I better pass this word  
along to you in case you were planning your  
time for reading.

Very truly yours,

MARGARET L. UTLEY  
Secretary to Mr. Reynolds

Mr. Herschel Brickell  
Ridgefield  
Connecticut

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JULIUS ROSENWALD FUND  
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The Fellowship Committee wishes to thank you for your confidential statement concerning

GEORGE M. REYNOLDS

Director for Fellowships

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# HOTEL McALPIN

BROADWAY AT 34<sup>TH</sup> STREET · NEW YORK · N·Y·

JOHN J. WOELFLE

*Manager*

CABLE ADDRESS  
HOTELALPIN NEW YORK

Expense account of Herschel Brickell  
in connection with 1941 Fellow-  
ships in creative writing.

Railroad fare \$ 2. 20

Hotel bill, room & meals 21. 00

Taxis 3. 00

Telephone 50

26. 70 *am*

New York, March 8-10

DOROTHY A. ELVINGE

H. J. Woelfle

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" ONE BLOCK FROM PENNSYLVANIA STATION "

# FELLOWSHIPS

2/9/41

Exhibit material sent to Herschell Brickell:

- X JOHN BEECHER. Folder of selections: 8 poems, 1 prose selection, "Share croppers' union in Alabama", "And I will be heard".
- X JOHN FAULK. 2 manuscripts: "The life of Christ in Ten Acts", "Quickened by De Spirit".
- X JACK BOONE. ~~Dessie Bell is dead; "Big singing", Story, The Southern Review, Autumn, 1937.~~
- IDA MOORE. Like a river flowing.
- LIDE & JOHANSEN. Dark possession.
- X WM PERRY FIDLER. Contemporary Southern prose.
- X CARSON MC CULLERS. The heart is a lonely hunter.
- X BRAINARD CHENEY. Lightwood.
- X JANE SHACKELFORD. The Child's story of the Negro.
- X PHILLIPA STOWE. 10 manuscripts in a box.
- X LANGSTON HUGHES. Not without laughter. The dream keeper.
- X KATHRYN HUGGINS. Article entitled, "African American Fiction".
- THOMAS EDWARD BELL. Fish on the steeple. Globe magazine, August and May, 1937. Several newspaper clippings.

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# FELLOWSHIPS

Ridgefield, Connecticut  
March 17, 1941

Dear George Reynolds:

The Waters Turpin material finally arrived. If your money isn't all gone, I'd like to recommend him for another chance. As a matter of fact, I think he has more stuff than Attaway, more understanding and more kindness. Of course his lot as a writer is bound to be a hard one because his stuff isn't going to sell, I fear, but he is definitely worth helping if you can still include him.

We are hurrying off to New York today, then South, but I'll send back all your books as soon as we are home again. I'm to talk on Southern literature at the P.E.N. Club Wednesday night.

DE

Now, I'd like to resume my own fellowship, so will you please have the treasurer mail a check for \$200 to the Corn Exchange Bank Trust Company, Fourth Avenue Branch, New York (attention of Mr. Birch) as soon as possible? We are planning to start for Natchez Thursday and to be there and in Baton Rouge about two weeks all told.

*J.P. Birch  
Sept 3/19*

We are looking forward to seeing you in Washington on the way back home.

Thanks and regards,

Sincerely,

HERSCHEL BRICKELL

Natchez address:  
Care Mrs. W. R. Wade  
207 Clifton Heights

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HOTEL McALPIN  
NEW YORK, N.Y.

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Ridgefield 17<sup>th</sup> March

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Herschel Brickell

Natchez address: Care Mrs. W. R.  
Wade, 207 Clifton Heights



# Julius Rosenwald Fund

4901 Ellis Avenue  
CHICAGO

# FELLOWSHIPS

To

Corn Exchange Bank & Trust Company

A/C - Herschel Brickell

Corn Exchange Bank & Trust Company  
Fourth Avenue Branch  
4th Avenue and 29th Street  
New York City (c/o Mr. J. P. Birch)

Payment Voucher No. 2645


Date March 19, 1941

Seventh installment on fellowship granted 4/12/36 - - - - - \$200.00

Ck. # 24885

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# FELLOWSHIPS

March 19, 1941

Dear Mr. Birch: Kindly deposit the enclosed  
check for \$200 to the  
account of Mr. Herschel Brickell

Very truly yours,

DOROTHY A. ELVIDGE

DAE:RW

Mr. J. P. Birch  
Corn Exchange Bank and Trust Company  
Fourth Avenue Branch  
Fourth Avenue and 29th Street  
New York City

Copy to Mr. Brickell

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# HOTEL McALPIN *est'd*

BROADWAY AT 34<sup>TH</sup> STREET - NEW YORK - N.Y.

JOHN J. WOELFLE  
*Manager*

CABLE ADDRESS  
HOTELALPIN NEW YORK


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*wednesday*

*Brickell, H*

Dear George Reynolds:

*copy in  
Attaway's folder*

The Attorney

Mr. turned up yesterday and I read it last night. It is being delivered to Doubleday, Doran by me this morning, as the author said he had only the one copy.

He can write, beyond any doubt.

The prose has a fine rhythm and the speech of the Negroes is perfectly set down. There are moments of real pathos, too, but I am doubtful that he proves anything, or that he has written a novel of any particular social

significant. The characters  
are pretty black-and-white  
and the story itself a slender  
affair. There is enough raw  
violence and sex to make some  
people read the book, although  
I don't believe many of them will  
remember it, or be moved by  
it to right the wrongs of the  
oppressed black brother.

Again, I'd have to say that Bell,  
Boone - Hathaway were on par,  
but it would be necessary to  
add that ~~Hathaway~~<sup>Paterson</sup> whose talent  
is just as valid as the others,  
is certainly one of the very best  
beginning candidates you have had.  
In short, he will go on doing  
good - limited - work and I  
think that's about all. In fact,



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BROADWAY AT 34<sup>TH</sup> STREET · NEW YORK · N. Y.

JOHN J. WOELFLE  
*Manager*

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I am beginning to believe that's about all we'll get from the other side of the color line for a while, and you know I have kept up carefully with their work for years.

If this isn't perfectly clear, let me know. I'll be at home tomorrow and again Saturday.

There was none of the original work of the "Contemporary Southern Prose" editor in the book. Incidentally I'll return all the books in a day or so.

It was a pleasure to see you the other day and to hear

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of your interesting plans. I  
look forward to a meeting in  
Washington early in April for  
some further discussions of the  
Pan-American situation.

Sincerely  
Herschel Brewer

# FELLOWSHIPS

April 28, 1941

Dear Herschel: We appreciate more than we can express your interest in our fellowship program and your willingness to co-operate in helping us decide our cases in creative writing. I am enclosing a check from the Fund for \$150 which we should like to have you accept as an inadequate expression of our gratefulness for the help you have given us during the past two years.

Do not forget to give me a ring when you are in Washington.

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE M. REYNOLDS

GMR:MLU

Mr. Herschel Brickell  
Ridgefield  
Connecticut

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# Julius Rosenwald Fund

4901 Ellis Avenue  
CHICAGO

# FELLOWSHIPS


To

Mr. Herschel Brickell  
Ridgefield, Connecticut

Payment Voucher No. 2847

Date April 29, 1941

Honorarium for work done in connection with Fellowship program - - \$150.00



Ck.#24905

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Ridgefield Conn.

1st May, 1941

Dear George Reynolds:

This is to acknowledge the receipt of the Fund's check for \$150, and to thank you and the directors for a very generous gesture. Needless to say the help I have been able to give has been offered with no thought of compensation. I have enjoyed working with you very much indeed and hope that I may be of further assistance. It is understood, I trust, that I am to be called on whenever



There is anything I can do  
and I shall consider anything  
asked of me as a duty per-  
formed most willingly and  
gratefully.

I am sending back today the  
books and pamphlets you had  
mailed here to me.

Thanks again - and with  
renewed good wishes for the  
work in Washington, where  
we will certainly hope to see you  
if we are in the neighbor-  
hood.

Sincerely

Herschel Buerkle

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# FELLOWSHIPS

August 7, 1941

Dear Mr. Brickell: We are in the midst of preparing for the benefit of our trustees a comprehensive report on the fellowship program of the Fund, and we are trying to include in it as late information as possible. Mr. Reynolds has discussed with me in times past the interesting project you are working on, and I am wondering how the book is progressing, and if a publication date is in sight.

I know that you have been of great assistance to us, and I hope that I will be able to have a talk with you on one of my early trips into the field this autumn.

Sincerely yours,  
WILLIAM C. HAYGOOD

WCH:MLU

Mr. Herschel Brickell  
Ridgefield  
Connecticut

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# FELLOWSHIPS

Ridgefield, Conn.,

18th August, 1941.

William C. Haygood, esq.  
Julius Rosenwald Foundation  
4901 Ellis Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois.

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Dear Mr. Haygood:

Your letter reached me when I was in the midst of a very busy writers' conference at Durham, New Hampshire, or it would have been answered sooner.

The situation with respect to the Natchez book is that I have done a considerable amount of the research both in New England and the South, including five months of residence in Natchez itself, and a visit there last spring, but that no single phase of it is far enough along for me to begin writing.

The work was interrupted first by illness and second by the necessity to make some money, but I do not regard the delay as anything except an advantage. The subject is one of the greatest richness, and the mere matter of condensation and selection involves a lot of hard work in the head before the typewriter comes into play at all.

I have done a number of lectures on Natchez within the past year, including one at Durham recently, using colored slides, and have found a warm response, so the town has definitely benefited by the project.

The delay has been explained to the publisher, who is in no hurry because of the war situation, so there is no pressure from that direction, and if there were, others have said they would be glad to bring out the book when it is ready.

I believe George Reynolds understands the situation, which I shall be glad to discuss with you when next you pass this way. Whatever else I have been able to do for the Foundation has been done with pleasure, and I trust you will call on me at any time.

I shall be here for the next two months, anyway, and it would be easy enough for me to see you in town, or we should be glad to have you spend a day with us in the country.

Sincerely yours,

*Alexander Buerke*

# FELLOWSHIPS

August 20, 1941

Dear Mr. Brickell: Thanks very much for your nice letter of August 18. I of course realize that good books must incubate, and there was no thought of doing more than bringing myself up to date on your plans. I have your Connecticut address on file, and if anything brings me to New York within the next two months, I shall certainly get in touch with you.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM C. HAYGOOD

WCH:McK

Mr. Herschel Brickell  
Ridgefield  
Connecticut

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# FELLOWSHIPS

December 24, 1941

Dear Mr. Brickell: Thank you for your nice letter of December 12. I, too, regret that you left the country before I had the pleasure of meeting you personally. I am sorry, too, that you will not be close at hand for personal consultation on this year's fellowship applicants. I am wondering if you would care to recommend a person who could act as a substitute, someone in New York or Chicago or the South, to whom I could turn quickly for aid and counsel similar to that which you have been giving us and Mr. Moe. I still intend, of course, to take advantage of your generosity, but I will also need someone a little closer home.

I have always been interested in Bogota, particularly since friends of mine used to run the local colegio Americano. They have never been able to adjust themselves to this country since their return, and they even grew to love the cold gray days, which I understand are pretty frequent.

I shall be sending you names for comment in the next few weeks. In the meantime the best of luck and all good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

WCH:MLJ

WILLIAM C. HAYGOOD

~~Mr. Herschel Brickell~~  
Embassy of the United States of America  
Bogota, Colombia

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# FELLOWSHIPS

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AIR MAIL

Bogota, 2nd February

Dear Mr. Haygood:

Herewith my report on Bell. I'm all for his project as you will see. Later, I hope you will let me help you on the other applications, whether or not my name appears, as I have done in previous years, with George Reynolds.

I have been trying to think of somebody to recommend for conferences, and I hope it doesn't sound too immodest to say that it has not been easy. But why wouldn't our friend Tarleton Collier in Atlanta be a good man for the job? George and I gave him a Fellowship and he produced a good book, he is really intelligent, and he probably keeps up very well with what goes on in the South. I'd be very much inclined to try him.

This doesn't mean that I am not at your service, but I can see now that my new job is going to absorb most of my time and energy, and I shall not be as au courant with things at home as I have been in the past. For a time though I think I can help, and I am sure you will feel free to call on me.

I shall be glad to know the line up of a applicant this year and also the final results.

If you see GR any time soon, give him my very best, and tell him we are busy and happy.

Sincerely yours,

Herbert Bruce

# FELLOWSHIPS

February 12, 1942

Dear Mr. Brickell: Thank you for the report on Ed Bell, and for your letter of February 2. Bell's project which he submitted this year has interested me a great deal, since it promises to be a simple exposition of a subject unnecessarily complicated by the experts, and done in such a fashion that I think it would make a definite contribution to the work that we and others have been trying to do in the South.

Since I wrote to you last, I have gone ahead and asked Arna Bontemps, who is working here in the office with us and who has a good critical grasp of the southern scene, to serve as our literary man for the year. Jack Conroy is also working in the office with him, and I think I will use the two of them. As soon as I have finished reading all the applications, I will drop you a note and tell you who is applying this year. So far the white southern applicants for creative writing fellowships have been extraordinarily good.

I was in Washington last week, and saw George. You may know that he has transferred to the Economic War Board. I also had a long talk with Charles Thompson and Mr. Shurtz. Both of them spoke of you. I worked with Mr. Thompson quite closely the year before I came with the Rosenwald Fund, when I was executive secretary of the American Library Association Committee on Library Cooperation with Latin America, and in this connection I am wondering if I could ask a favor of you. Our Committee has got somewhat out of touch with the library picture in Colombia since Samper Ortega left the National Library. Sometime when you have some spare time we would appreciate your comments on the new National Library and on library problems in the country as you see them.

WCH:McK

Sincerely,

Mr. Herschel Brickell  
United States Embassy  
Bogota, Colombia

WILLIAM C. HAYGOOD

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# FELLOWSHIPS

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AIR MAIL

Brickell, Herschel

Bogota, March 27, 1942.

Dear Mr. Haygood:

I feel perfectly confident that our friend Bell will do a worthwhile job, and I should like very much to see the book when it is finished. It is one of the best projects I have considered for you, in my opinion.

It seems to me you have a good working team in Bontemps and Conroy, although I still think Collier would be a good man to call in on decisions. He would represent another point of view, perhaps. And I needn't tell you again that I hope very much you will feel free to call on me whenever I can be of any assistance. Aside from my personal gratitude for my Fellowship, I have always been interested in the work of the Foundation.... Perhaps this is a needless repetition.

I did not know of George's transfer, but hope it means more pleasant work for him. I had not realized before that you and C. Thomson were old friends. He and Schurz have been very kind to me since I started working for the Department, and I appreciate their confidence. This has been a fascinating job, all around, and I have been very happy to have a part in the Pan-American business.

As for the library situation, I know it rather well because I have been working in the National Library every day on a translation of Walden. The present director is Enrique Uribe White, an engineer by training and a kind of eccentric genius. The library has concerts and movies, which are very well done and very successful, also good shows of art and photographs, and lectures. It is weaker as a library, although Dorothy Reeder of the Rockefeller Foundation and the A.L.A. is doing what she can to recatalogue it, to start a circulating library, and a reference room. Headway is slow. The need for books for the circulating library is pathetic. The local Coordination Committee, of which I am an ex officio member, gave Miss Reeder 250 pesos last week to buy equipment and a few books, but much more help is badly needed. There is a printing outfit in the library and some good books have been turned out recently. One serious difficulty is that the post of Minister of Education is refilled every few months, and commitments are made at the Library which are not kept, which makes for a bad financial situation.

I haven't been much into the country yet to see the other libraries, but I know they are generally poor and not well run. A library school will start here soon, in which there is tremendous interest, and which will turn out trained librarians. Daniel Samper Ortega is the moving spirit. Like everything else here, the library situation is confused, with some good features and many backward ones; also like everything else there is great need of both money and intelligent help from the States. I trust this will be of some assistance to you, and if you need more specific data let me know.

All the best....

Sincerely,

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN  
 LIBRARY  
 BRUCE

# FELLOWSHIPS

May 11, 1942

Dear Mr. Brickell: I am enclosing a list of this year's fellowship awards, since I know that you will be interested in the Fellows in general, and specifically in those who have been given fellowships in creative writing. As you will notice, the Committee awarded more Fellows in this category this year than usual. We had an exceptionally able group of candidates among the white writers, and I am delighted that our Committee found it possible to aid as many as they did.

I am interested in the information about the Colombian library situation, and I extracted part of your letter for the files of the Committee on Library Cooperation with Latin America. If you have not received literature about the recent opening of the Biblioteca Benjamin Franklin in Mexico City I have one or two stories and pictures that the American Library Association has put out, and I will be glad to send you copies.

I do not know whether Samper Ortega remembers me or not, but I remember him most pleasantly when he was in attendance at the A. L. A. meeting in San Francisco in 1939, and when he was at the Library of Congress.

The plan for the library institute this summer is interesting, and I have talked with Mr. Milam several times about personnel. This has always been a difficult problem, since there are so few people in the library field in this country who know Spanish.

I saw George recently in Washington. He is now with the Board for Economic Warfare and up to his ears in work.

WCH:MLJ

Mr. Herschel Brickell  
United States Embassy  
Bogota, Colombia

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM C. HAYGOOD

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# FELLOWSHIPS

February 18, 1944

Dear Mr. Brickell: In going through our records I note that we are holding in your name an unpaid balance of \$1020.00 on the Fellowship awarded to you in 1939. I do not find any correspondence in regard to your plans for using this balance.

If you do not expect to be in a position to use the grant in the near future, will you please drop me a note relinquishing the funds?

We will be glad to have you file a new application for an award when you are able to resume your creative writing.

Sincerely yours,

VANDI W. HAYGOOD

Mrs. William C. Haygood  
Acting-Director for Fellowships

VH:AW

Mr. (Herschel) Brickell  
United States Embassy  
Boyota, Colombia

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# FELLOWSHIPS

3039 Macomb Street  
Washington, DC

August 26, 1944

My dear Mrs. Haygood: I hope you will forgive me for the long delay in answering your letter of February 19, regarding the unexpended balance in my fellowship. The letter went to Bogota and finally made its way back here, reaching me only yesterday. I was flown out of Bogota at the end of January with pneumonia and had to spend three months in Groves Hospital, Canal Zone. Then I came here to join the staff of the Division of Cultural Cooperation as assistant chief.

Of course, I am willing to relinquish the funds, since the kind of war work I am in leaves me little time for writing. I did a lot of research on the Hatcher book and lived in the town several months, but a combination of circumstances prevented my going on with it, as I still hope very much to do.

Thank you very much for offering to consider an application for a renewal.

Now that I am back home, if I can ever be of service to you and the Foundation in any way, I hope you will feel free to call on me.

I am most grateful for the help you gave

me.

Sincerely yours,  
Herschel Buckner



# FELLOWSHIPS

September 19, 1944

Dear Mr. Brickell: Thank you for your letter of August 26. I am sorry to know that you have had such a long and serious illness and hope that you are now fully recovered.

I should appreciate it if you would call our fellowship program to the attention of outstanding young people who are eligible to apply and whose interests might qualify them for assistance from us - if there are any such out of the armed forces or war work!

Sincerely yours,

VANDI V. HAYGOOD

Mrs. William C. Haygood  
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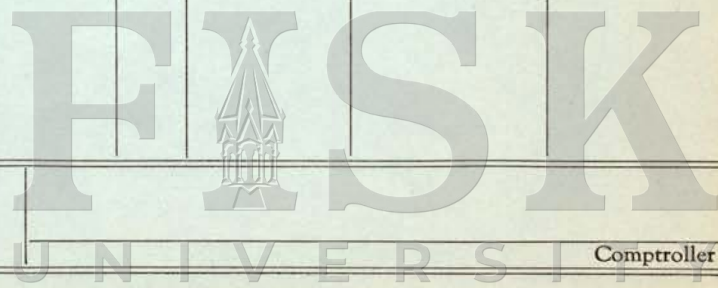
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Explanation		Appropriation No.	Debit	Credit
White Southern Fellowships		38-9A	\$1,020.00	
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<p>Unpaid balance of grant to <u>Herschel Brickell</u>, made in April 1939, released. See his letter dated August 26, 1944.</p>				

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