

MERLE NANCE PITTMAN (MRS.)

67 Pleasant Street  
San Francisco, California

English

A good well educated person  
Her outline sounds pretty  
evangelical - and her references  
stress the theme quite as much  
as her talent. She is slightly  
over <sup>our</sup> age. I doubt if she will  
ever again live in the South.  
She is married to a Negro.  
If given I think the award  
should be in race relations

**Name** Merle Nance Pittman (Mrs.)

**Field:** English

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**Plan of Work**

To do a historical analysis of interrelations between Negro and white culture, specifically with relation to the contributions of Negro writers to American literature.

Requests grant for one year beginning May, 1945.

**Personal Data** Born El Paso, Texas, October, 1908.  
Married.

**Age:** 37  
**Draft Status:**

**Undergraduate Work** University of California, A.B., 1929 (with highest honors).

**Graduate Work** University of California, M.A., 1931; 1931-33.

**Experience**

**Accomplishments**

**Scholarships:** State of California scholarships, 1926-27, 1927-28.  
Phoebe A. Hearst scholarship, 1928-29.  
Teaching fellowships, University of California, 1930-31, 1931-32, 1932-33, \$750 each.

**References**

Paul Robeson, New York City  
Max Yergan, Council on African Affairs, New York City  
Arthur Brodeur, University of California, Berkeley, California  
Holland Roberts, California Labor School, San Francisco, California  
Bartley Crum, lawyer, San Francisco, California

**Budget Summary**

Total Amount Needed	\$1,500
From Applicant	-
From Fund	\$1,500

**AMOUNT GRANTED**

Sent to Committee

