

Name Ramsey, Robert

(1912)

Negro White Southerner

Position Accounting clerk for chemical company

Special Field Creative
Group Writing

College University of Arkansas, B. A., 1935.

University

Plan of Work:

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The writing of a novel about a white tenant farmer family in Eastern Arkansas.

Action of Fellowship Committee:

Granted \$1,500



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Has done his writing at night. -Worked as a clerk in First National Bank, Memphis, 1935-37, as continuity writer for Station WHBQ, Memphis, 1937-38, and as clerk for Forest Products Chemical Company, Memphis, 1938-1942.

Fire in Summer, first novel, published in February, 1942, by Viking Press.

*3109 Cowden Ave.
Memphis, Tenn.*

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ROBERT RAMSEY

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3A

Accountant
Forest Products Chemical Company
Memphis, Tennessee

JRF 1942 Fellow

Creative Writing

In spite of Stroh's high praise
I'm leery about continuing this
grant. If he can't write
so that he books have an
audience (as Best of Viking
fears) why should we
want him to produce any more?
We've given Ramsey - and Fordwyn -
a year each. Let 'em now
rede on their own

Creative Writing

Excellent candidate

Especially good letters from
Hudson Rhode & Jack Conroy

His application is very sloppy typewriting

Bontempo feels him the top

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Name Robert Ramsey Field: Creative Writing
 Accounting clerk, Forest Products Chemical Company
 Chelsea Avenue, Memphis, Tennessee *933 N. McNeil St
 Memphis*

Plan of Work
 A novel about a white tenant farmer family in Eastern Arkansas
 Wishes to spend one year, beginning June 1942. Would prefer to devote full time to writing, but would return to present job if unable to support himself by writing. *Begins in May, 1942* *12 mos*

Personal Data Born Memphis, Tennessee, October 1912. Age: 29
 Married, one child.

Undergraduate Work University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, B. A. 1935.

Graduate Work

Experience Clerk, First National Bank, Memphis, 1935-37, \$900; continuity writer, Radio Station WHBQ, Memphis, 1937-38, \$1040; clerk, Forest Products Chemical Company, 1938- , \$1800.

Accomplishments Publications: Fire in Summer, novel to be published in 1942 by Viking Press. Several short stories in literary magazines.

References
 Hudson Strode, University of Alabama
 Marshall A. Best, Viking Press
 Jack Conroy, Illinois Writers' Project
 Dr. J. C. Jordan, University of Arkansas

Budget Summary

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

AMOUNT GRANTED *\$1,500*

Sent to Committee

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Name Robert Ramsey REAPPOINTMENT Field: Creative Writing

Accountant
Forest Products Chemical Company
Memphis, Tennessee

Plan of Work

To write a novel of the cotton country of Eastern Arkansas.

Wishes to work for one year beginning in May, 1943. Part of the time would be spent in the creative writing class of Mr. Hudson Strode, University of Alabama. Will return to present position.

Personal Data Born Memphis, Tennessee, October, 1912. Age: 30
Married. One child. Draft: 3A

Undergraduate Work University of Arkansas, A. B., 1935.

Graduate Work

Experience Continuity writer, Radio Station, WHBQ, Memphis, Tennessee, 1937-38, \$1040; clerk, Forest Products Chemical Company, 1938 to present, \$1800.

Accomplishments Publications: novel, Fire in Summer, published by Viking Press, 1942.

Julius Rosenwald Fund fellowship, 1941-42, \$1500. Under this fellowship wrote "Winter's Coming", short story, Mademoiselle, June, 1942. Won third prize in short story contest for writers under 30 years of age.

References

Mr. Hudson Strode, University of Alabama
Mr. Marshall A. Best, Viking Press, New York City

Budget Summary

Total Amount Needed \$1500
From Applicant -
From Fund \$1500

Plan of Work
Transcripts

Photograph
Exhibit Material

Sent to Committee

AMOUNT GRANTED

