

1941
1943

Name Lewis, Roscoe Edwin (1904) Negro
White Southerner

Position (Associate professor of chemistry, Hampton Institute) Assoc. Prof. Group of Social Studies, 1943 Special Field History
College Brown University, Ph. B., 1925

University Howard University, M. S., 1927; four summers at Columbia University.

Plan of Work: *American U.*

1941 To secure by personal interview the life histories, reminiscences, and songs related by ex-slaves, and others who lived during the slave period, and to prepare an interpretative account of their lives and recollections. Will attend American University part of fellowship tenure. Not working toward degree. (Washington, D.C.) Changed plan to work toward doctorate in social history.

1943 Fellowship renewed to complete work on life histories of former slaves. No academic work to be done.

Action of Fellowship Committee:

1941 Granted \$2,000
1943 \$2,000



Hampton Institute, teacher of chemistry, 1927-1940; Virginia Writers Project, supervisor of Negro Work, 1937-1940. In the latter post Mr. Lewis worked on the following: Contributed an essay on the Negro and other material for Virginia: A Guide to the Old Dominion, Oxford Press, 1940; The Negro in Virginia, Hastings House, 1940.

*Human Relations Center
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Virginia*

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LEWIS, ROSCOE EDWIN

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

Returned to Hampton Institute as Associate Professor of Social Studies, on completion of 1941 fellowship.

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Name Roscoe Edwin Lewis Field: History

Associate Professor of Social Studies
Hampton Institute
Hampton, Virginia

Plan of Work

Research into ex-slave backgrounds at the National Archives, Washington, D. C., the completion of a manuscript containing the life histories of ex-slaves.

Wishes to attend the ~~American University~~ for one year beginning in September, 1943. Will work under the supervision of Dr. Caroline F. Ware toward a Ph. D. degree. Has been admitted. Will return to present position.

Will do ex slave project only.

Personal Data Born Washington, D. C., December, 1904. Age: 38
Married. Three children. Draft: 3A

Undergraduate Work Brown University, B. Ph., 1925.

Graduate Work Howard University, M. S., 1927.
Columbia University, summers, 1930-34, 1941-42
American University, summer, 1942.

Experience Teacher, Hampton Institute, Virginia, 1927-1943, \$1740-\$2600;
director Negro workers, Virginia Writers' Project, 1937-40.

Accomplishments Publications: The Negro in Virginia, Hastings House, 1940. A Catalogue of the Negro Collection in the Collis P. Huntington Library of Hampton Institute, Hampton Institute Press, 1940.

Julius Rosenwald Fund fellowship, travel through the South and study at American University, 1941-42, \$2000.

References

- Mr. Sterling A. Brown, Howard University
- Mr. R. O. Lanier, Hampton Institute
- Mr. W. Allison Davis, University of Chicago
- Dr. Paul E. Baker, Hampton Institute
- Miss Lillian Smith, Clayton, Georgia *late reference*

Budget Summary

Total Amount Needed \$2000
From Applicant -
From Fund \$2000

Plan of Work Transcripts Photograph Exhibit Material Sent to Committee

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AMOUNT GRANTED

Name Roscoe Edwin Lewis Field: ~~History~~

Associate Professor of Chemistry
Hampton Institute, Hampton, Virginia

Plan of Work To secure by personal interview the life histories, reminiscences, and songs related by ex-slaves and others who lived during slavery, and to prepare an interpretative account of their lives and recollections.

American Univ. Washington
Wishes to attend Columbia University part-time. Seeks no degree.
Probable duration of work twelve months, beginning June 1, 1941. Will not return to present position. Seeks training for post as research associate at Hampton Institute.

Personal Data Born Washington, D. C., December, 1904. Age: 36
Married, three children. Mother partially dependent.

Undergraduate Work Brown University, Ph.B., 1925.

Graduate Work Howard University, M. S., 1927.

Columbia University, summers of 1929,
1930, 1932, 1933.

Experience Graduate instructor, Howard University, 1925-29, \$400;
teacher, Hampton Institute, 1927 - , \$1760-\$2280;
supervisor of FERA School, June-August, 1935, at Forsyth A & M Institute,
Georgia, \$350 for summer; supervisor of Negro work, Virginia Writers' Project,
1937-40, \$1200.

Accomplishments Publications: Articles on chemistry and history in
various publications; also short stories and reviews
in Crisis and Opportunity.

Fellowship: Howard University, \$400.

References

Mr. Sterling A. Brown, Howard University
Mr. W. Allison Davis, 5835 Kimbark Avenue, Chicago
Dr. Arthur Howe, former president, Hampton Institute
Mr. R. O'Hara Lanier, Dean, Hampton Institute
Mr. Alexander W. Armour, field agent, GEB, New York City
Mr. Jonathan Daniels, Editor, Raleigh News-Observer

Budget Summary

Total Amount Needed	\$2,150
From Applicant	150
From Fund	\$2,000

AMOUNT GRANTED

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Approved \$ 2000

FISK UNIVERSITY

ROSCOE EDWIN LEWIS

Will begin work under fellowship July 1, 1941.

Attending Columbia University part time, and will begin there about September 25.

Sept. 25, 1941: At Hampton through October 3. In Chicago or Evanston for greater part of first semester.

Changed Plans. Will take courses at American University in Washington and do whatever field work is necessary as the project progresses.

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