

Name Josiah Walker Bancroft Field: Creative Writing

Medical Technologist (X-ray and Physical Therapy)
Employees Hospital, Fairfield, Alabama

Plan of Work

A trilogy based on three dramas already finished. 1. A study of plantation life during Reconstruction. 2. Absentee ownership of industry in the South (steel, railroad, and banking). 3. Sharecropping as a result of economic necessity, due to absentee ownership. The shifting of the population from agriculture to industry and back to agriculture.

Would like to be associated with Mr. Hudson Strode's class in writing at the University of Alabama. Has not been admitted. Requests grant for one year; estimated total duration of project, three years. Might return to present position, but if the results of the year permitted, would continue as a professional writer.

Personal Data Born Wetumpka, Alabama, February 1902. Age: 40
Married, one child. Two dependents.

Undergraduate Work Emory University, 1922-24.

Special Study Medical technology, Employees Hospital, Fairfield, Alabama, 1926-29.
~~Graduate Work~~ Special course in newspaper writing, Paul Hayne School, Birmingham, Alabama, 1933-34.

Experience Pharmacist's mate, United States Navy, 1919-21, \$1200; manager, Depot Drug Company, Mobile, Alabama, 1924-26, \$1500; medical technologist, Employees Hospital (Tennessee Coal, Iron, and Railroad Company), Fairfield, Alabama, 1929- , \$1500 to \$2340.

*Eliminated by Writing Jury -
(only one not fellowship material)*

Accomplishments Has written ten full-length plays, three one-act plays. One play of sixteen scenes was published for Federal Theatre and produced by them in Atlanta, Georgia, and Miami, Florida: "Altars of Steel". This play would be used in the proposed trilogy.

References

Professor F. M. Cook, Walker County High School, Jasper, Alabama
Dr. Walter C. Jones, Pathologist, Employees Hospital, Fairfield, Alabama
Mrs. Lydia K. Woodcock, Play Service Library, Birmingham
Dr. Walter H. Trumbauer, College Theatre, Montevallo College, Montevallo, Alabama
Mrs. Willie Hughes Tarpley, Alabama Writers Conclave
John McGee, DeVry Films, Chicago

Budget Summary

Total Amount Needed	\$2,340
From Applicant	- - -
From Fund	\$2,340

AMOUNT GRANTED

Sent to Committee

26.25 2/25

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