

SCHOLARSHIP

State Teachers College  
Hattiesburg, Mississippi  
January 13, 1937

Dean R. R. Paty  
Julius Rosenwald Fund Fellowships  
4901 Ellis Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

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Dear Sir:

I am a young man and I am finishing college at Mississippi State Teachers College in May of this year. I have taught school eight years in the Mississippi Public School and, at present, I am a member of the Mississippi Legislature.

Dr. Paty, I am vitally interested in our race question and problems. I have a major in Social Studies and it is my greatest desire to go to school at least another year or more for the purpose of further studying the great race and social problems with which we are confronted today, but I am not financially able to do so.

I understand that you are offering fellowships to men who are interested in trying to help solve the above mentioned problems and who are interested in bringing about an understanding between the negro and the white races.

Dr. Paty, I should like to receive application blanks for a fellowship with you and the Rosenwald Fund for I have great plans which I believe I can develop into something worth while provided I can get some assistance in going to school.

May I thank you in advance for your kindness.

Very truly yours,

L. P. Brown

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February 3, 1937

Mr. Raymond Paty,  
Director of Fellowship  
4901 Ellis Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mr. Paty:

Learning that my young friend, Honorable Paris Brown, is an applicant for a Fellowship offered by the Rosenwall Foundation, I take the liberty of addressing you in his interest.

Mr. Brown is a native Mississippian and has been reared on a Mississippi Plantation. He is, therefore, thoroughly familiar with the characteristics of the Negro Race and in common with the gentlemen of his type, he is friendly toward the Negro race.

Mr. Brown has taught in the schools of Leake County and proved himself to be so efficient as an educator that his fellow citizens elected him as a Representative in the Mississippi Legislature. As a Legislator, Mr. Brown has been active in advancing educational interests and has been uniformly regarded as liberal. He is now prosecuting his studies at this institution with the purpose of securing his degree at the close of the current season.

In my opinion, Mr. Brown easily ranks among the foremost young men of Mississippi and is therefore eminently equipped by native capacity and educational training for the Fellowship which he seeks at your hands. Believing that the races must live side by side and that their interests are closely allied, Mr. Brown believes that the negro youth of the state should have broader opportunities for their development. The Fellowship which he seeks at your hands would largely equip him for this particular service and I earnestly hope that you will consider his application favorably.

Believe me to be, my dear sir, with great respect

Very truly yours,

*A. A. Kincaunon*

A. A. Kincaunon  
Professor of History

State Teachers College  
Hattiesburg, Mississippi



HUGH WHITE  
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
JACKSON  
Feb. 8th, 1937.

SCHOLARSHIP

Mr. Raymond Paty,  
Director for Fellowships,  
Julius Rosenwald Fund,  
4901 Ellis Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Paty:

I have at hand your request for information regarding L. Paris Brown, who is an applicant for a fellowship from the Julius Rosenwald Fund.

I have known Mr. Brown for some time and believe he is thoroughly capable of producing the type of work mentioned in his statement to you. I know him to be conscientious, capable and a man of good personal habits. I feel that the type of work projected in his statement would be very well worthwhile. I will deeply appreciate every consideration you can give him.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,

GOVERNOR

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State Teachers College  
Hattiesburg, Mississippi  
February 1, 1937

Rosenwald Fellowship Committee  
4901 Ellis Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Gentlemen:

In making application for a fellowship with the Julius Rosenwald Fund I wish to submit this brief personal history of my life.

Gentlemen, I was born and reared on a southern farm near the small town of Edinburg, Mississippi. My father was not a rich man and my mother died when I was about eleven years of age which threw many handicaps and problems in my life's path-way.

I remained on the farm until I reached the age of seventeen and then went to our Leake County Agricultural High School where I worked on the farm to pay my expenses until I graduated in 1926.

The following year the A. H. S. developed into a one year Junior College. I did my first year of college work there. The next year the college work was removed to Decatur, Mississippi where it was named East Central Junior College and where I later took college work.

After I had finished one year of college work I began teaching in the common schools of Leake County. I taught during the winter months and went to college during summer months. Because of bad financial circumstances I failed to go to college every summer and some times when I did go I worked for a great portion of my expenses, which took quite a bit of my time and therefore some of my grades are not as good as I would have them be.

I have taught school for nine years and I am graduating from college in May of this spring. I was elected to the Mississippi Legislature in 1935, to serve until 1940, by the greatest majority of votes any candidate received in my county from the lowest official to the governor. I trust that you do not think I mentioned this with any degree of boastfulness, but so that you may know me better.

Gentlemen, my being a member of our state legislature will not, in any respect, handicap me in putting over this project I hope to succeed in. I believe, though, it will greatly help me to make the most out of this enterprise.

SIGNED: L. Paris Brown

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Should you see fit to grant me this fellowship I assure you that I shall put forth every effort in making the very best of the project in which I am so vitally interested. It will be my goal to try to do a work that you will be proud of and a work that will be an honor not only to me, but to my state and my country.

Thanking you in advance for your kind consideration,  
I am

Yours very truly,

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L. Paris Brown

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Brown, L Paris

April 14, 1937

Dear Mr. Brown: I am delighted that the committee on fellowships has made an award to you as reported in the official letter herewith. The advice referred to in that letter which we wish to put at your disposal is as follows.

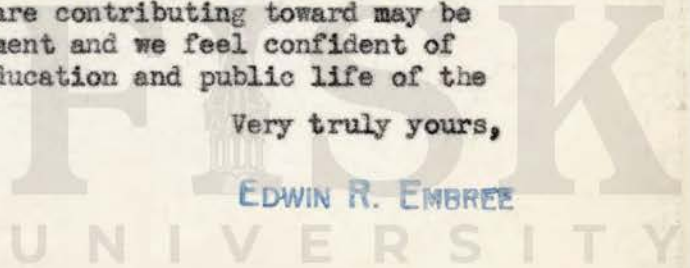
You have considered as places of study both Columbia and the University of Chicago. Both are excellent places. The general social science faculty at the University of Chicago is probably the most distinguished in America. You would be certain to have a splendid year here. On the other hand, it has occurred to us that because of the presence at Columbia of Mr. Frank Tannenbaum you might get more from courses there than at any other place. Mr. Tannenbaum is an unusually stimulating person. As you may know, he has travelled widely both in foreign countries and in the American South. He is interested in criminology as well as in general social and economic affairs. All the members of the committee happen to know him intimately. We believe that at our suggestion he would be willing to give special attention to you and your work if you spent the year at Columbia. On the whole, therefore, we are inclined to advise that as the best place. You will understand, however, that you are at complete liberty to make your own choice in the matter.

May I add a personal word since I had the pleasure of meeting you and talking with you some weeks ago. Our awards for the most part are to people a good deal further advanced in their academic studies than you are. I think it fair to say that the award to you was made on the basis of the promise of your future influence and leadership in Mississippi rather than on the basis of special scholastic achievement. From the standpoint of the Fellowship Committee, you are a long shot. We hope that the year we are contributing toward may be of great benefit in your development and we feel confident of the place you will take in the education and public life of the South.

Mr. L. Paris Brown  
State Teachers College  
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Very truly yours,

EDWIN R. EMBREE





# SCHOLARSHIP

April 15, 1937

Dear Mr. Brown: 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 One thousand four hundred dollars (\$1,400) to assist in carrying forward your plans for study in the fields of criminology and sociology.

While our Committee has some suggestions regarding your plans, about which I shall write you later or discuss with you in person, the award is definite. Our suggestions, however, are in the nature of advice, and you will be left free to carry forward your work in your own way. 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. Official announcement of the Committee's selection for the year will be made soon and can include only those acceptances which have been received. We shall appreciate your regarding this notification as confidential until the full list is announced.

Very truly yours,

RAYMOND R. PATY

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Mr. L. Paris Brown  
State Teachers College  
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

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4901 ELLIS AVENUE

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Confidential Report on Candidate for Fellowship

Name of Candidate L. Paris Brown

Report Requested of Dr. J. B. George

Hattiesburg, Mississippi

The above named candidate has applied to this Fund for a fellowship and has given your name as a reference. A statement of the candidate's plan of work is attached. Please return it with your statement.

We shall appreciate a frank statement of your opinion of this applicant's abilities and personal characteristics, and an appraisal of his plan of work. An early reply to this inquiry will be of great assistance in allowing the Fellowship Committee sufficient time for an adequate review of the large number of candidates who apply for grants.

Your reply will be held in strictest confidence.

*Raymond Paty*  
Director for Fellowships

REPORT

State Teachers College,  
Hattiesburg, Mississippi,  
February 11, 1937.

Dear Mr. Paty:

Mr. L. P. Brown will receive his Bachelor of Science degree from State Teachers College in May of this year. I am counting on him to go out as one of the most outstanding graduates this institution has had. He has a wonderful personality, good character, and splendid ability.

I think that Mr. Brown's proposed study will be a real contribution.

It is a pleasure for me to recommend him to you to receive one of your scholarships.

Sincerely yours,  
*J. B. George*  
President,  
State Teachers College.

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4901 ELLIS AVENUE

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Report Requested of \_\_\_\_\_

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Director for Fellowships

REPORT

Is the candidate free from personality handicaps which would make it difficult to obtain and hold a position giving him opportunity to utilize his abilities?

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Signed \_\_\_\_\_

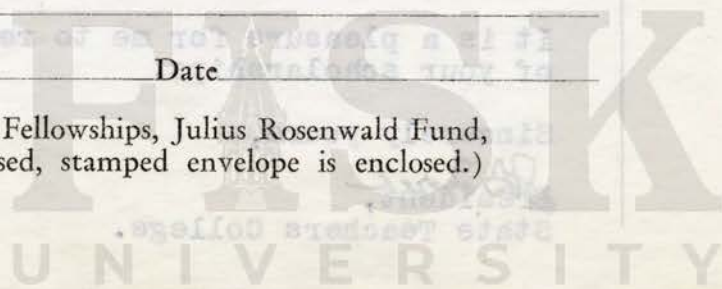
Position or Title \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

(Please return to Raymond Paty, Director for Fellowships, Julius Rosenwald Fund, 4901 Ellis Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Addressed, stamped envelope is enclosed.)

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Report Requested of Dr. A. A. Kincannon

Hattiesburg, Mississippi

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Your reply will be held in strictest confidence.

*Raymond Paty*  
Director for Fellowships

### REPORT

Mr. Paty:

Replying to your confidential inquiry, I beg to reiterate every statement made in my recent letter to you regarding Mr. Brown.

In my opinion he is unusually qualified for the service which you contemplate. For many years, I served as a Trustee of Alcorn A & M College of this state. As you doubtless know, Alcorn is the State College for Negro Youth. Believing that the Negro Youth of Mississippi should be trained for those activities in which they were most likely to be engaged, I gave a large amount of my time toward the development of Alcorn College. I mentioned this fact that you may understand that I have long sympathized with the efforts which you are making in behalf of the Negro Youth.

In my opinion, Mr. Brown is eminently qualified by antecedents, native capacity and spirit for the Fellowship which he seeks at your hands.

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Believe me to be

With kindest regards,

Cordially yours,

*A. A. Kincannon*

A. A. Kincannon  
Professor of History  
State Teachers College  
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

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*Raymond Paty*  
Director for Fellowships

REPORT

Is the candidate free from personality handicaps which would make it difficult to obtain and hold a position giving him opportunity to utilize his abilities? *Yes is personally attractive.*

Signed *A. A. Kincannon*

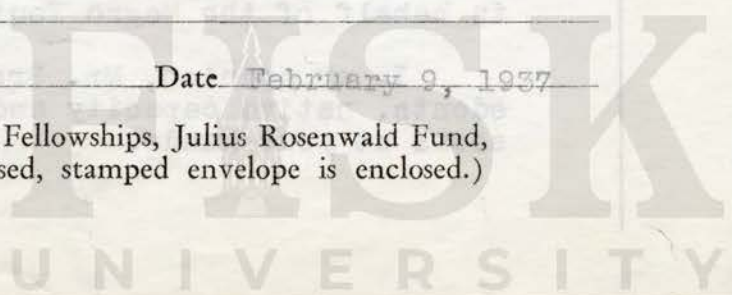
Position or Title Professor of History

Address Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Station A, Box 125

Date February 9, 1937

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Confidential Report on Candidate for Fellowship

Name of Candidate L. Paris Brown

Report Requested of Mr. J. S. Vandiver

Jackson, Mississippi

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Your reply will be held in strictest confidence.

*Raymond Pate*  
Director for Fellowships

REPORT

*I know Mr. Brown. I regard him as a young man of superior ability, splendid adaptability and with an all-absorbing purpose to serve.*

*I have read his statement of plan. I believe that he has in the main correct ideas of proper treatment and consideration toward the negro. He really wants to help improve the condition of the negro race.*

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I feel sure should Mr. Brown be awarded  
one of your scholarships that he will  
render highly acceptable service.  
I most heartily commend him to  
your most careful consideration.

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Raymond Paty  
Director for Fellowships

REPORT

Is the candidate free from personality handicaps which would make it difficult to obtain and  
hold a position giving him opportunity to utilize his abilities?

No.

Signed J. S. Vandiver

Position or Title State Superintendent of Education

Address Jackson, Miss

Date Feb-13-37

(Please return to Raymond Paty, Director for Fellowships, Julius Rosenwald Fund,  
4901 Ellis Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Addressed, stamped envelope is enclosed.)

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STATEMENT OF PLAN OF WORK

Gentlemen, it is my heart's desire to pursue a course of study pertaining to negro delinquency, its causes, effects and cures. This project will require quite a bit of research work which will include:

1. Factors of the physical environments of our southern negroes.
2. The physical characteristics of the individuals and groups.
3. Mental factors.
4. Hereditary factors.
5. Economic factors
6. Social factors.
  - a. The home
  - b. The school
  - c. The community
  - d. Customs
  - e. Class hatred
  - f. Religion
  - g. Prisons of negro delinquents, etc.

First it is my plan to spend some time, three to six months, in Columbia University making a special study in methods of gathering data. After I shall have made a thorough study in this field it is my plan to go out into different sections of our southern states and especially in the Mississippi valley to make observations in both city and country communities studying closely the above mentioned factors and gathering all data possible.

I would then return to the institution named above and under proper supervision organize the data I had collected so that I would make a complete study of such, which might enable me to write for publication and go out as an instructor in this field of work.

Gentlemen, up until now, I have not had an opportunity to do any work on this project except through observation when I had an opportunity.

I have taught in the common schools of Mississippi for nine years, and tried to finish college during summer terms up until this year I have managed to stay in college so that I can finish in May of this year.

I trust that I may have the opportunity to carry out my plans, how, in this field in which I am so vitally interested. I realize that the greatest trouble with our negroes as well as with out white people is that the two races do not understand each other well enough.

Our white people are responsible in many respects for the high percentage of negro delinquency because of our suppression of the race which we think of as being inferior. We can trace this on back to the

time when the negro and white man first came in contact with each other. Should we understand the negro better I believe we would think of him more kindly and give him credit and honor for some of the many contributions he has made toward the advancement of civilization and humanity. I feel that it is our duty to study the negro so that we may know how to help him become a better citizen. Instead of making delinquents and criminals out of the black race I believe by studying the causes and effects of delinquency and crime among them we can find a gradual cure.

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Attitudes Of Some Of Our Leading Mississippians  
Toward Negro Education  
1938

1. If there is any one thing which the Democrats and Conservatives of this state are more determined to carry out than another, it is to provide the means of educating every child in the state, of whatever race or color. The people of Mississippi have suffered enough already from ignorance and its consequences, blind prejudice in governmental affairs, and they will not refuse to use any means in their power to remove them.

-- General J. Z. George  
September, 1876
2. Our prosperity and greatness as a state, and happiness as a people, depend upon free and liberal education of the youth of both races.

-- Governor John M. Stone  
1877
3. Confronted and impeded by the illiteracy and poverty of the colored race, in knitting up the sinews of our shattered civilization, we have for nineteen years treated the Negro fairly, nay, generously, in the distribution of our scanty school revenues, and have sought to elevate him in morality and intelligence. We cannot afford to be unjust to this illiterate portion of our population; ignorance and its concomitant vices offer only continuous degredation, shiftlessness, and crime.

-- State Supt. John R. Preston  
1888-89
4. At the close of the Civil War, the South made one of her most serious mistakes when she turned her back on the training of the Negroes and left this matter in the hands of northern people and in the hands of the Negroes themselves. If the South had assumed responsibility for the training of this group of her population and had given it prompt consideration, she would now have one of the greatest assets any nation ever had in the form of a great system of trained laborers.

-- Senator John Sharp Williams

I am very much interested in the right education and training for our Negro population. It is of the greatest importance to the future of Mississippi and of the South. All white men ought to take an interest in it. The welfare of their race is of the utmost importance to our race.

-- Senator John Sharp Williams  
1929

5. I believe the dominant desire of our people has been to deal justly and do right. And wherein we have failed the fault has not been all our own. \*\*\* And any policy which tends to inflame prejudice and widen the racial chasm postpones indefinitely the final triumph of the Son of Man among the sons of men. \*\*\* I do insist that the Negro have equal opportunity with every American citizen.

-- Bishop Charles B. Galloway  
1903

6. The Negro constitutes half the population of Mississippi and whatever improves that large a per cent of the population is best for all.

It is as wise a protective policy as it is humanitarian benevolence and justice to provide trained Negro teachers and leaders to elevate the physical and economic, and mental and moral status of Negro people in Mississippi.

-- J. L. Decell, Pastor  
Galloway Memorial Church  
Jackson, Mississippi  
1937

7. The mental and vocational training of our Negro people has been a felt responsibility by all of our leading statesmen and citizens since the adoption of the Constitution. Many of the framers of the Constitution looked forward to the training of our citizens of whatever race or nationality for the duties of citizenship. The duty has become the more grave since the freedom of the Negro. Races, even more essentially than communities, grow through the example of their own leaders and, therefore, the more thoroughly the leaders are trained the more loyal and righteous the members of the race who follow in their leaders' footsteps.

-- Bishop Theodore D. Bratton  
1937

8. The Negro did not come to this country through choice, he came by force.

I think the white race should accord him all the educational facilities possible under existing conditions, and believe it will make a better citizen of him.

-- B. A. Wright, Planter  
Isola, Mississippi  
1937

9. I am one of those who has always believed that the more we educate, really and truly educate, the better for the individual, the race, or the state. Surely, few could be found to argue that less of enlightenment and, therefore, more of ignorance would tend toward lessening crime.

-- J. W. Taylor, Vice-President  
Mississippi Southern Bank  
Port Gibson, Mississippi  
1937

10. I think it beneficial to the colored race to receive a good education. Years ago it used to be said that when a Negro learned enough to write his name, he often forged somebody's name or got himself into some similar scrape. Maybe this "little learning" was a dangerous thing but I have not heard it in a long time and it never applied to those fortunate enough to be really educated.

-- R. B. Anderson, Judge  
Ninth Judicial District  
Port Gibson, Mississippi  
1937

11. My observation, is, of course, purely general but I think there is no doubt that education acts upon the Negroes as it does upon everybody else and has a tendency to decrease their criminal tendencies.

If you will observe at any term of court the persons who are up for trial you will find that they belong overwhelmingly to the uneducated masses.

I have had a great deal of experience with Negro teachers and the better class of Negroes and find, as a rule, that they are not members of the criminal class.

-- Percy Bell, Lawyer  
Greenville, Mississippi  
1937

12. Facts as set forth in bulletins recently published are not only astounding but most regrettable to know that our Negroes are not receiving that consideration in the way of education, which they rightly or justly deserve. Is there a remedy? If there be one, I will be glad to assist to the end of some improvement.

-- J. T. Thomas, President  
Grenada Bank  
Grenada, Mississippi  
1938

13. All forces must combine in training the Negro. Some one has well said, "The trained Negro lives in better homes, wears better clothes, eats better food, does more efficient work, creates more wealth, rears his children more decently, makes a more decent citizen, and in time of race friction is always found on the side of law and order".

-- Miss Dorothy Dickins  
State College, Miss. 1928

14. Ignorance is not good for any people or for any righteous cause. More than half the people of Mississippi are of the Negro race. Have we a right to keep them in ignorance, or to allow them to remain so? It is not good for either race nor for our beloved state that half of our population be denied the right of intelligence.

It is doubtless true that the education of the Negro should be largely industrial. The modern trend of affairs shows that the education of the white people should be increasingly industrial and economic. We need an advance of intelligence in agriculture and industry more than politics and the professions.

-- B. G. Lowrey  
Blue Mountain, Miss. 1938

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Brown, L P

Hattiesburg, Miss.,  
April 19, 1937.

Fellowship Committee,  
Julius Rosenwald Fund,  
Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:

With the greatest of pleasure of my life do I accept your grant of the Fellowship of the Julius Rosenwald Fund.

Gentlemen, I wish it were possible for me to find words in the English language that would express my appreciation and gratitude toward you and the Rosenwald Fund for this wonderful opportunity that you are making possible for me. I assure you that it will always be my aim and goal in life to prove myself worthy of your confidence in me. You are making it possible for me to realize a dream or a heart's desire for which I have yearned all of these years. Yes, you are making it possible for me to carry on the work in which I am so vitally interested. I trust that in this field of study and work I may perform my duties and make accomplishments that will be an honor to me, to my state and country, and that will make you proud of me or what I shall have done.

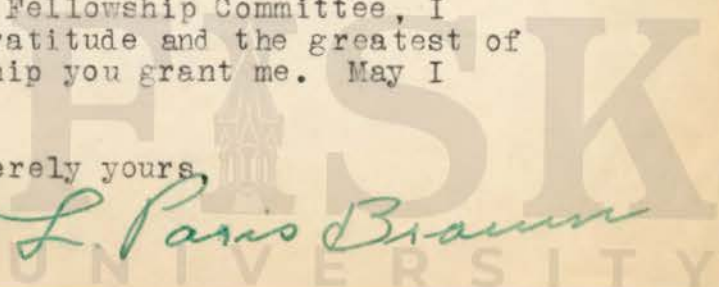
Gentlemen, I trust that you will feel free to make any suggestion and offer any advice, for I need both from you, which you think will help me in any respect. This is my first time to ever apply for a Fellowship and especially is it the first time for me to have the honor of being granted such. I, therefore, need all the advice that you may have to offer.

May I say again, in conclusion, that I feel greatly honored and I cannot express my appreciation of your kindness, but I shall try to perform my duties in a way that will be an evidence of what I wish to say.

Gentlemen of the Fellowship Committee, I do, hereby, with heartfelt gratitude and the greatest of pleasure, accept the Fellowship you grant me. May I thank you?

Sincerely yours,

*L Paris Braun*



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Hattiesburg, Miss.,  
April 19, 1937.

Dr. Edwin R. Embree,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Dr. Embree:

May I take this opportunity in writing you a few words of appreciation for your kindness and what you have done for me? Dr. Embree, I assure you that I can not express my gratitude and appreciation toward you and the Fellowship Committee in words, but I trust that I shall do a work in helping to make our country what we would have it be, as an evidence of my thankfulness toward you for making it possible for me to realize my life-long heart's desire.

Dr. Embree, due to the fact that the University of Chicago has an outstanding Social Science Department, and an outstanding geographical location for my plan of study and research work, and, also, this University runs on a quarter basis and a schedule in which my plans of study will fit perfectly, I shall choose to go there for my year's work, provided this meets with your approval and the approval of the Committee. I trust that it will.

Dr. Embree, I plan entering Chicago University in June, beginning with the summer quarter. Please advise me as to what steps I shall take next.

Thanking you again for your kindness toward me, I am

Yours very truly,

*L. Paris Brown*

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Hattiesburg, Mississippi  
May 4, 1937

Dr. Edwin R. Embree  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Embree:

As stated in my application, I wish to begin my study of criminology and sociology in the University of Chicago at the beginning of the summer quarter, about the 20th of June this summer, if possible and if it will be permitted by the Fellowship Committee. I wish to finish two quarters of my work by Christmas since I will drop out of the University for the winter quarter, the months of January, February, and a part of March, for the Mississippi Legislature, during which time I shall be gathering data and information for my thesis, and then return to the University and finish at the end of the spring quarter, about the middle of June next summer.

Dr. Embree, I trust that you and the Committee will not think that I am acting with too much haste, but I shall appreciate very much if you will notify me at once as to whether I may begin my work at the University in June. I shall have to make a deposit for an apartment at the University in advance for the summer and this is why I wish to hear from you as soon as possible.

May I, again, thank you very, very much for your kindness and the kindness of the Fellowship Committee. I remain,

Very truly yours,

L. Paris Brown

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State Teachers College  
Hattiesburg, Mississippi  
May 10, 1937

Mr. Raymond Paty  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Paty:

I certainly appreciate your making it possible for me to begin my study in the University of Chicago at the beginning of the summer quarter in June.

Mr. Paty, your secretary asked that I state when and how I wished payments under my grant to be made. Miss Utley stated that you usually pay fees and tuition directly to the institution, which I shall appreciate. I wish to register at the University on Monday, June 21st, and before I can register my tuition and fees in the amount of \$100 must be paid for the summer quarter. I, therefore, wish for my tuition and fees for one quarter to be paid on or before June 21, this summer, to the institution directly.

Since it will cost me more, getting to Chicago, buying books and supplies, getting located, and paying rentals for apartments and board in advance for the first quarter, than any other quarter, I wish to receive payment in the amount of five hundred dollars (\$500) by the first day of June (6/1/37). I wish to leave Hattiesburg for Chicago as soon after that date as possible. Until I receive the payment my address will remain as it is: S. T. C., Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

*1400 Grant  
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It will be ~~the same~~ <sup>some</sup> time near the first of October before I shall need the second payment, about which I shall talk with you in person or write you.

Thanking you very kindly for all that you have done for me, I am

Yours truly,

L. Paris Brown

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Hattiesburg, Mississippi,  
May 11, 1937

Mr. Raymond Paty,  
Julius Rosenwald Fund,  
4901 Ellis Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Paty:

I wrote you yesterday may 10th and stated that I would register at the University of Chicago on Monday June 21st, but on receiving a bulletin for this summer's schedule I found that June 14th is the date for registration at the University. It will therefore, be necessary for my fee of \$100 covering tuition and fees, to reach the University by June 14th instead of June 21st in order that I may register on that date.

May I thank you in advance for your assurance that my fees will be paid on June 14th so that I may enter on that date.

Again may I thank you for your kindness.

Yours very truly,

*L. Paris Brown*

L. Paris Brown

*June 14*

*Mather  
Cotton*

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6/1/37

May 13, 1937

Dear Mr. Brown: Your recent letters to Mr. Paty concerning payments on your fellowship grant have been referred to me.

I have just talked with the Bursar at the University of Chicago, and he tells me that it will not be necessary for your tuition to be paid before you register. If, when you arrive on the campus, you will see either Mr. Mather or Mr. Cotton in the Bursar's Office, they will arrange for your registration and have the bill sent to us for payment. If you intend to live in the dormitory you may have the cost of your room and board for the quarter added to the statement which the University will send to us.

Early in June I shall send you a check for \$100 to cover your travel expense to Chicago, and initial expenses in connection with getting settled here. After you have registered, if you would come to this office I am sure we can arrange a payment plan that will suit your needs.

Very truly yours,

DOROTHY A. ELVIDGE

DE:AM

Mr. L. Paris Brown  
State Teachers College  
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

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Hattiesburg, Miss.  
May 17, 1937.

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Miss D. A. Elvidge,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Miss Elvidge:

In reply to your letter of May 13, I wish to say that I appreciate your suggestions regarding payment plans of my Fellowship grant. They are perfectly in accord with my wishes.

I desire to leave here as early in June as possible and after registering at the University, I shall <sup>call</sup> at your office to see you in person.

Thanking you very much for your kindness, I am

Very truly yours,

L.P. Brown

L. P. Brown

*State Teacher Coll*

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**SCHOLARSHIP**

To

Mr. L. Paris Brown

State Teachers College

Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Payment Voucher No. 5212

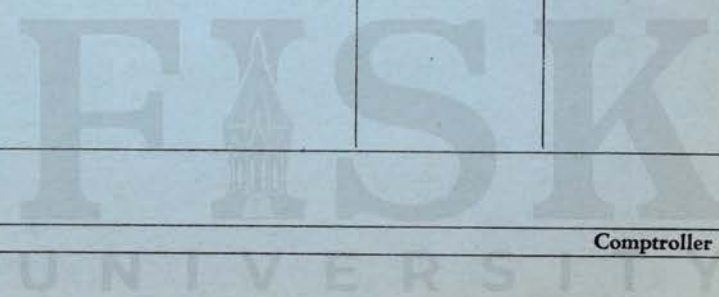
Date May 28, 1937

First payment on fellowship granted 4/15/37 ----- \$100.00

Ck. #17850

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To

Mr. L. Paris Brown

Payment Voucher No. 5508

Date ~~April 14, 1937~~

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Second payment on fellowship granted 4/15/37 - - - - - \$100.00

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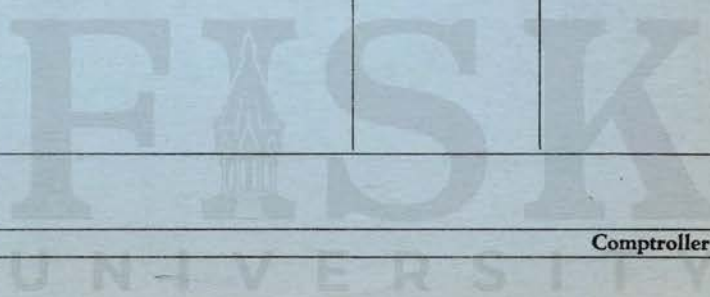
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To Mr. L. Paris Brown

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1156 East 56th Street

Chicago, Illinois

Payment Voucher No. 5867

Date July 1, 1937

Third payment on fellowship granted 4/15/37 - - - - - \$100.00

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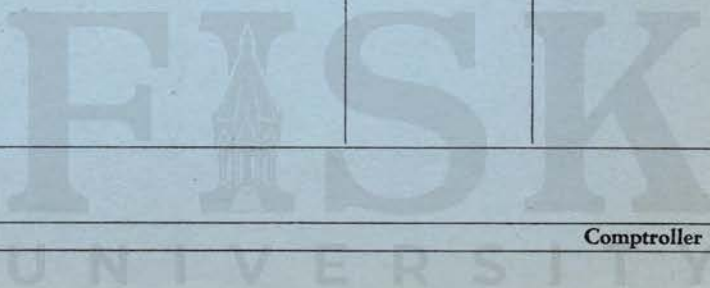
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To Mr. L. Paris Brown

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1156 East 56th Street

Chicago, Illinois

Payment Voucher No. 5547

Date July 30, 1937

Fifth payment on fellowship granted 4/15/37 - - - - - \$100.00

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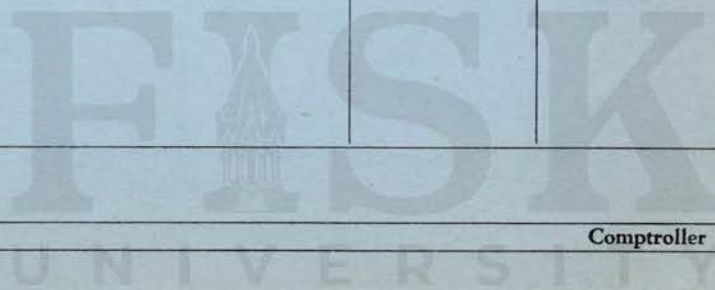
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Mr. L. Paris Brown  
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Chicago, Illinois

Payment Voucher No. 5411

Date August 31, 1937

Sixth payment on fellowship granted 4/15/37 - - - - - \$100.00

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Chicago, Illinois

Payment Voucher No. 5562

Date September 30, 1937

Seventh payment on fellowship granted 4/15/37 - - - - - \$100.00

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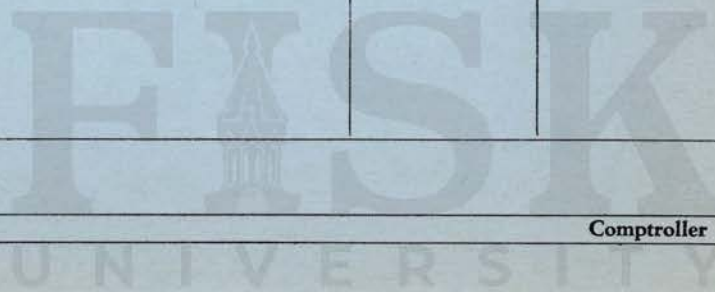
Date November 2, 1937

Ninth payment on fellowship granted 4/15/37 - - - - - \$100.00

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Payment Voucher No. 5852

Date November 30, 1937

Tenth payment on fellowship granted 4/15/37 - - - - - \$165.00

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L. PARIS BROWN,  
Leake-Winston Counties,  
Conway, Miss.

COMMITTEES:  
Roads, Ferries and Bridges,  
Vice-Chairman  
Registration and Elections,  
Secretary  
Education,  
University and Colleges.

February 22, 1938

Julius Rosenwald Fund  
4901 Ellis Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Gentlemen:

I meant to have written you sooner, but have been very busy with my legislative duties since I came back to Mississippi. We have been confronted with many vital issues and problems during this session of the Legislature, and I think some of the measures passed by our legislature will prove worthwhile to our State; however, there have been some good measures defeated this time. We passed an Anti-lynching Bill during this session that I know will prove to be of greatest value to the State of Mississippi.

Gentlemen, I am looking forward to returning to the University of Chicago to continue my school work. I plan to return for the spring quarter, beginning the last of March, but should this session remain until after the last of March, I shall wait until the summer quarter, which begins about the fourteenth of June; however, I expect to return for the spring quarter.

Gentlemen, when I mention this I trust that you will not think that I do it with any selfishness whatsoever, but I am very interested in remaining in the University of Chicago for another year. I can never show my appreciation for the fellowship you gave me last year, and I sincerely feel that if you could see fit to extend my fellowship for another year of work there in the University, I could make more worthwhile the year you have already given me. In my counties my chance in politics is very good, if I may say so, and what I have in mind is to prepare for "bigger" politics and for more efficiency in the field of education.

May I state again, gentlemen, that I am grateful toward you for your kindness and courtesy, and I shall always look

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forward to reaching a place in life where I can do something  
to prove myself worthy of some of the nice things you have  
done for me.

Thanking you kindly for any consideration you may give  
me, I am

Yours sincerely,

LPB:hlw

L. Paris Brown



# FELLOWSHIPS

March 18, 1938

Dear Mr. Brown: At the recent meeting of our Fellowship Committee I asked that I be allowed to inform our fellows who are requesting renewals of the action of the Committee as soon as definite decisions are made. I am sorry to inform you that the Committee was unable to act favorably upon your request, and although no formal announcement of our grants will be made until the latter part of April, I think that this confidential information regarding the action in your case will enable you to make your plans for next year.

The task of the Committee was even more difficult than last year. In addition to a host of new applications of a superior quality there were many requests for renewals.

The Committee was delighted with the reports which it has received about you and your work during the past year and regrets that it can not substantiate its interest by a renewal of your fellowship.

I wish to assure you of our continued interest in you and what you are doing, and hope that we may hear from you from time to time.

Sincerely yours,

RAYMOND R. PATY

RP:MLJ

Mr. L. Paris Brown  
Jackson,  
Mississippi

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Brown, L.P.

March 21, 1938.

Miss D. A. Edridge,  
Chicago, Ill.

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Dear Miss Edridge:

Due to the fact that our Miss. legislature will remain in session for another week or ten days I shall have to return to the university of Chicago to continue my work a few days late or after the spring quarter has begun. I wrote the university to know if I could well do that and they wrote me that I would have no trouble doing so. It will probably be April 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> before I can reach Chicago unless we can adjourn sooner than I expect.

Miss Edridge, regarding the remainder of my fellowship fund - I shall not

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draw on it until I reach Chicago  
and will come by your office when  
I get there and arrange the payments  
with you if this meets with your  
approval.

With best wishes and regards  
I am ~~your~~ yours very truly  
L. P. Brown

P.S. Miss Elridge, please notify  
me at once as to whether this  
meets with your approval.

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To

Mr. L. Paris Brown

Payment Voucher No. 9008

Date April 4, 1938

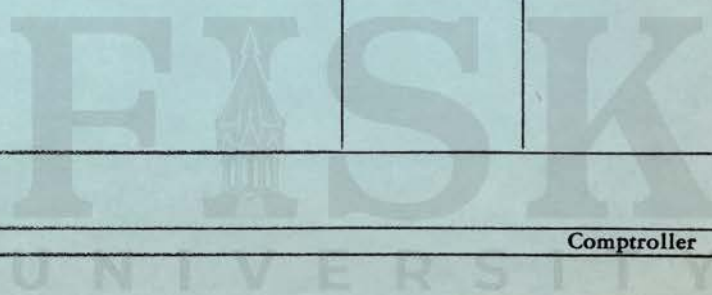
Eleventh payment on fellowship granted 4/15/37 - - - - - \$200.00

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To

Mr. L. Paris Brown  
6042 Woodlawn Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Payment Voucher No. 6605

Date April 29, 1938

Final payment on fellowship granted 4/15/37 ----- \$131.00

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June 6, 1938

Dear Mr. Brown:            Our check to you in the  
                                 amount of \$131, dated  
April 29, was returned to us without your signature. We should appreciate it if at your convenience you would stop around at the office and endorse it.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

DOROTHY A. ELY

~~Mr. L. Paris Brown~~  
6042 Woodlawn Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

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## FELLOWSHIPS

Brown, L. Paris

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Perkinston, Miss.

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Vice-Chairman  
Registration and Elections  
Universities and Colleges

of Magnolia Schl.

Mr. George M. Reynolds,  
Chicago, Ill.

JMS

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Dear Mr. Reynolds:

I wish to thank you for your kind letter. I meant to write to the Fellowship committee before now but I have been very busy for the last several months. Since I finished my term of school in the University of Chicago last summer I have been holding the position of Supt. of the Magnolia Uac. High School of Perkinston, Miss. and also serving as a member of the Mississippi State Legislature.

Mr. Reynolds, a little later I shall

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send you a complete report of  
my work as a fellow-student of  
the Rosenwald Fund and of my  
plans for the future.

Thanking you very kindly  
for your letter and for what  
the Rosenwald People have done  
for me I am

very truly yours  
L. P. Brown

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Perkinston, Miss.

April 2, 1939.  
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Julius Rosenwald  
Chicago, Ill.  
Gentlemen:

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I wish to advise you giving a brief statement of the results of fellowship with you. I am at the present time serving as supt. of a vocational high school near Perkinston, Miss. During the year of work I did in the university of Chicago I finished work enough for the Master's degree, but I have not finished my thesis as yet. I am gathering material to write a book titled "The neglected Element in Mississippi Politics" having my thoughts upon the negro race, showing how the negro in the south is neglected in the duties of citizenship. I hope to return to the university soon for further study and research.

I am

very truly yours

L. Paris Brown

21 to 2 Perkinson, Miss.

Dec. 19, 1938.

Mr. George M. Reynolds,  
Chicago, Ill.

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Brown, &amp; Paris

Dear Mr. Reynolds:

Since I received your letter of Dec. 4, I have seen and talked with a number of people whom I thought to be worthy of consideration for a fellowship for next year, but those whom I have contacted seemed to be afraid to quit their jobs for a period of a year. I felt that if they were not interested to a greater extent than that I would not wish to recommend their applying for a fellowship.

Mr. Reynolds, I was granted a fellowship for a year of graduate work in the University of Chicago for the year of 1937-38, by your Fellowship Committee and I can't else express in words my appreciation for

The confidence you and your committee placed in me when you granted me the privilege and opportunity of attending an institution as the University of Chicago. I thoroughly enjoyed my work there and the work I did there in the field of social studies has helped me very greatly in understanding our social conditions and problems here in the south of both white and colored races and how to approach such problems in an effort to help solve them. With only one year of study in the University of Chicago I tearfully realize my inefficiency in coping with our conditions and situations in the state of Mississippi alone.

Mr. Reynolds, should I ~~not~~<sup>not</sup> be declared ineligible to make application for a fellowship for another year of study in the University of Chicago I should be happy to do so. I realize that the closing date

for accepting applications for the fellowship is growing near, and as soon as I can hear from you I shall work fast and do my best to meet requirements.

Then should I be fortunate enough to be given or awarded the fellowship I wish to assure you that I shall strive not to ever cause you to be dis-pleased in my work for humanity in the future.

yours very truly  
L. P. Brown