

Name Myron A. Higgins Field: English  
 Departmental Assistant in English Language and  
 Howard University Literature

## Plan of Work

To transcribe the Library of Congress collection of Negro secular songs, and seculars from available private collections; to compile an anthology from these sources, and to submit the collected texts of the songs to a literary and social evaluation; to do field work for the purpose of documenting interpretation of the texts, and to prepare a manuscript setting forth in detail the results of the study.

Requests grant for one year beginning June 1942; estimated total duration of project, fifteen months. Seeks training for position as field specialist in American folklore.

Personal Data Born Mobile, Alabama, November 1918. Age: 23  
 Single. One partial dependent. *d*  
 Undergraduate Work Howard University, A. B. 1940. *3-A*  
 Graduate Work Howard University, M. A. 1941.  
 Experience Graduate assistant in English, Howard University, 1940-41; substitute instructor, September-December 1941; departmental assistant, 1941- .

Accomplishments Master's thesis: "A Literary and Social Evaluation of the Blues"  
 Lucy E. Moten Fellowship for study and travel in Mexico, Cuba, and Louisiana, summer 1939, \$450. Tuition scholarships for undergraduate and graduate work at Howard.

## References

Dr. Charles E. Burch, Howard University  
 Prof. Sterling Brown, " "  
 Dr. Alain Locke, " "  
 Dr. Charles H. Thompson, " "  
 Mr. Alan Lomax, Library of Congress

## Budget Summary

Total Amount Needed \$1,934  
 From Applicant *82*  
 From Fund \$1,850

AMOUNT GRANTED

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