

## DORIS TROUTMAN PLENN

Free lance writer  
1511 Park Road, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Creative Writing

Interesting theme: *Solar Energy for*  
*children*

May approach it a bit differently

She lives in Washington - is that South?

This seems to me a project, rather  
than a fellowship. The woman is  
already developed & set

Name Doris Troutman Plenn Field: Creative Writing

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Plan of Work To write the story of the semi-legendary Negro Hero: John Henry - according to her own interpretation and with the use of research material gathered over a period of years.

Requests grant for one year beginning June 1947.

Personal Data Born Marion, North Carolina, December 1912 Age: 34  
Married, no dependents Draft Status:

#### Undergraduate Work

Special study: History of art, with Robert Henri, New York, 1929-30  
German, with Prof. Otto Muecke, University of Berlin, 1931-32

#### Graduate Work

Experience Assistant to director on numerous theatre productions (such as "Roll, Sweet Chariot", Cort Theatre, New York City, 1936); writer of series of one-act plays for children based on Negro folk material, Federal Theatre, 1936

Accomplishments Research in American history for projected American Theatre unit for Federal Theatre, 1937; research project concerned with American industrial-culture heroes, 1939-45, resulting in a libretto for a folk opera just completed.

Publications: Two translations (from French) Pascal, by Francois Mauriac, and Machiavelli, by Carlo Sforza, published by Longmans, Green and Co. (Living Thoughts Library), 1940 and 1941.

#### References

Donald Marshall, The New York Times  
Clara Coffee, landscape architect, New York City  
Harold Courlander, Department of State, New York City  
Leonard C. Rennie, " " " Washington, D. C.

#### Budget Summary

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| Total Amount Needed | \$2000 |
| From Applicant      | 500    |
| From Fund           | \$1500 |

AMOUNT GRANTED

Sent to Committee

