

RICHARD HAROLD PREECE

Author, columnist for Negro press, magazine writer
1640 Rickenbacker Road
Baltimore, Maryland

Creative Writing

This man is already set as a
writer. He's asking not a
fellowship but a subsidy for a book
Testimony ^{But} food - we're not dealing
with genius, just food writer who
wants to go on

RICHARD HAROLD PREECE

(36)

Staff Writer, Federated Press
New York City

Economics

An interesting project
It doesn't seem to be either
scholarship, journalism, or labor.
I'm afraid it's superficial and
sloppy.

Since this is one of the few men
even near the labor field, I
suggest we discuss him

Name Richard Harold Preece **Field:** Economics

Staff Writer, Federated Press
30 Irving Place, New York City

Plan of Work

Research at Institute of Social Research, University of North Carolina, field trips to southern industrial centers, personal interviews, examination of racial attitudes in southern labor unions.

Wishes to spend twelve months beginning May 1, 1942. Will not return to present position, but wishes to be trained for one as a writer on southern inter-racial and labor relations.

Personal Data Born Austin, Texas, January 1906.
Married.

Age: 36

Undergraduate Work

Graduate Work

Experience Farmer near Austin Texas, 1927-35, \$900; folklore editor, Texas Writers Project, 1936-37, \$900; free lance writer, 1937-39, \$1500; staff writer, Federated Press, 1939- , \$1200.

Good case -

Accomplishments Publications: Articles in Crisis since 1935, series entitled "The South Stirs" in 1941; labor articles in Chicago Defender. Has written for approximately 150 newspapers, magazines, syndicates since 1929.

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References

Horace Cayton, Good Shepherd Community Center, Chicago
L. D. Reddick, Schomburg Collection, New York Public Library
Alexander Nunn, Progressive Farmer
J. Paul Maynard, Christian Herald
Alexander Crosby, Federated Press
Berthold C. Friedl, Talladega College

Budget Summary

Total Amount Needed	\$1,500
From Applicant	- - -
From Fund	\$1,500

AMOUNT GRANTED

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Name Richard Harold Preece Field: Creative Writing

Author, columnist for Negro press, magazine writer
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Plan of Work To write a book emphasizing the positive changes being made in the South by citizens of both races.

Requests grant for one year beginning June 1947. Will continue to write books, columns, articles, etc., about South, but will always try to broaden work.

Applied 1942.

Personal Data Born Bull Creek Community, Texas, January 1906
Married, two dependents

Age: 41
Draft Status: 4F

Undergraduate Work

Graduate Work

Experience Since 1929, has been author, columnist, folklorist, magazine writer, free-lance country preacher (ordained), \$2500-\$3500.

Accomplishments Texas Folklore Society; New York Folklore Society

Publications: "Lighting Up Liberia", Creative Age, 1943 (with A. I. Haymarr);
"Dew on Jordan", Dutton, 1946 (with Celia Kraft); "The War Between the Dixies" (with Celia Kraft), to be published by Dryden Press, 1947.

References

Langston Hughes, author, New York City
Karl Downs, Samuel Houston College
J. Frank Dobie, University of Texas

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Budget Summary

Total Amount Needed	\$4175
From Applicant	<u>2675</u>
From Fund	\$1500

AMOUNT GRANTED



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