

Name James Robert Aswell Field: Creative Writing

State Editor, Tennessee Writers' Project
 George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville
 1301 Newman Av., Nashville

Plan of Work

The writing of a novel called Wayfaring Stranger, to treat of the childhood, adolescence and young manhood of David Sevier; through him is told the story of a middle class southern family in its relation to a time, a people, and a town. Period: From the close of the World War to the mid-depression years.

Seeks no degree. Probable duration of work eight to twelve months beginning as soon after April 1940 as possible.

Personal Data Born Nashville, Tennessee, March, 1911. Married, Age: 29
 one child.

Undergraduate Work

Graduate Work

Experience Reporter, Nashville Banner, 1928-29, free-lance writer, 1929-38; 1938 - , State Editor, Tennessee Writers' Project, \$2100.

Accomplishments

Publications: More than 1600 short stories, serials, and articles for small magazines; short stories in Story, September, 1936, and Harper's, March, 1938; several sections of the Tennessee Guide; short stories in These Are Our Lives and in God Bless The Devil (to be published by the University of North Carolina Press).

wrote for exhibit 3/4/40

References

- W. T. Couch, Director, University of North Carolina Press
- B. A. Botkin, Department of English, University of Oklahoma
- E. C. Aswell, Book Editor, Harper & Brothers
- C. Brooks, Associate Editor, The Southern Review, Baton Rouge
- John T. Frederick, Department of English, Northwestern University
- Jack H. Boone, Department of English, University of Iowa

Budget Summary

Total Amount Needed	\$2200.00
From Applicant	500.00 *
From Fund	\$1700.00

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 AMOUNT GRANTED

Plan of Work
 Transcripts

Photograph
 Exhibit Material

Sent to Committee

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Name Aswell, James Robert ✓

(1911)

Negro White Southerner Position State Editor, Tennessee Writers' Project,
NashvilleSpecial Field Creative Writing
Group

College None

University

Plan of Work: w

To write a novel dealing with a middle-class Southern family, from the close of the World War I to the mid-depression years.

Action of Fellowship Committee:

Granted \$1,700



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Experience with Nashville Banner, and in short story writing. With Tennessee Writers' Project since spring of 1938.

Mr. Aswell completed approximately two-thirds of the work on his novel. He estimates that another year will be necessary to complete it. Has been selling some stories to the Saturday Evening Post and Collier's. 8/10/41

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ASWELL, JAMES R.

CAREER SINCE TENURE OF FELLOWSHIP

3/8/42

For several months Mr. Aswell travelled with Sgt. Alvin York for the CHICAGO SUN, helping his prepare his daily column.

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yes
1700

1940

JAMES ROBERT ASWELL

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State Editor, Tennessee Writers' Project
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Nashville, Tennessee

Creative Writing

No doubt about this man
He has fine achievement behind him
Highest testimonies from authoritative people
who know him and his work
Couch says "I consider Aswell the most promising
young writer I have met in the South"

A+

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