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Application and accompanying documents should be filed as early as possible for the convenience of the Fellowship Committee, preferably during the early autumn. No application can be considered by the Committee unless the completely filled-out blank and all of the materials requested reach the Director for Fellowships by January 5, 1940.

Negro

White Southerner

Name in full Davis, Edwin Adams

Present address 2070 University Avenue Baton Rouge Louisiana
City State

Permanent address 2070 University Avenue Baton Rouge Louisiana
City State

Present position (be specific) Archivist and Head of Department of Archives; Assistant Professor of History

Institution or organization Louisiana State University Annual salary \$3300.00

Address University Louisiana
City State

Specific Field The free Negro in Mississippi.

(Low R. Hagan + E. A. Davis)

Concise statement of plan of work This is a proposal by the applicants to edit the twelve-volume diary (1835-1851) of William T. Johnson, a free Negro who lived in Natchez from 1830 to 1851. The whole diary will be prepared for publication, together with footnotes, bibliography, appendices, and an introduction that will outline Johnson's life, present a study of ante-bellum social and economic life in Natchez, and picture the anomalous position of free Negroes in Mississippi Society.

Request is for funds for two summers of research outside of Baton Rouge.

What institution do you wish to attend? None

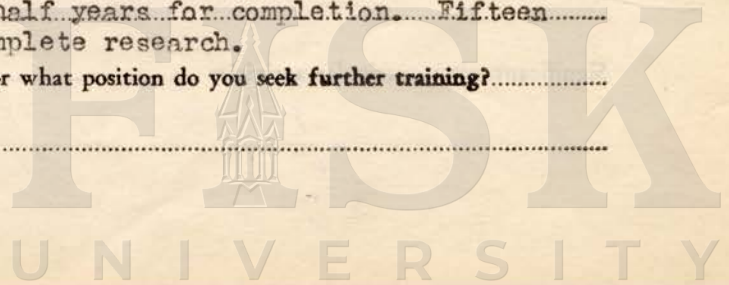
Have you been admitted? For what degree will you work?

Under whose supervision?

When do you wish to begin the study or project proposed? June 1, 1940.

What is your estimate of its probable duration? Two and one-half years for completion. Fifteen months to complete research.

Will you return to your present position? Yes. If not, for what position do you seek further training?



Personal History

Place of birth Alba, Missouri Date of birth May 10, 1904.

Single, married, widowed, divorced Married

Name and address of wife or husband Mrs. LaVerna Mae Rowe Davis, 2070 University Avenue
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Occupation and salary of wife or husband Housewife; no salary.

Number and ages of children one child, eleven years of age.

Dependents None, except wife and child To what extent? Relationship

Have you any constitutional disorder or physical disability? No.

(The Committee on Fellowships reserves the right to require a full physical examination.)

Education

One official transcript of your college and university records together with four copies must be submitted with your application. (Copies may be typed by the applicant.)

| | Name of Institution | Period of Study (Give dates) | Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates (Give dates) |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| College | <u>Kansas State Teachers College</u> | <u>1922-1925</u> | <u>B. S., 1925</u> |
| University | <u>State University of Iowa</u> | <u>1929-1931</u> | <u>M. A., 1931</u> |
| | <u>Louisiana State University</u> | <u>1932-1936</u> | <u>Ph.D., 1936</u> |
| Professional or technical | | | |
| Special study | | | |

Significant extra-curricular activities



Experience

Give record chronologically.

| Institution or Organization | Address | Position | Inclusive Dates | Annual Salary |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|---|-----------------|------------------|
| Kansas High Schools | | Instructor and Principal | 1925-1930 | \$1530 to \$1800 |
| Drury College | Springfield, Missouri | Head, Dept. of History | 1931-1932 | \$2200 |
| Louisiana State U. | Baton Rouge, Louisiana | Instructor History Dept. | 1935-1936 | \$1800 |
| " " " | University, Louisiana | Head, Dept. of Archives; Associate Professor of History | 1936- | \$2700 to \$3300 |

Accomplishments

- Of what learned, scientific, or artistic societies are you a member? Southern Historical Association, Society of American Archivists, Louisiana Historical Society, American Association of University Professors, Delta Kappa Pi, Phi Kappa Phi, Sigma Mu Delta.
- What research or creative work have you done? (If in business or a profession, give evidence of standing and achievements.)
 In 1936 I organized and was appointed Head of the Department of Archives, Louisiana State University, which later became the official state archives as well as the only organization in Louisiana actively engaged [continued on attached page]
- Publications *"Bennet H. Barrow, Ante-Bellum Planter of the Felicianas," Journal of Southern History, V (1939), 431-446.
 "Archival Development in the Lower Mississippi Valley," accepted for publication by the American Archivist.
 (Editor) "A Trip into Texas: Letters of P. W. Cram, 1867-68," Southwest Review, XVIII (1933), 460-476. (With Wendell Holmes Stephenson.)
 *(Editor) "A Louisiana Volunteer: Letters of William J. Walter, 1861-62," Southwest Review, XIX (1933), 78-87.
 (Editor) "The Civil War Diary of William Micaiah Barrow, Sept. 23, 1861-July 13, 1862," in two installments in Louisiana Historical Quarterly, XVII (1934), 436-451, and XVII (1934), 712-731. (With Wendell Holmes Stephenson.)
 [Publications continued on attached sheet.]
- List scholarships or fellowships you have previously held or now hold, stating in each case the places and periods of tenure, the studies pursued during your incumbency, and the amounts of the stipends.
 None.



This budget estimate is for the combined applications of Edwin A. Davis and William R. Hogan

Budget Estimate (if not for academic year state period)

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| Room and board.....6 months..... | \$ 960.00 |
| Clothing | 100.00 |
| Insurance | |
| Tuition | |
| Transportation | 800.00 |
| Miscellaneous Stenographic assistant, 6 months | 900.00 |
| Supplies..... | \$ 100.00 |
| Total amount needed | \$ 2860.00 |
| Amount applicant can provide | \$ 1400.00 |
| Amount requested from Fund | \$ 1460.00 |

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If you have applied or expect to apply elsewhere for any fellowship for the same period (which is permissible) state the facts regarding such application.

No other application.....

References

List references from whom confidential information may be obtained concerning your professional qualifications and from whom expert opinion may be obtained as to the value and practicability of your proposed plan of work.

| Name of Reference | Position | Address |
|----------------------|--|--|
| Craven, Avery | Professor of History | University of Chicago Chicago, Ill. |
| Kellar, Herbert | Director, McCormick Historical Association | 679 Rush St., Chicago, Ill. |
| Ramsdell, Charles W. | Professor of American History | University of Texas Austin, Texas |
| Thornton, H. J. | Professor of History | University of Iowa Iowa City, Iowa |
| Walter Richard | Head, Red Hill | L. S. G. |

Statement of Plan of Work

Submit a statement giving detailed plans for your work during the tenure of your fellowship. This statement should include: (1) a full description of the project, including its character, scope, and significance; (2) the present state of the project (time of commencement, progress to date, etc.) and expectation as to completion; (3) the proposed university, institution of similar grade, or other place where the work would be carried on, and the authorities with whom it would be done; (4) your expectation as to publication or use of the results of your study; (5) subsequent plans for your career.

Your plan of work should be complete and carefully prepared. Submit six copies typed on 8 1/2" x 11" paper. Your name should be on each sheet.

SIGNATURE Edwin Adams Davis

