

Name Robert Nathaniel Dett **Field:** Music -
Composition
Director of Music, Bennett College
Greensboro, North Carolina

Plan of Work

Study of the Negro Folk Song and the ancient modes and scales upon which the songs are founded, with the idea and objective of using these materials for new music expressions.

Wishes to study at Oberlin or the University of Rochester, working for the degree of Doctor of Music, under Dr. Frank Shaw at Oberlin or Doctor Hanson at the University of Rochester. Probable duration of study one year, beginning September, 1940. Will return to present position.

Personal Data Born Drummondville, Ontario, October, 1882. **Age:** 57
Married, two children.

Undergraduate Work Oberlin College, B. Mus., 1908.

Graduate Work Harvard University, 1919-20.
University of Rochester, Master of Music, 1931.
Columbia University & University of Pennsylvania, one summer each.
Mme. Nadia Boulanger, summer of 1927.

Experience Director of music, Lane College, Jackson, Tennessee, 1908-11, \$600;
same, Lincoln Institute, Jefferson City, Missouri, 1911-13, \$1100;
same, Hampton Institute, 1913-27, \$2500; director, school of music, Hampton Institute,
1927-31, \$4000; director of music, Bennett College, 1936 - , \$2400.

Accomplishments

Publications: Editor, Religious Folk Songs of the Negro, Hampton Institute Press;
editor and composer, Dett Collection of Negro Spirituals, Hall &
McCreay, Chicago; Five Suites for the Piano, Clayton Summy Co., Chicago; Ordering of
Moses, oratorio, J. Fischer & Brother, New York City; American Smapler, a symphony,
Columbia Broadcasting System.

Fellowship, University of Rochester, one year.

References

Alfred Spouse, Director of Music, Board of Education, Rochester, N.Y.
Frank Shaw, Director of Music, Oberlin Conservatory
Davison Taylor, Director, Columbia Broadcasting System

Budget Summary

Total Amount Needed	\$1550.00
From Applicant	---
From Fund	\$1550.00

Plan of Work x Photograph x Sent to Committee
Transcripts x Exhibit Material x
Oberlin Conservatory

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