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Name Mary Maxeda Ferguson von Hesse Field: creative writing

Teacher of Effective Speech, The von Hesse Studios, New York City
21 East 67th Street, New York 28, New York

Plan of Work To complete necessary research and write my second novel concerned with the American Revolution in the Carolinas, with particular attention to Francis Marion, "The Swamp Fox", credited with saving a large area of the South from the British forces; my goal: to show how internecine warfare divided kin and friends, as in Germany; my hope: to reveal through the equality of suffering and the predicaments of growth, a portion of the South's and America's heritage, a parable by indirection of our contemporary confusion of mind and distress of spirit.

Requests grant for one year beginning June 1948. Wishes to study at Rollins College, Winter Park, Florida in the Department of Creative Writing under the supervision of Professor Edwin Granberry.

Personal Data Born Denver, Colorado, February 1913 Age: 35
Single Draft Status:

Undergraduate Work Rollins College, B.A., 1935

Technical Playwriting, Frederick Koch of University of N. C., 1932

Graduate Work Northwestern University, 1932 (By special permission admitted to the Graduate School of Speech)

Experience Feature writer, news, and critic, Sentinel Syndicate, Orlando, Fla., 1935-36, $1200; teacher, The Hockaday School, Dallas, Texas; 1937-38, $1500; reporter, Miami Daily News, writer and director, Station WIOD, WKAT, Miami, and non-fiction contrib., American Magazine, 1939, $3000; writer and director, NBC Blue Network, New York City; 1940, $2500; teacher, The von Hesse Studios, New York City, 1941-47, $4000.

Accomplishments Collected folklore in North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky which I gave to Duke University Department of English (Folklore Collection); worked in a study room granted by The Library of Congress on research for this present novel for three weeks but could not remain in Wash. for lack of funds; learned my state of Florida and its people and its past as I know the palm of my hand; traveled and lived and worked in Virginia and the Carolinas in research for this present novel, traveling by car, horseback, afoot, and dug-out canoe.

Publications Young Dawn, verse, 1934, Angel Alley Press; "American Folk-Plays", edit. Fred. Koch, 1939, D. Appleton & Co.; Inherit the Wind, Florida novel, 1943, William Morrow & Co.

Scholarships Full tuition, 4 yr. Scholarship, Cornell College, Mt.Vernon, Ia., $1600;
" " 2 " " , Rollins College, $800; full tuition fellowship in Eng., Duke Univ., but refused when committee reneged on promise to permit thesis to be publishable fiction based on folklore of the South.

References

References
Eleanor Roosevelt, New York City
Edwin Granberry, Rollins College
Edwin O. Grover, " "
Mrs. Richard Burton, Ridgewood, N. J.

Budget Summary

Total Amount Needed	$2200
From Applicant	200
From Fund	$2000

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