

Graduate scholarship at Oberlin, 1934; Rockefeller Foundation scholarship to Federal Theatre at Vassar, 1937.

Music Department of Morgan College, 1928-31; taught music, history and dramatics at Washington Conservatory of Music and Expression, summer of 1934; fine arts and music history at Tennessee A and I College, 1935-36; supervisor, Negro Unit of Federal Theatre, Chicago, 1936-.

Composed libretto and music for "Tom-Tom" which was produced in Cleveland in 1932; "Mississippi Rainbow Song," and "I Promise." Has contributed to Opportunity, Crisis, Etude Music Magazine, Arts Quarterly.

Music score for Little Black Sambo. Helped produce "Mikado," Federal Theatre

*helped players, Cleveland show "The Morning" and are rehearsing
"Coal Dust" show Feb 1938. Assisted in Nat'l Music Festival in Wash, Apr. 1939
songs of Kudah Negroes. (Check this before using) 5/2/39*

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UNIVERSITY

*311 Broadway, apt 11
New York City*

9/24/40 Miss Graham finished her work under fellowship in June of 1940. In August she went to Indianapolis to direct a summer community theatre sponsored by the YWCA, and as a result of her activity was invited to return as Director of Adult Activities of the Phyllis Wheatley Branch of the YWCA. She has established a theatre workshop, and the program includes a seminar on the American theatre. Several white students have registered for this course.

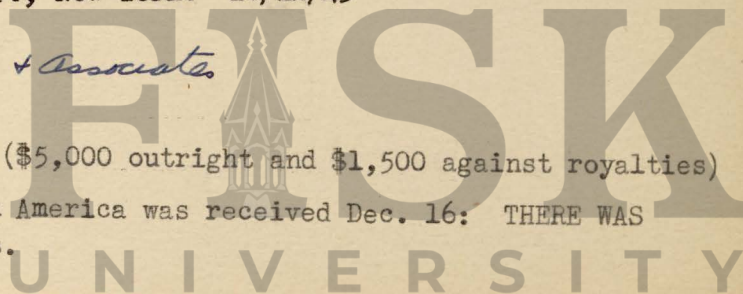
Miss Graham was invited by Dr. Alardyce Nicoll to return on Yale fellowship in 1940-41 to complete her work toward her doctorate. Because of the above post and because the stipend was not large enough for her and her children she was forced to refuse the offer.

11/22/41 In the fall of 1941 Miss Graham became United Service Organizations director at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, where there is the largest aggregation of Negro troops in the United States.

Staff of the N. A. A. C. P., New York. 10/12/43

1945- Book Director, W. B. Graham & Associates

1947: The Julian Messner Award of \$6,500 (\$5,000 outright and \$1,500 against royalties) for the Best Book Combating Intolerance in America was received Dec. 16: THERE WAS ONCE A SLAVE - story of Frederick Douglass.



GRAHAM, SHIRLEY

PRODUCTIONS AND PUBLICATIONS

"Coal-Dust," a three-act play was produced by the Gilpin Players at Cleveland, Ohio, April 26 to May 27, 1939.

"Deep Rivers," a music-fantasy, was broadcast by the Yale Drama School over the Mutual Network, May 7, 1939

Music score (choruses, solos, dances) written for three-act play, "Garden of Time," which was produced in Yale Theatre May 17, 18, 19, 1939

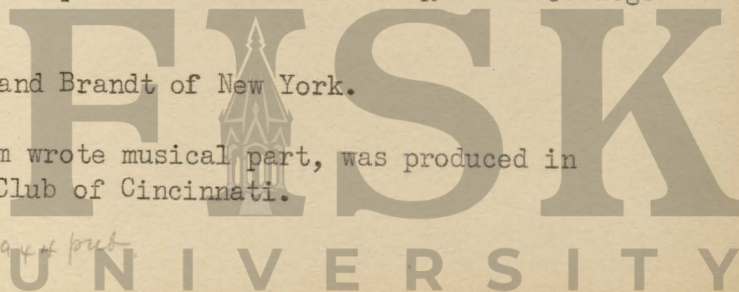
"Dust to Earth," play now in rehearsal at Yale, will be produced in November, 1939. This play, now in hands of New York producer, is being considered as a possible vehicle for Paul Robeson.

"I Gotta Home," will be produced by Gilpin Players in Cleveland if finished before December of 1939. The Gilpin players produced this in February, 1940, at Oberlin College, and gave it for two weeks in the campus theatre of Western Reserve College in Cleveland.

"Elijah's Ravens" was accepted by Brandt and Brandt of New York.

"Little Black Sambo" for which Miss Graham wrote musical part, was produced in the fall of 1941 by the Catholic Women's Club of Cincinnati.

Co-author of Geo. Wash. Carver - of 1944 pub.



\$2,000 granted 1939

RENEWAL

SHIRLEY GRAHAM (N) 34

Drama

The most creative of our drama fellows.
Her very genius probably needs the
steady discipline of the work at Yale.
Yale professors speak in highest terms
of her "imagination, originality,
distinctive contributions to music and
drama"

She asks for \$2,000. We gave her \$1,800
last year. Isn't that enough?

Yes



1939
1000 printed

RENEWAL

LEILA S GREEN (N) 23

Chemistry

Professors speak in highest terms
Bartlett says "had mid year grade
was the highest in the class"

She is a long way from her
doctorate. How long can we keep
in helping her?

Dr Sean rates her B+

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Candidate **Shirley Graham (McCanna)** *6157 Indiana Ave* - Theatre Art
 Supervisor of Negro Unit of the Chicago Federal Theatre (Drama and Music)
 20 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois

Plan of Work

One year matriculation in the Yale School of Drama, taking courses in "Play-writing", "Survey of Production Methods", "Dramatic Theory and Criticism"; also the rewriting and preparing for production of my music-drama "Ton-Ton".

Under Allegro Weill, Walter Eaton, + Ernest Laert

Digest of Application

Born November, 1904, Indianapolis, Indiana. Widowed, two children.

Obtained A.B. from Oberlin College, 1924; M.A. from same school, 1925. Vassar Theatre Summer School, 1927. Columbia University, summers of 1929 & 1930. Certificate in French, University of Paris, semester, 1930. Howard School of Music, Washington, D.C., 1927-28. Private instruction in piano, pipe organ, voice, harmony, & orchestration.

Teacher of Music, Morgan College, Baltimore, Maryland, 1928-31, \$1600. Teacher of Music History and Dramatics, Washington Conservatory of Music & Expression, Washington, D.C., summer, 1934, \$500. Teacher of Fine Arts and Music History, A. & I. State College, Nashville, Tennessee, 1935-36, \$1400. Supervisor of Negro Unit, Federal Theatre, Chicago, Illinois, 1936-37, \$1800.

Research work in Negro music - Spirituals & Jazz. (See thesis "Survivals of Africanism in Modern Music & articles). Small music compositions @ solo & choral (Mississippi Rainbow Song, used during sixteen weeks run of play in loop theatre, Chicago). Music-drama "Ton-Ton," libretto and music. (See following page)

References **Edward Dickinson, Professor, Music History & Criticism, Oberlin College**

Budget Summary

- ✓ Dr. W. E. B. Du Bois, Atlanta University
- ✓ Miss Susan Glaspell, Federal Theatre, Chicago, Illinois
- ✓ Mr. Adolph Gartner, Federal Theatre, Chicago, Illinois
- ✓ Dr. Herbert Miller, Bryn Mawr College

Total amount needed	\$2,525
From applicant	<u>325</u>
From Fund	\$2,200
Granted	<i>\$1,800</i>

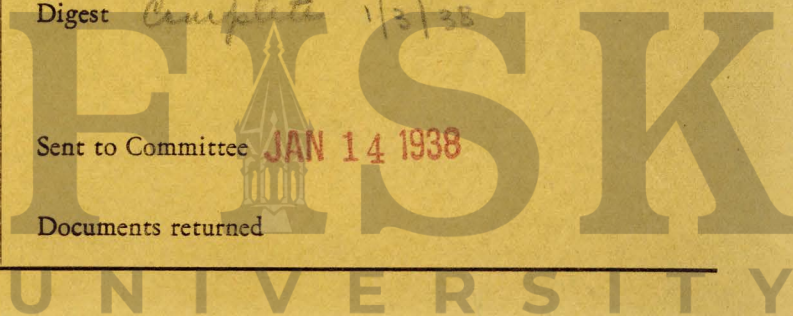
Committee Notes

- Documents submitted
- Photograph
 - Exhibit material
 - Transcripts
 - Oberlin College
 - Oberlin College (Graduate)
- Plan of work

Digest *Complete 1/2/38*

Sent to Committee **JAN 14 1938**

Documents returned



JULIUS ROSENWALD FUND

Age

Special Field (Theatre and Music)

Chief Garden (Kodomo)

Candidate

Supervisor of Negro Unit of the Chicago Federal Theatre
80 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois

Plan of Work

The year's contribution in the field of drama, taking account of "Play-
writing," "Theory of Dramatic Art," "Theatre History and Criticism," also the
year's plan and program for production of my music-drama "Tom-Tom."

*known a man who has examined score
of "Tom Tom"*

no further comment on subject, enthusiastic

Obtained A.B. from Oberlin College, 1921; M.A. from same school, 1922. Visited
Theatre Section School, 1927. Oberlin University, manager of 1927 & 1928. Oberlin
in 1929. University of Texas, assistant, 1930, present school of Music, Washington, D.C.,
1931-32. Private instruction in piano, voice, harmony & orchestration.
Teacher of Music, Oberlin College, 1921-22, 1923-24, 1925-26, 1927-28.
of Music History and Literature, Oberlin College, 1921-22, 1923-24, 1925-26, 1927-28.
D.D., Oberlin, 1931, 1932. Teacher of Fine Arts in Music History, A. S. State College,
Naperville, Illinois, 1932-33, 1934. Supervisor of Negro Unit, Federal Theatre, Chicago,
Illinois, 1935-36, 1937.

Research work in Negro music - spirituals & jazz. (See thesis "Spirituals of
African-American Negroes in the South," 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069, 2070, 2071, 2072, 2073, 2074, 2075, 2076, 2077, 2078, 2079, 2080, 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(RENEWAL)

Candidate **Shirley Graham (McCanns)** Special Field
 Supervisor of Negro Unit of Chicago Federal Theatre (on leave, Yale University) Theatre Art
 45 Dickerman Street, New Haven, Connecticut (Drama and Music)

Plan of Work

To continue work in the art of the theatre with special emphasis on creative writing in drama and music, at Yale University. One year.

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Gilpin players of Cleveland rehearsing 3-act play Coal Dust - same company also selected "It's Morning" Accepted in National Folk Festival in Washington in April, 1939 - Gullah Negroes -

Digest of Application

Born November, 1904, Indianapolis, Indiana. Widowed, two children.

A. B. Oberlin College, 1924. M. A. Oberlin, 1925. Vassar Theatre Summer School, 1927. Columbia University, summers of 1929 & 1930. Certificate in French, University of Paris, semester, 1930. Howard School of Music, 1927-28. Private instruction in piano, pipe organ, voice, harmony, and orchestration.

Teacher of music, Morgan College, 1928-31, \$1600; teacher of fine arts and music history, A. & I. State College, Nashville, 1935-36, \$1400; supervisor of Negro unit, Federal Theatre, Chicago, 1936-37, \$1800.

Has written articles which appeared in Opportunity, Crisis Magazine, Etude Music Magazine, Arts Quarterly; a song - "I Promise; the Mississippi Rainbow Song, used during sixteen weeks run of play in Chicago; and the libretto and music for the music-drama "Tom-Tom."

References

Mr. Allardyce Nicoll, Yale University
Mr. Frank McMullan, Yale University
Mr. George Kondolf, New York Federal Theatre.

Budget Summary

Total amount needed	\$ 2000
From applicant	<u> </u>
From Fund	\$ <u>2000</u>
Granted	<i>\$ 2000</i>

Committee Notes

Documents submitted
Photograph
Exhibit material
Transcripts

Plan of work

Digest

Sent to Committee

Documents returned



SHIRLEY GRAHAM

Will remain in east during summer. (4/15/39) Has taken place on Long Island and after two weeks of rest hopes to get some worth while creative work done.

Play "Coal-Dust" is now in production in Cleveland, with the Gilpin Players.

111-48 142nd Street, Ozone Park, Long Island, New York, until middle of September.

45 Dickerman Street, New Haven, Connecticut, winter of 1939-40