

1938

Name Parris, Guichard.B. (M) (1903)

Negro
White Southerner

Position

Special Field ^{History} French history
Group and literature

College Amherst College, A. B., 1927.

University Columbia University, A. M., 1932, and 1933-35, 1936-37.

Res. + general exp completed for Ph.D

Plan of Work:

Biographical study of the abbe Henri Gregoire (1750-1831) as one of the distinguished representatives of the humanitarian tradition in France, particularly as that tradition is related to the anti-slavery movement of the day.

Seeking Ph. D. Duration of study three months in United States, nine months abroad. Columbia University.

Action of Fellowship Committee:

Granted \$1,800.



Undergraduate scholarship at Amherst three and one-half years. Member of Phi Beta Kappa.

Instructor in French, Livingstone College, Salisbury, N. C., 1930-31; assistant professor of French, Lincoln University, Missouri, 1932-33; instructor, Atlanta University, 1935-36.

Publications: Bibliography of 18th century literary criticism in Modern Language Notes. Three French Reading Texts (Atlanta University French Series, 1936, in collaboration with Dr. Will Mercer Cook). Article, French Texts for Negro Schools, Romanic Review, March, 1935.

During his stay in France Mr. Parris received splendid cooperation from Societe des Amis de l'Abbe Gregoire; read two papers before that society, and was made one of its secretaries. Was able to consult the unique collection of materials on slavery and the slave trade which Gregoire assembles. 9/25/39

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CAREER SINCE TENURE OF FELLOWSHIP

On his return to the United States Mr. Parris resumed his study at Columbia University, and is in the course of revising his completed translation of Gregoire's De la Litterature des Negres. 9/25/39

9/26/40 Mr. Parris is serving this year as counselor with the National Youth Administration, New York City.

8/10/41 Mr. Parris appointed Director of Negro Affairs for New York City under National Youth Administration.

9/29/44: Field Secretary, Department of Industrial Relations, National Urban League. Director for the N. Y. C. uptown area of United Negro College Fund campaign during May and June 1944; manager of Augrapa Tool Corporation, only completely Negro-owned war production machine shop in N. Y. area, which was forced to liquidate in April, 1944.

1947 Director of Promotion and Publicity, National Urban League
Member: Phi Beta Kappa; Executive Board, Catholic Interracial Council
New York Vocational Guidance Association

