

Name Thompson, Melvin Ernest M (1903) Negro
 White Southerner

Position Director of Teacher Training, Certification and Curriculum, Georgia Department of Education Special Field Education Group

College Emory University, B. Ph., 1926;

University Emory University, 1929-30, 1931-32; University of Georgia, M. A., 1935

Plan of Work:

To set up and demonstrate a plan for the coordination of the various governmental organizations in the state of Georgia which conduct educational functions into one comprehensive educational program which should more efficiently serve the state in the solution of problems of the people of Georgia. 12 months.

University of Georgia and
 Working toward Ph. D.

Action of Fellowship Committee:

\$2,000.



Principal, superintendent, and supervisor, 1926-37. Present position with the State Department of Education since 1937.

9/25/40 Mr. Thompson did some work at the University of Georgia, but reports no progress toward his degree.

2615 Northside Drive
Atlanta, Ga.

FISK

UNIVERSITY

THOMPSON, MELVIN E.

CAREER SINCE TENURE OF FELLOWSHIP

9/25/40 Mr. Thompson returned to his former post in the State Department of Education in Georgia, adding to his titles that of Assistant State Superintendent of Schools.

9/5/41 Resigned to become southern representative for D. C. Heath & Co. (WCH)

9/25/44: Executive Secretary to Governor Ellis Arnall of Georgia.

1947 Named governor of Georgia by Supreme Court decision to succeed late Eugene Talmadge



MELVIN ERNEST THOMPSON

Awarded
\$2000 36

1939

Director Teacher Training, Certification
& Curriculum
Georgia State Department of Education

Education and Related Fields

An excellent man with an
excellent record in scholarship,
but much more so in administration.
He is one of the key men in
Georgia education -
His practical work is oft
accomplish much more than
the researches of our high
candidates

A

FISK
UNIVERSITY

Candidate **Melvin Ernest Thompson** *429 West Mercer Av. College Park Ga* Education **Special Field** **and Related Fields**
 Director Teacher Training, Certification & Curriculum
 State Department of Education, Atlanta, Georgia

Plan of Work

It is my purpose to set up and demonstrate a plan for the coordination of the various governmental organizations in the state of Georgia which conduct educational functions into one comprehensive educational program which should more efficiently serve the state in the solution of problems of the people of Georgia.

Seeks Ph.D. at the University of Georgia, working under Dr. W. D. Cocking. Has been admitted. One year. Can return to present position.

Digest of Application

Born May, 1903, Millen, Georgia. Married, one child.

B. Ph. Emory University, 1926. M. A. University of Georgia, 1935. Peabody College, summer 1936.

Principal, Emanuel County Institute, Graymount, 1926-27, \$1500; principal, Hawkinsville Public Schools, 1927-28, \$1800; superintendent, Hawkinsville Public Schools, 1928-29, \$2400; superintendent, Hawkinsville Public Schools, 1929-33, \$2700; Supervisor to Director Teacher Training, State Department of Education, Atlanta, 1933 - , \$2700-\$4800.

Led in the compilation and publication of sixteen bulletins of curriculum. Also compiled the 1934-35, 1935-36 biennial report of the State Department of Education.

"It is likely that I shall apply for aid from the General Education Board."

Has not applied.

References

- Dr. M. D. College, ¹⁹³⁶ State Department of Education
- Dr. Walter D. Cocking, University of Georgia
- Dr. Marvin S. Pittman, South Georgia Teachers College
- Dr. Goodrich C. White, Emory University
- Dr. Harvey W. Cox, Emory University

Budget Summary

Total amount needed	\$ 2375
From applicant	---
From Fund	\$ 2375

Committee Notes

Granted

\$2000

Documents submitted

- Photograph
- Exhibit material
- Transcripts
 - Emory University
 - University of Georgia
 - Peabody College
- Plan of work

Digest

Sent to Committee *2/16*

Documents returned *2*



Candidate

Education
Special Field

Director Teacher Training, Certification & Curriculum
State Department of Education, Atlanta, Georgia

see. good record. Important person in ed in Ga.

It is my purpose to set up and demonstrate a plan for the coordination of the various governmental organizations in the state of Georgia which conduct educational functions into one comprehensive educational program which should

PP He is going to place the matter before the board of Georgia.
He is working under Dr. W. D. Coking. *has been admitted. One year. Can return to present position.*

Digest of Application

Born May, 1902, Millen, Georgia. Married, one child.

B. Ph. Emory University, 1928. M. A. University of Georgia, 1932.
Peabody College, summer 1932.

Principal, Emanuel County Institute, Grapewood, 1928-27, \$1800;
Principal, Hawkinsville Public Schools, 1927-28, \$1800; superintendent,
Hawkinsville Public Schools, 1928-29, \$2400; superintendent, Hawkinsville
Public Schools, 1929-32, \$2700; Supervisor to Director Teacher Training,
State Department of Education, Atlanta, 1932 - , \$2700-\$4800.

led in the compilation and publication of sixteen bulletins of curriculum. Also compiled the 1934-35, 1935-36 biennial report of the State Department of Education.

"It is likely that I shall apply for aid from the General Education Board." *has not applied*

References

Dr. H. D. Coffey, State Department of Education
Dr. Walter D. Coking, University of Georgia
Dr. Marvin S. Pittman, South Georgia Teachers College
Dr. Gordon C. White, Emory University
Dr. Harvey W. Cox, Emory University

Budget Summary

Total amount needed \$ 2375

From applicant

\$ 2375

From Fund

\$ 2000

Granted

Committee Notes

Digest

Documents submitted

Sent to Committee

Documents returned

Photograph X
Exhibit material
Transcripts X
Emory University
University of Georgia
Peabody College
Plan of work X



MELVIN THOMPSON

Will begin in June or September, depending on session of General Assembly.

5/26/39 Plans to spend 9 months at University of Georgia and three at Stanford or Chicago.

Did one quarter of work at the University of Georgia in summer session of 1939.

At University of Georgia beginning fall session, 1939.

12/20/39 Will continue next quarter at the University of Georgia, taking six hours and doing a great deal of work on his problem, which will very likely serve as his dissertation. Some developments in Georgia recently will make it advisable to postpone the last quarter of his work until summer or possibly after September of 1940.

April 25, 1940

"I shall be unable to continue my study next quarter. I shall let you know when I may resume my study.