

A 1,500 granted 1939

ALFRED R. BROOKS

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Professor of English,
A and T College, Greensboro, N. C.

English literature

A sound scholar (although his
needs at Wisconsin were B)
White of Wisconsin writes gushingly
of him. Wilson of Edinburgh writes
cautiously but on the whole in
very strong endorsement -
without our help, Brooks started
his work at Edinburgh. He can
probably finish it now in
one year. I'd like to reward
his persistence & independence
as well as his scholarship

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BROOKS, A. R.

CARRER SINCE TENURE OF FELLOWSHIP

Mr. Brooks returned to his former post at the Negro Agricultural and Technical College, Greensboro, North Carolina, that of professor of English and chairman of the Department of English, with an increase in salary. 9/24/40

1944: Has been working as Executive Secretary of the Association of Teachers of Language in Negro Colleges (and Editor of the News-Bulletin).

1947 Was overseas with Red Cross during war. Now at Morehouse College in the English department.



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Name Brooks, Alfred Russell (1906)

Negro
White Southerner

Language and Literature
Special Field English Literature
Group

Position Professor of English (on leave) A and T College
Greensboro, North Carolina

College Morehouse College, A. B., 1930

University University of Wisconsin, M. A., 1934; University of Cambridge, summer, 1936;
University of Edinburgh, 1938-39.

Plan of Work:

By examining Prynne's sources and scholarship, I intend to determine how much of his Histrio-Mastix is original and to what extent it is a compendium or encyclopaedic survey of other attacks on the drama. In this way the real importance of this work in the literature of the drama and stage can be ascertained.

Working toward Ph. D., University of Edinburgh, under Prof. J. Dover Wilson.

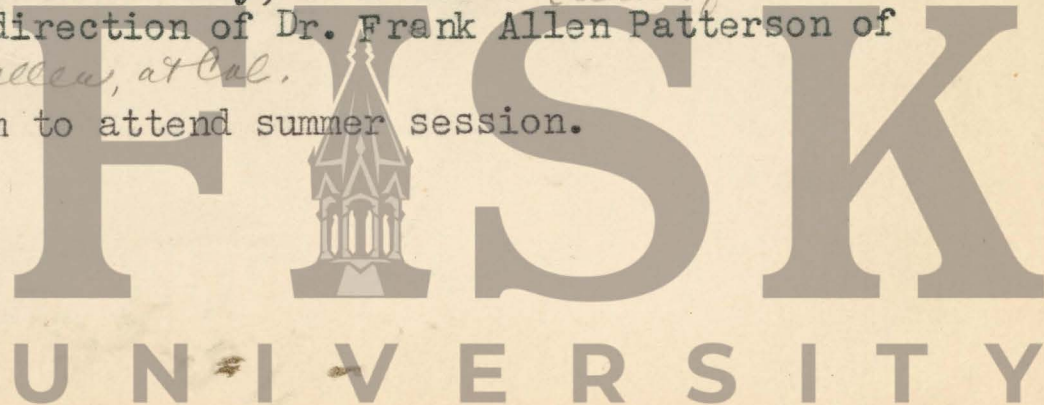
One year. Returned on account of war, to this country, Oct. 1939. *(leaves for sabbatical*

Revised plan: working under direction of Dr. Frank Allen Patterson of Columbia University, *then Ingehall & Hallock, at Col.*

1940: Extension to enable him to attend summer session.

Action of Fellowship Committee:

1939 Granted \$1,000
1940 Extension of \$250



Atlanta University Laboratory High School, instructor in English, 1932-33;
A. and T. College, Greensboro, N. C., head of English Department, 1934-38 - expects
to return.

Because of war, Mr. Brooks returned to the United States in October of 1939, and
is working under direction of authorities in his field at Columbia University.

9/24/40 Mr. Brooks did not complete work toward the doctorate while on his
fellowship.

*English Department
Morehouse College
Atlanta*

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Name A. Russell Brooks Field: Language and Literature
Teacher, Morehouse College
Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia

Plan of Work By evidence from contemporary historical materials, travel literature, and allusions in prose, poetry, and drama, intends to write on The Relation of Travel, Trade, and Overseas Expansion to Race Concepts and Attitudes as Reflected in English literature from 1550 to 1800.

Requests grant from September 1948 to June 1949. Wishes to work toward the Ph.D. degree in English at the University of Wisconsin.

Applied in 1938.
Grant in 1939.
Grant in 1940.

Personal Data Born Montgomery, Alabama, May 1906 Age: 41
Divorced, one dependent

Undergraduate Work Morehouse College, B.A., 1931

Graduate Work University of Wisconsin, M.A., 1934
University of Edinburgh, 1938-39
Cambridge University, Certificate, 1936

Experience Head of English Dept., A. and T. College, Greensboro, N.C., 1934-44, \$1500-\$2600; field director, American Red Cross, Overseas, 1944-45, \$3600; English teacher, Morehouse College, 1946-, \$3600.

Publications "Following and Shaping the Trends" (re effect of war on teaching in 42 Negro colleges) in Quarterly Review of High Education Among Negroes, Oct. 1943; "In Behalf of Literacy", North Carolina Teachers Record, Oct. 1942; book reviews in Opportunity, Dec. 1941; Phylon, 3rd quarter, 1947-two reviews; Journal of Negro Education, accepted for pub. very likely in coming winter issue. For two years edited the Bulletin of Ass'n. of Teachers of Languages in Negro Colleges, 1942-43; in 1942 edited the Oct. number of the Quarterly Review of High Education among Negroes.

Accomplishments

Scholarships 1939-40, Rosenwald Fellowship, \$1000, extended \$250.

References

F. D. Bluford, Greensboro, N.C.
Benjamin E. Mays, Atlanta, Ga.
H. P. Tillman, " "
Dorothy M. Peters for H. E. Buchanan, Director of Personnel,
Amer. Nat'l. Red Cross

Budget Summary

Total Amount Needed \$1980
From Applicant
From Fund \$1980

AMOUNT GRANTED



Candidate Alfred Russell Brooks *u* Special Field
 Professor of English, A & T College, Greensboro, N. C. English Literature
 On leave, attending University of Edinburgh
 c/o Fraser, 6 Spottiswoode Street, Edinburgh, Scotland

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Seeks Ph.D. at University of Edinburgh, working under Prof. J. Dover Wilson. Can return to A & T College.

Will return to U.S. on acct of war. 1937 applicant

Digest of Application

Born May, 1906, Montgomery, Alabama.

A. B. Morehouse College, 1930. M. A. University of Wisconsin, 1934. University of Cambridge, summer of 1936.

Legislative scholarship, University of Wisconsin, 1931-32, 1933-34, \$400 in all.

Instructor in English, Atlanta University Laboratory High School, 1932-33, \$1400; head, English Department, A and T. College, 1934 - , \$1700 and room and board.

References

Prof. J. Dover Wilson, University of Edinburgh
 Prof. H. C. White, University of Wisconsin
 Dr. F. D. Bluford, A. and T. College

Budget Summary

Total amount needed \$ 1800

From applicant 100

From Fund \$ 1200

Granted \$ 1000

Committee Notes

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Documents submitted

- Photograph
- Exhibit material
- Transcripts

Morehouse College
 University of Wisconsin

Plan of work

Digest

Sent to Committee *7/24*

Documents returned



ALFRED R. BROOKS

549 Riverside Drive, Apt. 2-E, New York

Returned to United States from Edinburgh because of war. Dr. Frank Allen Patterson, 17th Century English Literature man at Columbia University is advising him. Large amount of material in Columbia Library and in the Fifth Avenue Library which he can use. *Patterson*

When writing, please address him as A. Russell Brooks to avoid confusion in delivery of mail in his building.

Pat. leaves on sat. will work with Prof. Tinsall & Prof. Hadden -

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