

1940

Name England, James Merton (1915) Negro
White Southerner

Position Teaching Fellow, Vanderbilt University

Special Field History
Group

College Central College, Fayette, Missouri, A. B., 1936

University Vanderbilt University, M. A., 1937; 1937-40, Ph. D., 1941.

Plan of Work:

Research on The Free Negro in Tennessee before the Civil War, and presentation of findings to Vanderbilt University as doctoral dissertation. To cover period 1770-1861. Under Dr. Frank L. Owsley.

Action of Fellowship Committee:

Granted \$1,200



Held various scholarships at Vanderbilt University.

Mr. England received his Ph. D. degree in June of 1941. The title of his dissertation was "The Free Negro in Ante-Bellum Tennessee".

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Teaching Fellow, Vanderbilt University
Nashville, Tennessee

History

Brilliant youngster
straight A in Vanderbilt Graduate School
Top letters

wants to do thesis on 'The Free Negro in
Tennessee before the Civil War' and obtain
Ph.D. from Vanderbilt

No doubt about his ability. Only question
whether the purely academic student
is as well worth helping as some more
active & influential men (even if the latter
haven't evidence of such high intellectuality)

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Name James Merton England Field: History
Box 71
Teaching Fellow, Vanderbilt University
Nashville, Tennessee

Plan of Work

Research on "The Free Negro in Tennessee before the Civil War," and presentation of findings to Vanderbilt University as a doctoral dissertation. Tentative chapters will be on the origin and growth of the class, manumission, legal, economic, and social status, and a summary setting forth conclusions reached. The period covered will be from about 1770 to about 1861, with special emphasis on the period 1830-1861.

Wishes to work under Dr. Frank L. Owsley. Probable duration of study one year, beginning in June, 1940. (*not in residence at Vanderbilt*)

Personal Data Born Deepwater, Missouri, November, 1915. Age: 24

Undergraduate Work Central College, Fayette, Missouri, A. B., 1936.

Graduate Work Vanderbilt University, M. A., 1937.
Vanderbilt University, 1937 -.

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Experience Teaching Fellow, Vanderbilt University, 1937 - , \$500-\$600.

Accomplishments Master's thesis: "The Free Negro in Davidson County, Tennessee, 1780-1860."

*see Binkley's comparison
England
Missouri
Tenn.*

References

- Dr. Frank L. Owsley, Professor of History, Vanderbilt University
- Dr. W. C. Binkley, Professor of History, Vanderbilt University
- Dr. J. E. Pomfret, Dean, Graduate School, Vanderbilt University
- Dr. D.F. Fleming, Professor of Political Science, Vanderbilt
- Dr. E. P. Puckett, Dean, Central College, Fayette, Missouri

Budget Summary

Total Amount Needed	\$ 1500.00
From Applicant	---
From Fund	\$ 1500.00

Plan of Work Photograph
Transcripts Exhibit Material
Central College
Vanderbilt University

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AMOUNT GRANTED *\$1200*

