

Name William Alton Bryant

Field:
English LiteratureHead of English Department (on leave)
University High School
University, Mississippi

Plan of Work

(1) To examine the poetry and the prose of the English romanticists to discover their conceptions of America; (2) to set forth the intellectual background of these poets in order to explain their attitudes; (3) to examine the sources of their knowledge concerning America to determine some of the factors that influenced their opinions; (4) in connection with the broader aspects of the study to set forth the poets' ideas about the South, especially their ideas about slavery and the Negro.

Wishes to attend Vanderbilt University, working for Ph.D. under Drs. W. C. Curry, C. L. Finney, R. C. Beatty. Has been admitted. Probable duration of study fifteen months, beginning June, 1940. Will return to present position.

Personal Data Born Sanford, Mississippi, October, 1907. Married, Age: 32
one child.

Undergraduate Work University of Mississippi, B. A., 1929.

Graduate Work University of Mississippi, M. A., 1939.
Vanderbilt University, 1939-40.

Experience Instructor, Seminary High School, Seminary Mississippi, 1930-31, \$900; head, English Department, Branham and Hughes Military Academy, Spring Hill, Tennessee, 1931-32, \$1500; head, English Department, Battle Ground Academy, Franklin, Tennessee, 1932-36, \$1250; head, English Department, University High School, 1936 - , \$1700.

Accomplishments Master's thesis: Conceptions of America and Americans by the English Poets of the Romantic Movement.

Teaching fellowship, University of Mississippi, 1929-30, \$300;
teaching fellowship, Vanderbilt University, 1939-40, \$500.

Is applying for renewal of teaching fellowship at Vanderbilt.

References

Walter Clyde Curry, Professor of English, Vanderbilt University
Oliver C. Carmichael, Chancellor, Vanderbilt University
David E. Bishop, Head, English Dept., University of Mississippi
A. B. Butts, Chancellor, University of Mississippi
George I. Briggs, Headmaster, Battle Ground Academy, Franklin, Tenn.
Claude Lee Finney, Professor of English, Vanderbilt University

Budget Summary

Total Amount Needed	\$2326.00
From Applicant	400.00
From Fund	\$1926.00

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