

1946

Name **Willard Francis Motley**

Negro

White Southerner

Position **Author, Macmillan Company**

Special Field **Creative**
Group **Writing**

College

University

Plan of Work:

To write a novel of approximately 100,000 words plus the research for same. Completion of a novel (the second) which is already half finished with all the research work done on it and on which a one-year \$2,000 Newberry Library Fellowship was received for this purpose.

Action of Fellowship Committee:

Granted \$1800

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WILLARD FRANCIS MOTLEY

Author, Macmillan Company
Chicago, Illinois

Creative writing

*Testimony of good people
indicate a top man
Subject to Anna's confirmation
I put him up
Good eye*

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Name Willard Francis Motley

Field: Writing (fiction)

Author, Macmillan Company, New York City
350 West 60th Street, Chicago, Illinois

Plan of Work A novel of approximately 100,000 words plus the research for same. Completion of a novel (my second) which is already half finished with all the research work done on it and on which I received a one-year \$2,000 fellowship from the Newberry Library, Chicago, the first half of the novel having been completed on this fellowship.

Request grant for one year beginning June, 1946.

Personal Data Born Chicago, Illinois, July, 1912
Single.

Age: 33
Draft Status: 4F

Undergraduate Work

Graduate Work

Experience

Has spent a good deal of time traveling around the country in search of material for writing and has worked on many odd jobs from washing windows to cooking in restaurants. Worked on the Illinois Federal Writers' Project, 1939 to 1941. Since then odd jobs in order to earn enough to eat and sleep on while writing the novel Macmillan has accepted (three and a half years). Also won the Newberry Library Fellowship, October, 1944, to October, 1945, which enabled him to complete half of second novel.

Accomplishments

A first novel accepted by The Macmillan Company to be published in the fall of 1946.

Fellowships

Newberry Library Fellowship, Chicago, Illinois, October 1944 to October 1945, \$2,000.

References

H. S. Latham, The Macmillan Company, New York City
Stanley Pargelli, The Newberry Library, Chicago, Illinois
Jack Conroy, Author, Chicago, Illinois
Alexander Saxton, Author, Sausalito, California
Dorothy Andrews, Authoress, Omaha, Nebraska

Budget Summary

Total Amount Needed \$1,825
From Applicant -
From Fund \$1,825

AMOUNT GRANTED \$1,800

Sent to Committee

