

Name Lawson, Hilda (Mrs. Sidney Joseph Reedy) (1914)

1937

Negro
White Southerner

Position Graduate student, University of Illinois

Special Field Language and
Group Literature

College Miner Teachers College, B. S., 1934

University Howard University, M. A., 1935; University of Iowa, 1935-36; University of
Illinois, 1936-39, Ph. D., February, 1939.

Plan of Work:

I wish to become a college professor of English after securing my Ph. D. in English at the University of Illinois. Dissertation subject: The Negro in American Drama.

Action of Fellowship Committee:

Granted \$1,100 for one year.



Howard University, tuition scholarship, \$125.

While on fellowship Miss Lawson did not complete her work toward the Ph. D., but she received the degree in February, 1939. She is the first Negro woman to receive a doctorate at Illinois.

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Jefferson City, Missouri

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REEDY, MRS. S. J.

LAWSON, HILDA

PROFESSIONAL CAREER SINCE TENURE OF FELLOWSHIP

9/21/39 Upon completion of her work at the University of Illinois in February, 1939, Miss Lawson accepted a position as Instructor in English at Bennett College for Women, Greensboro, North Carolina. In September, 1939, she began work as Instructor in English at West Virginia State College, Institute, at a better salary.

9/25/40 Miss Lawson is now assistant professor of English at Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Missouri.

10/9/44: Taught English at Lincoln University, 1943-44, but not employed at present because Lincoln's Board of Curators opposes the employment of wives of faculty members.



REEDY, MRS. S. J.
LAWSON, HILDA

PUBLICATIONS

"The Negro in American Drama" (Bibliography of Contemporary Negro Drama) Abstract of thesis in English at Graduate School, University of Illinois, 1939.

"The Negro in American Drama" (Bibliography of Contemporary Negro Drama) in Bulletin of Bibliography and Dramatic Index, January-April, 1940, and May-August, 1940.

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Year 1937
Age: 22

JULIUS ROSENWALD FUND

Name **Hilda Lawson**
Address **612 E. Church St., Champaign, Illinois**
Position **Student at University of Illinois**

Negro
White Southerner

Special Field **English**
Group

Plan of Work
Applicant desires to become college professor of English after securing her Phd in English at University of Illinois in June, 1938.

*Contemporary
Negro in American Drama.*

(abandoned suggested studies in oriental lit. as there had been done elsewhere)

Digest of Application

Born 1914. Single. Miner Teachers College, 1930-34, BS. Howard University, 1934-35, MA. University of Iowa, 1935-36. University of Illinois, 1936-
Literary activities.

Howard University, tuition scholarship, \$125.

Howard University, tuition scholar. State U. of Iowa, research assistant, \$30 mo.
University of Illinois, research assistant, \$26 mo.

MA thesis: Thomas Hearne, an 18th century biography, 1935.

Applicant's References *5/2/37*

Dr. Otelia Cromwell, Miner Teachers College, Washington, D. C.
Dr. Charles E. Burch, Howard University, Washington, D. C.
Dr. Walter Graham, University of Illinois, Urbana
Dr. Harold Hillebrand, University of Illinois, Urbana

Other References

Budget Summary

Total amount needed \$ 1095.
From applicant —
From Fund \$ 1095-
Granted \$ —

Action of Committee

OK

PROCEDURE

Application received	<i>3/2/37</i>	Documents submitted:	
acknowledged	<i>3/2/37</i>	Photograph	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Previous		List of publications	
Index Card		Transcripts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Digest	<i>✓</i>	Plan of Work	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<i>B✓ 3/11</i>		Documents returned	
Submitted to Committee	<i>✓</i>		



Permanent address: 2717 Eleventh St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

1937-38

612 East Church Champaign

4/11/37 Final meeting of Committee:

Moe Miss Lawson might find something she would rather do. Possibly will be dominated by Bernbaum and others at Illinois.

I think she should be consulted, as in the case of Drake. If she would rather work with someone else somewhere else we will give her the opportunity to do so.

Mr. Paty to ask Miss Lawson to come up. \$1100 granted.

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