

Name Ransom, Ellene (1894) Negro
 White Southerner

Position Teacher of English, Ward-Belmont Junior College Special Field Language
 Nashville, Tennessee Group and literature
 College Vanderbilt University, B. A., 1916 (American Literature)

University Vanderbilt University, M. A., 1924; Yale University, 1929-30.

Plan of Work:

To make a definitive study of Utopian fiction in America, particularly before 1900. To investigate the critical and regional aspects of numerous Utopian novels now forgotten or little known, and to make a detailed inquiry into the literary manifestations of the Utopian mood in the South - its backgrounds, modes, and influences. At Vanderbilt University, under Dr. R. C. Beatty, toward Ph. D. degree. 12 months

Action of Fellowship Committee:

Granted \$2,000.



Phi Beta Kappa.

Various teaching experience; has been at Ward-Belmont since 1920. Also writes for Methodist Board of Christian Education and Cokesbury Press.

11/18/40 Has completed preliminary oral examinations for doctorate. Study is American Utopian literature, with special reference to American Utopian fiction in the 19th century, tracing national then regional development of Utopian thought in United States.

7/10/41 Probable title of dissertation "The Critical Implications of American Utopian Fiction before 1900".

1944: Head of English Department, Belhaven College, Jackson, Mississippi. Still working on "The American Utopian Novel before 1900", hoping to complete the dissertation this year.

1946. Ph. D. Vanderbilt

1610 - 17th Ave. S.
Nashville, Tenn.



Belhaven College
Jackson, Mississippi

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ELLENE RANSOM

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Teacher of College English
Ward-Belmont Junior College, Nashville

American Literature

Way over age

Phi Beta Kappa - but that was a
long time ago

Remarkably fine letters from
both Vanderbilt and Yale (including
one an unreserved praise from
Tucker Brooke of Yale - usually Redfield)

If it were not for her age I
would put her top

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Name **Ellene Ransom** Field: American Literature
 Teacher of College English
 Ward-Belmont Junior College, Nashville
1610 Seventeenth av. south

Plan of Work

I wish to make a definitive study of Utopian fiction in America particularly before 1900. I shall specifically investigate the critical and regional aspects of numerous Utopian novels now forgotten or little known, and shall finally make detailed inquiry into the literary manifestations of the Utopian mood in the South - its backgrounds, modes, and influences.

Wishes to attend Vanderbilt University, working for Ph.D. degree, under Mr. Richmond C. Beatty. Has been admitted. Duration of study twelve months, to begin summer of 1940.

Personal Data Born Spring Hill, Tennessee, July, 1894. Single Age: 45

Undergraduate Work Vanderbilt University, B.A., 1916.

Graduate Work Vanderbilt University, M.A., 1924.
 Yale University, 1929-30.

Experience Teacher of English and Latin, Girls' Preparatory School, Nashville, 1916-19, \$775; head of English department, College for Women, Athens, Alabama, 1919-20, \$1,000; teacher of English, Ward-Belmont Junior College, 1920 - , \$1,500-2,100 (present \$1,561); accredited instructor and writer, editorial work, Methodist Board of Christian Education and Cokesbury Press, part-time for several years, \$650.

Accomplishments Phi Beta Kappa.

Master's thesis: "The Chorus in the Development of Tragedy."

Applicant has published no books. During the past nine years she has written constantly for the Southern Methodist publications, particularly those edited by the General Board of Christian Education and by the Department of Education of the Board of Missions. The writings have been lesson materials, worship programs, verse, and miscellaneous articles.

References Has applied American Association of University Women.

Tucker Brooke, Professor of English, Yale University.
 Karl Young, Professor of English, Yale University.
 Randall Stewart, Professor of English, Brown University.
 Edwin Mims, Professor of English, Vanderbilt University.
 Walter Clyde Curry, Professor of English, Vanderbilt.
 Richmond C. Beatty, Professor of English, Vanderbilt.

Budget Summary

Total Amount Needed	\$2670.00
From Applicant	170.00
From Fund	\$2500.00

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Sent to Committee

AMOUNT GRANTED \$2000

Vanderbilt University
 Yale University

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