

# Julius Rosenwald Fund

4901 Ellis Avenue  
CHICAGO 15

To

Mr. James S. Braxton  
31 Divinity Hall  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Payment Voucher No. 3674

Date April 30, 1947

FELLOWSHIPS

Final payment on fellowship - - - - - \$150.00

Chk. #36765

Accounts	Appropriation No.	Debit	Credit
Negro Fellowships	45-7	\$150.00	

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Mr. James S. Braxton  
31 Divinity Hall  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Payment Voucher No. 3567

Date March 31, 1947

FELLOWSHIPS

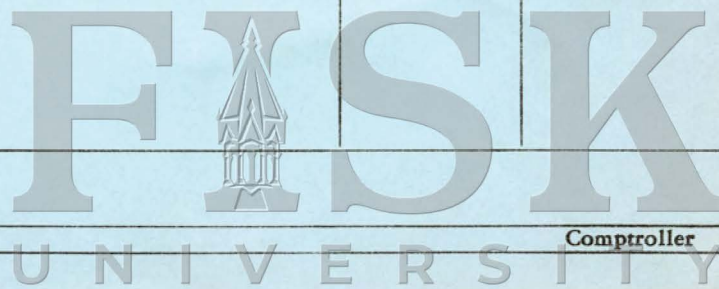
Payment on fellowship - - - - - \$150.00

Ck. #36626

Accounts	Appropriation No.	Debit	Credit
Negro Fellowships	45-7	\$150.00	

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# Julius Rosenwald Fund

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CHICAGO 15

To

Mr. James S. Braxton  
31 Divinity Hall  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Payment Voucher No. 3440

Date February 28, 1947


FELLOWSHIPS

Payment on fellowship ----- \$150.00

Chk. #36468

Accounts	Appropriation No.	Debit	Credit
Negro Fellowships	45-7	\$150.00	

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# Julius Rosenwald Fund

4901 Ellis Avenue  
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To

Mr. James S. Braxton  
31 Divinity Hall  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Payment Voucher No. 3336

Date January 31, 1947

FELLOWSHIPS

Payment on fellowship - - - - - \$150.00

Ck. #36334

Accounts	Appropriation No.	Debit	Credit
Negro Fellowships	45-7	\$150.00	

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# Julius Rosenwald Fund

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To

Mr. James S. Braxton  
31 Divinity Hall  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Payment Voucher No. 3180

Date December 20, 1946

FELLOWSHIPS

Payment on fellowship - - - - - \$150.00

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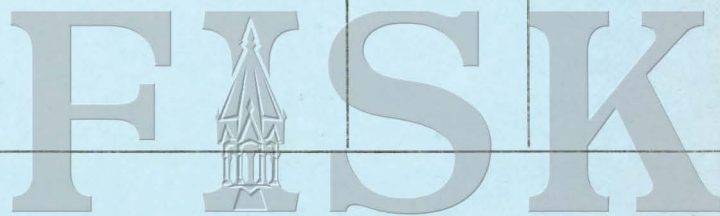
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# Julius Rosenwald Fund

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To

Mr. James S. Braxton  
31 Divinity Hall  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Payment Voucher No. 3052

Date November 29, 1946


FELLOWSHIPS

Payment on fellowship ----- \$150.00

Ck. #35983

Accounts	Appropriation No.	Debit	Credit
Negro Fellowships	45-7	\$150.00	

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# Julius Rosenwald Fund

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To

Mr. (James S.) Braxton  
31 Divinity Hall  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Payment Voucher No. 2914

Date October 31, 1946

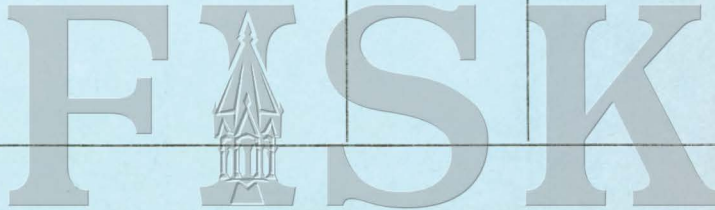
FELLOWSHIPS

Payment on fellowship ----- \$150.00

Chk. #35811

Accounts	Appropriation No.	Debit	Credit
Negro Fellowships	45-7	\$150.00	

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CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

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31 Divinity Hall

October 29, 1946

Dear Mr. Haygood:

I would like to inquire about the possibility of obtaining a renewal of my fellowship for my last year ( 1947 ) at Harvard.

Would you please send me the necessary information ?

Sincerely yours,

*James S. Braxton*  
James S. Braxton

Mr. William C. Haygood  
Director for Fellowships  
Julius Rosenwald Fund  
4901 Ellis Avenue  
Chicago, 15, Ill.

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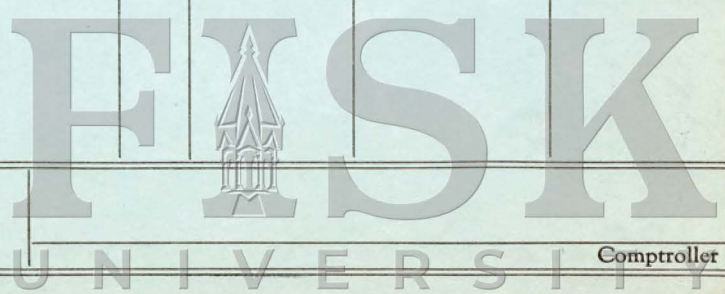
FELLOWSHIPS

Journal Voucher No. 3144

Date October 16, 1946

Explanation		Appropriation No.	Debit	Credit
Negro Fellowships		41-7	\$1,350	
Negro Fellowships		45-7		\$1,350.00
Transfer of charge on fellowship payments made to James S. Braxton.				

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# Julius Rosenwald Fund

4901 Ellis Avenue  
CHICAGO 15

To

Mr. James S. Braxton

31 Divinity Hall

Cambridge, Massachusetts

Payment Voucher No. 2770

Date September 30, 1946

## FELLOWSHIPS

Payment on fellowship - - - - - \$150.00

Chk. #35636

Accounts	Appropriation No.	Debit	Credit
Negro Fellowships	45-7	\$150.00	

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CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

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FELLOWSHIPS

31 Divinity Hall

May 15, 1946

Dear Miss Elvidge:

This is an acknowledgement of the receipt of a check for \$1300 from the Rosenwald Fund.

I wish also to express my sincere appreciation.

Sincerely yours,

*James S. Braxton*  
James S. Braxton

Miss Dorothy A. Elvidge  
Secretary and Comptroller  
Julius Rosenwald Fund  
4901 Ellis Avenue  
Chicago 15, Ill.

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# FELLOWSHIPS

May 13, 1946

Dear Mr. Braxton: Enclosed you will find our check for \$1,300 toward the costs of your trip to England. The balance of your fellowship, \$1,200, will be paid in eight monthly installments of \$150 each beginning October 1, 1946.

Very truly yours,

DOROTHY A. ELVIDGE

DAE:LCM

Mr. James S. Braxton  
31 Divinity Hall  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

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# Julius Rosenwald Fund

4901 Ellis Avenue  
CHICAGO 15

To

Mr. James S. Braxton  
31 Divinity Hall  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Payment Voucher No. 2221

Date May 13, 1946


FELLOWSHIPS

First payment on fellowship (For study in England) - - - - \$1,300.00

Ck. #34954

Accounts	Appropriation No.	Debit	Credit
Negro Fellowships	45-7	\$1,300.00	

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31 Divinity Hall  
May 9, 1946

Dear Miss Elvidge:

Since there are several sailings from New York on June 1, I should like to be prepared to leave on that date. Therefore, it might be best to have the grant for England (\$1300) at least two weeks before that time.

As to the remainder, (\$1200), it would be quite satisfactory to divide it into eight equal payments of \$150 each, beginning October 1, 1946 and continuing monthly thereafter.

All checks may be mailed to this address until further notice.

Sincerely yours,

*James S. Braxton*  
James S. Braxton

Miss Dorothy A. Elvidge  
Secretary and Comptroller  
Julius Rosenwald Fund  
4901 Ellis Avenue  
Chicago 15, Ill.

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# FELLOWSHIPS

May 6, 1946

Dear Mr. Braxton: I have seen the recent correspondence which you have had with Mr. Haygood in connection with the fellowship grant awarded to you a short time ago. It is customary for us to make payment in monthly installments spread over the period for which the award was made, but it will probably be easier for you to receive the funds necessary for study in England in one payment before leaving this country.

When you are ready to begin work under your grant, please write me, giving the payment plan best suited to your needs and the address to which your checks should be mailed. Any change of address during the tenure of your fellowship should be reported immediately so that you will receive your payments without delay.

Very truly yours,

DOROTHY A. ELVIDGE

DAE:LCM

Mr. James Sylvester Braxton  
31 Divinity Hall  
Harvard University  
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

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31 Divinity Hall

May 3, 1946

Dear Mr. Haygood:

This letter will confirm the acceptance of the fellowship offered me as indicated in my telegram to you on May 1, 1946.

May I again express my appreciation to the Fund.

Sincerely yours,

*James S. Braxton*

James S. Braxton

Mr. William C. Haygood  
Director for Fellowships  
Julius Rosenwald Fund  
4901 Ellis Avenue  
Chicago 15, Ill.

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# FELLOWSHIPS

April 18, 1946

Dear Mr. Perkins: Mr. James Sylvester Braxton is applying to us for a fellowship to enable him to study under your direction for the coming year. He is proposing to work on the project which is enclosed with this letter.

Our Committee on Fellowships feels that it would be in a better position to judge the potentialities of Mr. Braxton's request if we could get a confidential statement from you on both the feasibility of the proposals and the abilities of the man, and I am wondering if you would be kind enough to look over his plan of work and give us your evaluation.

Our Committee meets for its final decisions on the 26th of this month, and I should like to be able to report your reaction to them. If it is possible for you to make a statement on the enclosed sheet and return it to me as soon as possible, both I and the members of the Committee will be deeply grateful.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

WILLIAM C. HAYGOOD

Mr. G. Holmes Perkins  
Graduate School of Design  
Harvard University  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

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# FELLOWSHIPS

April 18, 1946

Dear Mr. Robinson: Mr. James Sylvester Braxton is applying to this Fund for a fellowship to enable him to pursue advanced studies at Harvard University and in England. He proposes to work on the project which is enclosed with this letter.

The members of our Fellowship Committee would very much like to get your confidential estimate of both the project and of Mr. Braxton, and for that reason I am taking the liberty of writing you directly. If you would be kind enough to give us an evaluation on the sheet enclosed for that purpose, both I and the members of the Committee would be very grateful. Our final meeting, at which the successful candidates will be chosen, will be on the 26th of this month, and I hope it will be possible for you to return the statement to me sometime next week so that I can bring it to the attention of the Committee.

Sincerely yours,

WCH:EN  
Enclosures - 2

WILLIAM C. HAYGOOD

Mr. Hilyard R. Robinson  
1927 - 11th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

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HARVARD UNIVERSITY  
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

Suite 31 Divinity Hall

December 28, 1945

FELLOWSHIPS

Dear Mrs. Haygood:

*Handwritten blue scribble*

I am sending under separate cover by air-mail special delivery, registered, all of the materials required in making application for a Rosenwald Fellowship.

I am sorry that they must be so late, but part of the material sent was not available to me until recently. I trust that they will reach your office before closing time.

Sincerely yours,

*James S. Braxton*  
James S. Braxton

Mrs. William C. Haygood  
Acting Director for Fellowships  
Julius Rosenwald Fund  
4901 Ellis Avenue  
Chicago, Ill.



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HARVARD UNIVERSITY  
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

Divinity Hall 31  
October 10, 1945

FELLOWSHIPS

Dear Mrs. Haygood:

I am writing to ask that you send me the blanks and other material required for making application for a Rosenwald Fellowship applying to 1946-47.

Sincerely yours,

*James S. Braxton*  
James S. Braxton

Mrs. William C. Haygood  
Acting Director for Fellowships  
Julius Rosenwald Fund  
4901 Ellis Avenue  
Chicago 15, Ill.

# FELLOWSHIPS

June 14, 1945

Dear Mr. Braxton: Your letter to Mr. Embree has been referred to me for answer.

I am sorry that it is not possible for you to apply for a fellowship for 1945-46. The competition closed in January, and the awards were announced last month.

We are enclosing a statement giving information about our fellowship program. If you are interested in making application for 1946-47, we should be glad to have you write for blanks when they are ready for distribution this coming September.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. William C. Haygood  
Acting Director for Fellowships

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Mr. James S. Braxton  
1515 Tenth Street N.W.  
Washington 1, D. C.

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Dear Sir:

I should like to inquire as to the availability of fellowships for Negroes in the field of Regional Planning. I am planning to enter Harvard University in the Graduate School of Design, Department of Regional Planning, in the fall of this year.

I might recount some of my previous professional training as background of a candidate for the Doctorate in the field of Regional Planning.

I was graduated in 1937 from the Stevens Institute of Technology, Hoboken, N. J. with the degree Mechanical Engineer. The curriculum is not specialized, as the degree might indicate, but is broad, and devoted to the fundamentals of engineering. I had the good fortune to be the winner of the Edgar B. Bacon Scholarship, which carried a stipend of \$1200. Other awards, won competitively, totaled about \$600. In my junior year, I was elected to Tau Beta Pi, national honorary engineering society, and was subsequently graduated in the first quarter of the class.

Since graduation, most of my experience has been in housing construction. As a result of this experience, I have developed an interest in the economic, sociological, and technical phases of planning.

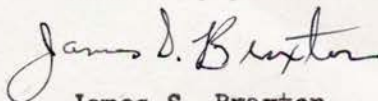
In 1941, I was associated with the firm of Samuel Plato, Contractor and Structural Engineer, as chief engineer on the construction of a \$350,000 housing project in Louisville, Ky. I served as chief engineer with the same firm on the construction of two other projects - one in Baltimore costing \$1,500,000 and another in Washington, D. C., whose estimated cost was over \$1,000,000. Recently, I have returned from a flight to West Africa, Liberia to be specific, with Hilyard R. Robinson, Architect and Town Planner. I was there engaged in making some preliminary surveys and studies in connection with the forthcoming Liberian Centennial. For the

past two years I have been on the faculty of the School of Engineering and Architecture, Howard U.

I am convinced that the profession of regional planning is one in which a Negro could be of great service, since so much attention is now being given thorough civic planning by Federal and other agencies. This new type of planning embraces the social, economic, and technical sciences in the solution of the problems of slum eradication and prevention, community planning, and the dynamics of modern cities.

I would greatly appreciate information on the possibility of my qualifying for a fellowship to pursue studies in this field.

Sincerely yours,



James S. Braxton

Mr. Edwin R. Embree, Secretary  
The Julius Rosenwald Fund  
Chicago, Illinois

JULIUS ROSENWALD FUND

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Application for Renewal of Fellowship

Jan 1946  
\$2500

Application for reappointment should be filed by February 1, 1947

Please attach seven copies each of a report of progress under your grant, and of your plan of work for the coming year.

Name in full James Sylvester Braxton

Present address 31 Divinity Hall, Harvard University, Cambridge, 38, Mass.

Permanent address 54 Fremont Street, Jersey City 4, New Jersey

FIELD OF INTEREST Public Administration  
Regional Planning

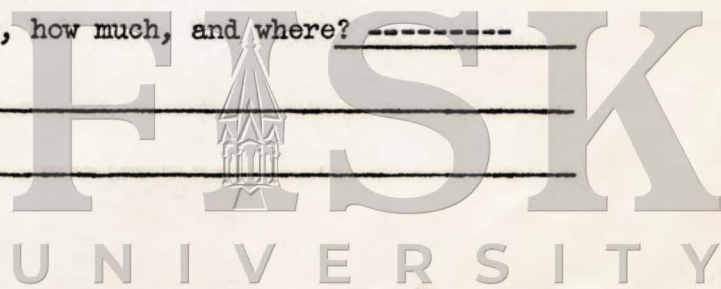
Concise statement of plan of work I plan to continue study at Harvard University leading to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Regional Planning. During this next year, which will be my third at Harvard, I plan a summer term of study including preliminary work on a thesis.

Institution you wish to attend Harvard University

Present status of work toward your degree, if any At this date, I have completed a year and a half of course work toward the degree, plus a summer spent in England at the Ministry of Town and Country Planning

Under whose supervision will you work? Professor G. Holmes Perkins

Will any time be spent in field work? If so, how much, and where? -----



If you do not plan to have an institutional connection, how do you propose to spend your time? -----

For what period are you requesting a renewal? June 1, 1947 to May 31, 1948

Are you applying for a fellowship elsewhere? If so, please give details.

No.

Publications since you were awarded a fellowship. (Title, date, place of publication, -----

Do you plan to return to your former position? No

Draft status 4 A

References  Hilyard R. Robinson, 1927 Eleventh St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

Lewis K. Downing, Sch. of Eng. & Arch., Howard Univ., Washington, D. C.

Dr. Frank M. Snowden, Howard University, Washington, D. C.

Budget estimate	Regular Sessions	Summer School
Room and board _____	\$ 700.00	250.00
Clothing _____	200.00	
Insurance _____	103.00	
Tuition _____	400.00	200.00
Transportation _____	75.00	
Miscellaneous _____	200.00	75.00
	1678.00	525.00
Total amount needed _____	2200.00	
Amount applicant can provide _____	-----	

Amount requested from Fund \$2200.00



Name James Sylvester Braxton Field: Public Administration  
 Graduate student, Harvard University  
 31 Divinity Hall, Harvard University, Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

Plan of Work To continue study at Harvard University leading to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Regional Planning. During this next year, which will be his third at Harvard, he plans a summer term of study including preliminary work on a thesis.

Requests renewal for one year beginning June 1947. Wishes to attend Harvard University and study under the supervision of Professor G. Holmes Perkins.

Personal Data Born Waukesha, Wisconsin, July 1914 Age: 32  
 Single, two partial dependents Draft Status: 4A

Undergraduate Work Technical Stevens Institute of Technology, M.E., 1937

Graduate Work Harvard University, 1946-

Experience Assistant engineer, Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia, 1937-41, \$1500; chief engineer, Samuel Plato, Louisville, Kentucky, 1941-43, \$4100; instructor, Howard University, Washington, D. C., 1943-44, \$2300; engineer consultant, Hilyard R. Robinson, Washington, D. C., 1944-45, \$4000

Accomplishments Tau Beta Pi; National Technical Association

Research: Made extensive engineering surveys and topographic maps of the site for the proposed Liberian Government Center in Liberia, West Africa, while working with Hilyard R. Robinson

Scholarships: Edgar B. Bacon scholarship, Stevens Institute of Technology, 1933-37, \$1200; Endowment Participation scholarship, Stevens Institute of Technology, 1934-37, \$600; Rosenwald Fund Fellowship, 1946, \$2500

References  
 Hilyard R. Robinson, architect and city planner, Washington, D. C.  
 L. K. Downing, Howard University  
 Frank M. Snowden, Jr., Howard University

## Budget Summary

Total Amount Needed	\$2200
From Applicant	--
From Fund	\$2200

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REPORT OF PROGRESS AND  
PLAN OF WORK FOR THE COMING YEAR

REPORT OF PROGRESS

In England

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After an enforced wait of about six weeks for a British visa after receiving notice of the award of the fellowship, I was able to spend the rest of the summer in England, arriving back in this country just in time for the opening of the fall term at Harvard.

While in England, I was fortunate in being able to confer frequently with Professor Perkins, who, through the United States State Department was on a special assignment in the Ministry of Town and Country Planning. Under the guidance of Professor Perkins and others in the Ministry, I was able to become acquainted with the work of the Ministry, study legislation setting up the new towns program, and visit cities and towns outside of London.

In the Ministry office in London, I studied plans for the first of the new towns to be built in the London area. Under a recent bill passed in Parliament, the Ministry of Town and Country Planning has the responsibility for developing ten new towns of around 60,000 population in the area near London. These towns will be the culmination of over forty years effort on the part of loyal supporters of the garden city idea. The garden city, in brief, is essentially a self-contained community, planned completely from the start, embodying high community standards, providing employment for its residents, and retaining its special character through unified ownership of land.

On a number of occasions, I traveled to Manchester, Liverpool, Welwyn, and Letchworth. The first two cities have large communities developed outside the city proper along garden city lines. These communities were built by the municipal councils in an effort to solve their housing problems. The latter two towns were built as the result of private efforts to carry out the garden city idea through limited dividend corporations. In each place I met the officials in charge and visited the sites.

In addition, I visited the various planning and professional offices in London such as the Town and Country Planning Association, the Housing Center, The Association for Planning and Regional Reconstruction, and the government research station at Watford.

In conclusion, I would like to state my belief that the experience was well worth the time and effort. The British leadership in planning whole communities in a coordinated rational manner is, I believe, to have important effects throughout the rest of the world, particularly in those areas which have yet to be industrialized, and so have a chance to avoid the errors committed by the older countries.

#### At Harvard

I have completed one term of my second year. During this period, as a student in the double course in Regional Planning, I participated in the preparation of a program for financing the building of a town designed last year in collaboration with the Department of Architecture. Our second project was a study of Boston's harbor and preparation of individual designs for its rehabilitation.



In the Littauer Center of Public Administration I have taken "Public Administration," and "Economic Analysis and Public Policy," given by Prof. A. H. Hansen.

For the next term, I shall be enrolled in a double course in Regional Planning which will take up a housing problem. A course in sociology, "The Boston Community," and one in geography, "Economic Occupance of the Earth" will complete the schedule.

#### PLAN OF WORK FOR THE COMING YEAR

Professor Perkins has suggested that I attend summer school. He proposed a program of one or two courses, a special reading assignment supervised by pertinent members of the faculty, and preliminary work on my thesis. He says that I should then be able to appear for my general examination either in the fall of 1947, or perhaps in the first part of 1948. The entire year of 1947-48 would be spent mainly on research and thesis writing. However, it might prove advantageous to take one or two courses in the fall term. If such a course were pursued, I would probably be able to receive the degree by June 1948.

James S. Braxton



LETTERS OF REFERENCE

James Sylvester Braxton

Mr. Hilyard R. Robinson, architect and city planner, Washington, D. C.

I have read Mr. Braxton's "Report of Progress" and "Plan of Work for the Coming Year" under his Rosenwald fellowship, now extant. Mr. Braxton was a member of my staff operating as a civil engineer during the time I was serving as technical consultant to the Liberian government in 1945. His work then was commendable. Since that time we have discussed his project work under the Rosenwald fellowship, prior to his travel to England and subsequently.

I think by background and temperament Mr. Braxton has excellent qualifications to succeed in his objective of training in regional planning. His "Report of Progress" and "Plan of Work for the Coming Year" are very much in line with this estimate and I hope he will therefore enjoy the benefits of being continued as a Rosenwald Fellow until his work plan is completed.

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Mr. L. K. Downing, Dean, School of Engineering and Architecture, Howard University

I have reviewed the attached "Report of Progress and Plan of Work for the Coming Year" of Mr. James S. Braxton. I have also had the opportunity of a visit by Mr. Braxton during a brief recess period a week or so ago. At that time I was able to discuss with him some phases of his program.

He has a well organized plan. I believe he is making positive progress.



He is working in a comparatively new field. For this work I believe he has a most remarkable background. I believe he will prove a sound investment.

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Mr. Frank M. Snowden, Jr., Director of the Evening and Summer Schools,  
Howard University

I have read Mr. Braxton's plan of work for the coming year and I am happy to write in support of it. I submitted last year a detailed estimate of Mr. Braxton's capacity to pursue the work which he has done during the past year. In addition to what I stated in my original recommendation, I believe that a renewal of his fellowship will be an excellent investment in education. In my judgment, it is important that well-qualified Negroes should be trained in all fields, especially in a field as important as the one which Mr. Braxton has chosen. I hope, therefore, that Mr. Braxton will receive the award which he seeks.

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**Name** James Sylvester Braxton **Field:** Public Administration  
 Graduate Student  
 31 Divinity Hall, Harvard University, Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

**Plan of Work**

To pursue study at Harvard University, leading to Ph.D. in regional planning and to study for four months during the next year with the Ministry of Town and Country Planning in London, England.

Requests grant for one year beginning June, 1946. Wishes to work toward Ph.D. at Harvard University under the supervision of Professor Holmes Perkins.

**Personal Data** Born Waukesha, Wisconsin, July, 1914. **Age:** 31  
 Single, two partial dependents. **Draft Status:** 4A

**Undergraduate Work**

**Technical** Stevens Institute of Technology, M.E., 1937.

**Graduate Work**

**Experience** Assistant engineer, Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia, 1937-41, \$1500; chief engineer, Samuel Plato, Louisville, Kentucky, 1941-43, \$4100; instructor, Howard University, Washington, D. C., 1943-44, \$2300; engineer consultant, Hilyard R. Robinson, Washington, D. C., 1944-45, \$4000.

**Accomplishments** Tau Beta Pi.  
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**References**

Harvey N. Davis, Stevens Institute of Technology  
 William J. Trent, Jr., United Negro College Fund  
 Lewis K. Downing, Howard University  
 Frank M. Snowden, " "

**Budget Summary**

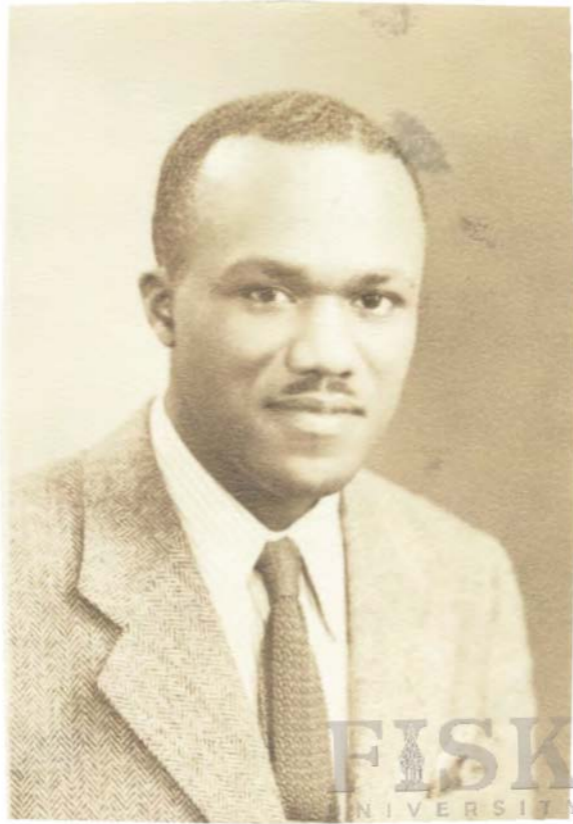
Total Amount Needed	\$2,978
From Applicant	500
From Fund	\$2,478

**AMOUNT GRANTED**

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STATEMENT OF PLAN OF WORK

The proposed program, one year of which I shall complete by June 1946, is that of pursuing studies leading to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Regional Planning at Harvard University. At present I am registered for the Bachelor of City Planning Degree, a graduate degree. This was done upon the advice of Prof. G. Holmes Perkins, my adviser and chairman of the Department of Regional Planning, for he says in a letter to me "I believe it would be possible and desirable for you to take the Bachelor's degree in planning on the way. This would not slow down your preparation and would at the same time give you the professional degree in planning."

The program of study is administered by the Council of the Department of Regional Planning, whose members are concerned with those disciplines applicable to planning. A candidate for the Ph. D. degree would be examined on those phases of several major fields which are most closely associated with planning. These fields would include physical planning (engineering, architecture, landscape architecture), economics, sociology, public administration, and political science.

That part of the program which proposes a period of study with the Ministry of Town and Country Planning in London is a fulfillment of a requirement that students in planning spend a period of intern-ship with a planning agency.

While Prof. Perkins was in London with a Massachusetts delegation, placing the advantages of a Massachusetts site before the United Nations Organization, he made arrangements with the Ministry to send Harvard students there for study. Prof. Perkins is of the opinion that such a period of study would be far more advantageous than a similar period spent with a planning agency in this country. The Ministry of Town and Country Planning is the agency which has fostered the development of the London County Plan and the Greater London Plan, both of which have been published recently.

I entered upon this course of study at Harvard University in September 1945 and expect that I shall be able to complete all requirements by June 1948.

After the completion of the above outlined studies, I plan to enter the public service in housing. I am convinced that the problems of housing, slum eradication and blight are all parts of a larger urban pattern which, for a lasting and not palliative treatment, will require a many-sided insight into the social, economic, governmental, and design problems involved in creating a suitable environment for living.

# STEVENS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

## HOBOKEN, NEW JERSEY

Official Transcript of Record of James Sylvester Braxton  
 His Home address while at College 711 Ocean Avenue, Jersey City, N. J.  
 Date of Birth July 21, 1914 Parent's Name Peter W. Braxton  
 Admitted September 1933 from the Lincoln High School, Jersey City, New Jersey

### ENTRANCE RECORD

Algebra .....	2	Physics .....	1	Spanish .....	4
Plane Geometry .....	1	English .....	3	Biology .....	1
Solid Geometry .....	2	U. S. History .....	1		
Trigonometry .....	2	Latin .....	1		
Chemistry .....	1	French .....			

### COLLEGE RECORD

FRESHMAN YEAR 1933-1934				SOPHOMORE YEAR 1934-1935					
15 weeks per term.				15 weeks per term.					
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Chemistry Rec.	4	B	4	B	Chemistry Lab.	3	C	3	B
Descriptive Geometry	3	B			Economics of Engineering	3	C		
Engineering Drawing	3	B	4	B	English				
English Comprehension					Mathematics	4	B	3	C
Physics			3	B	Physics Lab.	4	B	3	B
Intro. to the Humanities					Physics Rec.	5	A	3	B
Mathematics	5	B	5	B	Mechanics				
Shop Practice	4	A	3	A	Physical Education	3	B+	3	B
English	2	B	2	C	Materials				
Expression	1	A	1	B	Materials Lab.				
History	3	A	3	A	Mechanism			3	C
Engineering Problems					Mechanism Lab.				
Physical Education	3	B+	3	B+	Machine Design Problems			3	C+
Mechanism					Expression	1	C	1	B
					Kinetics			4	B
					Statics	2	B		
					Engineering Problems				
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Surveying	210	A-							
JUNIOR YEAR 1935-1936				SENIOR YEAR (1st term includes 1 week Inspection Trip) 1936-1937					
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Mechanics	3	D			Elec. Eng. Lab.	3	B	3	B
Machine Design	3	C			Elec. Eng. Rec.	4	C	4	B
Mach. Design Prob.	3	B			English				
Mech. Eng. Lab.	3	B	3	B	Expression	1	B	1	B-
Mech. of Materials	4	B			Mech. Eng. Lab.	4	C	3	C
Mech. of Fluids			3	B	Mech. Eng. Rec.	4	C	3	B
Thermodynamics			5	C	Technical Elective	3	B-*	3	C**
Physical Education	3	B	3	C+	Physical Education	3	C	3	C
Expression	1	C	1	B	Hygiene				
Elec. Eng. Rec.			3	C					
Elec. Eng. Lab.			3	B					
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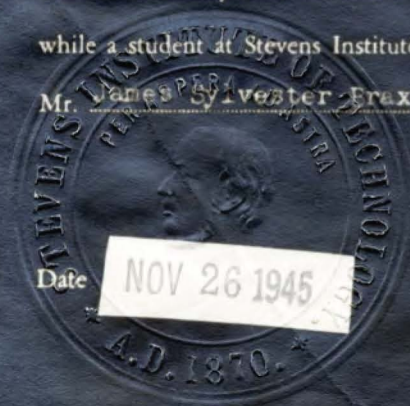
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Mr. James Sylvester Braxton is accorded honorable dismissal with respect to conduct.



Date NOV 26 1945

*Reba M. Clark*

Director of Records



LETTERS OF REFERENCE

James Sylvester Braxton

Mr. Lewis K. Downing, Dean, School of Engineering and Architecture,  
Howard University

Mr. James Sylvester Braxton is a graduate engineer; a brilliant student and, for a period of about one year, served as Instructor in Mechanical Engineering at Howard University.

During his tenure as instructor at Howard University and in face of the fact that it was at a time when satisfactory replacements on engineering staffs were very difficult to make, I approved and recommended a leave of absence for Mr. Braxton to do Engineering Consultation work in Africa in connection with the preliminary plans for the Liberian Centennial.

Mr. Braxton has had construction and other experience in Government low-cost housing or community development projects.

Considerable attention now is being placed on City and Regional planning and I believe increased attention will be placed on this type of program in the future.

Mr. Braxton was sufficiently interested in developing in this field to resign his position at Howard University to enter upon its study at Harvard University.

He is a capable man; should profit by the training, and I believe will be successful in the pursuit of the profession.

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Dr. Harvey N. Davis, President, Stevens Institute of Technology,  
Hoboken, New Jersey

Jim Braxton is colored. He applied for admission to the Stevens Institute of Technology as of September, 1933. We have a competitive scholarship offered to residents of Jersey City. In the competition for this scholarship Jim Braxton stood head and shoulders above

every other competitor, and was awarded this scholarship. Before he had been here two months he was not only active in our Dramatic Society, but was picked as the prompter of the fall play because, as one of the officers told me, he was the most dependable man they had. He was on our Dean's List throughout his sophomore year. He had a brilliant academic record during his first two years here, and a wholly satisfactory one during his last two years. Toward the end of his junior year the officers of our student chapter of Tau Beta Pi came into my office one day and said "We want to elect Jim Braxton to Tau Beta Pi, and in case you think there is anything wrong about electing a Negro, we have here letters from every national officer telling us that we have a perfect right to, if we want to." So they did.

When he graduated I got him a job in Atlanta University where he was, I believe, Assistant Engineer in charge of their newly erected power plant. Since then he has, I understand, been associated on some construction jobs of considerable magnitude with a well known colored contractor. His present plan of study is a natural outgrowth of his preparation and experience. I expect him to do a brilliant job at it, and because of it.

Both Mrs. Davis and I have had some contact with his family, and unless we are much mistaken, they are far from well of financially. I judge that he is undertaking this program of study wholly on his own resources. I know of no Stevens alumnus, colored or white, with a finer character, with better natural ability, or more deserving of your friendly consideration.



Dr. Frank M. Snowden, Assistant Dean, College of Liberal Arts, Howard

I have read the plan of study presented by Mr. Braxton and I am happy to write in support of it. Although I am not in the field of Engineering and City-planning, as a former Rosenwald Fellow, I believe I know well the purposes and aims of the awards. I believe that the candidate, on the basis of his training and experience, has the ability to make a noteworthy contribution in the area which he has selected. His record at Stevens Institute of Technology showed promise which, in my estimation, has been fulfilled. I feel confident that if he receives the award for which he applies, the Rosenwald Fund will have made an excellent investment in education.

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Mr. William J. Trent, Jr., Executive Director, United Negro College Fund, Inc.  
New York

I have known Mr. Braxton over a period of five or six years - at Atlanta University, Howard University and with Samuel Plato. I had an opportunity to observe his work and his working attitudes when he was with Plato on a housing job financed by FWA. He was conscientious to the point of almost being tedious. He has a good grasp of his work and got along well with his co-workers. I have heard Hillyard Robinson give good account of his work with him overseas. I believe Braxton will give a good account of himself in his new undertaking.



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31 Divinity Hall  
January 29, 1947

Dear Mr. Haygood:

I am submitting herewith an application for renewal of my fellow-ship grant.

I trust that everything is in order.

Very truly yours,

James S. Baxter

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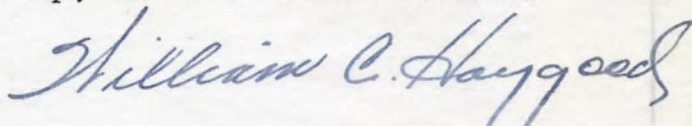
Confidential Report on Candidate for Fellowship

Name of Candidate            James Sylvester Braxton  
Report Requested of        Hilyard R. Robinson  
   1927 Eleventh St. N. W.  
   Washington, D. C.

The above-named candidate has applied to this Fund for a fellowship and has given your name as a reference. The candidate's plan of work is attached. Please return it with your statement.

We shall appreciate your frank opinion of this applicant's qualifications and an appraisal of his plan of work and of his ability to make a noteworthy contribution in his field. These fellowships are not intended to give aid to "worthy and deserving" students, but to enable people of exceptional talent to come to their fullest powers. Since it is impossible to consider the applicant's qualifications until all of the references are in, a prompt reply will be appreciated.

We request candid and critical comment. Your reply will be held in strict confidence.



William C. Haygood  
Director for Fellowships

REPORT

I HAVE READ MR. BRAXTON'S "REPORT OF PROGRESS" AND "PLAN OF WORK FOR THE COMING YEAR" UNDER HIS ROSENWALD FELLOWSHIP, NOW EXTANT. MR. BRAXTON WAS A MEMBER OF MY STAFF OPERATING AS A CIVIL ENGINEER DURING THE TIME I WAS SERVING AS TECHNICAL CONSULTANT TO THE LIBERIAN GOVERNMENT IN 1945. HIS WORK THEN WAS COMMENDABLE. SINCE THAT TIME WE HAVE DISCUSSED HIS PROJECT WORK UNDER THE ROSENWALD FELLOWSHIP, PRIOR TO HIS TRAVEL TO ENGLAND AND SUBSEQUENTLY.

I THINK BY BACKGROUND AND TEMPERAMENT MR. BRAXTON HAS EXCELLENT QUALIFICATIONS TO SUCCEED IN HIS OBJECTIVE OF TRAINING IN REGIONAL PLANNING. HIS "REPORT OF PROGRESS" AND "PLAN OF WORK FOR THE COMING YEAR" ARE VERY MUCH IN LINE WITH THIS ESTIMATE AND I HOPE HE WILL THEREFORE ENJOY THE BENEFITS OF BEING CONTINUED AS A ROSENWALD FELLOW UNTIL HIS WORK PLAN IS COMPLETED.

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*William C. Haygood*  
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Is the candidate free from personality handicaps which would make it difficult to obtain and hold a position giving him opportunity to utilize his abilities?

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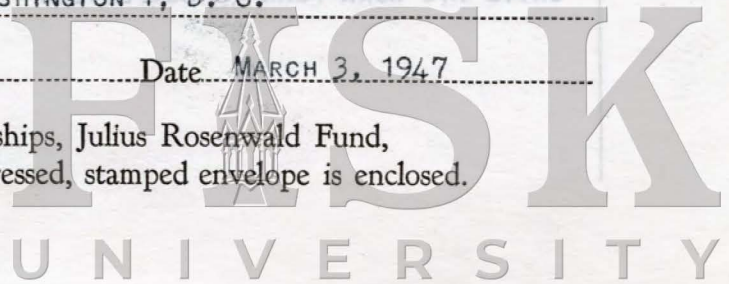
Signed: *Brigard R. Robinson*

Position or Title: ARCHITECT AND CITY PLANNER; TECHNICAL DIRECTOR OF THE LIBERIAN CENTENNIAL COMMISSION

Address: 1927-ELEVENTH STREET, NORTHWEST; WASHINGTON 1, D. C.

Date: MARCH 3, 1947

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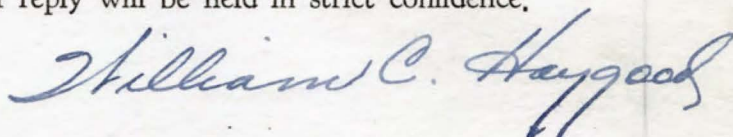
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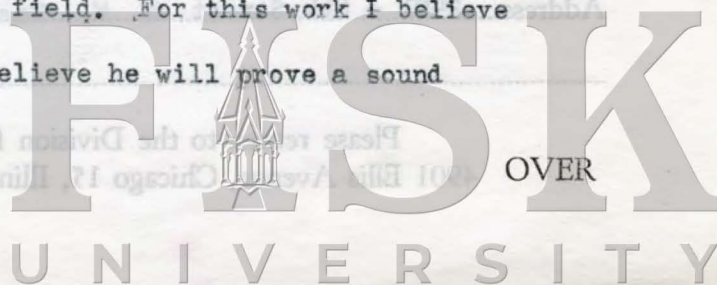
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REPORT

I have reviewed the attached "Report of Progress and Plan of Work for the Coming Year" of Mr. James S. Braxton. I have also had the opportunity of a visit by Mr. Braxton during a brief recess period a week or so ago. At that time I was able to discuss with him some phases of his program.

He has a well organized plan. I believe he is making positive progress.

He is working in a comparatively new field. For this work I believe he has a most remarkable background. I believe he will prove a sound investment.



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Report Requested of: Leslie K. Downing  
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Washington, D. C.

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William C. Haygood  
Director for Fellowships

Is the candidate free from personality handicaps which would make it difficult to obtain and hold a position giving him opportunity to utilize his abilities?

Yes.

Signed

*L. K. Downing*

Position or Title: Dean, School of Engineering and Architecture, Howard University

Address: 2401 - 6th Street, N. W., Washington 1, D. C.

Date: February 11, 1947

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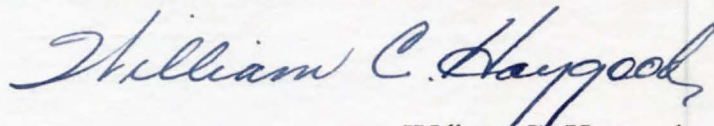
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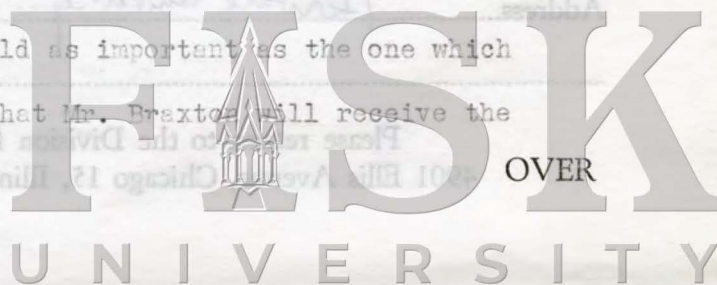
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Director for Fellowships

REPORT

I have read Mr. Braxton's plan of work for the coming year and I am happy to write in support of it. I submitted last year a detailed estimate of Mr. Braxton's capacity to pursue the work which he has done during the past year. In addition to what I stated in my original recommendation, I believe that a renewal of his fellowship will be an excellent investment in education. In my judgment, it is important that well-qualified Negroes should be trained in all fields, especially in a field as important as the one which Mr. Braxton has chosen. I hope, therefore, that Mr. Braxton will receive the award which he seeks.



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Director for Fellowships

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Signed Frank M. Snowden

Position or Title Director of the Evening and Summer Schools

Address Howard University

Date February 11, 1947

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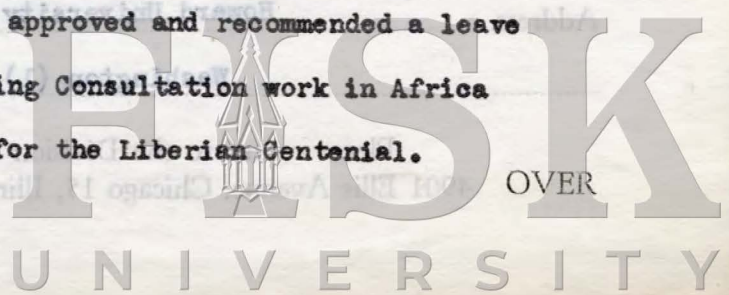
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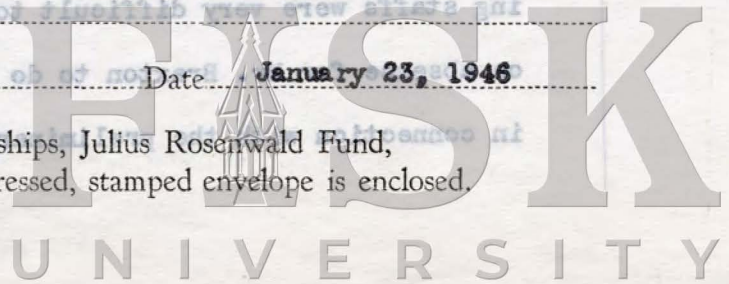
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Signed Lewis K. Downing  
Position or Title Dean, School of Engineering and Architecture  
Address Howard University  
Washington (1), D. C. Date January 23, 1946

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Report Requested of    Dr. Harvey N. Davis, President  
                                  Stevens Institute of Technology  
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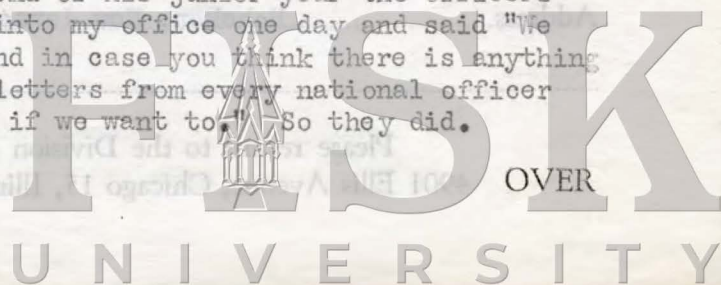
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*Janet U. Haygood*  
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Signed.....

Harvey N. Davis

Position or Title.....

President, Stevens Institute of Technology

Address.....

Hoboken, New Jersey

Date..... January 22, 1946

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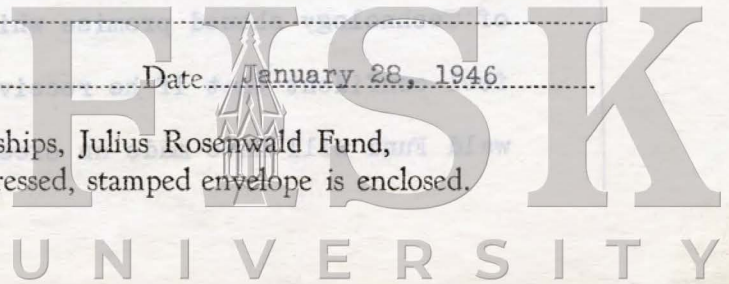
Signed: Frank M. Snowden

Position or Title: Assistant Dean, College of Liberal Arts, Howard University, Washington

Address: Washington 1, D. C.

Date: January 28, 1946

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Name of Candidate Mr. James Sylvester Braxton  
Report Requested of Mr. William J. Trent, Jr., Executive Director  
United Negro College Fund, Inc.  
38 East 57th Street  
New York 22, New York

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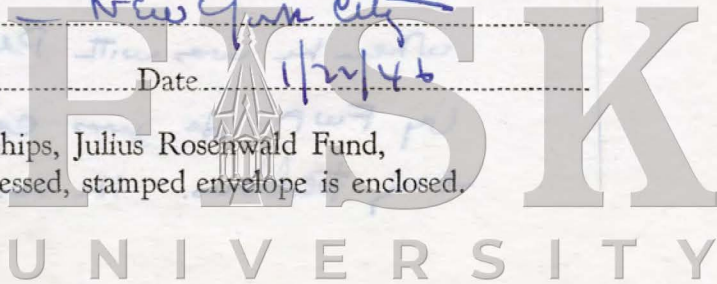
Signed..... W. J. Trenting

Position or Title..... Executive Director - United Negro College Fund

Address..... 38 E. 57th Street - New York City

Date..... 1/22/46

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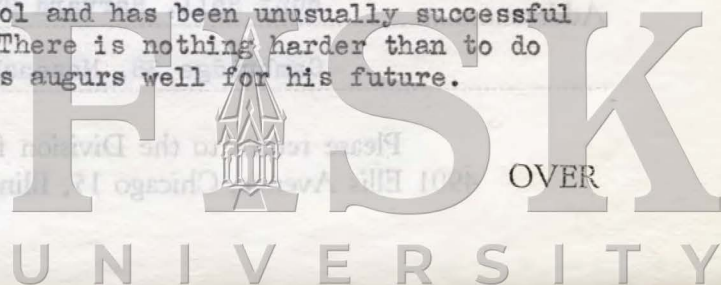
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REPORT

In reply to your letter of April 18 concerning Mr. James S. Braxton's application for a fellowship, I have already given you on your form, under date of February 28, 1946, most of the information which I think you ask for.

Mr. Braxton's program I believe to be a well-considered one, and I believe him to be well qualified to undertake the work. He has made an extremely good impression with us and I may say that he is certainly "free from personality handicaps which would make it difficult to obtain and hold a position giving him opportunity to utilize his abilities." He has made friends easily in the School and has been unusually successful in working cooperatively with teams. There is nothing harder than to do a collaborative project and his success augurs well for his future.



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There is particular need for men like Mr. Braxton in the public service, and particularly in his chosen field of housing. The experience which he might gain by going to England would be particularly valuable since in planning they are politically somewhat ahead of us in this country and I believe there is much to be learned from the experience which they are gaining in the reconstruction of their blitzed cities. Particular study needs to be made of the operation of their Town and Country Planning Act of 1944 under which work is just getting under way. Their problems and their attitudes and traditions are sufficiently similar to ours so that this experience would be exceedingly valuable. Mr. Braxton's training and personality would enable him to gain a great deal from such a visit, and it should be valuable to him in the continuing work which he proposes to do at Harvard. I feel I can support his candidacy without reservation.

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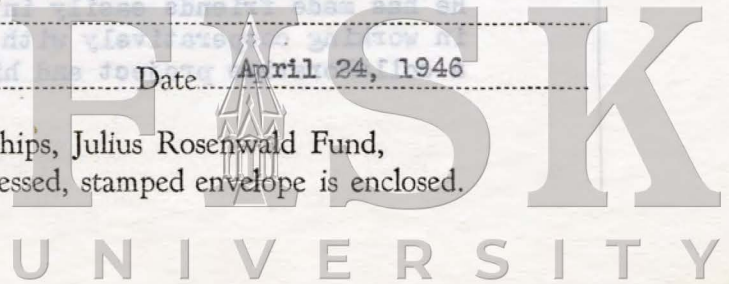
Signed..... *S. John Paul*

Position or Title..... Chairman, Department of Regional Planning

Address..... Hunt Hall, Harvard University

Cambridge 38, Massachusetts Date April 24, 1946

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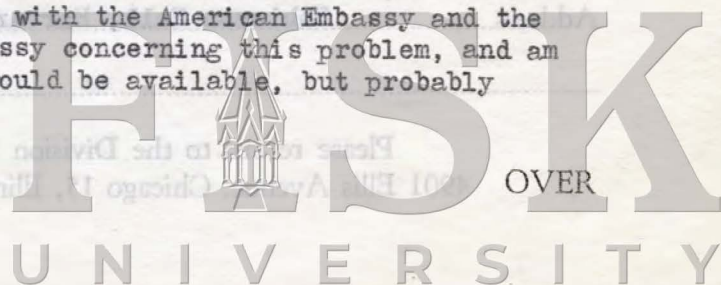
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REPORT

Mr. Braxton is an extremely able student who has shown unusual initiative in the gathering of materials from various public sources in the course of his work at Harvard. The acquisition of such data is never an easy task as it involves contact with many public bodies which often keep their information jealously to themselves. He has shown imagination, skill and energy in such work. In the analysis of the data gathered and the preparation of proposals and plans his work has been of a uniformly very high standard. His sincerity is marked.

In respect to his program of study I cannot give absolute assurance that the Ministry of Town and Country Planning in London can offer him a job before his arrival there. I have been in touch with the American Embassy and the Housing and Planning Attache of the Embassy concerning this problem, and am told that they feel certain such a job would be available, but probably



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cannot be arranged for ahead of time because of the restriction which the Ministry of Labor places upon the employment of foreigners. The possibility of employment is, however, so good that I would not question Mr. Braxton's project from this point of view.

The advantages of the proposed working period in London are that because of the serious destruction caused by the war it is probable that England, and London in particular, will not only be planning for reconstruction, but will be actively engaged in it before similar activity is likely in this country. Historically English planning has also been a generation ahead of planning in this country, particularly as far as legislation is concerned. Historically our country has tended to follow along the lines that have previously been established in England and therefore the work which is presently being done in London may prove to be of decisive influence in the further development of planning in this country in the coming decades. I do not suggest that American in any sense has followed slavishly England's precedent, for that is far from being the case. Many of the ideas and much of the legislation which has been proposed have first originated in England. Therefore the value of such work to Mr. Braxton should be exceedingly great. The fact that in England one of the principal problems of planning revolves around the question of providing adequate housing should also stand him in exceedingly good stead if he is eventually to enter the public service in housing.

The above comments have been as candid and critical as I can make them. Mr. Braxton is certainly worthy of your most serious consideration as a candidate for a fellowship.

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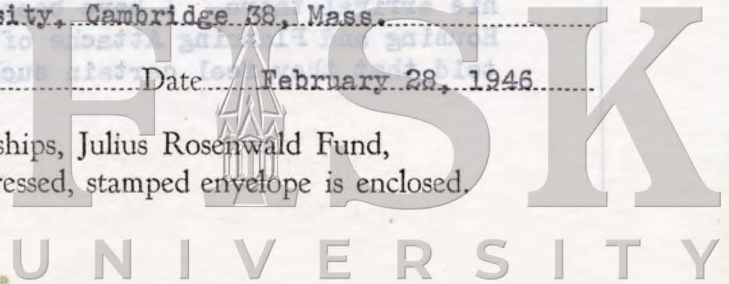
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Position or Title Chairman, Department of Regional Planning

Address Robinson Hall, Harvard University, Cambridge 38, Mass.

Date February 28, 1946

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Name James Sylvester Braxton Field: Public Administration  
 Graduate student  
 31 Divinity Hall, Harvard University, Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

## Plan of Work

To pursue study at Harvard University, leading to Ph.D. in regional planning and to study for four months during the next year with the Ministry of Town and Country Planning in London, England.

Requests grant for one year beginning June, 1946. Wishes to work toward Ph.D. at Harvard University under the supervision of Professor Holmes Perkins.

Personal Data Born Waukesha, Wisconsin, July, 1914. Age: 31  
 Single, two partial dependents. Draft Status: 4A

Undergraduate Work Technical Stevens Institute of Technology, M.E., 1937.

## Graduate Work

Experience Assistant engineer, Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia, 1937-41, \$1500; chief engineer, Samuel Plato, Louisville, Kentucky, 1941-43, \$4100; instructor, Howard University, Washington, D. C., 1943-44, \$2300; engineer consultant, Hilyard R. Robinson, Washington, D. C., 1944-45, \$4000.

Accomplishments Tau Beta Pi.  
 National Technical Association.

Made extensive engineering surveys and topographic maps of the site for the proposed Liberian Government Center in Liberia, West Africa, while working with Hilyard R. Robinson.

Edgar B. Bacon scholarship, Stevens Institute of Technology, 1933-37, \$1200; Endowment Participation scholarship, Stevens Institute of Technology, 1934-37, \$600.

## References

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## Budget Summary

Total Amount Needed	\$2,978
From Applicant	500
From Fund	\$2,478

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STATEMENT OF PLAN OF WORK

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LETTERS OF REFERENCE

James Sylvester Braxton

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Howard University

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# FELLOWSHIPS

April 30, 1946

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I want to point out the fact that the funds included in this award are not subject to Federal Income Tax.

Will you please let us know at once whether or not you can accept the fellowship? An announcement of the Committee's selections will soon be made, and it can include only those from whom acceptances have been received.

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM C. HAYGOOD

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Director for Fellowships

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31 Divinity Hall  
Harvard University  
Cambridge 38, Massachusetts

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