

FELLOWSHIPS

March 5, 1946

Dear Mr. Brown: I am finally home from the wars;
your recent letter to Mrs. Haygood
has come to me. Thanks a lot for the references. Yours
are always a big help. We'll all look forward to seeing
you this summer.

Sincerely yours,
WILLIAM C. HAYGOOD
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Mr. Sterling A. Brown
Howard University
Washington 1, D. C.

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Washington 1, D. C.

February 26, 1946

FELLOWSHIPS

Dear Mrs. Haygood, **Brown** ^{speaking}

I am sorry that these are late; I just don't seem to be able to do right. After Vassar - moving, removing, shuttling back and forth, the desk stacked up again. I've been planning to fill out reports and write for a long time. Well here they are for what they are worth.

Professor Burch of Howard has also applied for a fellowship I understand. I am not one of his references but I should like to say that he is a fine scholar and a

2) fine gentleman. He is definitely an authority on eighteenth century literature (especially Defoe). He has the respect and admiration of scholars in his field. He is diligent, a hard worker (it's surprising how much he has dug up on his man and century). He frequently visits and lectures at the larger colleges - Yale most often. And he's a grand boss, a chairman who really knows how to keep his colleagues working together. He's a good bet for a fellowship; he needs one and deserves one.

A Mr. Dempsey, artist and poet, has also asked me to speak in his behalf. His paintings look quite interesting to me; his poetry a bit less so, but still worthy of attention and support.

3) I honestly believe he's got something on the ball.

I'm enclosing O' Higgins' reference in this letter; Bucklin Moon's and Margaret Wormley's in a second. I'm sending ~~it~~ ^{both} ^{air-mail} special delivery.

I'm teaching at the University of Minnesota this summer so I expect to see all of you fine folks at the Rosenwalds then.
Best wishes,

Yours sincerely,
Sterling A. Brown

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Washington, D.C.

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January 27, 1945

Brown, Sterling

Dear Mrs. Haygood,

I started to include this with the confidential report that I am sending along with this, but I thought it might be against the law to make use of a stamp sent for another purpose. I hope that you notice that I am returning this recommendation a bit faster than others that I have had. But I'm still too slow in writing you a letter.

I have had a letter to you in mind ever since I met you in Atlanta. I guess my habit is paving hell with good intentions. I was happy to meet you and I enjoyed our chats a great deal. I hope I wasn't too boisterous for staid Atlanta University.

I came back to a desk crowded with papers, to my table here in the library crowded with stuff I had to do - for the book, for the Council of Learned Societies, for publishers, etc. I have just finished reading a Ms. for the Dryden Press - I did not have the time but needed the money. I

am writing a review for The Nation today and tomorrow. Starting a new quarter (with a number of veterans who want no nonsense but intellectual diet that sticks to their ribs) has kept my nose in books. The book, alas and damn it, has had to be put aside. I think that bright and early Monday, however, with the review out of the way, I'll be at it again.

So the heavy schedule and my own boorishness stood in the way of a letter that I wanted to write. I halfway expected to hear from Henrietta, and quarter-of-the-way that on your eastern trip you might have had Washington on your itinerary.

Chicago is on mine. I have a speaking engagement in Jefferson City, Mo. on February 11th. I thought that since Mr. Embree and the Rosenwald Foundation had not heard from me for so long that I might drop by Chicago. I'd bring along some of the stuff. I have never visited the Foundation.

If you could find out if Mr. Embree will be in the city the week of February 11th, and if you would write me a note, I'd be grateful. It was very fine meeting you and having a chance to go over things with you. I hope your confidence in the book will not be
misplaced. Sincerely, Sterling A. Brown

✓ Please fill out and return in order that we may complete our records on former Rosenwald Fellows:

Name: Sterling Allen Brown

Present position: Professor of English

Address: Howard University

Washington, D.C.

Significant recent activities:

"Out of Their Mouths", in Survey Graphic:
Color, Unfinished Business of Democracy issue. Nov., 1942.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Sterling A. Brown

List of Activities Continued

"Words On A Bus", in The South Today. Spring Number, 1943.

"Count Us In", an essay in a symposium *What The Negro Wants edited by Rayford W. Logan to be published by University of North Carolina Press, fall of 1944.

"The Negro's Contribution to American Culture", an essay in Our Racial and National Minorities, edited by Joseph Rousek and Francis Brown, Prentice-Hall Co., winter of 1944.

The first three of the above essays are to be included in A Negro Looks At The South, which is primarily the work for which a fellowship was awarded to me. This book is now in its final stages and will be published by Doubleday, Doran & Co., the first part of 1945.

Sincerely yours,

Sterling A. Brown

FELLOWSHIPS

September 22, 1944

Dear Brown: Thank you for your good letter of September 18. I had not worried too much about not hearing from you because I know how busy you were, and I had heard from time to time of the progress of your work. I am delighted that the book is well on the way. I know how hard it is to mix writing with the kind of business involved either in teaching or in administration. Nevertheless, when a person has your talent he owes the world a fair amount of literary output.

I am sure A Negro Looks At The South will be a significant contribution. I await its appearance with much interest.

Very truly yours,

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EDWIN R. EMBREE

Dr. Sterling S. Brown
Howard University
Washington 1, D. C.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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September 18, 1944.

Brown, Sterling

Dear Mr. Embree,

I imagine that you have been wondering whether I was still in the land of the living or not. I failed even to acknowledge your gifts of American Negroes and Brown Americans, with their flattering inscriptions. Though belated, my thanks and congratulations for these books are genuine.

Peccavi! There is no doubt of that. But the cause was not the boorishness it seems to be. And my failure to report on my work in progress, after your good offices in obtaining a fellowship for me, is not lethargy. After it took so long for me to write, I postponed the letter - hoping to announce to you the delivery of my book to my publishers.

Well, that time is not yet, but will be soon. Meanwhile, a request from Mrs. Haygood for information for the report inspired this associated letter to you.

I am in the last stretch on A Negro Looks At The South. I was trying to do the job too

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exhaustively. And the old pressure of the split energies and time — part to academic chores, part to writing — kept my progress slower than I hoped. I was doing the book by means of individual stories, not an integrated book. I have stacked up material for about a 500 page book. Now I am going through from page 1 consecutively, focussing, foreshortening, compressing, welding together, etc. I see the way clear now. And I think the result will be worth the care.

The South as you know well is a hard thing to catch wholly — I make no pretense of having done that. I have tried to do an accurate, honest, informed, significant job.

I hope you will like it when you see it. I have hopes that it will appear in the spring of 1945.

Thanks for your aid to this book and your belief in it. And apologies for this unforfeitable absence of correspondence. That I have been squeezing every minute for this big book is, I realize, no excuse. *Hastily,*
Sterling A. Brown

CROSS REFERENCE RECORD

FIRM NAME OR SUBJECT	FELLOWSHIPS	BROWN	STERLING	FILE NO.
DATE 4/25/44	REMARKS ERE to Dr. Benjamin H. Lehman suggesting Mr. Brown for a position at the University of California English Department.			

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March 6, 1943

FELLOWSHIPS

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

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Dear Mr. Haygood:

I am very sorry about this delay. I set aside time on my schedule to do as good a job on these as I could, but my schedule got knocked all lop-sided; there have been so many calls on my time recently.

I am hoping to get to you and Mr. Embree a report soon on the progress of my book with some random samplings.

I cannot find just now Mrs. Townsend's project statement, but I'll mail it as soon as I find it.

Hastily,
(Sterling A.) Brown

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Mr. (Sterling) Brown
Howard University
Washington, D. C.

March 4, 1943

WANT A REPLY?
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or similar phrases may be
included without charge.

May we have immediately please statements regarding the several candidates for fellowships who have given your name as a reference?

William C. Haygood



Julius Rosenwald Fund

4901 Ellis Avenue
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FELLOWSHIPS

To

Mr. Sterling Brown
1222 Kearny Street, N. E.
Washington, D. C.

Payment Voucher No. 5563

Date December 31, 1942

January installment on fellowship grant - - - - - \$214.00
(Final payment)

Ch.#27952

Accounts	Appropriation No.	Debit	Credit
Negro Fellowships	41-7	\$214.00	

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FELLOWSHIPS

To Mr. Sterling Brown
1222 Kearny Street, N.E.
Washington, D. C.

Payment Voucher No. 5458

Date November 30, 1942

December installment on Fellowship Grant — \$214.00

Ch.#27833

Accounts	Appropriation No.	Debit	Credit
Negro Fellowships	40-11	\$ 72.00	
	41-7	<u>142.00</u>	
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FELLOWSHIPS

To

Mr. Sterling Brown

1222 Kearny Street, N. E.

Washington, D. C.

Payment Voucher No. 5287

Date October 30, 1942

Fifth installment on fellowship grant - - - - - \$214.00

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Negro Fellowships	39-7	\$186.00	
Negro Fellowships	40-11	28.00	
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To

Mr. Sterling Brown

1222 Kearny Street, N. E.

Washington, D. C.

Payment Voucher No. 5123

Date September 30, 1942

Fourth payment on fellowship grant - - - - - \$214.00

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To

Mr. Sterling Brown
1222 Kearny Street, N. E.
Washington, D. C.

Payment Voucher No. 4981

Date August 31, 1942

Third payment on fellowship grant - - - - - \$214.00

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FELLOWSHIPS

To

Mr. Sterling A. Brown

Atlanta University

Atlanta, Georgia

Payment Voucher No.

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Date

July 31, 1942

Second payment on fellowship grant - - - - - \$214.00

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Negro Fellowships	41-7	\$214.00	

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FELLOWSHIPS

July 31, 1942

Dear Mr. Brown: The enclosed check for \$214
 covers the second installment
on your fellowship grant. Payments for a like
amount will be sent on the first of each month
from September 1 to and including January, 1943.
As you have suggested, future checks will be sent
to your Washington, D. C., address.

Very truly yours,

DOROTHY A. ELMORE

DAE:RH

Mr. Sterling A. Brown
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

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Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

Brown, Sterling A July 28, 1942.

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

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Dear Miss Elvidge:

I wish to thank you, though belatedly, for your letter of July 7th. I should have answered earlier telling you where to send my August check, but I have been uncertain as to my whereabouts. I am still "working out" of Atlanta, however, so I should like to have my check sent here. After the August check, I should like my checks sent to my home address at 1222 Kearny St. N.E. Washington, D.C.

I have been making and am planning trips within fairly close radius of Atlanta: Columbus, Fort Valley, Clayton, Greensboro, Ga.; etc. In August I plan first a trip to Charleston, Savannah, and Brunswick

and second a trip over to Tuskegee, New Orleans,
up country Louisiana, Mississippi, Memphis,
Nashville and then the Carolinas. I am certain
however that I shall be home by September 1st.
Therefore please send my August check to me
here at Atlanta, and my later checks to
Washington, D.C.

Yours sincerely,
Sterling A. Brown

FELLOWSHIPS

July 7, 1942

Dear Mr. Brown: Your request for a first payment on your fellowship grant has been referred to me. Our check for \$216 is enclosed. The balance will be sent in six monthly payments of \$214 each. However, it is not clear to me whether you want these additional payments at monthly intervals from this point on, or whether you would prefer to have us hold future checks until they are requested. If it was your intention to have checks go out at monthly intervals, shall I continue to send them to you at Atlanta University?

Very truly yours,

DAE:AM

DOROTHY A. ELVIDGE

Mr. Sterling A. Brown
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

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FELLOWSHIPS

To

Mr. Sterling A. Brown

Atlanta University

Atlanta, Georgia

Payment Voucher No. 9331

Date July 7, 1942

First payment on fellowship granted 4/18/42 - - - - - \$216.00

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Negro Fellowships	41-7	\$216.00	

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July 6, 1942

Dear Mr. Brown: Mr. Haygood is doing some intensive work in Spanish at the University of Pennsylvania, and will be out of the office part of the summer. I am, however, referring your letter of the 4th to our Comptroller, Miss Dorothy Elvidge, in order that the first installment of your fellowship may be sent to your Atlanta address.

Mr. Embree is out of the office this week, but he will be here the remainder of the month. I am sure he would be glad to hear from you.

Very truly yours,

HLU

Secretary to Mr. Haygood

Dr. Sterling A. Brown
Atlanta University
Atlanta, Georgia

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THE CARNEGIE-MYRDAL STUDY
 An Inquiry Under The Auspices of Carnegie Corporation of New York

Brown, Sterling

Sterling A. Brown
 Staff Member

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Atlanta University
 Atlanta, Georgia
 July 4, 1942

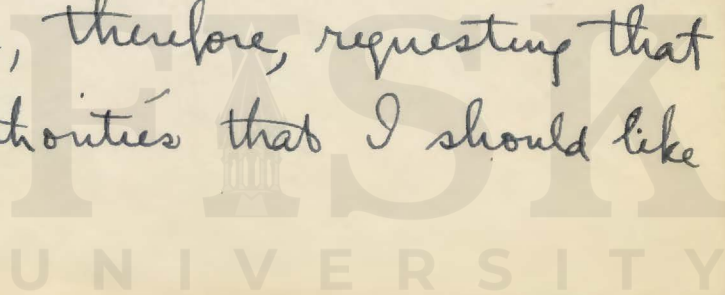
Mr. William Haygood
 The Julius Rosenwald Fund
 4901 Ellis Avenue
 Chicago, Illinois

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Dear Mr. Haygood:

Before leaving for Atlanta I received a letter from a member of the fellowship committee (?), probably the secretary, asking me to inform her of the time and place to send the first installment of my fellowship. In my rushing away from Washington I failed to bring this letter along, and I do not remember her name.

I am writing you, therefore, requesting that you notify the proper authorities that I should like



THE CARNEGIE-MYRDAL STUDY

An Inquiry Under The Auspices of Carnegie Corporation of New York

Sterling A. Brown
Staff Member

Congressional Library Annex
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the first installment of my fellowship to be sent to me at Atlanta University.

I am teaching - or rather completing now - two courses in the Atlanta University Summer School. I have been working steadily and I believe fruitfully on the book on the South while here. It seemed that as soon as I got away from Washington the writing just opened up. I got here in the midst of turmoil (as usual). What with the FEPC hearings in Birmingham (one day of which I attended) and the Talmadge politicking, I landed smack in a fine briar patch.

Already the book as it goes along is suffering from an embarrassment of riches.

I'd like to write Mr. Embree a letter. I imagine that he's on vacation. Should I write him at Chicago, or would you send me his summer address? Thanks, and best wishes

Sincerely,
Sterling A. Brown

FELLOWSHIPS

April 28, 1942

Dear Mr. Brown: 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. When you are ready to begin work under your grant, please write me giving me the address to which your check should be mailed.

Very truly yours,

DOROTHY A. ELVIDGE

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Mr. Sterling Brown
1222 Kearny Street, N.E.
Washington, D. C.

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1222 Kearny St. N.E.
Washington, D.C.
April 22, 1942.

Mr. William C. Haygood
Director for Fellowships
Julius Rosenwald Fund
Chicago, Illinois

FELLOWSHIPS

Dear Mr. Haygood:

Thank you very much for your good news about the fellowships. I am writing you my acceptance of the grant and my reasonable assurance that I shall not be called into the armed forces before I can begin work under the grant. I am also including the requested biographical information.

The grant restores a great deal of confidence to me, and renews my hope that I can not only finish the assigned works in the manner that they deserve, but also that I can return to my own creative work.

Yours sincerely,
Sterling A. Brown

FELLOWSHIPS

April 17, 1942

Dear Mr. Brown: It is a pleasure to inform you that you have been selected by the Committee on Fellowships of the Julius Rosenwald Fund to receive a grant of One thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) to assist you in writing a book on the Negro in the contemporary South and a book on the Negro in the arts and sports. This grant is for a period of seven months. In the event that you are called into the armed forces before you can begin work under this grant, it will, of course, be impossible to hold this fellowship for you.

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

Sincerely yours,

WILLIAM G. HAYGOOD

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Mr. Sterling Brown
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April 9, 1942

William C. Haygood

IF HOWARD GOES ON QUARTER SYSTEM WHICH IS LIKELY SHOULD LIKE FELLOWSHIP FROM JULY FIFTEENTH TO JANUARY FIRST. REQUEST \$220 A MONTH FOR SIX AND HALF MONTHS.

STERLING A. BROWN

(This telegram forwarded to Mr. Haygood at Hampton Institute)

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April 8, 1942

Mr. Sterling A. Brown
1222 Kearny Street, N. E.
Washington, D. C.

PLEASE WIRE BY WESTERN UNION BUDGET FOR PERIOD OF WRITING
PROPOSED IN YOUR LETTER TO MR. EMBREE OF APRIL 4 AND AMOUNT
REQUESTED FROM ROSENWALD FUND.

William C. Haygood
Julius Rosenwald Fund

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1222 Kearny St. N.E.

Washington, D.C.

April 7, 1942.

FELLOWSHIPS

Brown, Sterling

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

Dear Mr. Embree:

I thank you for your telegram. I do still wish consideration for the special fellowship grant we discussed. I mailed two letters to you Sunday, one of them concerning the fellowship and one stating my expense account for the University of Oklahoma lecture.

The pertinent material for my application for a special fellowship grant is as follows:

I have two books to do, for one of which I am under contract to a publisher, and for the second of which I am under moral responsibility to do. A third responsibility: a summarizing memorandum for Gunnar Myrdal, director of The Carnegie-Myrdal Study of The Negro In America, is expected to be completed before the fellowship could begin.

2) The two books mentioned are A Negro Looks At The South, contracted for by Doubleday, Doran & Co, and The Negro In American Culture (tentative title, the book will probably be limited to ^{American} The Negro in the Arts and Sports) ~~is~~ a book ^{to be} reduced from my research material for Dr. Myrdal. This is to be one of the series of similar studies published by Harpers, of which the first volume, Herskovits' The Myth of the Negro Past has just appeared.

The coincidence of these two responsibilities is unfortunate and partly due to bad planning on my part. Other factors have entered, however. When I signed up for the Doubleday, Doran book, I had every hope that I could complete the Myrdal work before ^{the deadline date} last year, however, was one of many burdens, most of them unforeseen. I had a full schedule at Howard University, and I lectured once a week for the first semester at New York University. A serious illness of my wife also prevented consistent and sustained effort at writing in the little off-time that I could find. Finally

3) from the spring of last year to the winter of this school year I was engaged in the preparation of The Negro Caravan, which has been recently issued. This book was planned with my fellow editors before either of the other commitments was made. When a publisher wished to bring this book out, I thought that it was not fair to my colleagues not to help out with the editing. This was a fairly large job.

I have therefore fallen behind schedule in my writing of these last two books. I find it increasingly difficult to squeeze time out from teaching and membership on such committees as The Council of Learned Societies, Dr. Calivers' committee for the radio program "Freedom's People," and others, to write satisfactorily. I also find it necessary this summer to teach one session of summer school at Atlanta University, partly to be centrally located for trips in the South for the Southern book, and partly to keep the wolf from my door.

4)

I am applying for a special fellowship grant in order to get some time free for completing these jobs and for getting back to my first love - creative writing. I have had only one year free for writing - the year of my Guggenheim Fellowship. Except for that year I have generally taught both regular and summer sessions. I have written two books of poetry (one as yet unpublished) three books of literary history and criticism, and have co-edited an anthology. I have written numerous reviews and essays. I have a novel - on antebellum life in the South - under way. In addition I have served as Editor on Negro Affairs for the Federal Writers' Project.

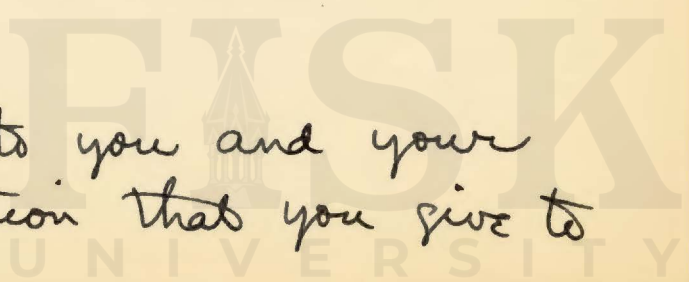
I cannot afford to take off a full year for a fellowship, and after conference with Professor Burch, the chairman of my department, I believe that the university would prefer me not to be away the entire year. I should like to start

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on a fellowship at the end of the Atlanta University Summer Session, July 15, 1942 and continue it until February 15, 1943 (if Howard is still on the semester system), or, if Howard goes on the quarter system, until around January 15, 1943. This last date is uncertain; there is a strong likelihood that Howard will go on the quarter system, but I have been unable as yet to confer with Dean Thompson on this matter. (That is one reason for my delay in getting my first letter off to you.)

If granted such a fellowship, I can safely promise the completion of the two books now under way and a return to my creative writing. Such a fellowship will not only give me some free time for the type of writing required for these two important jobs, but will help allay some of the financial and other anxieties which now make writing difficult.

I shall be grateful to you and your committee for any consideration that you give to



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this application, which I realize is somewhat irregular. I want to do good books on these assignments; their subjects deserve careful, deliberative writing. At present I am stymied from that carefulness by large responsibilities.

Yours sincerely,
Sterling A. Brown

FELLOWSHIPS

April 7, 1942

Dear Mr. Brown: The statement about the fellowship arrived just after my telegram. I believe it gives us the information that we need for consideration at the Committee meeting this coming week end.

I am enclosing herewith our check for \$162.45, payment for travel expenses and honorarium in connection with the symposium at the University of Oklahoma, in accordance with our agreement with the professors there.

It was a delight to take part with you in the most interesting sessions in Oklahoma.

Very truly yours,
EDWIN R. EMBREE

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Mr. Sterling A. Brown
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FELLOWSHIPS

April 6, 1942

Mr. Sterling Brown
Howard University
Washington, D. C.

If we are to consider special fellowship grant as discussed in Oklahoma material must be in hand at once. If you still wish consideration this year application can reach me care President MacLean, Hampton, Virginia

Edwin R. Embree

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FELLOWSHIPS April 4, 1942.
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Mr. Edwin R. Embree
The Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

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Dear Mr. Embree:

Pursuant to our recent conversation, I am writing you concerning the possibilities of receiving fellowship aid from the Rosenwald Fund.

As I indicated to you I am at present working under a difficult schedule. I am under contract with Doubleday, Doran Co. for a book on the South; Harpers and Bros. are bringing out separate volumes of The Carnegie-Myrdal Study and I have promised Donald Young of the publications committee to have my section on The Negro in American Culture ready for publication as soon as possible.

2) I am handicapped in these writing ventures by a fairly heavy teaching schedule and by the fact that I have no stenographical, secretarial, or any other sort of aid. The Negro Caravan, of which I was one of the editors, was prepared in the off time possible to English teachers and students, and with what funds the editors could scrape together. This means that much of my writing time (i.e. the summer months) has to be given over to teaching summer school in order to make a living.

I have written three books of literary criticism, two books of poetry (one as yet unpublished) and helped to edit an anthology. I have written numerous reviews and essays. For several years I was editor of Negro Affairs for the Federal Writers' Project. Except for a Guggenheim Fellowship I have had no ^{financial} aid in my writing career. I have been teaching steadily all the while.

3) I now have two writing responsibilities which seem very heavy to me. I cannot seem to do them justice while carrying my present teaching load. I am therefore applying to you for any aid of whatever sort you might be able to give me.

I do not believe that I could afford to give up the entire school year next year. I should like, however, to receive a grant that would enable me to start writing this summer and continue through at least the first semester of next year (i.e. until February) or until the third quarter (if Howard University goes on the quarter system). One of my reasons for delay in writing you was that I had hoped to talk over with Dean Thompson the possible schedule of Howard University for next year. This, however, I have been unable to do.

If I am granted such a fellowship, I believe that I can safely promise: a good manuscript on The Negro In The Arts and Sports, plus a summarizing memorandum for Dr. Myrdal, for The Carnegie-Myrdal Study; a good manuscript on ~~The~~ Negro Looks At The South. Upon both of these much has been done but I am at present stymied from consistent, consecutive, careful writing on them. In addition I can promise a return to my own creative writing. I have a novel under way which I gave up when I began work on the Writers' Project, The Carnegie-Myrdal Study, and these many other assignments.

I recognize the irregularity of my request. I shall appreciate any consideration that you give to it. I believe that you understand something of the difficulties under which I have been working, as well as my earnest desire to do ~~these~~

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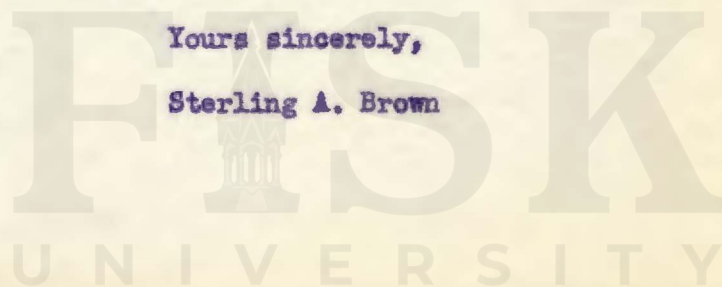
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Name Sterling Allen Brown Field: Creative Writing
Associate Professor of English
Howard University

Plan of Work To complete a book on the Negro in the contemporary South
(a journalistic social study) and a book on The Negro in
American Arts and Sports.

Wishes to work for seven months - from July 1, 1942 to February 1, 1943.

Personal Data Born May 1, 1901, Washington, D. C. Married, 1 child Age: 41

Undergraduate Work Williams College, A. B., 1922

Graduate Work Harvard University, A. M., 1923, 1931-32

Experience Professor of English, Virginia Seminary and College, Lynchburg, 1923-26, \$1,500; professor of literature, Lincoln University, Missouri, 1926-28, \$3,000; professor of English, Fisk University, 1928-29, \$2,900; associate professor of English, Howard University, 1929- \$3,000; visiting professor at Atlanta University, summer sessions 1933-37, \$250; visiting lecturer, New York University, 1940-41, \$300.

Accomplishments Phi Beta Kappa.
Editor of Negro Affairs, Federal Writers' Project; staff member of Carnegie-Myrdal Study of The Negro in America.
Southern Road - poems (Harcourt, Brace, 1932). The Negro in Fiction; Negro Poetry and Drama (Bronze Booklets, Associates in Negro Folk Education, 1938); co-editor The Negro Caravan (The Dryden Press, 1942); No Hiding Place (poems) accepted for publication by The Dryden Press.
Fellowships held: Clark Scholarship to Harvard University, 1922-23, \$600; Guggenheim Fellowship, September, 1937-September, 1938, \$2,500.

References

Charles H. Thompson, Howard University
Charles E. Burch, Howard University
Charles S. Johnson, Fisk University
Edwin R. Embree, Rosenwald Fund

NOTE: Mr. Brown's application was received at ERE's request after all papers had gone to Committee. No detailed plan of work was filed, and of course no transcripts. Paragraph in announcement of awards was made to appear as it does by ERE.

Budget Summary

Total Amount Needed	\$1,500
From Applicant	-
From Fund	\$1,500
AMOUNT GRANTED	\$1,500

Chicago Defender
5/26/45

Sterling Brown
Gets Vassar Post

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y. — Dr. Henry Noble MacCracken, president of Vassar college, this week announced the appointment of Sterling A. Brown to be visiting professor of English at the famous girls' school for the first term of the academic year 1945-1946.

Brown, noted poet and writer on Negro life in America, is professor of English at Howard University, Washington, D. C.