

1939

Name Dreyer, Edward Peter

(1910)

Negro

White Southerner

Position Assistant State Director, Federal Writers
Project, Louisiana

Special Field History
Group Research and
Creative Writing

College Tulane University, B. S., 1930:

University Tulane University, M. A., 1931; Duke University, 1931-34

Plan of Work:

no return

To prepare a biography of John McDonogh using the manuscript and other materials available in Howard Memorial Library and Tulane University Library, archives of New Orleans, Baton Rouge, and other Louisiana Parishes. One year, possibly 18 months.

Action of Fellowship Committee:

Granted \$1,500

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Fellow and Assistant in English, Duke University, 1931-34; F. E. R. A. 1934 to present.

Did much of the work of direction, research, and editing connected with FERA New Orleans City Guide, Houghton Mifflin, 1937; the Louisiana Guide, Louisiana Folklore, etc. *(now ready for press Jan., 1939)*

In addition to Fellowship and assistantship at Duke had four-year honor scholarship at Tulane.

10/25/40 Mr. Dreyer did some research on the McDonogh biography during the 1939-40 year but did not officially begin work under his fellowship until October, 1940.

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New Orleans, La.

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DREYER, EDWART P.

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

Since he began work under his fellowship Mr. Dreyer has collected some 3,000 letters to and from John McDonogh, a number of other original mss. documents, and a great deal of contemporary material.

Mr. Dreyer is now Assistant State Supervisor of the Louisiana Writers Project and Assistant Regional Supervisor. In the latter post he is supervisor of the region including Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Oklahoma, Arkansas, and Texas. 7/10/41

Navy, May 20, 1942.



History

Had JRF grant - 1939

Excellent record

Remarkable letters

Looks like a good reappointment

Assistant State Director
Federal Writers Project

History and Literature.

Good record both as student
and writer

Top references

A definite project and a
PR I at the same time

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Name Edward Peter Dreyer **Field:** History

Assistant State Supervisor
Louisiana Writers Project, WPA
New Orleans

Plan of Work

To write a biography of John McDonogh (1779-1850), the New Orleans merchant, landowner, slaveholder, and philanthropist.

Will return to present position if available, if not, research or teaching job in Louisiana history and literature. Probable duration of work two years.

Personal Data Born New Orleans, June 1910. Single. One partial dependent.

Age: 32

Undergraduate Work Tulane University, B. S., 1930.

Graduate Work Duke University, M. A., 1931; 1931-34.

Experience Social service field work, FERA, New Orleans, 1934-35, \$65 monthly; assistant state supervisor, Louisiana Writers Project, WPA, 1935 -, \$24.00.

Accomplishments

Publications: Did much of direction, research, writing, editing of The New Orleans City Guide, Houghton Mifflin, 1938; The Louisiana Guide, Hastings House, 1941. Other volumes on Louisiana in preparation.

Fellowships: Duke University, 1931-34, \$2000.
Rosenwald Fellow, 1939, \$1500.

Phi Beta Kappa

Additional material in folder.

References

Lyle Saxon, Author, New Orleans.
Roger P. McCutcheon, Tulane University.
Newman I. White, Duke University.
Robert J. Usher, Tulane University.
Roark Bradford, author, New Orleans.
Henry Alsberg, Federal Writers Project, New York.

Budget Summary

Total Amount Needed	\$2,000.
From Applicant	- - -
From Fund	\$2,000.

Sent to Committee

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AMOUNT GRANTED