

1940

Name Morris, Alton Chester (1903) Negro
White Southerner

Position Assistant Professor of English, University of Florida
Special Field Language
Group and literature (folk lore)

College University of Florida, A. B., 1927

University University of Florida, M. A., 1928; University of North Carolina,
summer of 1934, 1937-38, 1938-40, Ph. D., 1941.

Plan of Work:

Under the supervision of folklore specialists at the University of North Carolina to continue research in and organize for publication collection of Florida folk songs, together with the social, economic, and historical background of the Florida people from whom these songs were collected. Six months at the University of North Carolina, working toward Ph. D. degree.

Action of Fellowship Committee:

Granted \$900



University of Florida teaching fellowship, 1928; General Education Board fellowship, 18 months during 1937-39; University of North Carolina teaching fellowship, 1939-40.

Assistant principal, Palm Beach Public Schools, 1921-22; instructor, Texas A and M College, 1928-29; assistant professor, University of Florida, 1929-37.

Mr. Morris received his Ph. D. degree in 1941. His dissertation is "Florida Folksongs and Their Cultural Background." 7/10/41.

*University of Florida
Gainesville, Florida*

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MORRIS, ALTON CHESTER

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

Mr. Morris returned to the University of Florida, with a change in rank to Associate Professor.

Reappointed Editor of the Southern Folklore Quarterly.

1944: Still Associate Professor of English, University of Florida and Editor, Southern Folklore Quarterly. Recently appointed member, Florida Historical Society; Committee on Restoration of St. Augustine, Florida.



MORRIS, ALTON CHESTER

PUBLICATIONS

see 1941. ref. for tentative ones

"Mrs. Griffin of Newberry", Southern Folklore Quarterly, VIII, pp. 133-198. 1944

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400
\$9.00

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ALTON CHESTER MORRIS

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Assistant Professor, University of Florida
(on leave) University of North Carolina

English Language & Literature

Good but not distinguished works at
U. of N. C. Graduate School
But U. of N. C. faculty put him
very high in their letters

Is asking for modest grant, \$970. He
had until recently expected to finance
himself entirely

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Name Alton Chester Morris Field: English Language & Literature
Assistant Professor, University of Florida
(on leave) 146 West Franklin Street, Chapel Hill, N. C.
of English
Box 44 *(see ref. for sect.)*

Plan of Work Under the supervision of folklore specialists at the University of North Carolina, I desire to continue my research in and organize for publication a collection of Florida folk songs, together with the social, economic, and historical background of the Florida people from whom these songs were collected.

Wishes to work for Ph.D. under Dr. A. P. Hudson. Has been admitted. Probable duration of study six months, beginning September, 1940. Will return to present position.
prof of English
Could complete doctorate by Feb., 1941
Applied 1937
by end of present session will have completed all work towards ph & hist dissertation.

Personal Data Born Sanford, Florida, February, 1905. Age: 37
Married, two children.

Undergraduate Work University of Florida, A. B., 1927.

Graduate Work University of Florida, M. A., 1928.

University of North Carolina, summer of 1934, 1937-40.
teaching fellowship at N.C. this year.

Experience Assistant principal, Palm Beach Public Schools, 1921-22, \$990; teaching fellow, University of Florida, 1927-28, \$700; instructor, Texas A. and M. College, 1928-29, \$1800; assistant professor, University of Florida, 1929 - , \$2200.

Accomplishments Consultant and adviser for Federal Writers' and Federal Music's Folklore Project in Florida; Supervisor of the work of 100 folklore collectors, the results of which constitute my collection of Florida folklore; Editor of Southern Folklore Quarterly.

Publications: Collaborated with Dr. H. E. Spivey in Essentials of Correctness in the Use of English, Prentice-Hall, 1930; "Lord Derwentwater, Child Ballad 208 in Florida," Journal of American Folklore, September, 1934.

References General Education Board Fellowship, 1937-38, \$170 per month for eighteen months.

- Dr. A. P. Hudson, University of North Carolina
- Dr. George R. Coffman, University of North Carolina
- Dr. Reed Smith, University of South Carolina
- Dr. R. S. Boggs, University of North Carolina
- Dr. C. P. Lyons, University of Florida

Will probably apply to N.C. for teaching fellowship.

Budget Summary

Total Amount Needed	\$1170.00
From Applicant	270.00
From Fund	\$ 900.00

AMOUNT GRANTED \$900

Plan of Work Photograph
Transcripts Exhibit Material
U. of Florida
U. of North Carolina

Sent to Committee

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