

Julius Rosenwald Fund

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SCHOLARSHIP

APPLICATION FOR FELLOWSHIP IN History

PERSONAL HISTORY

Date November 12, 1936

Name in full Robert Douthat Meade

College, Lynchburg, Va.

Present address Department of History, Randolph-Macon Woman's Telephone 3900

Permanent address as above

Present occupation Teacher of history Salary \$2700

Place of birth Danville, Virginia Date of birth August 16, 1903

Married Yes Single Single Divorced Divorced Date of Marriage December 30, 1934

Name and address of wife ~~or husband~~ Lucy Boyd Meade, Lynchburg, Virginia

Occupation and salary of wife ~~or husband~~ Housewife, no salary

Number of children (give ages and sex)

Dependents wife To what extent Total Relationship

Father's name Edmund B. Meade Address Danville, Va. Occupation Insurance Agent

HEALTH OF APPLICANT

Weight 167 Height six ft. one Previous Illnesses Measles, chicken pox, scarlet fever,
(Give details and dates)

and typhoid fever during childhood and early youth. Nose operation, 1926. Kidney
trouble, 1931-1932.

Physical impairment—degree and duration Astigmatism in one eye necessitating the use of
glasses while reading



EDUCATION

	Institution	Dates From To	Degree or Diploma (give dates)
High School.....	Danville (Va.) High School	1916-1920	diploma, 1920
Normal School.....			
College.....	Virginia Military Institute	1920-1924	B.A., 1924
Postgraduate Study Nurse's Training	University of Virginia	1924-1926	M.A., 1926
Medical School	University of Illinois	1927-1928	
Postgraduate Study	University of Chicago	1931-1932	Ph.D., 1935

EXPERIENCE

(Medical graduates will please list internships, residence service and other hospital or professional experience. Students will include part-time work and hours per day.)

Institution or Organization	Address	Position	Under Direction of	Salary
University of Illinois	Urbana, Illinois	Part-time assistant	Dr. L.M. Larson	about \$600
Vanderbilt University	Nashville, Tenn.	Instructor	Dr. W.L. Fleming	\$2200
University of North Carolina	Chapel Hill, N.C.	Instructor	Dr. A.R. Newsome	\$1700
Randolph-Macon Woman's College	Lynchburg, Va.	Associate Professor	President Theodore Jack	\$2700

REFERENCES

Name	Address	When and in what capacity has this person known you?
12/29/ Dr. Avery Craven	Dept. of History University of Chicago	Taught me at University of Illinois, directed my thesis for University of Chicago, and has been personally acquainted with me since that time
Dr. Theodore Jack	President, Randolph-Macon Woman's College	President of college where I am now teaching
Dr. Frank Graham	President, University of North Carolina	President of University where I taught for three years
Dr. J.G. Randall	Department of History University of Illinois	Was a member of the Illinois history faculty while I was connected with it. Is acquainted with my record for the past nine years.



PERIOD OF STUDY BEGINNING June 15, 1936 ENDING Sept. 1, 1936

with \$ 100.00 Tuition \$ Books Transportation \$50.00

Total for wife and me \$ 450.00

How much can you provide? \$150.00

Amount requested from Julius Rosenwald Fund \$300.00. This includes living expenses for my wife. She is a trained librarian, a graduate of Emory University Library School. She has aided me for two years with my project and can greatly expedite its completion.

For what position do you seek further training?

What course of study do you wish to take? Research to aid in completing biography of Judah P. Benjamin.

For what degree are you working?

In what institution do you wish to study? Chiefly in Congressional Library.

Under whose supervision?

Have your credits been accepted by this institution?

Give a list of scholarships or fellowships which you have held or now hold:

Ryan Scholarship, University of Virginia - 1924-1926.

Cleo Hearon Fellowship, University of Chicago - 1931-1932

NOTE:

- 1. Please attach small photograph or snapshot, writing your name on the back.
2. Arrange with your superior to send us a letter stating that you may return to your position at the conclusion of the term of study requested
3. Submit evidence of admission to the school where you wish to study unless you are attending that school at the time of application.
4. Application must be mailed to the Director for Medical Services, Julius Rosenwald Fund, 4901 Ellis Avenue, Chicago.



MEDICAL RECORD

Date 12-18/34

Name Robert D. Meade Age 33

Occupation Teacher at R M W College

Weight 163 Height 6 ft 1 in

Family history Father & Mother living & well - One brother living & well
one brother died in infancy (Tuberculosis, insanity, epilepsy, syphilis, etc.)
Two sisters living & in good health - none dead.

Past illnesses diseases of childhood - typhoid fever when a small
boy. Operation on nose 10 yrs ago - following an injury
to his mouth in 1920 he had an acute congestion of
kidneys. He has had no trouble since

Present Physical findings: Lungs clear - heart sounds
perfectly normal - B.P. 130-65
Abdomen flat - liver & spleen normal
& no tenderness.

Recommendations:

Dr Meade is in good health
& all findings normal

A. W. Merrill M.D.
Psychology Dept
(address)



Write (in your own handwriting) an essay of not more than three hundred words, stating the major problem in your field as you see it, and your reason for believing that additional training will enable you to help solve that problem, or at least to make a contribution as a result of wider experience. Please restrict essay to pages five and six.

I wish a small grant to aid me in completing a biography of Judah Philip Benjamin. Dr. William E. Dodd, Dr. Avery Craven, and other competent persons have concurred with me in the need for such a work. I have also received several letters from Mr. Edward Weeks, Editor of the ^{Atlantic} Monthly Press, who may publish my manuscript. My limited funds have been utilized in a research trip to Europe and others in the United States. This grant would be of great help to me in completing my project at an early date.

Judah P. Benjamin was one of the most distinguished Jews who ever lived in the United States. Born at St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, in 1811, Benjamin was early brought to North Carolina and received his education there in South Carolina, and at Yale College. Later he went to New Orleans to seek his fortune. Here he studied law and by dint of industry and intelligence rose to be one of the leading lawyers in the United States. He declined the position of Attorney-General of the United States and justice of the United States Supreme Court. From 1852 to 1860 he had more "appearances" before

this court than any other lawyer, with one possible exception. He figured in the noted California gold cases and once he argued a case in Ecuador in Spanish under the Roman law.

Devoting his versatile talents also to politics, Benjamin held several state offices and represented Louisiana in the United States Senate. Here he was known as one of the leaders of the extreme Southern party. He was the ablest constitutional lawyer in Congress and one of the best debaters and speakers.

Benjamin was made Attorney-General of the Southern Confederacy and was later promoted to Secretary of War and Secretary of State. In the latter position he served with distinction. He became Jefferson Davis's "chief reliance among men" and proposed the arming of slaves and other daring schemes to save the sinking Confederacy.

At the end of the war he escaped to England and rose to be a Queen's Counsel and one of the leading lawyers at the English bar.

There is one biography of Benjamin, published by Pierce Butler in 1907. I do not wish to disparage his work but know there is need for a new and more complete biography. I have worked steadily on my project for the equivalent of several years; have interviewed many people, written hundreds of letters, and worked in the original sources both in America and Europe. I have much valuable material and know that a small grant would be of real aid in completing my project.