

Name William Nile Elam **Field:** Education

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Plan of Work

Improving farmer-training for young Negro men and adult farmers. Applicant plans to study: (1) the causes that annually force 7,000 Negroes out of the farming occupation in the 16 southern states; (2) determine the remedial measures for improving the situation; (3) reorganize vocational agriculture courses to reach Negro boys in the elementary rural schools; (4) how vocational agriculture teachers may assist in providing farming opportunities for young men.

Wishes to attend Cornell University, working for Ph.D. under Dr. B. M. Stewart. Probable duration of study eighteen months, beginning July, 1941. Will return to present position.

Personal Data Born Coryell County, Texas, January, 1890. **Age:** 51
 Married, two children.

Undergraduate Work A and M College of Texas, B. S., 1917.

Graduate Work Colorado Agricultural College, M. S., 1928.
 Texas A & M College, 1932
 University of Texas, summers and night classes, 1930-36.

Experience Teacher of agricultural in various Texas high schools, 1917-28, \$1050-\$3200; teacher and district supervisor of agriculture, High School, Taylor, Texas, 1928-36, \$3600; Federal Agent, Agricultural Education, U. S. Office of Education, 1936 - , \$4600.

Probably a good man in an important place but a very dead place. A year ago.

Accomplishments Master's thesis: Basic Factors to be Observed in Organizing a Course in Agricultural Education.

Publications: Three publications in the U. S. Office of Education Vocational Series; a handbook for New Farmers of America, an organization for Negro boys in vocational agriculture.

Now in preparation: Two publications for the southern states: "Negro Farm Families Can Feed Themselves" and "Young Negro Men Are Becoming Established in Farming".

References

- J. A. Linke, U. S. Office of Education, Washington, D. C.
- J. B. Rutland, State Department of Education, Austin, Texas
- R. M. Stewart, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York
- G. A. Schmidt, Colorado State College, Fort Collins, Colorado
- M. D. Mobley, State Department of Education, Atlanta, Georgia
- J. R. E. Lee, A and M College, Tallahassee, Florida
- W. R. Banks, Prairie View College, Texas

Budget Summary

Total Amount Needed	\$ 2,750
From Applicant	600
From Fund	\$ 2,150

AMOUNT GRANTED

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