

1941

Name Mabel Murphy Smythe (Mrs.) (1918) Negro  White Southerner

Position Graduate Student Special Field Group Economics Labor

College Spelman College, 1933-36; Mount Holyoke College, A. B., 1937

University Northwestern University, M. A., 1940; University of Wisconsin, 1940-41  
**Ph. D., University Wisconsin, 1942.**

Plan of Work:

A study of the effects of the Wages and Hours Act and other protective labor legislation on Negro workers, particularly as regards those in the tipping occupations. Working for Ph. D. degree at the University of Wisconsin.

Action of Fellowship Committee:

Granted \$1,000

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Fort Valley State College, 1937-39.

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Mrs. Smythe received her Ph. D. degree in June of 1942 from the University of Wisconsin. Thesis title, "Tipping Occupations as a Problem in the Administration of Protective Labor Legislation." 6/16/42

160-16-73rd Ave  
Flushing, N.Y.

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SMYTHE, MABEL MURPHY (MRS. HUGH H. SMYTHE)

PROFESSIONAL CAREER

Immediately after receiving her Ph. D. degree at the University of Wisconsin in June of 1942, Mrs. Smythe went to Lincoln University, Jefferson City, Missouri, as assistant professor of economics. 6/24/42

1944: Associate Professor of Economics and Acting Head, Department of Economics, Lincoln University. Speaking engagements in several Midwestern cities; several articles published in recent months.



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1940

Teacher, Fort Valley State College  
(on leave) Northwestern University

Economics

Very young

Good record

But does not appear to me  
to have outstanding claims to  
distinction.

May be a better candidate  
two or three years hence

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## MABEL MURPHY SMYTHE

Office Manager, John Tavis, Inc.  
New York City

## Sociology

Mable at least has got a job  
(as office manager) which is sure than  
Hugh has done

Request not for a fellowship  
(family has had four) but for  
maintenance

Name Mabel Murphy Smythe Field: Economics

Graduate Student, University of Wisconsin  
415 North Murray Street, Madison

*4114 Beach Ave.*

## Plan of Work

A study of the effects of the Wages and Hours Act and other protective labor legislation on Negro workers, particularly as regards those in the tipping occupations.

Wishes to secure Ph.D. from University of Wisconsin, working under Dr. E. E. Witte. Probable duration of study one year. Plans to return to former position at The Fort Valley Teachers College, Georgia.

Applied in 1940.

Personal Data Born Montgomery, Alabama, April, 1918. Married. Age: 25

Undergraduate Work Spelman College, 1933-36  
Mont Holyoke College, A. B., 1937.

Graduate Work Northwestern University, M. A., 1940.  
University of Wisconsin, 1940 -  
also summer of 1938.

Experience Several posts as library assistant while doing undergraduate work; teacher, Fort Valley State Teachers College, Georgia, 1937-39, \$800.

Accomplishments Master's thesis: Some Methods of Obtaining Capital for a Consumers' Cooperative.  
Undergraduate scholarships for four years.

## References

Dr. Edwin E. Witte, University of Wisconsin  
Dr. Selig Perlman, University of Wisconsin  
Dr. Elmo Paul Hohman, Northwestern University, Evanston  
Dr. Amy Hewes, Mount Holyoke College, South Hadley, Mass.  
Dr. Ira DeA Reid, Atlanta University  
Dr. Charles Wesley, Howard University, Washington, D. C.

## Budget Summary

Total Amount Needed	\$ 935
From Applicant	--
From Fund	\$ 935

Sent to Committee

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AMOUNT GRANTED

*approved \$ 1000*

Name Mabel Murphy Smythe Field: Sociology

Office Manager, John Tavis, Inc. (business firm), New York City  
2225 Fifth Avenue, Apartment 2-C, New York 35, New York

Plan of Work To make a study of racial discrimination and segregation in the Caribbean with special emphasis on the British West Indies. (The phases of the study upon which I shall concentrate are the economic and legal aspects of discrimination.)

Requests grant for one year beginning August 1948. Plans to enter research work which will make it possible to apply training and experience toward current social problems.

Applied in 1940.

Grant in 1941.

Personal Data Born Montgomery, Alabama, April 1918  
Married

Age: 30

Draft Status:

Undergraduate Work Mt. Holyoke College, A.B., 1937

Master's Thesis "Some Methods of Financing Consumer Cooperative."

Ph.D. Thesis "Tipping Occup. as a Problem in the Adm. of Protect. Labor Legislature."

Graduate Work Northwestern University, M.A., 1940  
University of Wisconsin, Ph.D., 1942

Professional Reid Business College, summer 1937

Experience Ass't. Ref. librarian, Atlanta Univ. Library, 1933-36, stud. employment; instructor, Ft. Valley State College, Ga., 1937-39, \$810; grader, Univ. of Wis., Dept. of Econ., Madison, 1940-42, \$300; associate professor, Lincoln University, Mo., 1942-45, \$3600; professor of Ec. and Bus. Ad., A. & I. State College, Nashville, Tenn., 1945-46, \$4000; teacher, evening session, Brooklyn College, N.Y., 1946-47, \$4 per hour; legal-ec. Res., Palward Co., N.Y., 1947, \$170 per month (part time); office manager, John Tavis, Inc., N.Y., 1947- , \$2200 plus bonus.

Accomplishments Co-Director, Land Grant Colleges Studies for Lincoln Univ., Mo.; The Negro College and the Negro Veteran (A proposed guidance, placement, and training program).

Scholarships Full tuition scholarships, Spelman College, \$75 yearly, 1933-36; Mt. Holyoke College scholarship, \$300, 1936-37; Legislative scholarship, \$100, 1941; National Fellowship, \$200, 1941-42; Harriet R. Laird Fellowship, \$400 plus tuition, 1941-42; Rosenwald Fellowship, \$1000, 1941-42 (Laird refused, accepted Rosenwald instead).

Publications "Industrial Homework", Survey Graphic, Aug. 1943; "Teaching of Econ. in the Negro College", Negro College Quarterly, Mar. 1944; "The Econ. Teacher in

References Post-War Period", Quarterly Review of Higher Ed. among Negroes, Jul. 1944; "The Negro in History", Guest column for The Ohio State News, Feb. 1945; etc. etc.

References  
Lorenso J. Greene, Lincoln University, Missouri  
William Deane, UN, New York  
Agnes Kessler, YWCA, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Dr. Mark Hanna Watkins, Howard University

#### Budget Summary

Total Amount Needed	\$5545
From Applicant	545
From Fund	\$5000

Sent to Committee

AMOUNT GRANTED