

# **CLOSING REPORT**

## **RESEARCH GRANT, ACCOUNT No. 22-568-40**

### **“The Life and Works of Robert Ward: An American Musical Philosopher”**

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#### **Grant-Supported Activity**

During the period of this grant I was successfully able to complete all of the research necessary in order to begin writing a book that is tentatively titled “The Life and Works of Robert Ward: An American Musical Philosopher.” The funds made available to me with this grant allowed for the purchase of a much-needed laptop computer that had voice-recording capability. This made it possible to record conversations and interviews that I had with the composer Robert Ward during two separate research trips I was able to make to his home in Durham, North Carolina. These two visits also allowed me access to invaluable primary-source materials of Robert Ward’s that are housed in the library at Dike University. One trip was spent researching the first half of the book, while the second was concerned with the second half of the book. A major portion of this book will be the inclusion of a new, updated catalog of the composer’s works and a biographical section that will be the most comprehensive in print.

#### **Difficulties Encountered**

Due largely to this grant I was able to successfully complete the extensive amount of research that was necessary during the specified time period. I was also fortunate in that I encountered no difficulties in the research during this process.

#### **State of Development**

As a result of obtaining this grant I will be able to begin writing this book within a relatively short period of time. The research is complete, the information correlated and the outline for the project is completed. Because of this grant this process was made much easier than it would otherwise have been.