

## DeKalb History Center

### Roger Mills Collection DeKalb County School Desegregation Case

**Introduction:** The Roger Mills Collection documents the desegregation process in DeKalb County over the period of 1964 through 1993. A brief history is included, but the majority of items are from the DeKalb County School Desegregation Case.

**Provenance:** Gift of Roger Mills. Accession # 1994.1. Roger Mills was an attorney in DeKalb County who first became involved as a party in the Desegregation Case and later served as member of the Bi-Racial Committee.

**Access:** Single photocopies may be made for research purposes. Permission to publish materials from this collection should be requested from the Archivist, DeKalb History Center.

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Size: 16 document boxes

**Description:** The Roger Mills Collection documents the DeKalb County School Desegregation Case through news clippings, correspondence, court documents, enrollment figures, historical outlines, school reports, and various other papers. The collection includes sixteen boxes that stretch from 1896 through 1995, but the bulk of the collection falls between 1964 and 1993. This collection is an excellent source for researchers interested in lengthy documentation, but may become tedious for those looking for an overview. The brief history in Box 1 provides a succinct background of desegregation but is somewhat subjective. Boxes 1 through 4 focus more on education and students, while legal issues take precedence in boxes 5 and 6. Beginning in the sixth box and continued in Box 7, news clippings provide public views of DeKalb County desegregation from 1966 until 1993. All court documents and orders were issued in the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia Atlanta Division. General files are located in boxes 12, 13, and 14. These contain a variety of items ranging from PTA newsletters to Title VI guidelines. Some specifics include Human Relations Council activities, federal rights under the School Desegregation Law, Affirmative Action procedures booklet, M-to-M transfer regulations, a report from NAACP Education Committee, district leadership personnel listings, pamphlet titles, "Improving the Academic Achievement of African-American Students," and computations of bond funds. The last boxes, 15 and 16, are notebooks left in their

original order. Box 15 deals with the Bi-Racial committee, Box 16 includes a NAACP executive report, and each of the last four boxes contains general papers which were kept for official use. Additional notes concerning order and contents are written on some folders. Chronological order within category has been used wherever possible, and undated items follow dated ones.

**Subject Headings:** Where possible, Library of Congress Subject Headings have been used.

Main entries: Desegregation in DeKalb County  
Mills, Roger

Subject/Added entries: Affirmative Action  
Attendance Zones (DeKalb, Ga.)  
Bi-Racial Committee (DeKalb, Ga.)  
Civil Rights Act, Title VI  
Columbia High School  
Concerned Citizens of South DeKalb County  
Federal Compliance  
Minority-to-Majority Transfers  
NAACP (National Association for the Advancement of Colored People)  
*Pitts v. Cherry*  
*Pitts v. Freeman*  
Racial Integration  
Racial Percentages  
Redan Issue  
Zoning – School Residential Districts

#### Folder List

Box	Folder	Contents	Date(s)
1	1	History of Desegregation in DeKalb Schools	1896-1978
	2	Narrative History with Supportive Documents	1964-1966
	3	Names and Addresses	1988-1993
	4	Roger Mills	1983-1985
	5	Map DeKalb School Attendance Districts	1989-1990
	6	Examples of Increasing Segregation	1972-1985
	7	Concerned Citizens of South DeKalb County	1974-1975
	8	School Desegregation Cases	ca. 1964-1981
	9	Court Orders through 1988 Concentration on Freeman v. Pitts	1969-1988
	10	US Supreme Court Report Freeman v. Pitts	1992
2	1	Personnel Reports	1978-1987
	2	Summary Student Racial Percentages	1976-1983

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	3	Enrollment by School by Race	1969-1986
	4	Region IV Survey of Districts	n.d.
	5	Federal Compliance Reports	1974
	6	Federal Compliance Reports	1975
	7	Federal Compliance Reports	1976
	8	Federal Compliance Reports	1977
	9	Federal Compliance Reports	1978
3	1	Federal Compliance Reports	1979
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	8	Federal Compliance Reports	1986
	9	Federal Compliance Reports	1987
	10	Federal Compliance Reports	1988
	11	Federal Compliance Reports	1989
4	1	Faculty/Staff Turnover	1982-1985
	2	Teacher and Staffing Changes	1989
	3	Projected Enrollment	1988-1989
	4	Capacity Charts	1987-1989
	5	Fall Capacity—Enrollment for Black/White Schools	1988-1995
	6	School Capacity and Residential Charts	1992
	7	Proposed Junior-Senior High School Reorganization	1987-1988
	8	Minority-to-Majority Questionnaire and Summary Responses	1980
	9	Chronology of Events Lakeside M-to-M	1983
	10	Preliminary Project of Retention Ratios for Minority-to-Majority Program	1988-1989
	11	Redan Issue Information Packet	1983
	12	Report on Status of Compliance	1990
	13	Superintendent's Report on Schools	1983
5	1	Bi-Racial Committee Minutes	1977-1988
	2	Billing for Legal Services	1990-1991
	3	Petition/Mills Divorce Settlement	1990
	4	Questions/Answers/Testimony	1984
	5	Hand-written Depositions	1990
	6	Hand-written Notes and Comments	1990
	7	Petition for Writ of Mandamus or Prohibition	1990
	8	Affidavits	1990-1991
	9	Summary Transcript <i>Pitts v. Freeman</i>	ca. 1976-1984

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	10	Bound Court Documents	ca. 1973-1979
	11	Bound Court Documents (smaller size)	1990-1991
	12	US court of Appeals <i>Pitts v. Freeman</i>	n.d.
	13	Consolidated Cases <i>Pitts v. Freeman</i>	n.d.
6	1	Trial Outline	n.d.
	2	Record Excerpts Volume I	n.d.
	3	Record Excerpts Volume II	n.d.
	4	Federal Reports on Court Cases	n.d.
	5	<i>Spangler v. Pasadena City Board of Education</i>	1987
	6	News clippings	1966-1978
	7	News clippings	1979-1983
	8	News clippings	1984
	9	News clippings	1985
	10	News clippings	1986-1987
	11	News clippings	1988
7	1	News clippings	1989
	2	News clippings	1990
	3	News clippings	1991
	4	News clippings	1992-1993
	5	Early Correspondence	1965-1978
	6	Memoranda	1974-1978
8	1	Correspondence	1979-1983
	2	Memoranda	1979-1983
	3	Correspondence/Memoranda	1984
	4	Correspondence	1985
	5	Memoranda	1985
	6	Correspondence/Memoranda	1986-1987
	7	Correspondence/Memoranda	1988
	8	Correspondence/Memoranda	1989
	9	Correspondence	1990-1991
	10	Memoranda	1990-1991
9	1	Correspondence	1992-1993
	2	Memoranda	1992-1993
	3	Court Documents/ Proceedings	1968-1976
	4	Court Documents/ Proceedings	1977-1978
	5	Court Documents/ Proceedings	1979-1983
	6	Court Documents/ Proceedings	1984
	7	Court Documents/ Proceedings	1985
	8	Court Documents/ Proceedings	1986
10	1	Court Documents/ Proceedings	1987

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	2	Court Documents/ Proceedings	1988
	3	Court Documents/ Proceedings A	1989
	4	Court Documents/ Proceedings B	1990
	5	Court Documents/ Proceedings A	1990
11	1	Court Documents/ Proceedings B	1990
	2	Court Documents/ Proceedings C	1990
	3	Court Documents/ Proceedings	1991
	4	Court Documents/ Proceedings	1992-1993
12	1	Court Documents/ Proceedings with Attached Correspondence	1992-1993
	2	General File	1964-1978
	3	General File	1965-1978
	4	General File	1979-1983
	5	General File	1984
13	1	General File	1985
	2	General File	1986
	3	General File	1987
	4	General File	1988
14	1	General File A	1989
	2	General File B	1989
	3	General File	1990
	4	General File	1991
	5	General File	1992-1993
15		Bi-Racial Committee Files, Assorted Newspaper Clippings	c. 1976-1993
16		Bi-Racial Committee Files, NAACP Executive Committee Files	c. 1981-1984