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TRACK 1: Introduction and Overview

TRACK 2: Union Station - E. D. Nixon, a man whose influence on the Civil Rights movement cannot be understated, was a porter at Union Station during the rail station's busiest years. As such, he traveled the country and was shocked to discover desegregated life in northern cities. His experiences would inspire him to take a lead role when the Montgomery Bus Boycott began.

TRACK 3: Court Square - A historic marker at Court Square fountain reminds visitors that this was the site of the city's first slave market, where slaves brought in via the Alabama River were sold at auction along with cotton, livestock and other goods. In 1955, this site again became significant as the spot where Rosa Parks boarded a city bus and then, two stops later, when she was asked to vacate her seat for a white man, she refused.

TRACK 4: Rosa Parks Museum - In 1955, the Empire Theater stood on this site. Rosa Parks boarded a Montgomery City Bus at Court Square. When it stopped here, Ms. Parks refused to yield her seat and was arrested. This is now the site of the Rosa Parks Museum and Children's Wing.

TRACK 5: Frank M. Johnson Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse - A 37-year-old Judge Frank Johnson arrived here in 1955 as a U.S. District Court appointee of Dwight D. Eisenhower. During his tenure here this courthouse was one of the only official buildings in the south where Civil Rights claims could be heard and even won.

TRACK 6: Montgomery City Hall - It was here on December 5, 1955, Judge John B. Scott found Rosa Parks guilty of disobeying the city segregation law. He fined her 10 dollars plus four dollars to cover court costs.

TRACK 7: Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church - In this National Historic Landmark see the modest pulpit where Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. first preached

his message of hope and brotherhood. This church was also a center point of the Montgomery Bus Boycott. A large mural in the church depicts King's civil rights crusade from Montgomery to Memphis.

TRACK 8: Alabama State Capitol building - Designated a National Historic Landmark, this is the building from which Governor George Wallace declared he would uphold segregation laws, and on whose steps the Voting Rights March culminated.

TRACK 9: Alabama Department of Archives & History - Started in 1901, The Alabama Department of Archives and History is the oldest state-funded archives in the nation. The Archives houses newspapers, photographs, artwork and other items documenting and commemorating the Civil Rights Movement.

TRACK 10: Southern Poverty Law Center - Since its formation in 1971, the Southern Poverty Law Center has emerged as a major epicenter for civil rights legal work.

TRACK 11: Civil Rights Memorial & Museum - Inscribed on this memorial, you will find the names of those who died during the modern civil rights movement. Enter the museum, located behind the monument, to learn more about the people who gave their lives for this cause.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

TRACK 12: E.D. Nixon

TRACK 13: JoAnn Robinson

TRACK 14: Rev. Bob Graetz

TRACK 15: Browder vs. Gayle

TRACK 16: Greyhound Bus Station/Freedom Riders

TRACK 17: Montgomery Improvement Association (MIA)

TRACK 18: Dexter Parsonage

TRACK 19: Mass Meetings - the role of churches

TRACK 20: Alabama State University



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300 Water St., 262-0013
- 3** Court Square Fountain
Dexter Avenue at Montgomery and Commerce streets
- 4** Rosa L. Parks Library and Museum and Children's Wing
252 Montgomery St., 241-8661
- 5** Frank M. Johnson Federal Building and U.S. Courthouse
15 Lee Street
- 6** Montgomery City Hall
103 N. Perry St., 241-4400
- 7** Dexter Avenue King Memorial Baptist Church
454 Dexter Ave., 263-3970
- 8** Alabama State Capitol Building
600 Dexter Ave., 242-3935
- 9** Alabama Department of Archives and History
624 Washington Ave., 242-4363
- 10** Southern Poverty Law Center
400 Washington Ave., 956-8200
- 11** Civil Rights Memorial & Center
400 Washington Ave., 956-8200
- 18** Dexter Parsonage Museum
309 S. Jackson St., 261-3270
- 20** Alabama State University
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