

Pitts v. Freeman school desegregation case files, 1969-1993

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Abstract: *Pitts v. Freeman* school desegregation case files, consisting of material from the plaintiffs' legal team, including legal memos, newspaper clippings, transcripts, expert reports, and other materials related to the case. The case concerned school desegregation in the DeKalb County (Georgia) School System.
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Historical Note

This lawsuit was part of a series of litigation that sought to dismantle segregation in DeKalb County's public school system. *Willie Gene Pitts, et al., v. Robert Freeman, et al.*, was filed in

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1983. The litigation centered on the school system's efforts to expand Redan High School to relieve overcrowding at the school. The plaintiffs filed a motion to block the expansion because the proposed construction violated a 1969 injunction that required DeKalb County to construct and expand school facilities "with the objective of eradicating segregation and perpetuating desegregation." The plaintiffs contended the county's efforts to expand Redan's capacity were a thinly-veiled effort to avoid reassigning white students to nearby "under capacity" high schools that were predominately African American.

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