

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

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**Title:** *Pitts v. Freeman* school desegregation case files, 1969-1993  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 1036  
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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.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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## **Collection Description**

### **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.

**Scope and Content Note**

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**Arrangement Note**

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## Container List

Box	Folder	Content
1	-	Mailing list, Oct. 22, 1991 issue of <i>Voice</i> , printed material about magnet schools
2	-	Bound depositions, subpoenas, affidavits, <i>Pitts v. Cherry</i> correspondence
3	-	Plaintiff files, <i>Powell v. Oklahoma City</i> , <i>Ayers v. Allain/Maubus</i> , <i>Missouri v. Jenkins</i> decisions
4	-	<i>Mills v. Freeman</i> typescript of justification of attorney's fees, duplicate pleadings
5	-	Budgets, March 1991 correspondence
6	-	Correspondence, 1990-1993, legal documents including post-decision conduct papers
7	-	Precedent case files, defendant's 1987 post-trial reply, plaintiff's 1987 post-trial brief
8	-	Pleadings documents, unitary hearings, <i>Pitts v. Cherry</i> correspondence
9	-	District court discoveries I and II, pleadings II, III, VI, and X
10	-	Supreme Court Joint Appendix, pleadings VII, IV, amicus brief
11	-	<i>Brown and Smith v. Board of Education in Topeka</i> files, printed material including NAACP statement
12	-	<i>Columbus v. University of Chicago Social Sciences</i> statements, materials for 1985 NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., Conference on Education
13	-	<i>Pitts</i> transcripts, record excerpts, history of school desegregation in DeKalb County
14	-	Printed material, including photocopies of respondent's brief

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