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Montgomery 1960 Static Map Poster Abstract

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Through the Eyes of an Activist –

Dixon v. Alabama (1961) as told by James McFadden

Dixon v. Alabama is a landmark case from the civil rights movement that provides university students with the right to due process. The College Students Change the World Montgomery 1960 Project Team compiles primary resources and research related to the case and lives of the activists in order to create an immersive historical experience computer platform that develops participants perspective taking skills, promote empathy, and to foster ethical action.

Within the Montgomery 1960 Project Team, my independent research project is to create a database and geospatial representations of the data in the form(s) of a static map poster and a printable walking tour map of the locations in Montgomery, Alabama. This map poster depicts the product of the location database compilation based on a 2010 interview with one of the activists, James McFadden by Dr. Karen Boyd. I transcribed this interview and reviewed photographs taken of the locations to create a geospatial reconstruction of important locations to the lives of the student sit-in activists in Montgomery 1960. In addition to this interview, I did research within the Team's collected data files to pinpoint the location of buildings that no longer exist and spoke to the activists themselves to confirm location accuracy.

The final step in the project is the creation of an interactive walking tour map that can be accessed online that is set to be finished by the end of the Fall 2020 term.