



## Inventory of the A&T Four Collection, Box 001

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### **Descriptive Summary**

#### **Repository**

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#### **Creator**

Franklin McCain  
Ezell Blair, Jr. (Jibreel Khazan)  
David Richmond, Sr.  
Joseph Mc Neil

#### **Title**

"A&T Four" Box #1

#### **Language of Materials**

English

## **Extent**

1 archival boxes, 121 items, 1.8 linear feet

## **Abstract**

The Collection consists of four folders. One folder is for Joseph McNeil and the other three for David Richmond, two of the four A&T freshmen who started the sit-in movement when they sat down at a whites only lunch counter at Woolworth's in Greensboro, NC. In later years, the men would be awarded honorary degrees, a documentary made, a statue of them erected on the A&T Campus, and the opening of the Civil Rights Museum in downtown Greensboro.

The folders contain brief biographies, and news articles referencing the men specifically and the A&T Four generally. The time period of the articles are mostly from the years following the sit-ins movements as well as the time periods of and following each of the two men's deaths.

## **Administrative Information**

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## **Biographical Note**

On February 1, 1960, NC A&T SU freshmen Franklin McCain, David Richmond, Joseph McNeil, and Ezell Blair (Jibreel Khazan) sat down at the whites only lunch counter at the F.W. Woolworth store in Greensboro, NC and refused to leave. Over the course of several days, the protest would attract participants from other area students and community leaders. Originally called "sitdowns", this act of civil disobedience would launch other sit-ins as a form of non-violent protest. By July 25, Woolwooth agreed to integrate its Greensboro store. The company had lost \$200,000 in business during the sit-ins.

There have been numerous salute to the A&T Four over the decades. On February 1, 2002, a bronze statue of the A&T Four was unveiled on NC A&T SU campus. There has been a commemorative breakfast each year on or near the campus of A&T, in which a Human Rights Award is presented.

## **Collection Overview**

### **Container List**

- 1.1 Annual Report of President, Warmoth T. Gibbs: Submitted to the Board of Trustees. Gibbs' explanation of Sit-Down demonstrations. Cover, p. 5. May 3, 1960.
- 1.2 Civil rights documentary to be shown Monday. News & Record. February 23, 2003.
- 1.3 Sweet Honey in Rock encourages, enchants. By Joya Wesley. News & Record. February 24, 2003.
- 1.4 "A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step." Pictured: Ezell Blair, Franklin McCain, Joseph McNeil, David Richmond. Woolworth Corporation Advertisement. News & Record. February 1, 1990.
- 1.5 New Statues Honor 'Greensboro Four.' Portland Local News. Retrieved on April 22, 2002 from theskanner.com. 2 copies.

- 1.6 By the President of the United States of America: A Proclamation. Re: African-American History Month and February One. Retrieved on April 15, 2002 from [http://quest.nasa.gov/qchats/special/mlk00/pres\\_proc00.html](http://quest.nasa.gov/qchats/special/mlk00/pres_proc00.html).
- 1.7 February 1, 1960. By Hal Sieber. Photographs by Jack Moebes, Charles Watkins, James R. Harris, Cecil Young. Carolina Peacemaker. February 21, 2002.
- Key Dates in the Sit-In Movement and Civil Rights Museum. Carolina Peacemaker. February 21, 2002.
- 1.8 Lunch Counter where Sit-Ins began. Carolina Curiosities. Jerry Bledsoe's Outlandish Guide to the Dadblamedest Things to see and do in North Carolina. The East Woods Press. Charlotte, NC. 1984. 2 copies.
- 1.9 From the Launching Pad. Carolina Peacemaker. February 10-16, 2000.
- 1.10 Preview Mural. Photograph of mural depicting A&T Four, previewing new Civil Rights Museum. Photograph by Tom Copeland. News & Record. September 24, 2002.
- 1.11 The Greensboro Four: A lesson in being brave. News & Record. January 31, 2000.
- 1.12 Collage of photographs by Jim McNally featuring the A&T Greensboro Four. Carolina Peacemaker. February 9, 2000.
- 1.13 The Greensboro Four. David Richmond, Joseph McNeil, Jibreel Khazan, Franklin McCain. Activist recalls "catalyst for civil rights" by Jim Schlosser. Pictured: Lynn Richmond (daughter of David Richmond), Joseph McNeil, Jibreel Khazan, Franklin McCain. Photograph by Scott Hoffmann. Pictured: Jibreel Khazan praying over David Richmond's grave. Photograph by Jerry Wolford. Pictured: Alexis Richmond, Noell Massenburg (granddaughters of David Richmond). Photograph by Jerry Wolford. News & Record. February 2, 2000.
- 1.14 Embrace the spirit of the four A&T freshmen. By Lewis A. Brandon III. News & Record. February 1, 2000.
- 1.15 Tolerance wins in battle against hate. By Mary Schladen. News & Record. February 3, 2000.
- 1.16 Four took seats for social justice. By Katie Mosher. Pictured; David Richmond, Franklin McCain, Jibreel Khazan, Joseph McNeil. Pictured: David Richmond. Photograph by Gary Allen. Pictured: Ima Jean Edwards, Geneva Tisdale. Photograph by Gary Allen. News & Observer. January 28, 1990.
- Greensboro became model for student protests in Triangle. By Katie Mosher. News & Observer. January 28, 1990.
- 1.17 Who was the woman in Sit-In Photo? Pictured: Unknown woman, Franklin McCain, Jibreel Khazan, Joseph McNeil, David Richmond. Photograph by Jack Moebes. Carolina Peacemaker. February 17, 2000. 2 copies.
- 1.18 Ecumenical service celebrates sit-in. By Alison Davis. News & Record. February 5, 1990.
- 1.19 Sitting for Justice. By William Yeingst with contributions from Lonnie Bunch. Increase & Diffusion. A Smithsonian Web Magazine. Retrieved on April 15, 2002. 2 copies.

- 1.20 Courage cast in bronze. By Allison Foreman. Greensboro Sit-Ins: Launch of a Civil Rights Movement. News & Record. February 2, 2002. Web. Retrieved on April 15, 2002. 2 copies.
- 1.21 Convocation Feb. 1: A&T's Famous Four Freshmen To Be Honored By University. The Mortarboard. Vol IV, No. 8. January 23, 1980.
- 1.22 A&T Four honored with breakfast. By Randy St. Clair. Pictured: Members of the S.G.A. with Franklin McCain, Jibreel Khazan, Joseph McNeil, David Richmond. Photograph by Sharonda Eggleton. The Register. February 4, 2002.
- 1.23 Shielded from the ugliness. By Allen Johnson III. News & Record. February 4, 1990.
- 1.24 Sit-Ins. "All of Africa will be free before we can get a lousy cup of coffee". Web. Retrieved April 15, 2002 from <http://www.watson.org/~lisa/blackhistory/civilrights-55-65/sit-ins.html>.
- 1.25 Fun Fourth: Downtown festival salutes heroes in wake of Sept. 11. By Jamie Kritzer. News & Record. June 27, 2002.
- 1.26 Film about Greensboro Four debuts. By Robert McNally. Carolina Peacemaker. June 10, 1999.
- 1.27 Students see sites in South to learn of civil rights movement. Herald. Roanoke Rapids, NC. June 29, 1998.
- 1.28 New Collaboration between Sit-In Movement, Inc. and North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. International Civil Rights Center & Museum. June 26, 2001.
- 1.29 NCA&TSU and Community Commemorate Sit-In Movement. Pictured: Joe McNeil, Jibreel Khazan, Franklin McCain David Richmond. Jibreel's last name incorrectly spelled "Khazal". Photograph by Otis Hairston, Jr. Carolina Peacemaker. January 28, 1999.
- 1.30 Race Relations: Now and Then. Pictured: Jibreel Khazan, Franklin McCain, Joseph McNeil, David Richmond. Photograph by Chuck Burton. News & Record January 17, 1999.
- A look back at the historic 1960 sit-in. Reprint of article from February 2, 1960. By Marvin Sykes. Pictured: Joseph McNeil, Franklin McCain, Billy Smith, Clarence Henderson. News & Record. January 17, 1999.
- 1.31 The Greensboro Four: Drum majors for justice. Pictured: Jibreel Khazan, Chancellor Edward Fort, Franklin McCain, Donyelle Shorter, Joyce Johnson, Dr. James Johnson. Pictured Anne Graves-Kornegay, David Morehead. Photographs by Louis Brandon, III. Pictured: Jibreel Khazan, Franklin McCain, Chancellor Edward B. Fort. Pictured Franklin McCain, David Richmond's grand-daughter (not named). Photographs by Otis Hairston. Carolina Peacemaker. February 4, 1999.
- 1.32 Special Events to commemorate Woolworth's sit-in. The Standard & News. February 2000.
- 1.33 The A&T Four. Fall Orientation bulletin. Cover image: photo of statue of the A&T Four. North Carolina A&T State University. 2002.
- 1.34 A side order of whimsy. By Jim Schlosser. Article regarding mural painted at Lucky 32 restaurant. Pictured: section of mural depicting sit-in. Artist: Chip Holton. News & Record. August 28, 2002. 2 copies.
- 1.35 The Greensboro Four: Marching to the beat of a different drum. By John Marshall Kilimanjaro. Pictured: Jibreel Khazan. Carolina Peacemaker. February 4, 1999.

- 1.36 Interview with Joseph McNeil, Woolworth's Sit-In participant. Interviewer: Eugene F. Pfaff, Jr. Transcribed by Robin Welborn. Greensboro Public Library Oral History Program. October 14, 1979.
- 1.37 Events commemorate ground-breaking sit-in. By Kerry Hall and Janet A. Brindle. Pictured: Jibreel Khazan, Franklin McCain, Chancellor Dr. Edward Fort. Photograph by Joseph Rodriguez. News & Record. February 2, 1999.
- 1.38 2002, Discover the Triad. Picture of A&T Four statue. Pictured: David "Chip" Richmond (son), Franklin McCain, Jibreel Khazan, Joseph McNeil. Photograph by Jerry Wolford. News & Record. 2002.
- 1.39 Iconic sit-In photograph from newspaper. Pictured: Joseph McNeil, Franklin McCain, Billy Smith, Clarence Henderson. News & Record. June 26, 2000.
- 1.40 A&T Four. February 2002 Calendar. Pictured: Reproduction of artwork featuring the Four. NC A&T SU. 2002.
- African American History Month 2002 Calendar of Events. February 2002 Calendar. NC A&T SU. 2002.
- 1.41 Rosa Parks Tells It Like It Was. By Rosa Parks. Pictured: Jibreel Khazan, Rosa Parks. Photograph by Otis Hairston. Carolina Peacemaker. February 17, 2000.
- 1.42 City's sit-ins recalled during rededication of marker. Originally published on Feb. 28, 2002. By T. Kevin Walker. Pictured: Carl Matthews. Black History Edition. The Chronicle. February 20, 2003.
- 1.43 No fight between town' n' gown, BUT... Pictured: Unknown woman, Franklin McCain, Jibreel Khazan, Joseph McNeil, David Richmond. Photograph by Jack Moebes. Carolina Peacemaker. October 17, 2002. 2 copies.
- 1.44 In honor of Heritage. Freedom. Diversity. Equality. Full page ad by News & Record. Pictured: David Richmond, Franklin McCain, Jibreel Khazan, Joseph McNeil. Photograph by Jack Moebes. News & Record. October 13, 2002. 3 copies.
- 1.45 3<sup>rd</sup> Bulleted item: "Another A&T event this week is the 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary celebration..." Winter Fest honors sports teams. By John Newsom News & Record. January 27, 2003.
- 1.46 A monumental proposal. News & Record. December 22, 2002.
- 1.47 Bain: Has a page in Greensboro's history. Pictured: Carson Bain. Pictured: George Simkins. Pictured: Nelsn Johnson. Pictured: Al Lineberry. News & Record. September 3, 2000.
- 1.48 Mark Your Calendars. 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Sit-Ins. Peacemaker. December 16, 1999.
- 1.49 'An extraordinary thing' Protesters recall 1960 sit-ins at lunch counter. By John Newsom. Pictured: Jibreel Khazan, Joseph McNeil, Franklin McCain, David Richmond Jr. Photograph by August L. Meyland III. Pictured: Joseph McNeil. News & Record. February 1, 2003.
- 1.50 43 years ago: G'boro sit-ins not the first; but A&T's squad made the books. Pictured: Carl Matthews. Photograph by Kevin Walker. Carolina Peacemaker. January 30-February 5, 2003.
- 1.51 March honors A&T Four. By Kitara Garner. The Register. February 10, 2003.

- A&T Four Honored. Pictured: Dr. Jibreel Khazan, Dr. Joseph McNeil, Dr. Franklin McCain, David Richmond Jr. Photograph by Sharonda Eggleton. The Register. February 10, 2003.
- A&T observes 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of sit-ins. By Alexandra Gray. The Register. February 10, 2003.
- 1.52 Docu-film wins two thumbs-up. By Jim McNally. Pictured: Franklin McCain, Jibreel Khazan, Joseph McNeil, David Richmond. Photograph by Jack Moebes. Carolina Peacemaker. February 13, 2003.
- 1.53 The people & events of a county where the cash crop is History. By Hal Sieber. Portrait photographs: Charles H. Moore, James Ephraim McGirt, Jesse Jackson, Walter Latham, Henry Frye Sr., Joseph Dudley, Reverend Nelson Johnson, Dr. George Simkins, Dr. John Marshall Kilimanjaro, Willa Player, Ronald McNair, Sylvester Daughtry, Dolley Madison, Andrew Jackson, Reverend Michael King, John Coltrane, Judge Elretta Alexander-Ralston. Carolina Peacemaker. February 2003.
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- 1.54 Greensboro City Council agreed to help fund Civil Rights Museum. Time News. Lincolnton, NC. June 3, 1994.
- 1.55 A&T Four fact sheet with birth dates.
- 1.56 'One Community' February One Society Stresses Living Memorial. Pictured: Coretta Scott King. Pictured: Dr. Will Parker, Dr. Richard Moore, Jibreel Khazan, David Richmond, Joseph McNeil, Franklin McCain, Ralph Johns. Carolina Peacemaker. February 24, 1994.
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- Newspaper photograph of A&T Four. Pictured: David Richmond, Franklin McCain, Ezell Blair Jr. (Jibreel Khazan), Joseph McNeil. Asheville Citizen-Times. January 14, 1994.
- 1.59 For Service: Students Stage Sitdown Demand. Pictured: 5 un-named students at counter on Day 3. Reprint of The Register, February 5, 1960. The Register. February 1, 1980. 3 copies.
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- 1.60 Second Opinion: Museum deserves our support. Pictured: Joseph McNeil, Franklin McLain, Billy Smith, Clarence Henderson. News & Record. September 21, 2003.
- 1.61 Initiators Of Sitdown Hold Reunion. By Bill Goode. Pictured: Ezell Blair Jr., Joseph McNeill (sic), David Richmond, Franklin McCain. Register. February 11, 1966.
- 1.62 30 years later, Woolworth sit-ins to be remembered. By Jim Schlosser. Pictured: David Richmond, Franklin McCain, Ezell Blair (Jibreel Khazan), Joseph McNeil. News & Record. January 2, 1998. 2 copies.

- 1.63 Civil Rights Museum Seeking Artifacts. Forwarded email originally from Judy Morton, Office & Communications Manager of Action Greensboro, to Jean Williams, Public Services Division Head of Bluford Library at A&T. December 8, 2003.
- 1.64 Key Dates in the Sit-In Movement and Civil Rights Museum. News & Record. February 6, 2004.  
Ex-White House staffer named museum director: Amelia Parker's deputy will be Robert Haynes of the African Museum in Dallas. By Nancy H. McLaughlin. Pictured: Robert Haynes. Pictured: Amelia Parker. News & Record. February 6, 2004.
- 1.65 Own a Piece of History. Advertisement for reproductions of February One statue and commemorative coin. A&T Today. NC A&T SU. No Date.
- 1.66 Upholding the Legacy: The A&T Four & The Sit-In Movement. Cover. Pictured: David Richmond, Franklin McCain, Ezell Blair (Jibreel Khazan), Joseph McNeil. Greensboro Truth & Community Reconciliation Project. January 2004.  
The Struggle for Justice and Equality. Pictured: Joseph McNeil, Franklin McLain, Billy Smith, Clarence Henderson. Pictured: Congressman Mel Watt. Pictured: Bishop Desmond Tutu with GTCRP Local Task Force Members and Greensboro Leaders. . Greensboro Truth & Community Reconciliation Project. January 2004.
- 1.67 Profiles in Black History: The Greensboro Four. Pictured: David Richmond, Franklin McCain, Ezell Blair (Jibreel Khazan), Joseph McNeil. News & Record. February 1, 2004.
- 1.68 A&T to hold annual breakfast on Jan. 30. By John Newsom. News & Record. January 19, 2004.
- 1.69 G'Boro Four Anniversary. Carolina Peacemaker. January 15, 2004.
- 1.70 Sit-in organizer to speak at UNCG's MLK celebration. Pictured: Franklin McCain. The Chronicle. January 15, 2004.
- 1.71 International Civil Rights Center and Museum. Newspaper advertisement. Pictured: David Richmond, Franklin McCain, Ezell Blair (Jibreel Khazan), Joseph McNeil. Pictured: Joseph McNeil, Franklin McLain, Billy Smith, Clarence Henderson. News & Record. December 7, 2003.
- 1.72 Sharpton speaks of debt to Greensboro Four. By Nancy H. McLaughlin. Pictured: Reverend Al Sharpton, Skip Alston, Dolores Paylor. Photograph by H. Scott Hoffmann. 2 copies.
- 1.73 Lessons in faith and change. By John Llewellyn. Pictured: Carl Matthews. The Chronicle. February 26, 2004.
- 1.74 N.C. A&T sponsors discussions on rights movement. News & Record. December 4, 2003.
- 1.75 A&T begins Black History Month with the celebration of the 44<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Sit-In Movement. Pictured Tyrone Baines, Chancellor James C. Renick. Pictured: J. Kenneth Lee. Pictured Jibreel Khazan. Pictured: Franklin McCain, Joseph McNeil, Margaret Dwight-Barrett. Pictured: Paulette Foster, Terrence Jenkins, Joseph McNeil, Franklin McCain. Photographs by Sharonda Eggleton. Pictured: Franklin McCain, Joseph McNeil, Jibreel Khazan, Dave Richmond. Register. February 5, 2004.
- 1.76 A&T honors 44<sup>th</sup> anniversary of sit-in movement. By Patrice Withers. Pictured: Franklin McCain, Joseph McNeil, Jibreel Khazan, Dave Richmond. Photograph by Sharonda Eggleton. Register. February 5, 2004.



- 1.77 Marvin Edwin Sykes obituary. Pictured: Marvin Edwin Sykes. News & Record. April 30, 2004. 2 copies.
- 1.78 Reporter who broke sit-ins story dies – Marvin Sykes also spent four years as director of the Guilford Better Business Bureau. By Jim Schlosser. News & Record. April 30, 2004. Retrieved on January 27, 2014 from newsbank.com.
- 1.79 In Memory of Marvin Edwin Sykes 1915-2004. Memorial Service program. First Baptist Church, Greensboro, NC. May 1, 2004.
- 1.80 Group will screen film 'February One' tonight. Pictured: David "Chip" Richmond Jr, Franklin McCain, Jibreel Khazan, Joseph McNeil. Chronicle. April 29, 2004. 7 copies.
- 1.81 Greensboro Sit-Ins Left Mark on Nation: A Personal Message From President Barack Obama. Pictured: President Barack Obama. News & Record. January 24, 2010.