Today when American students learn about the Civil Rights Movement there are usually at most three to five main activists they are taught about. Students are conditioned to equate the movement with people such as Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King Jr., and Malcolm X. Along with their stories, teachers and professors will occasionally throw in other well-known African Americans from the past such as Booker T. Washington, W.E.B. DuBois, and Frederick Douglass. That may be the extent of a young person's knowledge of African American history. The Civil Rights Movement is packed tightly into a neat conceptual box, but in actuality there are so many more people who had a great impact on the movement. Even less studied that some people of the Civil Rights Movement, are the groundbreaking legal decisions that inspired their activism in the first place. This project will investigate lesser known people of the Civil Rights Movement and the important legal decisions that had an impact on gaining civil rights for everyone. The sit-ins, the freedom riders, bus and other boycotts resulted when African American attempted to put in practice laws that had been passed. These court cases preceded those highly publicized events and lay down a true foundation for the Civil Rights Movement. The individuals who fought these legal battles are the unsung heroes of the Civil Rights Movement and this project will tell their story.