



# Digitizing the Unseen Civil Rights Movement

The Ed Pincus Film Collection

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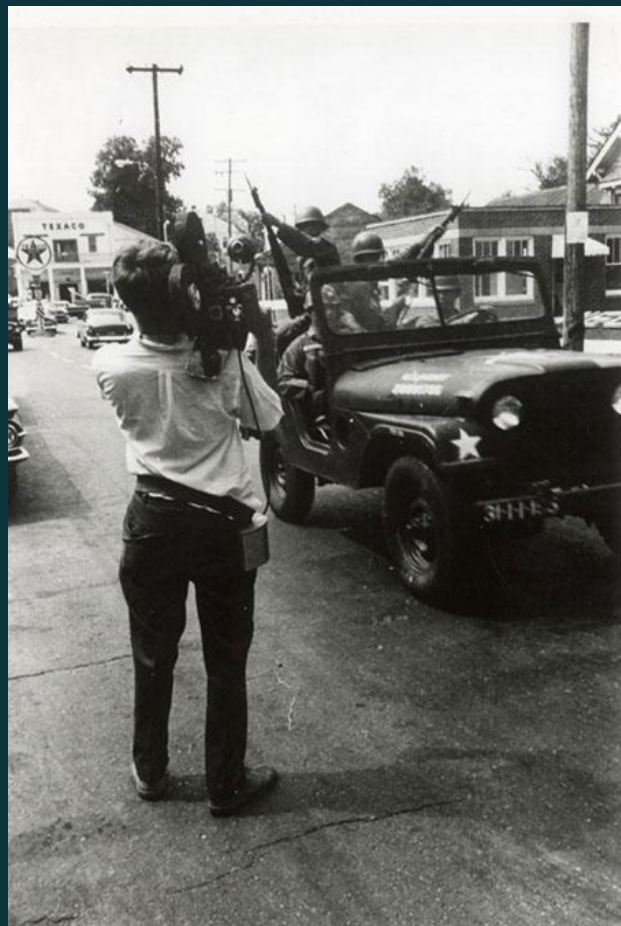
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# Intro

- Funded by a Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR) *Digitizing Hidden Special Collections & Archives* grant
- January 2019 - December 2021
- Digitized close to 90 hours of raw documentary footage



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# Ed Pincus Film Collection

16mm B&W

Shot in Natchez, Mississippi in 1965 and 1967

## 1965 Footage

- Used to create the completed documentaries *Black Natchez* (1967) and *Panola* (1970)
- Follows the Freedom Democratic Party (FDP) and NAACP
- Formation of the Deacons for Defense and Justice
- Bombing of George Metcalfe

## 1967 Footage

- Follow-up film to *Black Natchez* was never completed
- Murder of Wharlest Jackson
- Check-in with subjects from the 1965 film



# Project Overview

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- Digitization for Preservation and Access (Colorlab)
- Description
- Exhibition on Louisiana Digital Library (LDL)
- Updated Finding Aid
- Screening Event (Natchez Museum of African American History and Culture)



# Description Process

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Step 1: Review *Black Natchez* and *Panola*.

Step 2: Record chronological summary of events in document.

Step 3: Indicate important times, dates, locations, names, and themes in spreadsheet using LOC Authority Headings.

Step 3.5: Search internet for extra information, especially regarding important people.

Step 4: Repeat Steps 2-3.5 for roughly 298 videos.





# Cross-departmental Work

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- Digital Preservation concerns
- Participation in the Louisiana Digital Library





# Challenges

What we learned:

- Updates to Digital Infrastructure
- Lab work and shipping learning curve
- Pandemic



# Outcomes

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- Web portal:  
<https://louisianadigitallibrary.org/amistad>
- Documentary *American Reckoning*  
<https://www.pbs.org/wgbh/frontline/documentary/american-reckoning/>
- Streaming event:  
<https://vimeo.com/662726224>





# Clips

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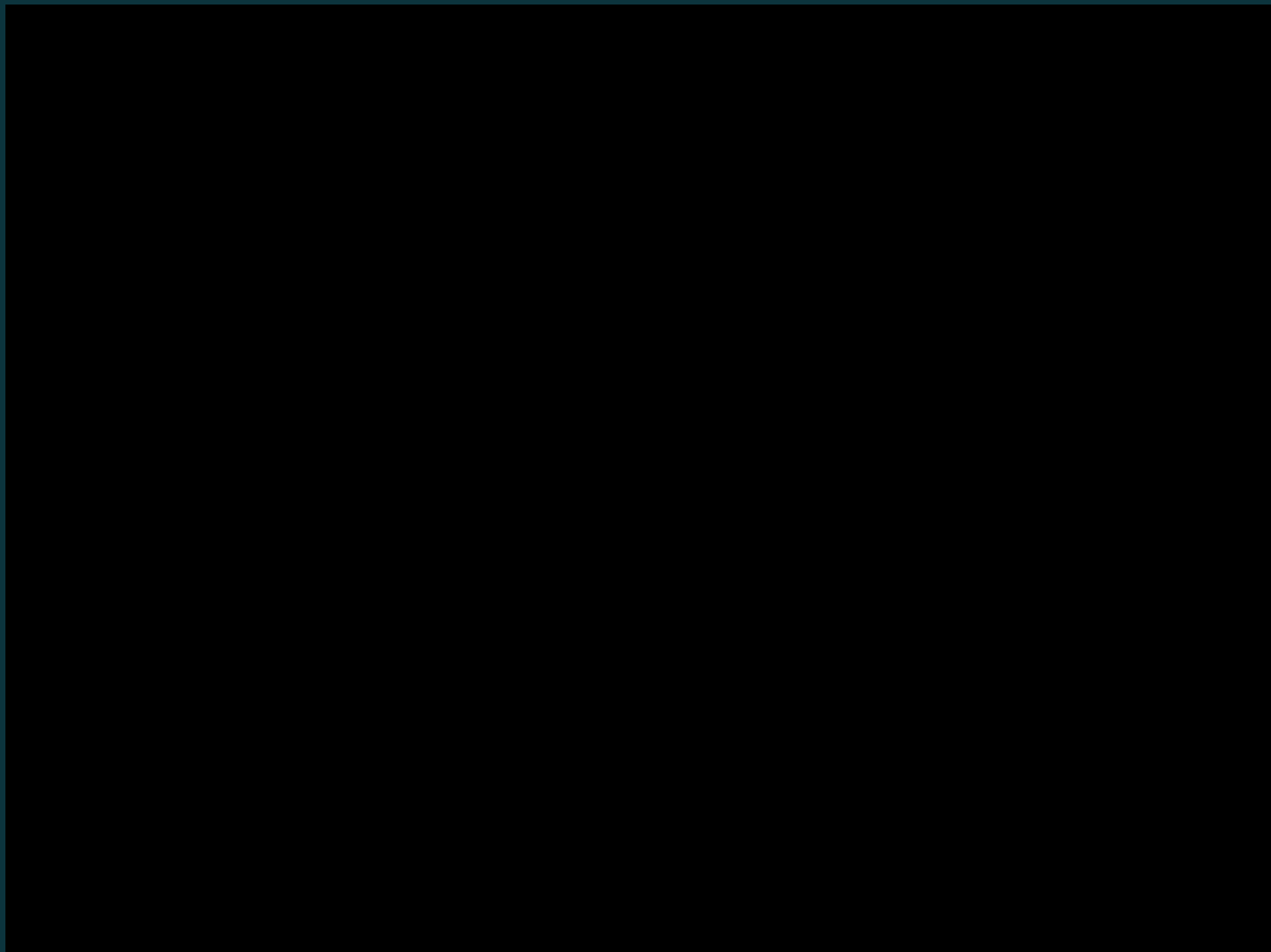
- Duncan Park integration
- Deacon for Defense and Justice patrol at meeting
- Charles Evers updates on the state of Natchez
- March to the Courthouse











# Questions?

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