

2002

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AND CIVIL RIGHTS MUSEUM**

- 1879** **The "Great Five-Cent Store" is founded in Lancaster, Pa.**
- 1929** **132 S. Elm St. Building is constructed. The Architect, Charles Hartmann, also designed the Jefferson Standard Building.**
- 1939** **Woolworth takes over most of the building. Before that, Woolworth was located at 218 S. Elm St.**
- 1960** **Woolworth's annual sales top \$1 billion. The Greensboro store ranks 64th in retail sales out of more than 2,000 Woolworth stores and is the No. 1 Woolworth store in the region in restaurant sales.**
- Feb. 1, 1960** **Franklin McCain, David Richmond, Joseph McNeil, and Ezell Blair, (Jibreel Khazan) sit down at the whites only lunch counter and refuse to leave.**
- April, 1960** **Within two months, the sit-in spreads to 54 cities in nine states.**
- July 25, 1960** **Woolworth agrees to integrate its Greensboro store. Woolworth lost \$200,000 in business during the sit-ins.**
- Feb. 1, 1980** **The four former students return to the lunch counter for the 20th anniversary of the sit-ins.**
- 1982** **The Woolworth building is added to The National Register of Historic Places.**
- 1983** **Woolworth announces it will redesign 1,200 stores across the country. It will preserve Greensboro full service counter.**
- 1988** **The building is sold to Neuse, Inc., a subsidiary of First Citizens Bank.**
- 1990** **Greensboro hosts a 30th year anniversary celebration.**
- October, 1993** **Woolworth's Lunch Counter stops selling food.**

- Jan. 22,
1994** **The Elm Street Woolworth's closes.**
- 1994** **Sit-in Movement, Inc. is founded by Skip Alston and Earl Jones.**
- 1994** **Sit-in Movement, Inc. purchases the building for \$700,000 from First Citizens Bank.**
- 1995** **Sit-in Movement, Inc. asks the federal government to officially declare the site a National Historic Landmark, a distinction not yet granted.**
- November,
1995** **An international fund-raising campaign kicks off.**
- 1998** **The Museum expected to be completed and open to the public.**
- February
2001** **The Museum's mortgage is paid off.**
- June 26,
2001** **N.C. A&T announces a partnership with Sit-in Movement, Inc.**
- February 1,
2002** **Larger than life monument of the A&T Four was unveiled to mark the 42nd anniversary.**