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Document of the Month Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

"The world's most renown [sic] disciple of non-violent resistance...."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was born on January 15, 1929, at 501 Auburn Avenue in Atlanta, Georgia. From his humble beginnings he became one of the most recognized and influential men of the 20th century and the leader of a movement that changed the fabric of American life in profound ways. His life embodied courage and conviction, and his ideas and teachings influenced not only the oppressed in the United States but in other nations around the world.

Dr. King's powerful words inspired generations of Americans, and few orators today can match his skills. But it was his dedication to the concept of non-violence that was the hallmark by which he was and continues to be remembered. It was the foundation of his beliefs.

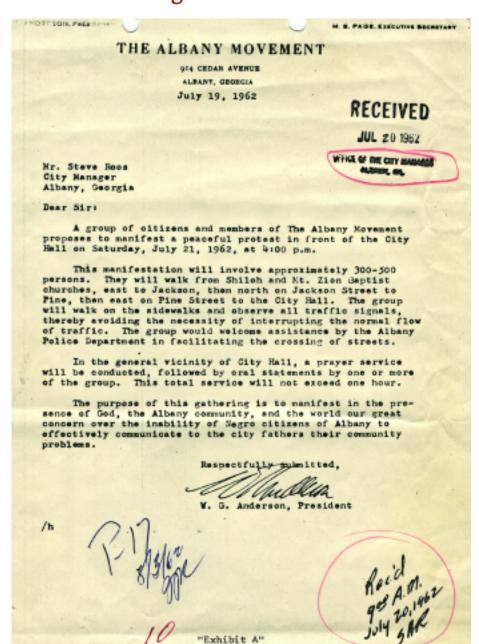
The Albany Movement

In the early 1960s citizens in the southwest Georgia city of Albany, together with members of various civil rights organizations, united to challenge discrimination. Known as the Albany Movement, it consisted of private citizens and representatives from several civil rights organizations, including the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and its president, Martin Luther King, Jr.

In 1962 Martin Luther King, Jr. participated in several demonstrations and spent time in jail in Albany. In the Federal court case related to the activities of the Albany Movement, W. G. Anderson, the president of the Movement, testified about the influence of Dr. King in the movement's activities and his dedication to nonviolence. Dr. King's "presence in any community attracts [the] attention of everybody that knows he's in the community."

The Albany Movement proved to be a test for King and his adherence to the principles of nonviolence, the foundation of his career. Ultimately, it taught King and the SCLC that careful planning and care in choosing the right venues were vital. Although it was not one of his successes, the Albany Movement did serve as a learning experience for his future work.

In 1983 Congress enacted legislation which established the third Monday of each January as a legal holiday to commemorate Dr. King's birthday. The holiday serves as a time for Americans to reflect on the principles of racial equality and nonviolent change espoused by Dr. King. The first annual observance of the holiday was on January 20, 1986.



Letter to the City Manager, Albany, Georgia, July 19, 1962, Exhibit A, Civil Action No. 727; United States District Court for the Middle District of Georgia, Albany Division; Records of the District Courts of the United States, Record Group 21; National Archives and Records Administration—Southeast Region (Atlanta).

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History of Leadville's Ice Palace, Leadville, CO RG 95, NARA's Rocky Mountain Region



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Winter Landscape, c. 1950 RG 79, NARA's Central Plains Region



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