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The Vanguard of the Movement: The Savannah Branch NAACP Youth Council

Image 1: W. W. Law installing Westside NAACP Youth Council officers.
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Image 2: Westside NAACP Youth Council officers.
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Image 3: Miss Carrie Orr, NAACP Youth Council.
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Image 4: Sunday NAACP meeting at St. Paul Baptist Church featuring youth speakers (W. W. Law seated on far left; James Brown seated on far right), May 7, 1961. Photograph by W. B. Chisholm.
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Image 5: Students waiting in line at courthouse to register to vote (W. W. Law standing under directional sign).
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The Black Community Rises Up: Sit-ins

Image 6: NAACP lunch counter demonstration at Kress, March 1960.
W. W. Law Photograph Collection, Item #1121-100_0036.

The Black Community Rises Up: Mass Meetings

Image 7: Mass meeting at First African Baptist Church, Sunday, May 1, 1960.
"This was meeting following passage of anti-picket law, Police were outside taking photos." –W. W. Law
W. W. Law Photograph Collection, Item #1121-100_0801.

The Black Community Rises Up: Marching to Freedom

Image 8: 1962 NAACP Membership Campaign (Curtis Cooper on the left; W. W. Law on the far right).
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The Black Community Rises Up: Wade-ins

Image 9: Savannah NAACP youth leaving NAACP office for wade-in at Tybee Island, August 1960. Photograph by Sam Williams. Those pictured included: Mercedes Arnold; E. J. Josey; ? McIntosh; Eleanor Mitchell; James Alexander; Carolyn Nelson (Snider); W. W. Law; Charlie Smart; Margita DeVida; Amos C. Brown (Morehouse College/State NAACP Youth President); Attorney B. C. Mayfield; Benjamin Van Clark; Annie Mae Mustipher; Judson Ford; Carrie Orr; and Hosea L. Williams.
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Image 10: Young man talking to an officer during Tybee Island wade-in, August 1960.

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The Black Community Rises Up: Kneel-ins

Image 11: Kneel-in demonstration at First Baptist Church, August 1960.

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Image 12: Kneel-in demonstration at Wesley Monumental Methodist Church, August 1960.

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Image 13: Kneel-in demonstration at unidentified church, August 1960.

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The Black Community Rises Up: Suing for School Desegregation

Image 14: NAACP Education Committee and supporting parents before traveling to the Federal District Court in Brunswick, Georgia. First row, seated left to right: B. Clarence Mayfield, local attorney; Mrs. Constance Baker Motley, Associate Director-Counsel; Derrick A. Bell, Jr., Counsel, NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc., New York City; and Reverend L. Scott Stell, Jr., lead plaintiff and NAACP Education Committee Chairman. Second row, standing left to right: Miss Virginia Mack; Mrs. Mercedes A. Wright; Mrs. Ethel B. Luten; Mrs. Frances Green; Mrs. Luther Newton; Dr. J. W. Jamerson, Jr., Vice President; W. W. Law, President; Leo E. Garrison; Mrs. Esther F. Garrison, Secretary; Mrs. Merle D. Williams; Mrs. Charlotte Dawson; and S. J. Brown. Photograph by Sam Williams.

W. W. Law Photograph Collection, Item #1121-100_0074.

Image 15: Front standing, left to right: Henry Holmes; Jesse Stell; unidentified; W. W. Law; and Reverend Frederick G. Jaudon.

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The Black Community Rises Up: Selective Buying

Image 16 and Image 17: NAACP demonstration at Bargain Corner store, April-May 1963.

W. W. Law Photograph Collection, Items #1121-100_0651.02 and 1121-100_0656.

Image 18: NAACP demonstration at Westside Shopping Center, US Highway 80, Garden City, July 1960.

Photograph by W. B. Chisolm.

W. W. Law Photograph Collection, Item #1121-100_0659.

The Black Community Rises Up: Protesting at Grayson Stadium

Image 19: W. W. Law and youth Dezzie Riley picketing the ballpark, circa 1960. Photograph by W. B. Chisolm.

W. W. Law Photograph Collection, Item #1121-100_1112.

Honoring “The Firsts”: Sit-in Honorees

Image 20: First for Freedom Awards presented by Otis Johnson to Joan Tyson, Ernest Robinson, and Carolyn Quilloin.

W. W. Law Photograph Collection, Item #1121-100_0716.

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Honoring “The Firsts”: School Desegregation

Image 21: Youth demonstrating in front of the Board of Education Superintendent’s office.
W. W. Law Photograph Collection, Item #1121-100_1968.

Image 22: First nineteen students who integrated Savannah’s public high schools (Savannah High and Groves High) in September 1963, pictured with NAACP leadership, including W. W. Law, Reverend L. Scott Stell, and Bishop A. J. Scott.
W. W. Law Photograph Collection, Item #1121-100_1969.

Image 23: Otis Samuel Johnson was the first African American to graduate from Armstrong State College, pictured here with the Class of 1964.
W. W. Law Photograph Collection, Item #1121-100_0740.

The Results of School Desegregation

Image 24: School desegregation at work; pledging allegiance to the flag in Massie Elementary School’s first grade, September 1967.
W. W. Law Photograph Collection, Item #1121-100_0739.

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Image 25: “Captain Richard Morgan, commander of Co. A, Savannah High ROTC, is shown leading his company in the St. Patrick’s Day Parade on March 17, 1967. Morgan is the highest ranking Negro youth in the ROTC program at Savannah High. Also seen in the ranks are Norris Moore, Malcolm Walker and Dorsey Blake.” –W. W. Law
W. W. Law Photograph Collection, Item #1121-100_0482.

Image 26: “Lt. Ronald Wallace, Groves High ROTC, is shown giving command. Work, Ronnie, work -- we like your spirit. Lt. Jimmie Jones is shown at the rear of the marching unit. (When I saw the parade platoon leader, Jones was counting cadence). Ronald is a member of the championship rifle team at Groves.” –W. W. Law
W. W. Law Photograph Collection, Item #1121-100_0485.

Marching in Solidarity with Selma to Montgomery, Alabama March Protesters

Image 27: More than 650 people marched twenty blocks from St. Philip AME Church on West Broad Street (now Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard) to the Chatham County Courthouse on Wright Square in support of the Selma, Alabama march for increased voter registration. The march was led by W. W. Law and several ministers, including Reverend Pickens Patterson of Butler Presbyterian Church, Reverend Harold Baker of Second Ebenezer Church, and the pastor of St. Philip AME Church. Along the way, marchers sang, prayed, and listened to speeches.
W. W. Law Photograph Collection, Item #1121-100_0070.

Image 28: The marchers traveled from West Broad Street down Broughton Street to Bull Street.
W. W. Law Photograph Collection, Item #1121-100_1909.

Image 29: Future Savannah Mayor Otis Johnson was one of many marchers joining the protest in support of Selma.
W. W. Law Photograph Collection, Item #1121-100_0604.

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Image 30: The march ended in front of the Chatham County Courthouse with protesters kneeling in prayer. W. W. Law Photograph Collection, Item #1121-100_0603.

First Representatives to the Georgia General Assembly since Reconstruction

Image 31: Seated on the far left is Reverend Jesse Blackshear and in the center is Bobby L. Hill, State Representatives for Chatham County, 1971.
W. W. Law Photograph Collection, Item #1121-100_0735.

Image 32: State Representative Bobby L. Hill, from Chatham County, is standing behind a group visiting the Georgia State Capitol (W. W. Law second from left), February 23, 1972.
W. W. Law Photograph Collection, Item #1121-100_1511.

Untimely Deaths: Reverend James M. Floyd (May 1970)

Image 33: Reverend James M. Floyd, age 57, was shot in the Savannah Branch NAACP office on May 15, 1970 and died on the sidewalk outside the front door.
W. W. Law Photograph Collection, Item #1121-100_0972.02.

Image 34: W. W. Law (right) pauses over the spot where Reverend Floyd died, May 1970.
W. W. Law Photograph Collection, Item #1121-100_0972.03.

Image 35: Mourners for Reverend Floyd gathered outside the NAACP office and joined in song, including John Saxon "Piccolo" Pierce, Mrs. Esther F. Garrison, Reverend L. Scott Stell, W. W. Law, and Sam Williams, May 1970.
W. W. Law Photograph Collection, Item #1121-100_0973.02.

Image 36: Reverend Floyd's funeral procession, May 1970.
W. W. Law Photograph Collection, Item #1121-100_0974.07.

Untimely Deaths: Alderman, Attorney Robert "Robbie" Roberson (1989)

Image 37: Alderman Robert "Robbie" E. Robinson was assassinated by a mail bomb mailed to him by Walter Leroy Moody on December 18, 1989. He was only 41 years old when he died. He is pictured speaking at a meeting in the Tremont Park neighborhood, 1988.
W. W. Law Photograph Collection, Item #1121-100_0883.

Untimely Deaths: Former State Representative, Attorney Bobby L. Hill (2000)

Image 38: Attorney Bobby L. Hill (1941-2000) was the first African American from Chatham County to serve in the Georgia State House of Representatives since Reconstruction. He was elected in 1968 and served fourteen years. He is pictured speaking at Second Ebenezer Baptist Church.
W. W. Law Photograph Collection, Item #1121-100_0742.