

Jim Crow Laws

STARKVILLE CIVIL RIGHTS ORAL HISTORY

Terms

DE JURE SEGREGATION

- Legal separation of groups in society
- Segregation that exists because local laws mandate the segregation
- Segregation enforced by law

JIM CROW LAWS

- State and local laws enforcing racial segregation in the Southern United States
- Affected almost every aspect of daily life, mandating segregation of schools, parks, libraries, drinking fountains, restrooms, buses, trains, and restaurants

Bobby Bardwell

Bobby Bardwell talks about the realities of voter registration and how *de jure segregation* affected their ability to participate in legal affairs



Example of Jim Crow Laws:

“Separate free schools shall be established for the education of children of African descent; and it shall be unlawful for any colored child to attend any white school, or any white child to attend a colored school.”

—**Missouri, 1929**

“It shall be unlawful for a negro and white person to play together or in company with each other in any game of cards or dice, dominoes or checkers.”

—**Birmingham, Alabama,
1930**

Bobby Bardwell

Bobby Bardwell explains how he was arrested in the early '60's for refusing to use the "black window" at a Starkville restaurant, "The Derby"

