

A Living Civil Rights Icon – Clarence Henderson

Born in rural South Carolina during the height of Jim Crow laws, Mr. Clarence Henderson has seen the horrors of racism firsthand and knows what it's like to hold his ground despite strong opposition from the majority. In 1960, on the second day of the Greensboro sit-in, he joined Joseph A. McNeil, Franklin E. McCain, and William Smith at the Woolworth lunch counter in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Mr. Henderson was at the forefront of the civil rights battle then and continues to walk the often-lonely path of being an African American Conservative, bridging the gap between people of all faiths and racial backgrounds.



Mr. Henderson has done his part to bring awareness and change peacefully, notwithstanding his life being in the midst of chronicled episodes of civil unrest. A full feature movie, *Forgotten Courage*, <https://forgottencourage.com/>, is currently in pre-production. This movie is the story of his life as one of the Woolworth Lunch Counter protestors. It is a tale of bravery, salvation, and awakening.

Mr. Henderson now champions the cause for a better America by challenging, motivating, and inspiring others to be aware and responsible for the world that

surrounds them. Through the power of his faith, he is committed to bringing forth a unifying force in government, helping the people of our Nation come together, and unite behind the greatness our Nation possesses.

Mr. Henderson has received numerous awards and served on several boards: the recipient of the 40th Anniversary Sit-In Participant Award (2000); Chairman of the North Carolina Martin Luther King Jr. Commission (2013); Order of the Long Leaf Pine Award with the rank of Ambassador Extraordinary (2016); and appointed to the Advisory Board of Black Voices for Trump (2019). Moreover, in May 2017, Mr. Henderson became the President of the Frederick Douglass Foundation of North Carolina, an education and public policy organization that brings the sanctity of free market and limited government ideas to bear on the hardest problems facing our Nation. It is a collection of conservative and proactive individuals committed to developing innovative and new approaches to today's issues with the assistance of elected officials, university and college scholars, and community activists.

If you would like to donate to the Frederick Douglass Foundation of North Carolina, please go to the following website. <https://www.fdfnc.org/>. Mr. Henderson and his wife reside in Guilford County.