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Rosa Parks' Arrest Record

On December 1, 1955, Rosa Parks was arrested for refusing to give up her seat to a white passenger on a bus in Montgomery, Alabama. Her arrest record is an important historical document that shows the details of her arrest and the charges against her. Here is an excerpt from her arrest record:

Arrest Record Excerpt:

• Date:

December 1, 1955

• Time:

6:06 PM

Location:

Cleveland Avenue bus

• Charge:

Violating Chapter 6, Section 11 segregation law of the Montgomery City Code

Arresting Officer:

F. B. Day

Rosa Parks' brave act of defiance became a pivotal moment in the Civil Rights Movement, leading to the Montgomery Bus Boycott.

Bus Diagram

The bus diagram below illustrates the seating arrangement on the Montgomery bus where Rosa Parks was seated. The diagram helps us understand the layout and the segregation laws that required African Americans to sit in the back of the bus or give up their seats to white passengers if the bus became full.

Bus Diagram:

In the diagram:

- The front section (rows 1-10) was reserved for white passengers.
- The back section (rows 11-20) was designated for African American passengers.
- Rosa Parks was seated in row 11, the first row of the African American section.

When the bus became full, the bus driver asked Rosa Parks and three other African American passengers to give up their seats for white passengers. Rosa Parks refused, leading to her arrest.

These primary source documents help us understand the historical context of Rosa Parks' courageous action and the strict segregation laws of the time. They also highlight the significance of her role in sparking the Montgomery Bus Boycott, a major event in the fight for civil rights.