

**Today in Georgia History**  
**September 05, 1956**  
**Heart of Atlanta**

**Suggested Readings**

WSB-TV newsfilm clip of attorney Moreton Rolleston speaking to a reporter following the United States Supreme Court ruling upholding the public accommodations section of the 1964 Civil Rights Act and the integration of the Heart of Atlanta Motel in Atlanta, Georgia, 1964 December 14.

[http://crdl.usg.edu/cgi/crdl?query=id%3Augabma\\_wsbn\\_31715&cc=1&Welcome](http://crdl.usg.edu/cgi/crdl?query=id%3Augabma_wsbn_31715&cc=1&Welcome)

“Heart of Atlanta Motel v. United States (1964),” *New Georgia Encyclopedia*.

<http://www.georgiaencyclopedia.org/nge/Article.jsp?id=h-2935&sug=y>

Heart of Atlanta/Pickrick trial: [http://crdl.usg.edu/events/heart\\_atl\\_pickrick\\_trial/](http://crdl.usg.edu/events/heart_atl_pickrick_trial/)

Heart of Atlanta Motel, Inc. v. United States (No. 515) 231 F.Supp. 393, affirmed.

[http://www.law.cornell.edu/supct/html/historics/USSC\\_CR\\_0379\\_0241\\_ZC.html](http://www.law.cornell.edu/supct/html/historics/USSC_CR_0379_0241_ZC.html)

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September 5, 1956: Heart of Atlanta Motel



Bethlehem-Fairfield shipyards drinking fountain

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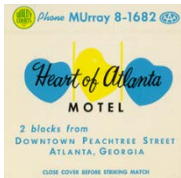
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Federal Court Orders Maddox and Motel to Serve Negroes  
The Atlanta Journal Constitution, 23 July 1964



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Justice Wiley Rutledge, Gov Dwight Green, Tom Clark, and Justice Harold Burton, 1945  
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Lyndon Baines Johnson signing Civil Rights Bill, April 11, 1968  
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Morton Rolleston in Front of Motel in Atlanta  
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Speedboat with woman in bathing suit at Heart of Atlanta motel, Febuary 27, 1960, LBCE04-014a  
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