

Transcript of Video of William Astor Kirk

Subject: Black in the Past

Title: William Astor Kirk "Points of Pliability" (45 Seconds)

Scene 1: Photograph of young Black man with one hand in his suit pocket talking to several white reporters in suits, one wears a hat.

Text: He was the first African American to address a Travis County political convention. He was a member of the prestigious committee to revise the City of Austin charter. He was the first African American to earn a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Texas at Austin.

Scene 2: Picture of protesters carrying signs in front of the awning at Woolworth's Co's store.

Text: And he was a leader in efforts to desegregate public facilities in Austin, including City Council meetings

Scene 3: Picture showing a few Blacks sitting on stools at the counter while white customers are looking.

Text: ... and the lunch counter at Woolworth's.

Scene 4: Picture of a library checkout counter with mostly whites in line and one Black man waiting for service.

Text: He single handedly forced the desegregation of Austin Public Library System using a strategy he called "Points of Pliability".

Scene 5: Picture of an outlined silhouette of a man fading into the real picture of William Astor Kirk.

Text: Who was he? If you guessed William Astor Kirk, you'd be right.

Scene 6: Credits for video showing Austin History Center and Austin Public Library logos on a black background with white lettering. It reads: Austin History Center Austin Public Library presents "Black in the Past", Executive Producer K. Anoa Monsho, Producer Karen Riles

Text: I am Karen Riles inviting you to explore your past at the Austin History Center.