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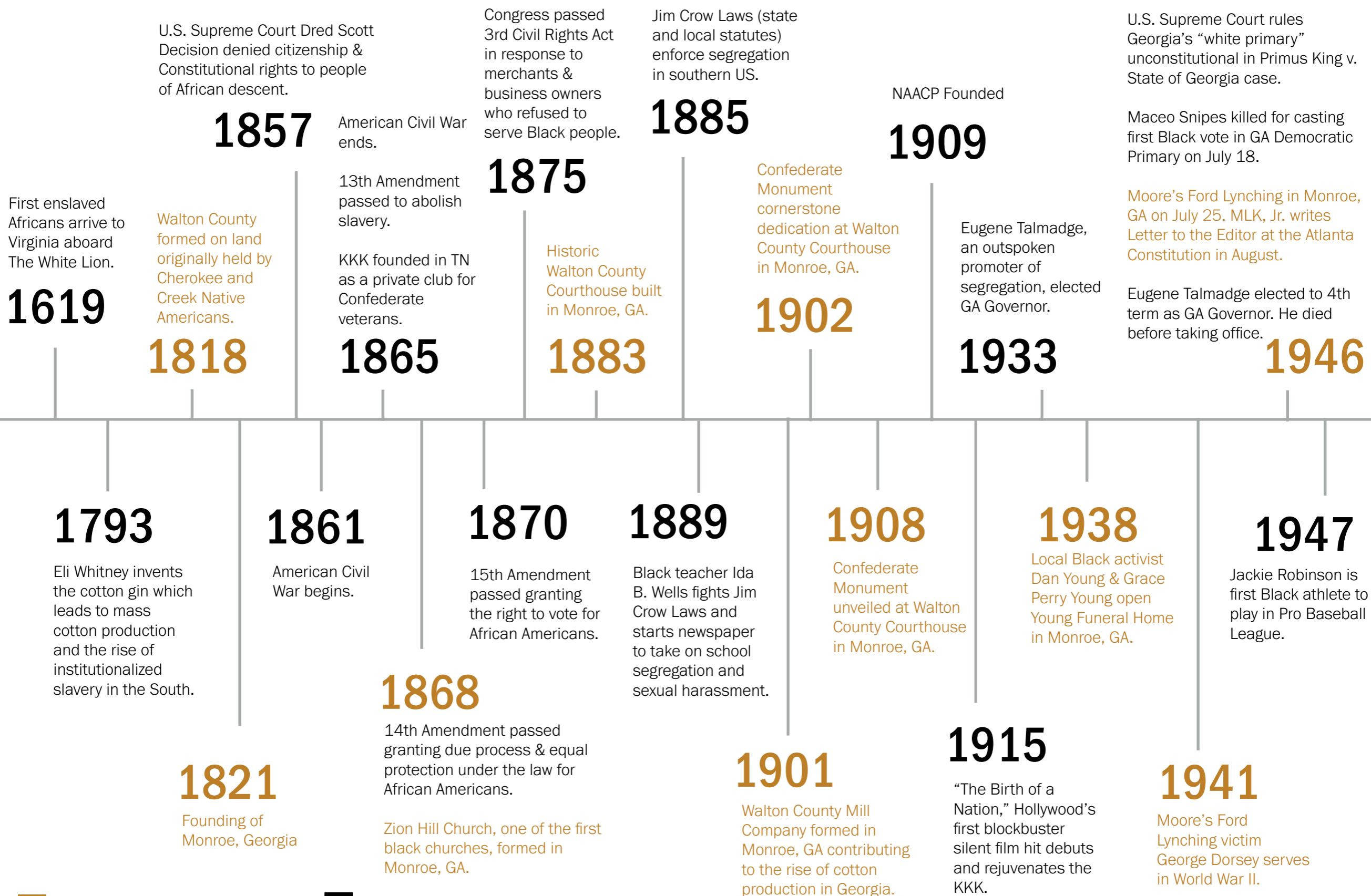
HOW CAN A TOWN MAKE PEACE WITH ITS PAST WHEN THE TRUTH IS BURIED?

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Walton County or Monroe, GA Event U.S. Event

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1948  
President Truman signs Executive Order to end segregation in the Armed Forces.

MLK, Jr. graduates from Morehouse College in Atlanta, GA.

1948

Brown v. Board of Education: US Supreme Court rules segregated schools unconstitutional.

1954

1951

Monroe Rotary Club invites Black children for the first time to their Annual Christmas Party.

1949

Citizens Committee, lead by Dan Young, petitions for equal education rights to Walton County School Board.

Little Rock Nine Black youth enroll at all-white Central High School in Little Rock, AK.

SCLC Founded in Atlanta. With MLK, Jr. as first president.

President Eisenhower signs Civil Rights Act into law to protect voter rights.

Monroe Golf & Country Club Founded

1957

1955

14-year old Emmett Till lynched in MS.

Rosa Parks refuses to give up her seat, prompting Montgomery Bus Boycott.

1959

Citizens Committee, lead by Dan Young, again files complaint for conditions at Black schools to Walton County School Board.

First major Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee meeting; MLK, Jr. Introduces Philosophy of Nonviolence

Woolworth Sit-in in Greensboro, NC

1960

1961

CORE Freedom Rides through the South prompting violence from white protestors.

Monroe City Council appropriates \$10,000 to recreation department for white residents, and \$1,200 for summer recreational program for Black youth.

Birmingham Church Bombed by United Klansman.

March on Washington for Jobs & Freedom where MLK, Jr. delivers "I have a dream" speech.

16th Street Baptist Church bombing in Birmingham kills four young Black girls.

1963

1964

Bolton's Restaurant in Monroe, GA refuses to serve Black protesters.

Monroe City Council imposes curfew ordinance in response to protests.

MLK, Jr. receives Nobel Peace Prize.

President Johnson signs Civil Rights Act into law preventing employee discrimination due to race, color sex, religion or national origin.

First 2 Black students: Dorcas Jernigan & Sallie Mae Robertson enroll at Monroe Area High School (MAHS).

Bloody Sunday: Selma to Montgomery March in Alabama

President Johnson signs Voting Rights Act to prevent literacy tests as a voting requirement.

1965

First 2 Black students graduate from MAHS.

1967

1968

MLK JR. assassinated at age 39 in Memphis, TN.

President Johnson signs Fair Housing Act providing equal opportunity housing regardless of race, religion or national origin.

Graves v Walton County Board of Education Law Suit Prompts Integration of Schools in Walton County.

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Last segregated Carver High School class graduates Black students in Monroe, GA (Spring).

Monroe Area High School (MAHS) total integration (Fall).

George Walton Academy, first private school in Monroe, GA founded.

**1969**

U.S. Supreme Court declared affirmative action constitutional but invalidated the use of racial quotas.

SCLC Freedom March in Monroe, GA

**1978**

**1972**

Shirley Chisholm, first Black woman, runs for President.

First Black Miss Hurricane at MAHS & First Black Co-Captain of MAHS Football Team.

**1976**

Patricia Roberts, Black female graduate of MAHS, competes in 1976 Olympic Games on the first U.S. Women's Basketball Team. Monroe, GA hosts welcome parade in her honor.

Lynching of Michael Donald by KKK in Mobile, AL

Army sergeant, Lynn McKinley Jackson found dead, hanging from a tree between Monroe & Social Circle, GA.

**1981**

\$7 million judgement against United Klans of America

KKK Rally in Monroe, GA

**1987**

**1982**

Army sergeant, Lynn McKinley Jackson's death inquest ruled a suicide.

SCLC Freedom March occurs from Social Circle to Monroe, GA with KKK present.

**1989**

Local Black activist, Dan Young, dies in Monroe, GA.

City Council approves rezoning request on land in close proximity to Zion Hill Cemetery, abandoned Black cemetery.

**1990**

KKK Rally in Walton County, GA

**1992**

Rodney King beaten by LAPD triggering four days of LA Riots.

**1996**

Moore's Ford Memorial Committee Formed in Monroe, GA

**1999**

Author Laura Wexler publishes "Fire In A Canebreak" about the Moore's Ford Lynching.

**2003**

**2001**

Colin Powell appointed first Black U.S. Secretary of State.

Moore's Ford Murder Investigation re-opened by GA Governor Roy Barnes.

**2005**

First Moore's Ford Lynching Re-Enactment occurs in Monroe, GA organized by Tyrone Brooks.

Military Salute for 1946 Moore's Ford Lynching Victim & WWII Veteran George Dorsey at gravesite

Zion Hill Cemetery clean-up by Moore's Ford Memorial Committee

FBI re-opened Moore's Ford Murder Investigation.

**2006**

**2008**

Barack Obama elected 44th and first Black US President.

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