

Alabama Studies Symposium

July 18-19, 2003

Program Proposal form

I/we would like to submit the following topic for consideration by the Alabama Studies Symposium Program Committee. A current curriculum vitae is attached.

Proposed Title:

ARTHUR MADISON: THE FORERUNNER OF THE VOTING RIGHTS MOVEMENT

Below is a one paragraph synopsis of the presentation (please include information about audio-visual requirements and/or components): Arthur Madison (188-1957) was born on the land purchased by his father, Eli Madison, in 1880—the Mays Plantation of 2,000 acres in Montgomery County, Alabama. The plantation was renamed "The Madison Park Community." Arthur Madison earned his Jurisprudence Degree from Columbia University in 1923. He passed both bars in Alabama and in New York State. In 1943, Arthur Madison filed a class-action suit against the Montgomery Board of Registrars, citing racial discrimination that prohibited Black Montgomerians to become registered voters. He was jailed and disbarred in Alabama in 1945 for his efforts, twenty years before the 1965 Voting Rights Movement in Alabama.

(WILL NEED AN OVERHEAD PROJECTOR)

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