

Sumner Grade School, Topeka

Sumner Grade School was a segregated school for whites only that played a prominent role in the desegregation case *Brown v. Board of Education*. Oliver Brown, an African American and the lead plaintiff in this court case, believed that his daughter should be allowed to attend Sumner School, which was only four blocks from their house. Instead, due to her race, his daughter was required to attend the Monroe School for black children located across town. Sumner was one of eighteen schools for white children located in Topeka during the first half of the twentieth century. In 1987 this building was designated a National Historical Landmark and it is not longer in operation.

Creator: Schrock, John Edward

Date: Between 1950 and 1969

Callnumber: FK2.S5 T.76 SS *4

KSHS Identifier: DaRT ID: 208673

Item Identifier: 208673

www.kansasmemory.org/item/208673

KANSAS
HISTORICAL
SOCIETY

