Figure 1. The Montgomery Bus Segregation System

Front Section: 10 reserved seats for whites at all times, 28% of the total seats

Rosa Parks’s seat on December 1, 1955

Middle Section: 16 unreserved seats, 44% of the total seats

Back Section: 10 reserved seats for blacks at all times, 28% of the total seats

Note: The bus image is adapted from “Exhibit A” in the case file of Browder v. Gayle 142 F. Supp. 707 (1956), located at the National Archives, South East Region. The text additions to the image are the author’s.