





Front Face

Dr. George C. Simkins, Jr.

1924 – 2001

Left Face

George C. Simkins Jr. was a Greensboro native, a dentist, and for twenty-five years, from 1959 to 1984, he led the Greensboro Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. In 1962, Simkins was the lead plaintiff in a lawsuit that resulted in the desegregation of the nation's public health-care facilities. In 1955, he challenged the city's racial segregation of a public golf course, which was opened to play by all in 1962.

Right Face

George C. Simkins Jr. pledged immediate support of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for students participating in the Greensboro lunch-counter sit-ins in 1960, and was a steady voice for ensuring voting rights of African Americans. He championed the district election of members of the Greensboro City Council in a campaign that lasted more than a decade. It concluded in 1983 with the first municipal elections under a new system of district representation.

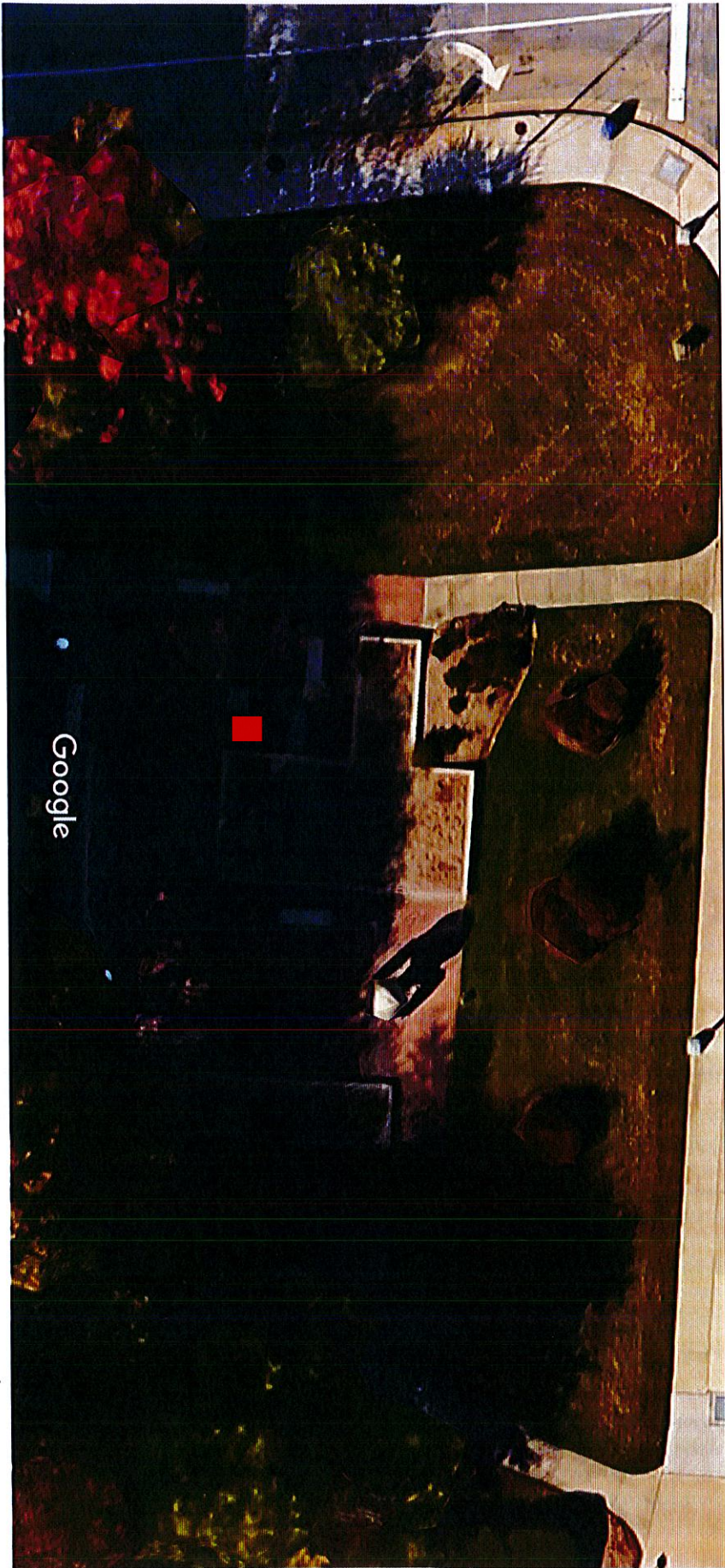
Back Face

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