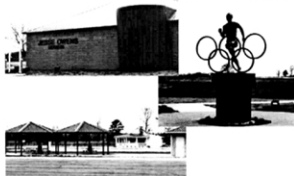


# Jesse Owens Memorial Park



A Living Memorial  
to Jesse Owens...

**MUSEUM DEDICATION**  
**Saturday, May 16, 1998**  
**1:00 P.M.**

With Appreciation to The Contributors  
For The Museum Dedication Activities

A.G. & Inez Petty  
Brian & Gina Hill  
James Pinion  
Marvin Fitzgerald  
Therman White  
State Senator Tommy Ed Roberts  
Harce Hill  
Curtis & Joyce Cole  
Ray (Red) Alexander  
State Senator Sundra Escott-Russell, Birmingham  
Coy Dotson  
Lawrence Davis, III  
Branko Medenica, Jesse Owens Statue Sculptor,  
Birmingham  
State Representative John (Jody) Letson  
Gary Tyree  
Suzanna MacKenzie, Maidstone, Ontario  
Dr. David Wilson, Associate Provost and  
Vice President for Auburn University Outreach  
Richard (Rip) Proctor  
Scott Stone, Colonial Bank  
Jerome Thompson  
Susan Whittle, CBS Bank  
Gene East

**Jesse Owens Museum Dedication Ceremony**  
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Master of Ceremonies	flon. Richard (Rip) Proctor Lawrence County Probate Judge
Welcome	Don Letson, Chairman Lawrence County Commission
Invocation	Pastor Kenneth Owens St. Mark Church Athens, Alabama (Native of Lawrence County)
Introduction of Jesse Owens Family	Henry Buchanan County Extension Agent/ Chairman, Jesse Owens Park Board
Visitor Recognition	Judge Rip Proctor
U.S. Congressman Tom Bevil Recognition	Steve Oden Joe Wheeler Electric Cooperative
Remarks	James Pinion County Extension Coordinator
Remarks from Jesse Owens Family	Ms. Gloria Hemphill Chicago, Illinois
Ribbon Cutting	Jesse Owens Family
Oak Tree Planting Ceremony	James Pinion Curtis Cole, Park Volunteer Jesse Owens Family

Jesse Owens Gold Medal Oaks



During Berlin's 1936 Olympic Games, seedling oaks were awarded to each gold medalist and each gold medalist team member. On August 9, 1936, Jesse Owens received four gold medals and four oak seedlings.

In the film, *Return To Berlin*, narrated by Jesse Owens and featured in the museum theater, he said that he planted one at his Mother's house in Cleveland, Ohio, one at Rhodes High School in Cleveland where he used the track to practice, one on All American Row at his Alma Mater, Ohio State University, and, unfortunately, the fourth seedling died.

Today, 62 years later, the tree will be replaced in the Jesse Owens Memorial Park by the Jesse Owens Family.

MAY THE TREE GROW  
TO THE HONOR OF  
JESSE OWENS'  
VICTORIES  
AND  
ACHIEVEMENTS.

