

# Ed Scott's Fight for His Family Farm and Racial Justice in the Mississippi Delta



**Catfish Dream: Ed Scott's Fight for His Family Farm and Racial Justice in the Mississippi Delta (Southern Foodways Alliance Studies in Culture, People, and Place Ser. Book 2)** by Douglas Scott Brookes

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Ed Scott is a farmer who has been fighting for his family farm and for racial justice in the Mississippi Delta for over 50 years. He is a fourth-generation farmer whose family has owned their land since the 1800s. But in recent years, Ed and his family have faced increasing pressure from corporations and government agencies who want to take their land.

Ed's story is a microcosm of the struggle for racial justice in the Mississippi Delta. The Delta is one of the poorest regions in the United States, and Black farmers like Ed have been systematically discriminated against for generations. They have been denied access to credit, land, and other resources, and they have been forced to sell their land at below-market prices.

Ed has refused to give up. He has fought back against the corporations and government agencies that want to take his land. He has also worked to build a movement for racial justice in the Delta. He is a co-founder of the Mississippi Black Farmers Alliance, which is a group of Black farmers who are fighting for their land and their rights.

Ed's story is an inspiration to all who are fighting for justice. He is a reminder that even in the face of adversity, we can never give up on our dreams.

### **Ed Scott's Early Life**

Ed Scott was born in 1938 in Clarksdale, Mississippi. His family has been farming in the Delta for generations. Ed's father was a sharecropper, and Ed grew up working on the family farm. He learned the value of hard work and perseverance from a young age.

Ed attended segregated schools in Clarksdale. He was a good student, and he graduated from high school in 1956. After high school, Ed went to college at Alcorn State University. He graduated from Alcorn in 1960 with a degree in agriculture.

### **Ed Scott's Fight for His Family Farm**

After college, Ed returned to Clarksdale and began working on the family farm. He soon became involved in the civil rights movement. He participated in sit-ins and boycotts, and he worked to register Black voters.

In 1965, Ed and his family were evicted from their farm by a white landowner. Ed refused to give up. He and his family moved to a new farm, and they continued to fight for their land.

In 1971, Ed and his family were finally able to buy their farm back. But their troubles were not over. In the 1980s, the government began to foreclose on Ed's farm. Ed fought back, and he was able to save his farm.

Ed's story is a testament to the power of perseverance. He never gave up on his dream of owning his own farm. He fought for his land, and he won.

### **Ed Scott's Work for Racial Justice**

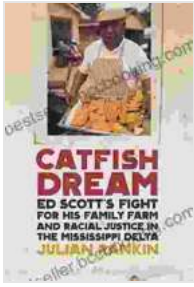
Ed Scott has been a lifelong advocate for racial justice. He has worked to build a movement for racial justice in the Mississippi Delta. He is a co-founder of the Mississippi Black Farmers Alliance, which is a group of Black farmers who are fighting for their land and their rights.

Ed has also worked to build a coalition of white and Black farmers. He is a member of the Southern Farmers Legal Program, which is a group of lawyers who provide legal assistance to farmers who are facing discrimination.

Ed's work for racial justice has been recognized by many organizations. He has received the Martin Luther King Jr. Award from the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), and he has been inducted into the Mississippi Civil Rights Museum.

Ed Scott is a true American hero. He is a farmer who has fought for his family farm and for racial justice in the Mississippi Delta for over 50 years. His story is an inspiration to all who are fighting for justice.

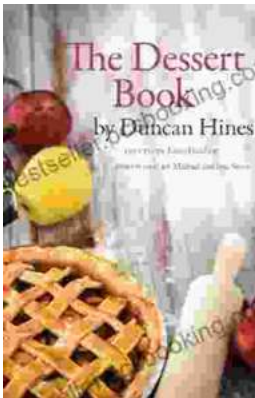
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