

Rosa Parks artefacts sold for \$4.5 million

ROSA PARK'S family lawyer has claimed that the purchase price for hundreds of items that belonged to civil rights icon was \$4.5 million (approx £2.5 million).

Parks became a pioneer in the civil rights movement by refusing to give up her bus seat to a white man in Montgomery, Alabama, in 1955. She passed away in 2005. The sale of her belongings was made to a foundation run by Howard G. Buffett, the son of billionaire investor Warren Buffett. Howard Buffett confirmed the purchase last week but declined to disclose the price. Lawrence Pepper, a lawyer for Parks' heirs, told The Associated Press Buffett bought the possessions for \$4.5 million, with 12.5 per cent going to an auction house. Pepper says 20 percent of the balance goes to Parks' relatives. The rest will go to the Rosa & Raymond Parks Institute for Self Development in Detroit, America.