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Archival Collections

Alfred Balk Papers. Alfred Balk was a journalist who exposed the predatory real estate practice of blockbusting in his 1962 article “Confessions of a Block-Buster” for the *Saturday Evening Post*. See, in particular, boxes 10 and 13 for materials related to that article and other issues related to segregated housing in Chicago.

Online inventory: http://mms.newberry.org/xml/xml_files/Balk.xml

Victor Lawson Papers. Owner and publisher of the *Chicago Daily News*, Lawson was also a member of the Chicago Commission on Race Relations, taking significant part in writing *The Negro in Chicago* following the race riots of 1919 (see above). See boxes 114 and 115 for materials from his time on the Commission.

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Pullman Company Records. The Pullman Company (originally Pullman's Palace Car Company) revolutionized rail travel and dramatically increased employment opportunities for African Americans who served as porters and maids on its cars. The records at the Newberry include voluminous individual employee records and labor relations documents, as well as documentation on the town of Pullman (now a historic district on Chicago's south side). This is a rich source for African American family and local history.

Online inventory: <http://www.newberry.org/sites/default/files/researchguide-attachments/PullmanGuide.pdf>

Mark J. Satter Papers. The papers of this Chicago-born lawyer and civil rights activist include rich materials on his life-long battle against the discriminatory real estate practices of redlining and contract selling. Online inventory: http://mms.newberry.org/xml/xml_files/Satter.xml

Waller & Beckwith Realty Co. Records. The business records of this Chicago real estate company cover primarily 1920-1940, including general business files and legal documents, but also include tenant complaints and examples of neighborhood associations' restrictive covenants attempting to keep African Americans from renting apartments (see box 11, folders 168, 172, and 174). Online inventory: http://mms.newberry.org/xml/xml_files/WallerB.xml

Books

Local Community Fact Books. An invaluable resource for studying Chicago neighborhoods, these books allow examination of demographics of neighborhoods—looking at both a particular neighborhood over time, and comparing neighborhood to neighborhood—across the twentieth century. Call numbers: folio H 2896 .976 (1938), H 2896 .978 (1949), H 2896 .392 (1953), folio HA730.C5 L63 1984, Chicago Browsing HA730.C5 L63 1995

Chicago Commission on Race Relations. *The Negro in Chicago: A Study of Race Relations and a Race Riot.* Published in 1922, this is the major examination of the Chicago riot of 1919, the city's worst episode of concentrated racial violence. Call number: F 89621 .N343

To find many other books in the Newberry collections, search for these subject headings:

“Segregation in Education”

“Discrimination in Housing”

“African Americans—Illinois—Chicago”

Periodicals and Online Resources

Chicago school yearbooks. The Newberry has a large collection of yearbooks of local high schools and other schools. Search for subject headings “School yearbooks—Illinois—Chicago” and “High schools—Illinois—Chicago—Periodicals.” The Newberry also has online access (in the library only) to a large collection of digitized yearbooks through the Fold3 database.

Chicago Defender. One of the major African-American newspapers in the country, the *Defender* published articles of both national and local interest, including many on segregation, education, real estate, and other issues related to black life in Chicago. The Newberry has online access (in the library only) to the historical database of the *Defender* from 1909-1975, and also has online access to the *Chicago Tribune* from 1849-1991.