

# Chicago, Segregation, and Public Housing in the Newberry Collection

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**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:** [https://mms.newberry.org/xml/xml\\_files/Balk.xml](https://mms.newberry.org/xml/xml_files/Balk.xml)

**Chicago Reader Photographs.** Photographs used to accompany front page and other feature stories in the *Chicago Reader* alternative weekly newspaper, as well as the columns Calendar, Hot Type, Neighborhood News, Our Town, The Works, and Chicago Anti-Social. See boxes 13 and 42 for photographs of Cabrini-Green. **Online inventory:** [https://mms.newberry.org/xml/xml\\_files/ChicagoReaderPN.xml](https://mms.newberry.org/xml/xml_files/ChicagoReaderPN.xml)

**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:** [https://mms.newberry.org/xml/xml\\_files/Satter.xml](https://mms.newberry.org/xml/xml_files/Satter.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 191 (see above). See boxes 114 and 115 for materials from his time on the Commission. **Online inventory:** [https://mms.newberry.org/xml/xml\\_files/Lawson.xml](https://mms.newberry.org/xml/xml_files/Lawson.xml)

**Waller & Beckwith Realty Co.** Documents relating to financial difficulties and living conditions in Chicago during this time, as well as various changes and improvements to the city. Also unique to the era are the restrictive covenants enacted by neighborhood associations, and documents detailing prohibition violations by tenants. **Online inventory:** [https://mms.newberry.org/xml/xml\\_files/WallerB.xml](https://mms.newberry.org/xml/xml_files/WallerB.xml)

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