



Lifting As They Climbed: Mapping a History of Black Women on Chicago's South Side

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Archival Collections

The book of the Pi Sigma Delta Sorority: manuscript and typescript. The Pi Sigma Delta Sorority was an African-American sorority founded on 23 February 1947 in Highland Park, Illinois by high school students who studied dance and lived in the Chicago area. **Catalog record:** <https://webvoyage.carli.illinois.edu/nby/cgi-bin/Pwebrecon.cgi?DB=local&v1=1&BBRecID=952938>

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. 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>

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

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Wells-Barnett, Ida B., *Crusade for justice; the autobiography of Ida B. Wells*. Edited by Alfreda M. Duster. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1970. **Call #: 4A 12379**

Other Materials

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Davis, Elizabeth Lindsay. *The story of the Illinois Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, 1900-1922* [microform]. Chicago: s.n., 1922. **Call #: Microfiche 5428 no. 76**

Local Community Fact Books.
Call #s: 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*. **Call #: F 89621 .N343**

Periodicals and Online Resources

Chicago school yearbooks. 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. 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.

Looking for more? Related materials can be found using the following subject search suggestions:

"African Americans – Illinois – Chicago – Political Activity"
"African American women political activists —Illinois—Chicago"
"African American women – Political activity"

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