The Formulation of Black Communities in Northwest Chapel Hill

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Background

• Jim Crow South, early twentieth century
  • Highly institutionalize and blatant racial terror
  • Laws and practices
  • Response to fall of Reconstruction
  • The color line

• Blacks and whites became increasingly separated, however not all towns experienced segregation in the same way
My Focus

• Looking at Chapel Hill North Carolina, how did housing segregation come to be as compared to the national narrative?
• Who are some of the black pioneers that played major roles in establishing the black community in Northwest Chapel Hill?
Findings
1930s: A Segregated Chapel Hill
Comparing Narratives

• Differences between Chapel Hill and the national narrative
  • Small population of Chapel Hill
  • Absence of nationwide organizations such as HOLC (created redlining maps)

• Unique to the Chapel Hill Narrative
  • UNC – Chapel Hill’s role in developing Chapel Hill
  • UNC – Chapel Hill’s control of the black workforce
    • Moving towards depersonalized labor
Black Pioneers

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