The Formulation of Black Communities in Northwest Chapel Hill

Looking specifically at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, I will analyze the narrative of housing segregation as it compares to the national narrative. In most accounts of Chapel Hill history, there is not a complete explanation as to how the town came to be strictly segregated by 1930 (as it will later be seen through census data). I will explore possible explanations for Chapel Hill’s eventual segregation and explore some of the black pioneers that played a role in establishing the black community in Northwest Chapel Hill.