Hennepin County Racially Restrictive Covenants

This map shows the location of historically racially restricted properties in Hennepin County. Racially restrictive covenants were legal tools inserted into property deeds that barred people of color from owning, renting, or even occupying the property. In Hennepin County, this practice began in 1910 and continued through the 1950s. For more information, see mappingprejudice.umn.edu

Example of the first racially restrictive covenant used in Hennepin County:
The said party of the of the second part hereby agrees that the premises hereby conveyed shall not at any time be conveyed, mortgaged or leased to any person or persons of Chinese, Japanese, Moorish, Turkish, Negro, Mongolian or African blood or descent. Said restrictions and covenants shall run with the land and any breach of any or either thereof shall work a forfeiture of title, which may be enforced by re-entry.

Example of one of the most commonly used racially restrictive covenants used in Hennepin County:
No person or persons other than of the Caucasian race shall be permitted to occupy said premises or any part there of.

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