

# Project Boone County Dirty Deeds

"This property shall not be conveyed to, used, owned nor occupied by negroes as owners or tenants."

--1940 deed from A. Ross Hill and his wife Vassie to I.N. Page, for a property on what is now Cliff Drive, in the East Campus neighborhood

"No house shall be owned, used, or occupied by any member of the negro race or the Jewish race."

--1937 modification of a deed involving John A. and Clara Stewart and the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity

Those interested in identifying and document more of Boone County's racist deed covenants should contact Rachel Brekhus, [brekhusr@missouri.edu](mailto:brekhusr@missouri.edu).

Most important volunteers: **Deed Book Investigators.** Volunteers can be of any age, as long as they can:

- Read
- Lift and carry heavy deed books for short distances
- Accurately transcribe key sections of deeds into an online spreadsheet

I will train you in this work.

Specialized volunteers: **GIS Specialists.** Volunteers with GIS software training are needed to convert geographic descriptions from deed books into GIS coordinates and ultimately, GIS maps.

I cannot train these volunteers, but I am willing to serve as a "field manager" for any volunteers who can show me a proof-of-concept.