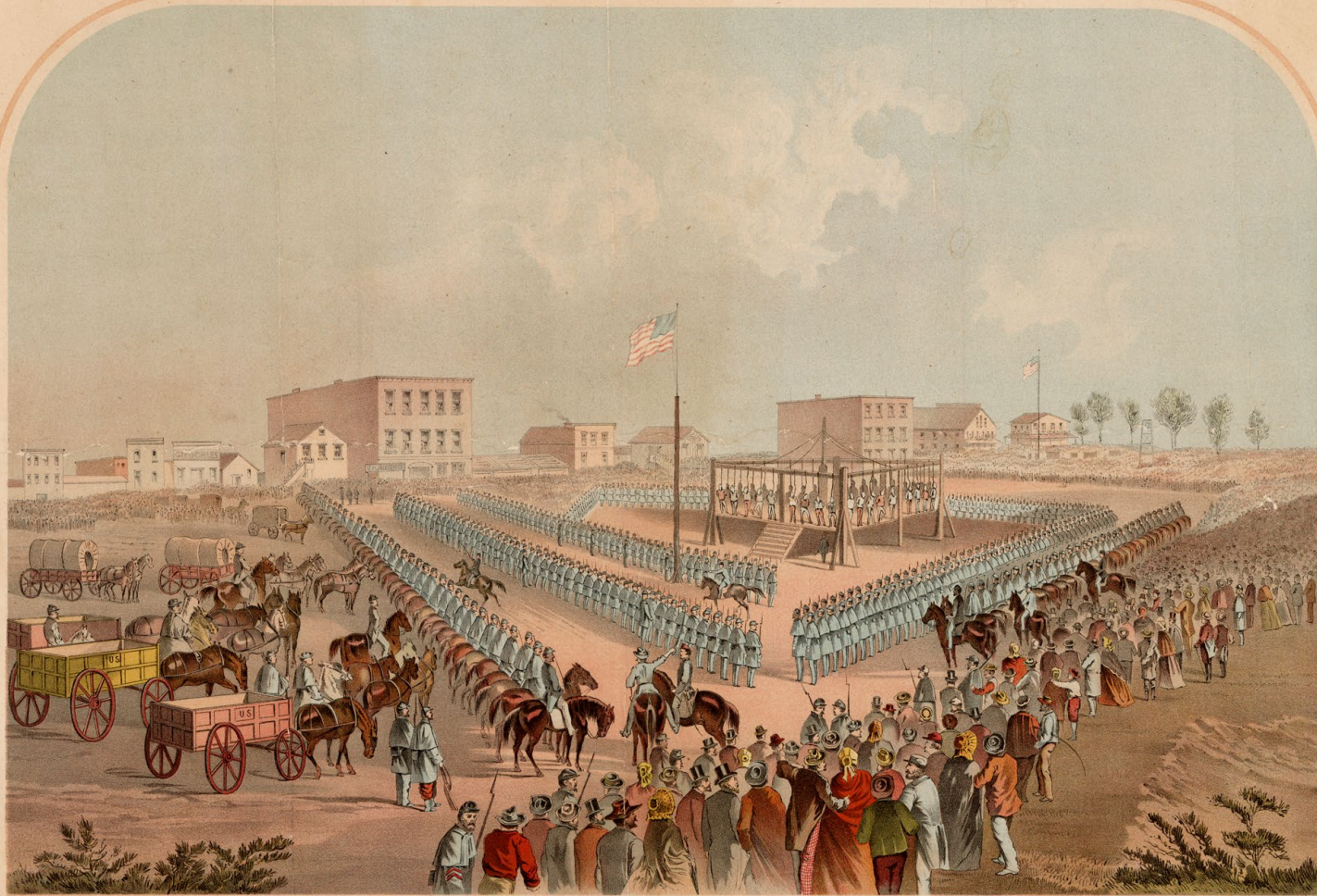


Whiteness in Plain View:  
A History of Racial Exclusion in Minnesota



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## EXECUTION OF THE THIRTY-EIGHT SIOUX INDIANS

AT MANKATO MINNESOTA DECEMBER 26, 1862.

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Supervisor's Dist. No. 13  
Enumeration Dist. No. 19

Note A.—The Census Year begins June 1, 1879, and ends May 31, 1880.

Note B.—All persons will be included in the Enumeration who were living on the 1st day of June, 1880. No others will. Children born since June 1, 1880, will be OMITTED. Members of Families who have DIED SINCE June 1, 1880, will be INCLUDED.

Note C.—Questions Nos. 21, 24, 22 and 23 are not to be asked in respect to persons under 10 years of age.

SCHEDULE I.—Inhabitants in Canton, in the County of Lincoln, State of Dakota, enumerated by me on the 12 day of June, 1880.

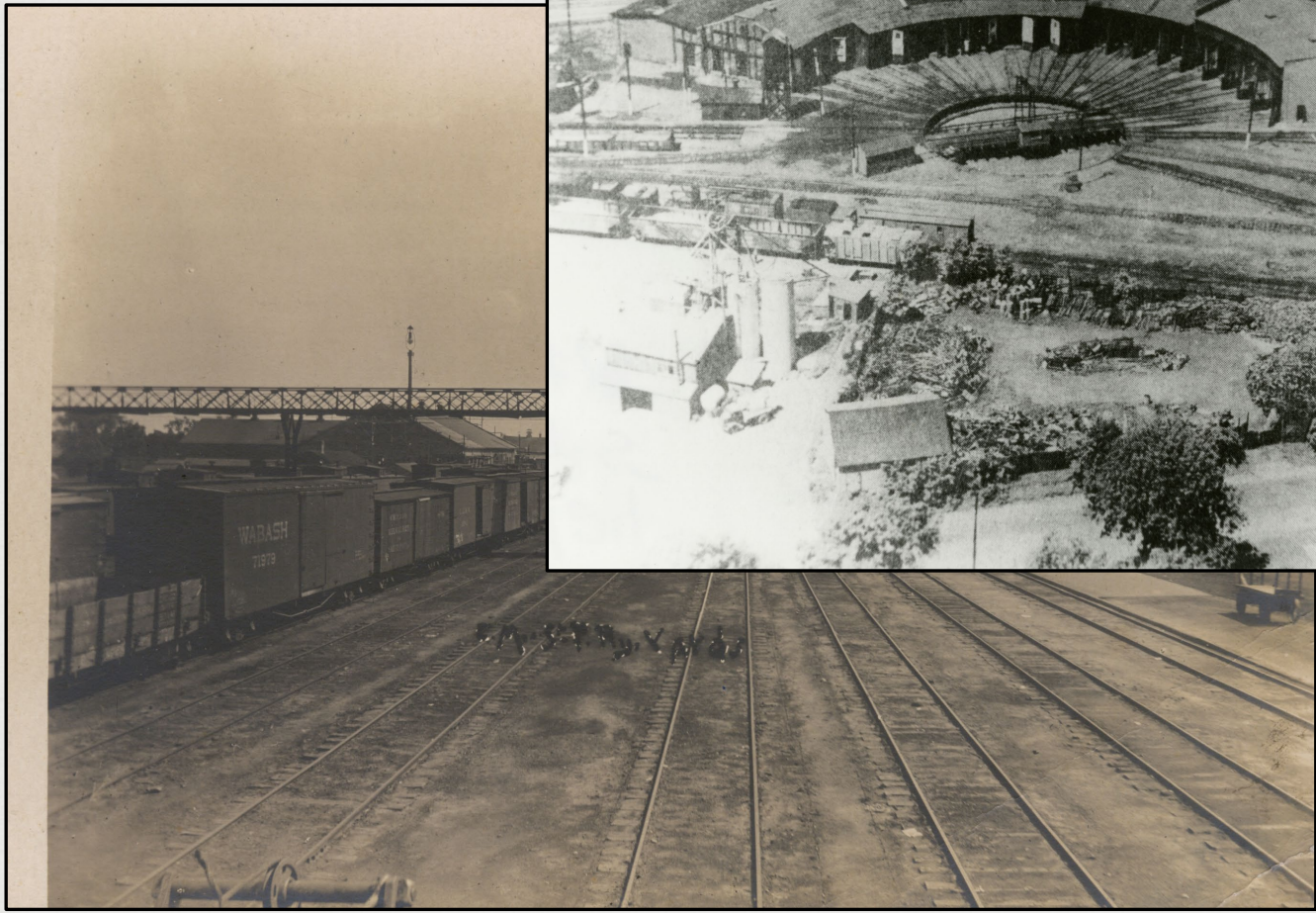
J. C. Vail

Enumeration District No. 19  
Canton, Lincoln County, Dakota  
Enumerated by J. C. Vail  
June 12, 1880

Table with columns: Name, Sex, Age, Color, Occupation, Birth, Marital Status, Education, Nativity. Includes entries for families like Thomsen, Johnson, and others.

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## “Negro Workers Driven Out of Rail Shops,” *Austin Daily Herald* (July 21, 1922)



Thirteen negroes employed at the Milwaukee railroad shops yesterday morning in place of men now on strike were driven from the city at 7:45 o'clock last night when over 100 striking shopcraft workmen and sympathizers stormed the shops and roundhouse and warned the imported workers to flee the city without delay. The advice was readily taken and four white workmen employed at the same time the Negroes were brought to the city are also reported to have given up their jobs ... A parade of the strikers through the main streets of the city preceded the rushing of the roundhouse which followed as a spontaneous upshot of the day's discussion among some of the pickets and other striking members who took offense at the action of the company in importing colored workmen ... The parade was brief, but it caused much commotion, for the shopmen as they marched through the streets asked of laymen, "if they wanted Austin to be a negro town." The strikers and their supporters entered from the East side of the railroad yards, going across the overhead bridge in a large body and filling into the yards orderly but with a rush.

## *“Home of Colored Family Vacated,” Austin Daily Herald (August 8, 1922)*



“Gone but not forgotten. Good will to men and women.” A sign tacked on the door of the deserted house between Moscow and Grove streets on Seventh street occupied by the colored family against whom protest has been made by neighbors who declared that they were maintaining a nuisance, gave the above expression of farewell to the residents who ordered them out of the neighborhood ... Complaint that the family was maintaining a nuisance in the neighborhood led to the appearance of a number of residents before the city council as well as complaints to the police. No action was taken, however, and the indignant residents took matters into their own hands. On Sunday night they visited the home of the colored family and warned them to leave by five o’clock the next evening, it is said. Indignant residents who were interviewed declared that race feeling was not the motive for their warning. “We had no objection to the fact that the people were colored,” one of the residents who had joined in the protest said “and we would not have taken any action if they had behaved themselves. What we objected to was their maintaining a nuisance in the neighborhood. We want to keep our section of the city clean and similar action will be taken if any further disturbance occurs.” Had the family failed to comply with the instructions Sunday night they would have been escorted out of the city last night, household goods and all, he said.









## LYNCHING IN DULUTH

On the night of June 15, 1920, Elias Clayton, Elmer Jackson, and Isaac McChie, three young African American men in their early 20's, were lynched on this site by a mob of white Duluth residents. The white teenagers falsely claimed that six Black circus workers assaulted them and raped a local white woman. Without any physical evidence of a crime, six Black men were arrested and held in the old Duluth jail located one block away on Superior Street. During this era of Black migration, many white workers in Duluth and other Northern cities resented the presence of Black workers. Although Duluth's Black population in 1920 was less than 1 percent, racial tension was high. As sensational reports of the accusations circulated, white residents were incited to rage and mob vengeance. A mob of at least 5,000 broke into the jail, and kidnapped Elias, Elmer, and Isaac. The men were stripped, tortured, dragged, and hanged from a lamppost on this spot in front of a crowd of an estimated 10,000 people. Members of the mob smiled and posed for photographs with their bodies that were later sold as postcards. The Minnesota National Guard arrived the next morning to secure the area and to guard the surviving Black men, but no one was ever arrested or convicted for the lynchings. Elias, Elmer, and Isaac would lie buried in unmarked graves for 70 years in nearby Park Hill Cemetery.

EQUAL JUSTICE INITIATIVE

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2nd Av E  
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ALL WAY



TYPICAL CROSS-LOT VIEW IN MORGAN PARK, DULUTH, MINN.





1958



# Trinity Minstrel Show

Presented by  
TRINITY LODGE NO. 282  
A. F. & A. M.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 1958

at 8:00 p. m.

Denfeld High School Auditorium

DULUTH, MINNESOTA



PROCEEDS USED  
FOR CHARITY





March 1, 1963

City Planning Commission  
Room 209, City Hall  
Duluth, Minnesota

Gentlemen:

This is in reference to a recent request submitted to the City Council to vacate the 25 ft. building line presently required from 45th Avenue East for Lot 30 of Kelso's Rearrangement of Blocks 16-17-18 of London Addition to Duluth. We, the undersigned, are opposed to this vacation or any other proposed change in the building line requirements for this lot for the following reasons:

- (1) This being a corner lot on the intersection of 45th Avenue East with London Road, a trunk highway, the required building line of 35 ft. from London Road and 25 ft. from 45th Avenue East allow a reasonable and safe sight distance for traffic entering London Road.
- (2) The 25 ft. building line from 45th Avenue East for Lot 30 should be considered a minimum inasmuch as the lots above Lot 30 presently have a 30 ft. required building line from the avenue.
- (3) Alteration of existing building lines on vacant lots in this built-up area generally detracts from the property values of existing homes in the area.

NAME

ADDRESS

1	Gertrude Klippen	4546 London Rd.
2	Ruby Allenfall	
3	Mr. & Mrs. Robert Jones	4602 Cambridge St.
4	Mr. & Mrs. E. M. Spearin	4550 London Rd.
5	Mr. & Mrs. Edmond Hebert	4623 London Rd.
6	Mr. & Mrs. Allan B. Christiansen	4615 Cambridge St.
7	D. P. Kelso	4631 London Road Duluth
8	Mr. & Mrs. M. G. Braden	4605 Cambridge St.
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10	Mr. & Mes. James V. Achesen	4432 Cambridge St.
11	Mr. & Mrs. J. J. Voloshik	4424 Cambridge St.
12	Mr. & Mrs. Walter Arseneau	4414 Cambridge St.
13	Mr. & Mrs. Oscar B. Strom	4431 Cambridge St.
14	Mr. & Mrs. Stanley Gottlieb	305-45th Ave. E.
15	Mr. & Mrs. William Dunbar	4340 London Road
16	Mr. & Mrs. John M. Swain	4520 London Road
17	Mr. & Mrs. Ernest D. Oakes	4619 London Road
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21	Mr. & Mrs. Allan N. Winters	4541 London Rd.
22	Mr. & Mrs. L. G. Brown	4532 London Rd.
23	Mr. Geo. L. Gross	4530 London Rd.
24	Marion Johnson	4632 London Road
25	Mr. & Mrs. R. R. Asplund	4419 Luverne Street
26	Mrs. Thomas M. Starkey	4407 Luverne St.
27	Mr. J. R. Marshall	4402 Luverne St.
28	Charles H. Lindberg	4403 Luverne St.
29	Mr. & Mrs. A. Setterquist	4402 Gilliat St.
30	Dorothy Hornby	4500 London Rd.
31	Thomas W. Starkey	4407 Luverne St.
32	Mr. & Mrs. S. M. Johnson (?) Jr.	4730 London Rd.
33	Mr. & Mrs. R. E. Myers	4824 London Rd.
34	Axel R. Holmgren	4800 London Rd.
35	Mrs. Axel R. Holmgren	4800 London Rd.
36	Henning N. Orrfald	4731 Robinson St.
37	Mrs. L. D. Rawn	4401 Gilliat St.
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