

This is a draft, now being reviewed by members of the McCrorey Heights Neighborhood Association. Please share comments with Tom@HistorySouth.org



Built 1957-58.

First owner-occupant was school teacher Eddiola Alexander.

Ms. Alexander (- 9.22.2011) grew up in Charlotte, daughter of Richard Franklin Alexander and Creola Davidson Alexander, and graduated from Second Ward High. She went off to Durham to earn a Bachelors degree, then a Masters in Home Economics at North Carolina Central University.

Returning to Charlotte she enjoyed a long career as a Home Economics educator. She taught first at Sterling High School in the village of Pineville just south of Charlotte, then later at West Mecklenburg High School. Her community involvement included volunteer work at Memorial Presbyterian Church and membership in Zeta Phi Beta sorority.

In 1950s America it was rare for a single woman to own her own home. But in McCrorey Heights, with its large number of well-educated women in the workforce, such an achievement was less unusual.

Building permits indicate that this was one of six houses in the neighborhood that were “spec-built” by Marsh Realty (also known as Marsh-Broadway), one of Charlotte’s largest suburban builders in the years after WWII. The Marsh houses were: 1604 Patton, 1607 Patton, 1631 Patton, 1643 Patton, 1601 Van Buren (moved or demolished circa 1968), 643 Fairfield (moved or demolished circa 1968). Marsh also served as contractor for 1601 Patton, 1805 Madison and 1911 Washington.



Architecture

Ranch style. One-story, red-brown brick. Simple massing with a hip roof. Three-part front "picture window" in the living room.

Building permits

[Patton-1643-permit](#)

Date issued: October 6, 1964
Owner: Eddiola Alexander
Contractor: H.W. Gardner Plumbing
Other permit info: Hot water tank

[Patton-1643-permit-a](#)

Date issued: October 29, 1957
Owner: Marsh Realty
Contractor: R & L Plumbing
Other permit info: Hot water tank [likely part of original construction of house]

Building permit files, Robinson-Spangler Carolina Room, Charlotte Mecklenburg Library.

First appeared in city directory

1959 - Eddieola Alexander. Teacher, Sterling High School

1981 - Eddieola Alexander. Teacher, West Meck High School

City directory collection, Robinson-Spangler Carolina Room, Charlotte Mecklenburg Library.

Obituary

[Williams, Eddieola Alexander](#)

Eddieola Alexander Williams obituary, *Charlotte Observer*, September 28, 2011. On-line at:
<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/charlotte/obituary.aspx?n=eddieola-alexander-williams&pid=153858725>

Eddieola Alexander Williams entry on the website FindAGrave.com. On-line at:
www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=156948847