

Kelly M. and Margaret G. A. Alexander House (2128 Senior Drive)



The Kelly M. and Margaret G. A. Alexander House was the home of a renowned civil rights leader whom one journalist wrote “may have been Charlotte’s most important black leader.” Kelly Miller Alexander, Sr. – a second-generation funeral director and president of what is believed to be Mecklenburg County’s oldest African American owned and managed business – is best remembered for his longstanding involvement with the NAACP, including a 36-year tenure as President of the North Carolina State Conference of the NAACP Branches, a 35-year tenure as a member of the National NAACP Board of Directors, and service as chair of that National Board. Aided by his wife Margaret – who worked as his executive secretary for some 31 years while raising their two sons and devoting more than 50 years to community service – Alexander grew the North Carolina State Conference into the largest state conference in the U.S. For his efforts, the family’s home was one of four homes of Charlotte civil rights leaders attacked by bombs in a span of fifteen minutes in the wee hours of November 22, 1965. No one was injured. The Alexanders’ sons followed in their father’s footsteps. Both active in the NAACP, Kelly, Jr. was elected as president of the North Carolina State Conference of the NAACP Branches, as well as to the NAACP’s National Board and the North Carolina General Assembly. Alfred has served as President of the family’s business for more than 40 years. The mid-century modern house is an excellent example of the ranch-style homes built between 1955 and 1962 as part of Charlotte’s University Park community for middle-class Black professionals. The recommended designation is for the interior and exterior of the house and the associated parcel of land.

