

## EBONY ACRES

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The earliest house in Ebony Acres was built in 1955; other houses were built later in the 1950s and early in the 1960s. Apart from the mobile home that was installed at 3604 Grant Street in 2002, there has been no new construction of a primary residence since the early 1960s, and no houses have been demolished.

The two major builders in Ebony Acres were Clarence Flournoy and L.H. Meiske.

City directory research indicates that the vast majority of the residents of Ebony Acres owned their own homes until the late 1960s, when two houses on Grant Street and one house on Redwood (E.M. Franklin) became rental properties. In the early 1970s, three houses on Grant Street were rentals; none on E.M. Franklin were rentals. The balance between renters and owners has remained relatively constant since the mid-1970s.

Of the owners, several owned and lived in their homes for 20+ years, including Lee D. and Pearlie Davis at 3601 Grant Street, Willie and Annie Hancock at 3606 Grant Street, Corda and Cedel Sorrells at 1192 E.M. Franklin Avenue, Samuel and Doris White at 1194 E.M. Franklin Avenue, and Jim and Mary Houston at 1196 E.M. Franklin Avenue.