

Travis Street, N.E.

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1217 Travis N.E. One of the first houses constructed in the Auburn Hills subdivision, this home was built by Samuel S. and Shirley Triplett in 1965. Having moved to Grand Rapids from the Mississippi delta, Triplett was one of the first African American men to teach in the Grand Rapids Public Schools. The neighborhood was developed to give African American residents a place to buy new homes. Four partners, dentist Dr. Julius Franks, school teachers J E Adams, Jr., and Triplett, and social services supervisor Joseph W. Lee formed the Auburn Hills Development Corporation in 1962.