

*History - (Ladd m)*

The property of the Phyllis Wheatley Branch YWCA at 360 College St., Asheville, N. C. was conveyed by one Elva E. Dennison by Deed dated March 6, 1923 to the trustees of said Phyllis Wheatley Branch YWCA. The trustees are to said property the legal title holders. The last note was cancelled in November, 1944.

There are two buildings at the above address. One a concrete building composed of 4 bedrooms with bath upstairs; an office, lounge, club room, kitchen, and dining room downstairs. Three of the bedrooms will accommodate nine women in the spring and summer and seven in the winter as there is no heat on the sleeping porch. One room is used by the house director. The YWCA Branch Resident served 152 transient and permanent girls during 1952. The majority of this number were relatives and friends visiting patients at the Veteran Hospitals.

The gymnasium is located in a frame building, with rest rooms for men and women, a hat check room and an office. There is a balcony in the gymnasium that is not used because it does not meet requirements of the Fire Department (only one stairway). The floor of the gym. is weak and heating the building is a real problem. The gymnasium is used by many outside groups as there is not a Community Center in Asheville for Negroes. Forty-three outside groups used the YWCA Branch facilities with an attendance of 5158 in 1952.