

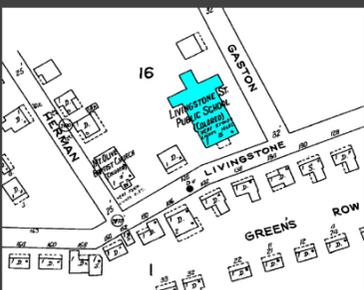
# Livingston Street School



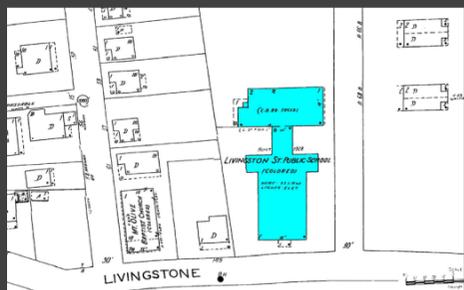
The old Livingstone Street Public School was built in the 1920s, at the corner of Livingstone and Gaston Streets. After 1925, it was enlarged with a 2-story addition at the rear. (View above is from Gaston Street looking up toward Livingstone Street.)



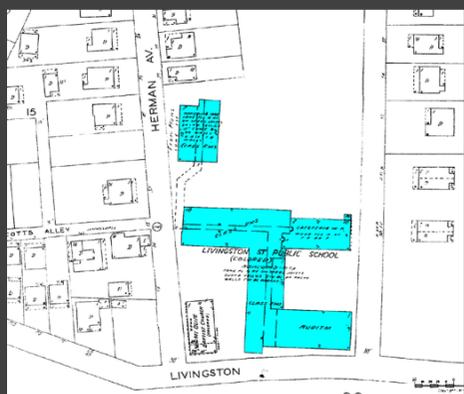
A modern and larger facility (seen above from Livingston Street) was built in the 1950s to replace it. It was closed in January 1970 as part of the city-wide mandate to desegregate the public schools. In 1973, it became a community center as part of the Model Cities program.



*Above left* - The footprint of the original school soon after it was built.



*Above right* - The expanded footprint of the school after the rear addition.



*Right* - The new building which replaced the original school, now the W. C. Reid Center, home to Green Opportunities.

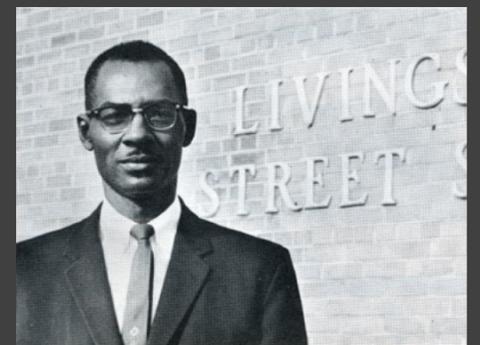
*Teachers and students sitting beside the original school building in the 1940s.*



*Teachers and students posing in their classroom.*



*Above left* - Mrs. Rachel S. Battle, principal, 1921-1942



*Above right* - Arthur Edington, who served as principal of Livingston Street School, Hill Street School, Newton Elementary School and the Asheville Alternative School before retiring in 1988.

*6th grade students in Mrs. Gladys C. Kennedy's class, studying China.*



*First graders in Mrs. Elizabeth Davis Howze's class*



This historic marker is part of the *Southside Heritage Trail* along the *Town Branch Greenway*, made possible by the City of Asheville and the Federal Transit Administration, 2014

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# This area in 1968



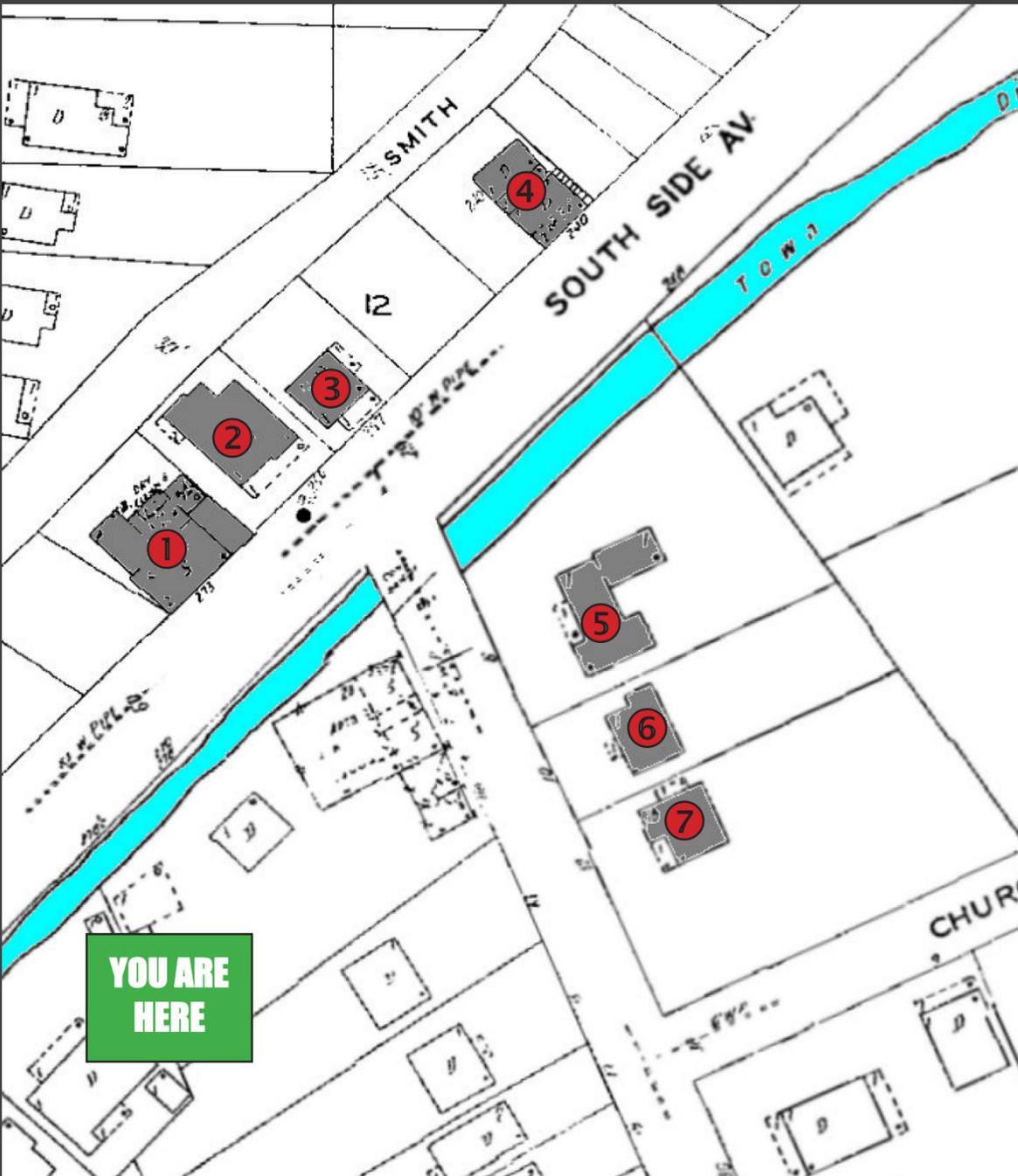
① 273 Southside  
Artistic Cleaners (in 1956)



② 259 Southside



③ 257 Southside



④ 240 Southside



⑤ 6 Congress Street



⑥ 8 Congress Street



⑦ 10 Congress Street

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