

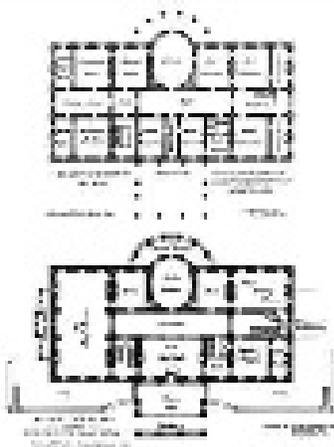
A Dream Fulfilled for Eta State



Once upon a time, there was a Delta Kappa Gamma lady named Edith Gilbert. Edith worked very hard as the Executive Secretary, from 1944 to 1968. She worked in her office at home, keeping records for Eta State. Edith would file Eta State records in file cabinets in her home.



Soon, there were so many records and equipment. Edith had nowhere to put them. It was about this time that another Delta Kappa Gamma lady, named Sallie Hicks, became Eta State Executive Secretary. Sallie built a room onto her house so that she would have room to store all of the Eta State records!!!



As time went by (1971-1987), another wonderful Delta Kappa Gamma lady, named Eugenia Hunter, became Eta State Executive Secretary. She did not have a room in her house to store all of the Eta State records. Eugenia worked at the University of North Carolina (at Greensboro) and she was loved by



many people there. So, UNCG granted Eugenia office space to store all of the Eta State records. Eugenia and Eta State were very happy!

Can you guess what happened next?



More and more records began to accumulate! There was no more storage space left in Eugenia's office! So....in 1981, Eta State's Executive Secretary, Dot Snyder, was told to invest \$15,000 in an office

rental fund. The interest from the fund accumulated and Eta State was able to rent a building (which Dot Snyder found) near Ellerbe, NC, to house all the records. Dot and Eta State were very happy!



Realizing that the office would require many supplies and such, Eta

State put a call out to all Eta State chapters to contribute funds to help the building continue to be a great place for meetings and workshops, as well as storage space.

The story does not end there!

In 1990, the Eta State Finance Committee decided it was time to think about securing a

permanent building for the Eta State Headquarters. President Jeannette Pittman appointed a headquarters' committee. The committee sent out a survey, asking the Eta State members for the support to buy a headquarters' building. The members said "Yes!"





But how would they raise money for such an endeavor? A challenge was issued to the Eta State members. A personal donation of \$50,000 was made (by Polly Longest) and Eta State was challenged to meet that amount. A series of honor rolls were set up to recognize chapters and individuals when the contributions reached a certain level. John Collins made 4 wooden houses and his wife, Katherine, painted the small toy, wooden houses. Each year, at the Eta State conventions, the houses are passed around, during a general session, for contributions from Eta State members. The same toy houses are still used

today. On November 1, 1997, contributions had reached a total of \$217,005.33!

Everyone agreed the purchased building would need to be located in the middle of NC. Much research was done to find the right building in just the right location.



One Sunday afternoon, Patricia Edwards, a Delta Kappa Gamma member, and her husband were riding around Asheboro, NC. Patricia saw a house for sale. It looked big enough and included all the right features requested by Eta State! Patricia told the Eta State Executive

Board about the house. The executive board looked at the house and all agreed it was just right!



So they went to the bank. Eta State paid cash for the house! At the closing, the attorney was astonished, beyond belief, that the entire amount of the house was paid in cash!



The garage to the house was closed in to make a big meeting room. Patsy Barker's husband did the re-modeling. Handicap accessible bathrooms were part of the re-modeling. Willa Dean Bost's husband was in the furniture business. He donated some furniture to the

building. His donation was approved by Eta State and the furniture was moved in. Jeannette Pittman, a member of the headquarters' committee, donated a lamp. The building was dedicated on March 20, 1999 (after eight years of working on this dream). Following the dedication, there was an open house and time to mingle in true sister fellowship!

And that is the story of how the dream of the Eta State Headquarters was fulfilled. Today, Eta State members contribute \$2 per member towards the maintenance of the headquarters' building. Thanks to volunteers in the Asheboro area, the building is monitored daily to ensure it stays safe and sound!

The End!