

## WILLIAM ALEXANDER COOPER PARK

William Alexander Cooper, the son of Bahamian immigrants, was born on April 12, 1929 and raised in the house at 201 Washington Drive in the Golden Gate Subdivision of Coral Gables, Florida. He graduated from George Washington Carver High School in Coral Gables in 1946 and attended St. Augustine's College in Raleigh, North Carolina. He married Leona H. Ferguson in 1950. They raised five children in their home at 200 Washington Drive. Mr. Cooper retired from the United States Postal Service as a Letter Carrier in 1989. A life-long member of Christ Episcopal Church in Coconut Grove, he was Master of Ceremony of the Acolyte Guild, Men's Club President, Choir Member, Stewardship Committee Chairperson, and served in various roles on the Vestry including Senior Warden. He was President of the Coral Gables Crime Watch Committee and Local President of the National Alliance of Postal and Federal Employees. Mr. Cooper was a driving force in the community. He founded the Lola B. Walker Homeowners Association of Coral Gables and served as its President until his death on June 16, 2008. In that capacity, he was instrumental in placing the MacFarlane Homestead Subdivision Historic District on both the Coral Gables Register of Historic Places and the National Register of Historic Places.