

APPLICATION FOR TAX DEFERMENT
ON HISTORIC PROPERTY

1. Property owned by: Mrs. Elizabeth Sparks (Mrs. Coy)
2. Location of Property (Street Address): 225 S. Main St., KERNERSVILLE
3. Tax Block No. 2109 Tax Lot No. 21 Main St.
4. Historical significance of property and why it should be considered: This is one of the 13 original houses in Kernersville. It was built in 1870 and has been on home tours of the old homes. For one tour in 1976 almost 400 people toured it. The house is made of handmade brick and was built by a Korner-
5. Describe present condition of property. What restoration, if any, is planned or has been done? Submit 2 x 2 slides showing exterior of property on all four sides and interior slides, if important: House is in excellent condition. We have worked continuously since we bought it 21 years ago. It houses the test kitchen for Beth Tartan, food editor of the Winston-Salem Journal.
6. I have read G.S. 105-277(f) and understand that this is a tax deferment and not an exemption, and if I fail to comply with the requirements of G.S. 105-277(f), I will be liable for the deferred taxes for the preceding five years plus interest.

The information I have provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Elizabeth N. Sparks
Signature

4-1-77

Date

ENVELOPE:
BETH TARTAN
P.O. Box 3
KERNERSVILLE, NC
27284

(Note scaffolding in one slide - brick is being "pointed" for the second time.)

Tax Block 2109, Lot 21



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100. 100. 100. This is one of the 13 original houses in Kernersville. It was built in 1830 and has been on home tours of the old houses. For one tour in 1950 almost 500 people came to see the house. The house is in excellent condition and was built by a carpenter. The house is in excellent condition. It is presently owned by Mrs. Elizabeth Sparks.

INSTRUCTIONS

(Application for Historic Designation)

If you would like to have your property considered by the Historic Properties Commission for classification as historic property, the application form must be completed in detail. The application and color slides of the property must be returned to the Commission at P. O. Box 2511, Winston-Salem, NC 27102 at least 45 days before consideration. It cannot be overemphasized that the history and significance of your property must be fully documented. *Color slides were submitted in previous application - are more required.*

- 1. Property owned by - We will need to know in what name legal title to this property is held or how it is listed on the deed.

Deeded to: Coy W. Sparks and his wife Elizabeth H. Sparks (Coy W. Sparks is deceased)

- 2. Location of Property - Please give street address or mailing address of property. If property is on a rural route, or is outside the City Limits, it will be necessary to give an exact location: e.g., "west side, State Road 2523, 0.2 miles North of its intersection with State Road 2895."

*225 S. Main St.
KERNERSVILLE N.C. 27284*

- 3. Tax Block and Lot Number - This will be the block number and lot number as shown on your abstract or listing form and will correspond with the records in the Tax Supervisor's Office.

*Tax Block 2109
Tax Lot 21 Main St.*

4-8: These questions are self-explanatory.

- 9. There are many possible areas of significance for a property, ranging from architecture to agriculture and beyond. Please choose the areas which apply to your property and explain them succinctly. The following is intended as an example:

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE.

The Fuller House, one of the relatively few Greek Revival houses surviving from Louisburg's prosperous antebellum period, was the lifelong home of Edwin Wiley Fuller (1847-1876), one of North Carolina's best known poets and novelists of the third quarter of the nineteenth century. In 1856 an older house was drastically expanded for the family of Jones Fuller and Anna Thomas Fuller; the earlier house had been the Thomas family home. The new construction of a double-pile, two-story frame house may have been the work of Warren County builder Albert Gamaliel Jones, who is also credited with erecting the nearby Louisburg College Building in 1857. The house is representative of many erected in the prosperous 1840's and 1850's in Franklin and Warren counties, boxy frame two-story dwellings with bold, vernacular Greek Revival detail. Jones' hand is evident in several specific details, and this enhances the significance of the house, since very few mid-nineteenth century buildings are attributable to a specific builder.

Specific Areas of Significance:

- A. Associated with the antebellum development of the town of Louisburg and the increasing prosperity of the northeastern Piedmont in the period 1840's-1861.
- B. Associated with the life of North Carolina poet and novelist, Edwin Wiley Fuller, as his home from childhood through his productive years as a young writer until his death (in the house) at age 28. In a state not then productive of many writers, Fuller was a talent of recognized promise, and his subject matter was derived from North Carolina places and people.

APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC DESIGNATION

HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION FORM
(Additional Sheets of Paper will be necessary for
complete documentation)

Please type or print

1. Owner's name and address: Mrs. Coy W. Sparks
2. Location of Property: 225 S. Main Street
KERNERSVILLE N.C. 27284
3. Tax Block 2109 Tax Lot 21 Main St.
4. When was the building erected? For whom? (If you don't know the exact date, please give a general time frame.) Have there been additions or modifications? If so, describe and give dates.
In the 1870's by Rephelius Byron Kerner, great grandson of "Joseph of Kernersville," Joseph Kerner, for whom town is named. The design is similar to that of home of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Kerner whose house was built in 1877 by Theodore F. Kerner. Two baths added when house was owned by Charles Case who deeded it to B.O. Fuller in 1944. Baths were probably built about 1938. X see next page.
5. Do you know the names of any of the craftsmen who worked on the building? (i.e., architects, carpenters, contractors, landscape designers, etc.) Do any architect's plans or building accounts exist? Where?
House is built of brick walls of handmade brick made in a nearby brick yard.
Craftsmen, plans - unknown.
6. Do you have any old photographs of the building? If so, do you know the dates of the photographs?
None
7. How has the building been passed down through the years, from whom to whom? (i.e., a quick chain of title). If possible, please give some background on each occupant. (i.e., occupations or other interesting facts). List the sources of your information.
1870's by builder, Rephelius Byron Kerner.
Next known owners - Thomas Fleshman and wife who was Mina Pepper and their daughter, Geraldine Fleshman Pratt. The Fleshmans moved into the house as newlyweds. Mrs. Pratt who died in 1980 at about age 80 recalled living in house until about age 19.
Next known owners - Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Parks Sr. until house was bought by Case about 1937. Case deeded property to B.O. Fuller in 1944. Fuller deeded property to Zora Kiger in 1954. H.F. Kiger deeded property to Coy W. Sparks and his wife, present owner, in 1956.

8. What was the building's original use, if different from today? Has the building ever been moved? List the sources of your information.

Original use same as present - a home.
Building has not been moved.

Source of information - Older members of the Kerner (Korner) family

9. What is the significance of this property. (Please be specific and to the point). Include a complete list of sources for your information.

House that is one of the 13 original Houses has been restored to what is probably more than its original glory.

Same sources as above.

x Present owner built on a bay window in the back of the house which in no way changed the house's original appearance. Two original porches have also been enclosed for no change in design.

10. Describe the present condition of the property.

Excellent for a house 100 years old.

11. Is the property listed in any existing Historic Register or survey? (i.e., the National Register of Historic Places or any other state or local history). If so, please give the title of the listing.

I understood it was reviewed for a Forsyth County Historic Designation. The board informed me it was accepted.

APPLICATION FEE \$25.00 (Check payable to Forsyth County)

The above information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

July 3 1982
Date

Evelyn H. Sparks (Mrs. Coy W.)
Signature of Property Owner(s)

Mailing address:

P.O. Box 3
KERNERSVILLE N.C. 27284

