

LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK PROGRAM

Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission

Rephelius Byron Kerner House

Local Historic Landmark #44

225 South Main St., Kernersville

Construction Date: circa 1870

Landmark Designation Date: 09/07/1982

Rephelius Byron Kerner was the son of Israel Körner and great-grandson of Joseph Körner, for whom Kernersville is named. (The name Körner was anglicized by some branches of the family during the 19th century.) Rephelius Byron Kerner was born in 1849 and married Anna Elizabeth Mathews, with whom he had four children. He died at the age of 32 in 1881.

The Rephelius Byron Kerner House was built c.1870 and is an Italianate-influenced brick dwelling that stands along South Main Street, the main historical residential street of Kernersville. The style most popular in Kernersville during the 1870s was the Italianate style, so-called because it drew its decorative details from Italian Renaissance villa designs. In Kernersville, the style manifested itself in the brickwork of several residential structures; all are two-story houses with segmental-arched windows and decorative brick hoods.



The Rephelius Byron Kerner House features chamfered posts, sawnwork brackets, a sawnwork frieze and balustrade. The entrance features a tall narrow, arched door with a beveled oval glass center and sidelights in a corbelled, arched surround. There is a deep molded cornice with gable-end returns, and brick interior chimneys.

Today the Rephelius Byron Kerner House is privately occupied.

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Kernersville South Main Street
Historic District Nomination

<http://www.hpo.ncdcr.gov/nr/FY0716.pdf>



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