

LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK PROGRAM

Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission

Elias Kerner Huff House

Local Historic Landmark #67

113 Pineview Drive, Kernersville

Construction Date: c. 1885

Restoration Dates: 1985, c. 2004

Original Landmark Designation Date: 09/08/1986

Re-designation Landmark Designation Date:
12/07/2004

Elias Kerner Huff was named after Dr. Elias Kerner, the grandson of Joseph Körner, the founder of Kernersville. Huff was an artist and woodworker; he made and painted carriages, carved furniture and coffins, and decorated houses (assisting in the decoration of Körner's Folly, Local Historic Landmark #66) in Kernersville. Huff also crafted a bed at special order for the former governor of North Carolina, Angus McLean. When Huff moved to Kernersville from the Salem area, he began working with Anderson Lewis, a carriage maker and undertaker. They became partners in their business "Lewis and Huff" and later "Huff and Stuart." Huff also worked for Reuben Rink, Jule Körner's company and pseudonym. After the turn of the 20th century, Huff worked for the S.J. Nissen Company (Local Historic Landmark #123), which manufactured wagons in Winston.

The Elias Kerner Huff House was constructed between 1883 and 1885. The one-story frame house is the best example of a Queen Anne-style cottage in Forsyth County. The main body of the house features a side-gable roof, and is three bays wide, with six-over-six sash windows. In the corner is a diagonal projecting bay. Wrapping around the main and side façades is an ornate porch with a central façade gable, and a lower, offset gable to the side. Each gable end contains lacy sawn bargeboards and decorative shingles. There is a spindle frieze and lattice work at the offset angle. The porch is supported by turned posts. At the main entrance is a curved lattice screen. The tiny Band Room, now attached to the main house, originally sat with the gable end to the street, but was turned, the roof changed, and joined to the house in 1912 to accommodate Huff's growing family. The entrance to the Band



Room is composed of solid panel double doors with eight panes of glass above, and a bracketed hood shelters it.

In 1985, the home was restored; however, by 2000, the house was threatened with demolition. A number of local parties successfully collaborated in order to find an alternative to the house's demolition. The house was purchased by Huff's great-great-granddaughter, the present owner, who moved it to its current location.

Because the replacement site was only one-fourth mile away from the original site, and was substantially similar in character and setting to original, the house was re-designated as a Local Historic Landmark in 2004.

Today the Elias Kerner Huff House is privately occupied.



Move of the Elias Kerner Huff House, 2001
Courtesy of the Forsyth County
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National Register Nomination
<http://www.hpo.ncdcr.gov/nr/FY0716.pdf>



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