

LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK PROGRAM

Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission

Thomas A. Crews House

Local Historic Landmark #93

4997 Main St., Walkertown

Construction Date: 1891

Restoration Date: 1992

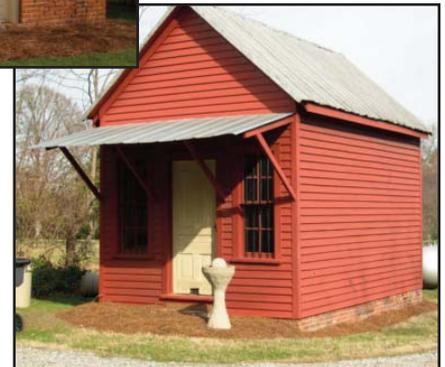
Landmark Designation Date: 12/19/1994

The Thomas A. Crews property is the only site in Walkertown associated with Crews, who was one of Walkertown's and Forsyth County's leading citizens. Crews, with his brother James, built the T.A. Crews Tobacco Factory in 1891. The Crews brands were purchased in 1904 by a tobacco conglomerate, and the factory was converted into the Walkertown Milling Company. After that business burned in 1911, Crews entered the wholesale produce business. Although he is most important as an industrialist, Crews's successes in Walkertown may be cited as a factor in his leadership in the community, both as a leader at Love's Methodist Church in Walkertown and as a benefactor of the local school system.

The Thomas A. Crews House is the best remaining example of vernacular Queen Anne architecture in Walkertown. Crews built the house in 1891 and lived in it until his death in 1940. The house is a two-story, frame dwelling with a wraparound porch that is supported by bracketed turned posts spanned by a wood railing. The house features a hip, pressed-metal roof with a projecting gabled bay and a gabled wing on the south elevation. The house retains original two-over-two sash windows, and brick end and interior chimneys with corbelled stacks. The house is set in a grove of trees and flanked by seven outbuildings and the brick smokestack of the former Crews Tobacco Factory. The collection of outbuildings includes a smokehouse and wash house that are among the best examples of their types remaining in Forsyth County.

In 1992, the Crews family completed a renovation of the house to restore it to its 1911 appearance.

Today the Thomas A. Crews House is privately occupied.



Photographs courtesy of Heather Fearnbach

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Thomas A. Crews House National Register Nomination
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