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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairman Edds and the Rowan County Board of Commissioners
FROM: Aaron Poplin, Planner
DATE: October 7, 2022
RE: **HLC 02-22**

SUGGESTED BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ACTION

☐ Receive report from Staff ☐ Conduct public hearing ☐ Close
hearing & discuss ☐ Motion to approve / deny / table HLC 02-22 and the
designating ordinance

REQUEST

In January of 2020, the Rowan County Historic Landmarks Commission (HLC) received an application from John Carlyle Sherrill to establish the John Carlyle and Anita Sherrill House as a Rowan County historic landmark. The John Carlyle and Anita Sherrill House is located at 14175 NC 801 HWY. further referenced as Rowan County Tax Parcel 566-048. The applicant wishes to designate the exterior of the house along with the 1.18 acre lot it sits on.

BACKGROUND

The Rowan County HLC's mission is to identify and inventory properties within the county having historical, pre-historical, architectural, and cultural significance, and make recommendations to the County Commissioners regarding sites, areas, structures, and objects to be designated as "Historical Landmarks". Since the HLC was established in 2003, the Commission has recommended nine (9) other structures for designation:

The HLC wishes to recognize the John Carlyle and Anita Sherrill House because it is locally significant under the category of architecture. The architectural significance of the John Carlyle and Anita Sherrill House derives from its dual importance of being both a noteworthy example of a village house in the Colonial revival style and one of the rare

examples of the style erected as farm seats The John Carlyle and Anita Sherrill house is historically significant to Rowan County is culturally significant as the home of one of Rowan County's most important entrepreneurial families

**STATE HISTORIC
PRESERVATION OFFICE
COMMENTS**

On September 9, 2021 Planning Staff received comments from Kristi Brantley, SHPO staff member, regarding local designation application for the John Carlyle and Anita Sherrill. Ms. Brantley stated the report had significant information for a local governing board to determine if the house has local significance. SHPO recommended a few changes to the report to recognize that the repairs and additions stayed in character with the original construction and Colonial Revival style.

HLC COMMENTS

Based on these comments and the revised report, the HLC recommends approval of the *John Carlyle and Anita Sherrill House* as a Rowan County historic landmark. After reviewing the application, an on-site investigation of the property, and extensive research, the HLC deems the *John Carlyle and Anita Sherrill House* to be of special significance in terms of its historical and cultural importance, and to possess integrity of design, setting, workmanship, materials, and character.

On August 9, 2022, the HLC conducted a courtesy hearing to receive comments regarding the John Carlyle and Anita Sherrill House designation. No one spoke in opposition to the designation. On a vote of 4-0, the HLC recommended landmark designation for the exterior of John Carlyle and Anita Sherrill House.

PLANNING STAFF COMMENTS

- Staff supports the designation of the John Carlyle and Anita Sherrill House.