**1. NAME**

Common: Shuford House

And/or Historic: Maple Grove

**2. LOCATION**

512 Second Street, N.E. (Tenth Congressional District, The Hon. James Broyhill)

Hickory

North Carolina 37 Catawba 035

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

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**PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)**

- Agricultural
- Commercial
- Educational
- Entertainment
- Government
- Industrial
- Military
- Museum
- Other (Specify)
- Private Residence
- Religious
- Scientific
- Transportation
- Scientific
- Comments.

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

Hickory Landmarks Society c/o Mrs. Leslie Moody, President

P. O. Box 2341

Hickory

North Carolina 37

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

Catawba County Courthouse

Newton

North Carolina 37

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

**TITLE OF SURVEY:**

**DATE OF SURVEY:**

- Federal
- State
- County
- Local

**DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:**

**STREET AND NUMBER:**

**CITY OR TOWN:**

**STATE:**

**CODE:**
Maple Grove (Adolphus Shuford House) is a two-story, three-bay frame house with a central hall plan, one room deep. A two-story porch supported by four pairs of pillars at each level extends nearly the full length of the main facade. Both levels have a handsomely patterned scroll sawn balustrade. Small brackets, paired at intervals of two sets per bay, ornament the molded cornice of the porch at both the first and second levels. The house cornice, supported by heavy brackets, carries around the two-bay gable ends and is interrupted only by the shafts of the exterior end chimneys which are of brick laid in common bond. The two-over-two sash of the main block is highlighted by a small, late nineteenth century pediment. Three gable dormers, each with small brackets at the front edges supporting the wide overhang, are spaced across the front roof. Each dormer contains a triangular headed window with two-over-two sash. The first and second floor central bays of the main facade have standard late nineteenth century doors and sidelights and transoms which extend the width of the door and sidelights. A wing to the rear, said to be somewhat older than the main block, is very simply finished and is currently used as an apartment.

The central hall contains a closed string stair with a heavy square newel which has a large molded cap and various molded bands. The south parlor mantel consists of an unadorned, heavy shelf supported by similar, unadorned pilasters, surmounted by a similarly designed overmantel with a mirror. The other parlor mantel has no overmantel but consists of a plain shelf supported by pilaster strips that merge into a slightly arched frieze. Three brackets are arranged across the frieze just under the shelf. The house is finished with plain architraves and wide baseboards throughout.
The Shuford family, long prominent in Catawba County in connection with the textile and furniture industries, is well represented by one of the earliest extant houses associated with their family. Donated to the Hickory Landmarks Society as a memorial to the late Wade H. Shuford, the house, built about 1875, is highlighted by a well-ornamented double porch that stretches the full length of the main facade. The sawn scroll balustrade and bracketed frieze of the porches combine with the handsome dormers to give a unique aspect to a relatively standard building type.

Adolphus Lafayette Shuford was one of six founding commissioners of the present city of Hickory when its first charter was issued in 1863. To quote a local historian,

A. L. (Delph) Shuford was one of the pioneer settlers of the Community. He was the first agent of the Western North Carolina railroad, and during the war, was assistant manager of the Confederate commissary... This resident was one of the first men of the community to recognize the value and importance of improved cattle, and was the first to import thoroughbred Jersey stock... Shuford built 'Shuford's Hall,' which was used for shows, general gatherings, etc.

He was a major figure in the founding of Claremont College at Hickory.

Shuford had married Adelaide Lindsay in 1862. His first residence was probably in Hickory, near the railroad of which he was an agent and around which the town was beginning to grow up. Numerous deeds show that Shuford acquired a large amount of centrally located property in the new town. Probably this was in connection with business enterprises which, though no doubt profitable, he sold in order to begin a dairy. In the early 1870s he began acquiring acreage near the town of Hickory. On one of these tracts was located a small building which now forms an ell on the present Shuford House. On the farm he began building the nucleus of his Jersey herd and a homestead large enough to accommodate his wife and many children. With the growth of the town, the house became a part of an increasingly urban area. After Shuford's death in 1885, members of his immediate family occupied the home until 1912 when it was sold to D. H. Boyd. The Shuford House will be preserved through a gift of Mrs. Wade H. Shuford, widow of one of Adolphus Shuford's sons. Administering this project is the Hickory Landmarks Society in which ownership has been vested.
As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National [] State [x] Local [x]

Name  

Title  State Historian/Administrator  

Date  15 January 1973
Shuford House
Maple Grove
542 Second Street, N.E.
Hickory, North Carolina

State Highway Commission Map of Catawba County:
Enlarged municipal areas
Scale: 1" : 1 mile
Date: 1961

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