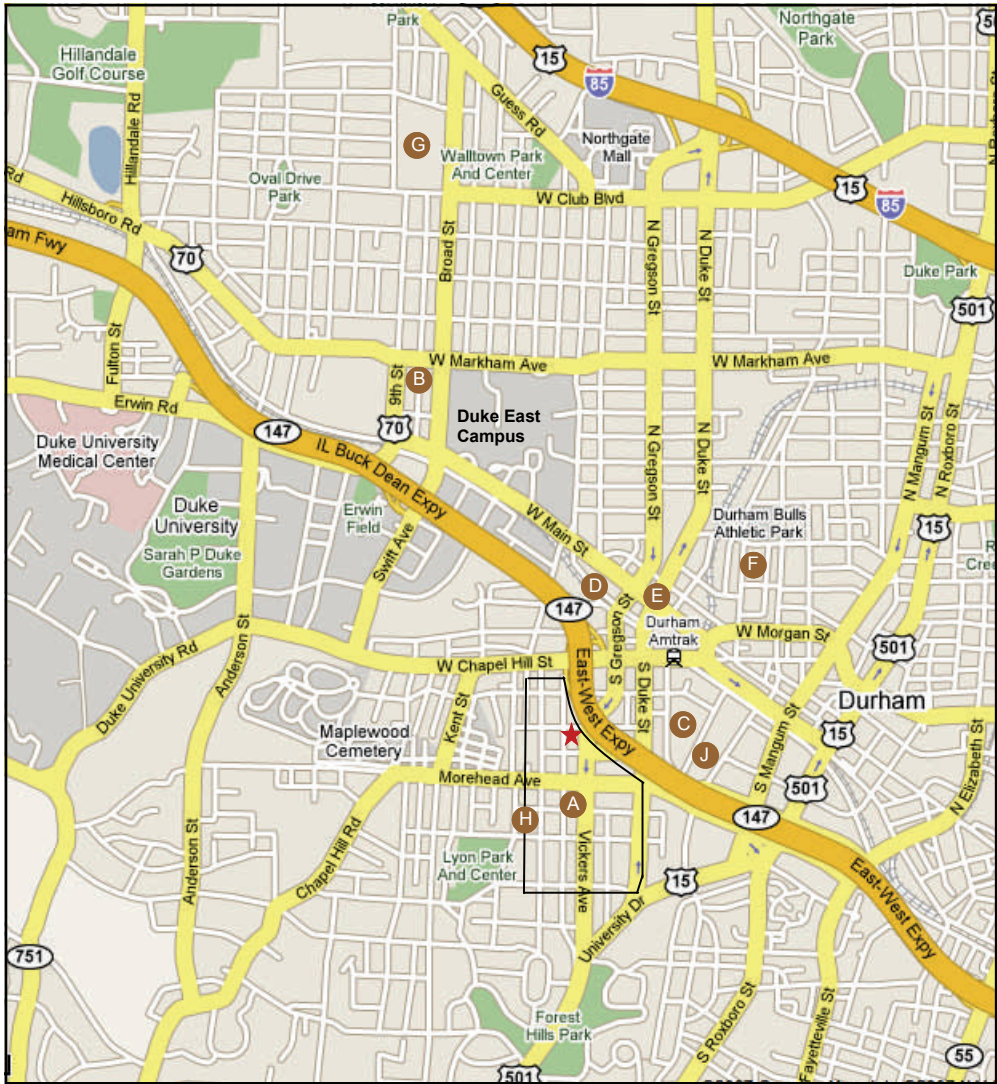


Historic Aubrey Underwood House 802 Vickers Avenue Morehead Hill Historic District

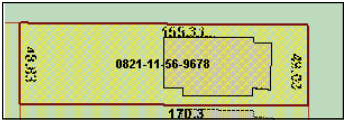
Check my web site for updates to this flyer and links to these and other nearby attractions.



- A [Morehead Hill Historic District](#) (see description below)
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Historic Aubrey Underwood House

Noted Durham Contractor Norman Underwood constructed this two-story triple-pile house for his son and building foreman, Aubrey Underwood, around 1915. The exterior sheathing of cedar shake shingles distinguishes the house from its weather-boarded neighbors. Other interesting details are the shingled porch piers and the clipped gable-roofed dormers. Several individuals have owned and occupied the house since Underwood moved from it around 1920; they include William Muirhead, another noted Durham contractor, who lived here during the 1920s. [Excerpts from *The Durham Architectural And Historical Inventory*]



Historic Morehead Hill



Morehead Hill was named a National Historic District in 1985. It is also a Local Historic District. Morehead Hill was the home of many of Durham's early industrialists. In the 1880s, Eugene Morehead, L. A. Carr, George W. Watts, and George Lyon all had fine homes here. After the turn of the 20th century, William Gaston Vickers sold off much of his farmland for development, building many small rental homes along Yancey, Parker, Proctor, Wells, Shepherd, and Arnette Streets. Large building lots were reserved on the highest part of the land and in 1910, John Sprunt Hill began a new building boom with his opulent Spanish Colonial Revival style house on South Duke Street. Other period revival homes were soon built around it, including James Edward Stagg's Chateau style house Greystone. Today, these two houses which are listed on the National Register of Historic Places still stand out among the more popular Colonial Revival, Queen Anne, and Bungalow style houses that fill the surrounding streets. [Excerpts from Historic Preservation Society of Durham website. See link on my web site.]

