

# LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK PROGRAM

Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission

## David Reid House

Local Historic Landmark #42

1820 S. Main St., Winston-Salem

Construction Date: circa 1894

Landmark Designation Date: 06/07/1982

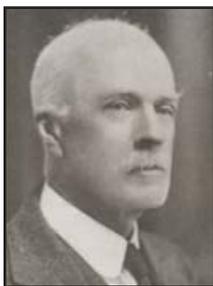
The David Reid House is one of the finest late 19th century Queen Anne style dwellings in the Washington Park neighborhood, and one of only a few remaining in Winston-Salem. It was one of the first dwellings constructed when the Winston-Salem Land and Investment Company developed Washington Park.

David Reid ran a successful grocery and dry goods business on Main Street in Salem. When he bought the Washington Park property in August 1891, he was living on E. Second Street. In 1894, Reid's new house on S. Main Street was completed.

By 1906, Reid's business is listed as a purveyor of groceries, china, and crockery. However, by 1908, Reid is no longer identified in the City Directory as a grocer. In fact, Reid's son, David Jr., had taken over the Salem store. Later, Reid Sr. operated Reid's China Hall on W. Fourth Street.

Reid was a member of the Board of Deacons at First Baptist Church, and according to oral tradition, his home was frequented by ministers of First Baptist for Sunday dinner.

According to his obituary, Reid was one of the best known men in Forsyth County when he died in 1943 at the age of 96. He was the last surviving Confederate veteran in Forsyth County, having served in the infantry and obtaining the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.



David S. Reid, 1918  
Courtesy of Forsyth County  
Public Library Photograph  
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D.S. Reid House, c. 1890-1900  
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In 1920, Paul O. Schallert bought the property. Schallert was a physician and surgeon, and had an office in the house. He was also extremely interested in botany, teaching the subject at Salem College. He travelled extensively to collect and identify herbal and botanical samples. Schallert was an early pioneer in the campaign against tobacco smoking, which was quite an unpopular stance at the time. He left Winston-Salem in 1943 to join the Army as a contract surgeon. After World War II, he moved to Florida.

The three-story, brick house features frame gable ends with Stick-style ornament, an octagonal corner bay, and an elaborate wraparound porch with sawnwork ornament. Originally a spire existed at the northeast corner of the house, but it was removed during the 1940s.

Today the David Reid House is privately occupied.

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Washington Park National Register  
Historic District Nomination  
<http://www.hpo.ncdcr.gov/nr/FY2510.pdf>



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<http://www.ForsythCountyHRC.org>