

# LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK PROGRAM

Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission

## Theophilus Vierling House

Local Historic Landmark #29

327 S. Main St., Winston-Salem

(Original Salem Lot 43)

Construction Date: circa 1855, 1889

Landmark Designation Date: 10/04/1976

Theophilus Vierling was born in 1807 and was the son of Dr. Samuel Benjamin Vierling (Local Historic Landmark #10). The Moravian records indicate that Theophilus Vierling petitioned the Church in 1833 for permission to enter the shoemakers trade; however, at that time, he was turned down as there were a number of shoemakers already existing in the town. Vierling married Charlotte Williams circa 1837; between 1833 and 1839, the Church evidently granted permission for Vierling to become a shoemaker, as Lot 43 was identified in 1839 as the location of the Vierling's house (and shop). The house was constructed as a 1½-story frame dwelling over a brick cellar (street level), where he conducted his trade.

In 1849, Vierling sold his property to Mary Hein; following that time, there were a succession of owners. While still referred to as the Theophilus Vierling House, the house on the lot today actually dates from 1855, beyond the period in which Vierling owned the property. Sources indicate that Fogle Brothers built a porch on the front façade in the late 1870s, and a three-room brick addition to the rear in 1889.



The house on the lot today is a two-story on cellar, brick residential structure with a large one-story ell on the rear, and interior chimney on the north and south ends. The front façade displays a center entry protected by a one-story hip-roof porch supported by square columns. Above the porch is a projecting gabled bay with a pair of windows and a fanlight above.

Today the Theophilus Vierling House is privately occupied.



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