APPLICATION FOR TAX DEFERMENT
ON HISTORIC PROPERTY

1. Property owned by: Congregation of United Brethren of Salem and Vicinity; leased to Old Salem, Inc.

2. Location of Property (Street Address): 626 South Main Street

3. Tax Block No. 567 Tax Lot No. 102

4. Historical significance of property and why it should be considered:
   Within the Old Salem Historic District (now declared a Registered National Historic District by the National Parks Service) are both reconstructed and restored buildings which as a whole present a visual and authentic representation of the community of Salem between 1766 and 1850. This structure is considered by Old Salem, Inc. an integral part of the total landscape. Subject to Zoning Ordinance Section 29-1, any exterior changes to or interior uses of this property are strictly governed by the local Historic Districts Commission.
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5. Describe present condition of property. What restoration, if any, is planned or has been done? Submit 2 x 2 slides showing exterior of property on all four sides and interior slides, if important:

   This building was restored in 1955 to its 1775 appearance under the direction of and in accordance with the exacting standards of Old Salem, Inc. The building is presently in excellent condition.

6. I have read G.S. 105-277(f) and understand that this is a tax deferment and not an exemption, and if I fail to comply with the requirements of G.S. 105-277(f), I will be liable for the deferred taxes for the preceding five years plus interest.

   The information I have provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

   President, Old Salem, Inc.

   June 7, 1976

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Signature

Ronald R. Hendley

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Lot 63 (626 S. Main Street). Among the public buildings designated for Salem was the COMMUNITY STORE and a site was selected for it in 1768. Until the store building could be constructed the store was housed in the Two-Storey House (the Second House) from 1772 to 1775. The store was run for the Salem Diacony but in the name of the merchant.

The first storekeeper was Traugott Bagge, a Dane and a well-educated man thoroughly trained as merchant. The cornerstone of the store was laid April 5th, 1774, and the Bagges moved into the house, which was part of the same building, May 8, 1775. The L-shaped storey-and-a-half stone structure was built after designs of Friedrich William Marshall, changed in plan by its first occupant. The store occupied the north room and part of the cellar floor opening onto the back yard. Numerous outbuildings and dependencies were built after that. The store carried merchandise for the Moravians and outsiders, bought skins and hides, tobacco and other local products and sent them on the other markets, and ordered most of the supplies required by local and other craftsmen. Bagge died in 1800. He was a man of such stature that the Philadelphia paper carried an account of his life and Alexander Martin, a former governor, sent a letter of condolence and a poem he had written about him. Conrad Kreuser of Bethlehem succeeded him as storekeeper. He retired in 1816 and was succeeded by Jacob Blum. Blum bought the store from the Diacony in 1837 and added a second brick storey to the front portion of the building in 1840. He died in 1847 and his son and successor, Alexander, died in 1849. John Vogler bought the store for his son Elias.

Elias Vogler built another store to the north in 1867, a two-storey building which later became the Arden Farm Store and, in 1951, the Old Salem Office and Reception Center. Later it became the Piedmont Craftsmen's Store and is now (1970) the Old Salem Store.