

APPLICATION FOR TAX DEFERMENT
ON HISTORIC PROPERTY

1. Property owned by: Congregation of United Brethren of Salem and It's Vicinity
2. Location of Property (Street Address): 463 South Church Street
3. Tax Block No. 2424 Tax Lot No. 3
4. Historical significance of property and why it should be considered:
Within the Old Salem Historic District (now declared a Registered National Historic Landmark by the National Parks Service) are both restored and reconstructed 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.
The 1802 Dr. Samuel Benjamin Vierling House, a two-storey brick dwelling constructed by the master builder, Johann Gottlob Krause, bears Krause's trade "signature" in the herringbone Flemish brickwork in the upper gables. For many years the residence of church administrators, the Vierling House is one of the most outstanding examples of Moravian Georgian architecture.
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 is in a good state of preservation. Application has been made to the Historic Districts Commission for the initial phases of a complete restoration of the building.

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.

Ronald R. Hending Treasurer
Signature

May 27, 1976 W
Date

1802 Vierling House
Block 2424, Lot 3



Vierling House - OS 2424-3

Lots 7 & 8 (463 S. Church St.). The Dr. Samuel Benjamin VIERLING HOUSE, a two-storey brick dwelling with end chimneys constructed by the master builder, Johann Gottlob Krause, bears his trade "signature" in the herring-bone patterned Flemish bonded brickwork in the upper gable ends. Occupied by the Vierlings in June, 1802, it served as the town doctor's residence, apothecary (in the front north room) and hospital until his death in 1817. During this first period Dr. Vierling controlled lots to the north, where he had an orchard, and lot 8 to the south, where he erected a large barn with its gable end at the sidewalk (now a parking lot). The original wash and bake house still stands in the yard. By 1806 the improvements on this lot were valued in the lease for \$3,000.00, by far the most valuable house in Salem. Dr. Vierling's father-in-law's property, the Miksch House, was valued, for example, at only \$250.00. In 1819 the house was occupied by Ludwig David von Schweinitz, Oeconomus (Administrator) of Wachovia, and became known as the Administration House. With exception of a few years it has been used by Moravian Church officials, including Rev. Theodore Schulz, Bishop Emil de Schweinitz, and Rev. Ernest Stockton. It is now (1970) occupied by Edwin L. Stockton, Provincial Treasurer. The house has suffered only an alteration to its front entrance stoop, the original having been an arched one similar to the church.

