APPLICATION FOR TAX DEFERMENT
ON HISTORIC PROPERTY

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3. Tax Block No.  565  Tax Lot No.  103-B

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   direction of and in accordance with the exacting standards of Old Salem.
   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.

Signature  R. Arthur Spaugh, Jr.
President, Old Salem, Inc.

Date  June 6, 1976
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2/28/77

Date
## Application
### Local Historic Landmark Designation

1. **Name of property**: Butner House and Butner Hat Shop (Lot 32)

2. **Owner's Name & Address**
   - Old Salem Museums & Gardens
   - 600 S. Main St.
   - Winston-Salem, NC 27101

3. **Property Location**: 517 S. Main and 521 S. Main St.

4. **Amount of Land To Be Designated (acreage)**
   - Increased to 0.11445 and 0.06420 acres respectively

5. **Interior To Be Designated**: Yes

6. **Tax Block(s)**: 0565
   - **Tax Lot(s)**: 103A, 103B, 107
   - **PIN**: 6835-33-0378

   *Please complete the following information on continuation sheets (portion of)*

7. **When was the structure erected? For Whom?** (If you don’t know the exact date, please give a general time frame.) Have there been additions or modifications? If so, describe and give dates.

8. **Do you know the names of any of the craftsmen who worked on the structure (i.e., architects, carpenters, contractors, landscape designers, etc.)? Do any architect’s plans or building accounts exist? Where?**

9. **Do you have any old photographs of the structure? If so, do you know the dates of the photographs?**

10. **How has the building been passed down through the years, from whom to whom (i.e., a quick chain of title)?**

11. **What was the structure’s original use, if different from today? Has the building ever been moved? List the sources of your information.**

12. **What is the significance of this property? (Please be specific and to the point.) Include a list of sources for your information.**
13. Describe the architecture and present condition of the structure, also including any outbuildings or other appurtenant features to be included in the designation. If the property has been restored, what were the dates of restoration? Was the restoration done under the supervision of any historic preservation organization? If the property has not been restored, is any restoration planned for the property?

14. Is the property listed in any existing architectural or historical survey (i.e., the National Register of Historic Places)? If so, please give the title and date of the listing.

In addition to written application, the following materials must be submitted simultaneously:

- a black and white 8” x 10” overall photograph clearly depicting the property being designated.

- Digital photos showing all sides of the main structure and any outbuildings (may include architectural details, interior and exterior; which add to the property’s significance)

- The images should be jpegs with a minimum image is 1950 pixels x 1350 pixels. They may be larger. Such an image would make a print of 6.5” x 4.5” at a resolution of 300 ppi (a 7” x 5” print with margins). A 3 megapixel camera should create an image of about 2100 x 1400 pixels

- The images should be submitted on CDs. Do not use "rewriteable" CD-RW disks, which often cannot be read by computers other than the one on which they were created. Use the less expensive CD-R disks. Photos that are burned to the CD cannot subsequently be edited on the CD, though you can add additional photos or copy over a photo with a new version of the same file name at a later time. The XP operating system enables you to burn files to a CD without the purchase of any special software.

- A tax map showing the location of the property, including any buildings and appurtenant features.

(Please label the above materials with the name of the property owner)

APPLICATION FEE $50.00 (Check Payable to City of Winston-Salem)

The following information is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

9/14/15

Date

Signature of Property Owner

Mailing Address:
Old Salem Museums & Gardens
600 S. Main St.
Winston-Salem, NC 27101

Telephone: [Redacted by Assistant]
Background of the structures existing designation

The 1829 Butner House (LHL 25) and 1825 Shop (LHL 23) were both designated in 1976. However at the time of their designation the rear of the lot was a separate parcel. Now that the full historic lot 62 has been combined under single ownership for the first time in over a century, the lot boundaries are being adjusted. This application was requested by HRC staff to match the landmark boundaries to reflect new property lines. This change adds potential archaeological sites in the middle of the historic lot, which were not included in the previous landmark boundaries. Both properties are contributing resources to the Old Salem National Historic Landmark District and the local historic district.

Amendment

Approximately an additional ten (10) feet will be added to the east edge of the current landmarks. This area is in the middle of the lot and outside the current landmark boundaries, although they are obviously critical to the history and significance of the entire lot. These buildings are documented through historic records, maps, and photographs. This expansion will not only align landmark designation with new property lines but will provide appropriate recognition and protection of surviving nineteenth century resources on the site.

The Moravian Records identify several buildings in addition to the house and shop. In December of 1829, Adam Butner built a new bake-oven, which adjoined a woodshed and was only 20 feet from the cowshed and hay loft. He had to build a vault on the front of the bake oven to contain the flames. He also was to weatherboard the cowshed and add 'shutter eaves' to reduce the danger from fire. (10 Dec. 1829, Aufseher Collegium) But by 1833 he had to replace the bake oven with a higher chimney. (21 Jan 1833, Auf. Col.) In May he added a new construction at the rear of his shop as a 'fulling workshop.' (13 May 1833, Auf. Col.).

Nineteenth and early twentieth century Sanborn maps show numerous outbuildings in that portion of the lot from the 1895 through 1912. Similarly, historic images from the late nineteenth century also show partial views of the outbuildings behind the main structures. When the new residence was built on the rear of the lot by the 1917 Sanborn, those outbuildings are largely gone.

The buildings documented uses are similar to most house lots in Salem. The area immediately behind the house was the 'working yard' and various outbuildings supplemented the daily activities. The standard bake oven and woodshed were a necessity for any eighteenth and early nineteenth century household. The production of bake goods was not typically done inside, requiring a specially constructed fireplace and chimney to incorporate a bake oven. Many houses thus used free standing bake ovens that were typically fired once a week. Likewise cowsheds were need to house the cows that provided necessary dairy products. The other buildings shown are probably other common structures, such as woodsheds or out house.

A unique building built in this lot was the 'fulling' workshop. Fulling is a technique for thickening and binding fibers. For hats this how wool or fur could be made into a felt material usable for creating a hat. It also helped make the felt denser and more waterproof. In the eighteenth and nineteenth century the
hat was often a status symbol and much more common. Obviously built in order to support the Hat Shop and its operations, the fulling mill would have been an important component to support Butner’s hat trade.

Excavations on the northern adjoining Herbst House (Lot 33) by Old Salem in the 1990s, were able to identify secondary buildings in the same general area of that lot. It is anticipated that Lot 32 likewise has surviving archaeological resources. Future excavation would not only confirm the locations of these outbuildings, potentially for reconstruction, but should be able to distinguish the various uses of buildings on the lot.

**Ownership**

Most recently the House was sold in 2001 from Bob Gant to Salem Academy and College. The College has sold the House to Home Moravian Church, who in turn sold the property to Old Salem Museums & Gardens with agreement for a lease of the rear of the parcel as a parking lot. The part of the lot being used for the parking is not included in the additional local landmark designation. Old Salem has owned the Shop building since its reconstruction and will continue to do so, with the addition of the driveway to the shop, allowing an access easement for the new House owner.
Northwest toward house at driveway location. The posts will be removed by cutting off. No excavation in the designated area.
Butner House

1895 Sanborn

517 & 521 S. Main Street
Old Salem Museums & Gardens

Sanborn map showing outbuildings in middle of lot
Butner outbuildings 1880

521 S. Main St.
Old Salem Museums & Gardens
outbuilding highlighted