

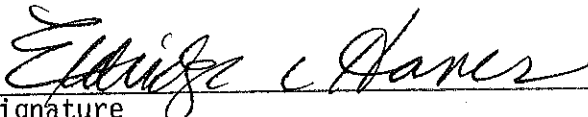
APPLICATION FOR TAX DEFERMENT  
ON HISTORIC PROPERTY

1. Property owned by: Eldridge C. Hanes
2. Location of Property (Street Address): 498 Salt Street
3. Tax Block No. 560 Tax Lot No. 113A, 114
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.  
This house was build in 1832 by the Rev. Christian Frederick Denke, who came to Salem from his pastorate at Friedburg. The storey-and-a-half central hall structure was originally built on Lot 90 across the present Old Salem Road but was relocated on Lot 75 to prevent its destruction and to protect it under the Historic Zoning Ordinance.
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 house was relocated and restored in 1971 under the direction of and in accordance with the exact 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

2/ February 21, 1977  
Date

APPLICATION FOR TAX DEFERMENT  
ON HISTORIC PROPERTY

1. Property owned by: P. Randolph Gray
2. Location of Property (Street Address): 498 EAST STREET
3. Tax Block No. 560 Tax Lot No. 113A, 114
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 Park Service) are both restored and reconstructed buildings which as a whole present a visual and authentic representation of the community 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 20, any exterior changes to or interior uses of this property are strictly governed by the local Historic Districts Commission.

- This house was built in 1832 by the Rev. Christian Frederic Deike, who came to Salem from his pastorate at Friedburg. The story-and-a-half central hall structure was originally built on Lot 90 across the present Old Salem Road but was relocated on Lot 75 to prevent its destruction and to protect it under the Historic Zoning Ordinance.
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P. Randolph Gray  
Signature

February 20, 1978  
Date

## 1832 DENKE HOUSE

Tax Block 560, Lots 113A, 114



Lot 75 (498 Salt Street). During the first years of Salem's history this large 132-foot lot was divided into two 66-foot frontages, these opposite the first two lots eastward and facing the main street. Dr. Bonn, who lived in the First House, used this northernmost back lot as pasture, orchard, and for his laboratory, an 18 x 20 foot structure at the creek, about 160 feet back. In a like manner, Christian Fritz operated a white tannery in a somewhat larger structure on the creek and at the south property line. Later maps combine these two lots into one but no early houses were constructed on the Salt Street front. Early in this century a row house complex was built. The property passed to Old Salem by purchase in 1957. It was sold to Eldridge C. Hanes in 1970 as a site for the relocated 1832 Christian Fridrich Denke House, a storey-and-a-half frame central hall structure which originally was built on lot 90 across the present Old Salem Road.



APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC DESIGNATION

HISTORIC AND ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION FORM  
(Additional Sheets of Paper will be necessary for  
complete documentation)

Please type or print

1. Owner's name and address:
2. Location of property:
3. Tax Block \_\_\_\_\_ Tax Lot \_\_\_\_\_
4. When was the building 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.
5. Do you know the names of any of the craftsmen who worked on the building? (i.e., architects, carpenters, contractors, landscape designers, etc.) Do any architect's plan or building accounts exist? Where?
6. Do you have any old photographs of the building? If so, do you know the dates of the photographs?
7. How has the building been passed down through the years, from whom to whom? (i.e., a quick chain of title). If possible, please give some background on each occupant. (i.e., occupations or other interesting facts). List the sources of your information.
8. What was the building's original use, if different from today? Has the building ever been moved? List the sources of your information.
9. What is the significance of this property? (Please be specific and to the point). Include a complete list of sources for your information.
10. Describe the present condition of the property.
11. Is the property listed in any existing Historic Register or survey? (i.e., the National Register of Historic Places or any other state or local history). If so, please give the title of the listing.

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

AUGUST 18, 1982  
Date

P. Randolph Big  
Signature of Property Owner(s)  
Mailing address:

498 SACT STREET  
WINSTON-SALEM NC 27101

Telephone: [REDACTED]

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1. Mr. & Mrs. Randolph Gray  
498 Salt Street  
Winston-Salem, N. C. 27101
2. 498 Salt Street  
Winston-Salem, N. C. 27101
3. Tax Block 56.0, Tax Lot 113A, 114  
Lot 90
4. Denke House 1832 Lot 90 (moved to Lot 73 in 1970)

On March 7, 1831, the Moravian Records report that, "Br. Denke's ground plan was studied. He will build on the lot next to Br. Ackerman that was laid out for him last Thursday." 1 Because Rev. Denke planned to build the house "bit by bit," 2 it was not completed and occupied until 1832. 3

5. Although a ground plan for Denke's house is mentioned in the records of the Aufseher Collegium, 4 its location is unknown. Likewise, the names of the craftsmen who worked on the building are unknown at this time.
6. Old Salem, Inc. has on file several old photographs of the Denke House dating ca. 1890, 1950 and 1970 prior to moving. Other visual representations include the following:

Maps: "Salem about the year 1840"  
"A Bird's Eye View of Winston-Salem - 1891"  
Sanborn Insurance Maps 1907 and 1917

Artist

Views: Salem from the West 1832 by Denke  
View of Salem from West 1839  
Watercolor view of Salem from West ca. 1850  
Watercolor of Denke House ca. 1880

7. Christian Friedrich Denke 1832 Records of the Moravians, p. 3978  
Congregation of United Brethren  
Julius R. Vogler 1880 Deed Bk 14, p. 473  
George Boozer 1883 Deed Bk 26, p. 446  
W. G. Smothers, est. 1900 Deed Bk 59, p. 644  
Elridge C. Hanes 1970 Deed extract, Forsyth Co.  
tax records (owner after  
move to new site)  
P. Randolph Gray 1977 Deed extract, Forsyth Co.  
tax records
8. The Denke House was used originally as a private residence, just as it is today. The house was moved from its original site on South Trade Street in 1970 to its present location within the historic district to protect it from demolition and to preserve it for restoration.

9. The historic district of Old Salem was designated a "Registered National Historic Landmark" by the U. S. Department of the Interior in 1966. Within this landmark are unrestored, restored and reconstructed buildings, which, as a whole, present an authentic architectural representation of the community of Salem between 1766 and 1856. This structure is considered by the Historic District Commission to be an integral and contributing part of the total landscape and subject to Zoning Ordinance Section 29-1, strictly governing its use and appearance.

Reverend Christian Friedrich Denke, born in 1775 in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania,<sup>5</sup> arrived in Salem on May 23, 1820.<sup>6</sup> He was immediately given charge of the Moravian congregation in Hope, and he preached often at various locations in the area.<sup>7</sup> Not until February of 1821, however, did Denke preach "his first English sermon."<sup>8</sup> During his service in Friedburg, he decided to begin construction on a house in Salem, upon the completion of which he moved back into the Salem community.<sup>9</sup> Denke was not only a minister but also a watercolorist probably responsible for a familiar painting of a view of Salem from the Northeast. His second wife, the former Maria Steiner,<sup>10</sup> was quite active in the Salem congregation, serving as a teacher, a musician, and the leader of the Single Sisters Choir.<sup>11</sup>

The Denke House is a superior example of the symmetrical, end-chimney, central hall architectural style which gained popularity as the 19th century progressed. A unique aspect of the construction of this house was that when it was originally built on lot 90, it was one of the first in Salem to be set back from the street and had ornamental gardens in the front yard.<sup>12</sup> The one-and-one-half story, frame house had fallen into ruin by 1970 and scheduled for demolition. The home was preserved only by relocation into the historic district. Although off its original site it is a significant feature on the Old Salem streetscape, for it represents a new style of architecture taking hold in the community and it housed a family whose life exemplified the responsibility for religious service so important in the Moravian community.

10. The Denke House was restored to its 1832 appearance in 1971 and is currently maintained in excellent condition.
11. The Denke House is a contributing structure in the Old Salem Historic District, a National Register Landmark. It is also listed in From Frontier to Factory: An Architectural History of Forsyth County.

## NOTES

The original manuscripts being principally in German, the following translations for historical data were used:

Records of the Moravians in North Carolina, Vols. I-VI (Raleigh North Carolina Historical Commission 1922-1943) by Dr. Adelaide L. Fries; Vol. VII by Dr. Fries, Vol. VIII by Douglas L. Rights, Vol. IX by Dr. Minnie J. Smith and Vols. X and XI by the Rt. Rev. Kenneth G. Hamilton (Raleigh: State Department of Archives and History, 1947-1969).

Erika Huber -- Unpublished translations made for Old Salem, Inc. and file at the Archives of the Moravian Church in America, Southern Province, Winston-Salem, N. C.

Edmund Schwarze -- Unpublished translations made for Old Salem, Inc. and on file at the Archives of the Moravian Church in America, Southern Province, Winston-Salem, N. C.

1. Edmund Schwarze, Aeltesten Conferenz, 9 March 1831.
2. Erika Huber, Aufseher Collegium, 14 December 1830.
3. Records of the Moravians, p. 4214.
4. Ibid., p. 3978.
5. Gravestone, God's Acre.
6. Records of the Moravians, p. 3434.
7. Ibid.
8. Ibid., p. 3468.
9. Ibid., p. 4059.
10. Ibid., p. 3837.
11. Ibid., p. 3696.
12. A letter from Denke to Lewis David Von Schweinitz, 13 June 1833. from Academy of Natural Sciences, translated copy on file at Old Salem, Inc.