

# LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK PROGRAM

Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission

## Traugott Bagge House

Local Historic Landmark #7

10 West St., Winston-Salem

(Original Salem Lot 27)

Construction Date: 1787

Reconstruction Date: 1970-1971

Landmark Designation Date: 10/04/1976

Traugott Bagge, Salem's first merchant, developed plans for this house as early as 1774. However, due to the Revolutionary War (when most of Salem's construction projects ceased), the house was not built until 1787. Interestingly, Bagge built the house not for himself (he actually lived in the southern portion of the Community Store building (Local Historic Landmark #5), but for his assistant, Brother George Biewighausen. Biewighausen had previously rented space in a house two blocks to the north and Bagge believed that was "too far away for his service in the store." Biewighausen continued to live in the Bagge House, rent free, after his retirement as storekeeper. It later served as home to a rapid succession of tenants, including Dr. Kuehln, who constructed the one-story addition to the east to be used as an apothecary.

The Traugott Bagge House is a 1½-story, tile-roofed structure on a stone cellar that has been stuccoed and scribed to imitate cut stone. It bears a strong physical resemblance to the Community Store, likely due to Bagge's long association as shopkeeper there.



The wood herringbone entry door has a four-light transom. The windows feature elliptical arches and paneled shutters. The gable ends are finished with Flemish bond brick. Kuehln's one-story addition is weatherboarded with a simple, wood-paneled entry door. Evidence shows that the house stood until approximately 1920, when it disappeared for unknown reasons. During 1970-1971, the house was completely reconstructed according to archaeological evidence, maps, and Moravian records.

Today the Traugott Bagge House is privately occupied.



*Traugott Bagge House, Date Unknown*  
Courtesy of Old Salem Museums and Gardens



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