

LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK PROGRAM

Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission

Shultz House and Shop

Local Historic Landmark #16

714 S. Main St., Winston-Salem (House)

712 S. Main St., Winston-Salem (Shop)

(Original Salem Lot 66)

Construction Date: 1819 (House), 1827 (Shop)

Restoration Date: 1961 (House), 1978 (Shop)

Landmark Designation Date: 10/04/1976

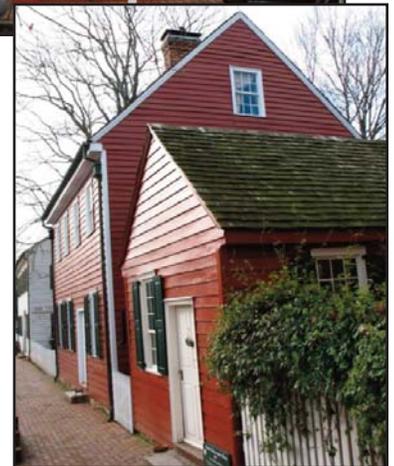
Samuel Shultz was born in Salem in 1781 and apprenticed to shoemaker J. Kuschke. Shultz was working in the Single Brothers' House by 1814. In 1819, he built his house and married Christine Hein. Interestingly, the frontage of the lot was 75 feet as compared to most lots in Salem that were 65 feet. Shultz operated his shoe shop from his home until 1827, when he built a shop to the north of his house. He was rather ambitious and did not intend to spend his entire life bent over a cobbler's bench. Unfortunately, Shultz was not wise in his choice of different vocations.

In the 1840s, he was not successful in an attempt to raise silkworms; later, he ran afoul of the town when he, without permission, attempted to set himself up as a hard liquor dispenser. Shultz died in 1871, and the house and shop passed on to the Turner family in the late 19th century.

By 1890, the elevation of the street in front of the Samuel Shultz House was raised to accommodate the streetcar system, resulting in the street being much higher than the adjacent sidewalk.



Shultz House and Shop, Date Unknown
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The Shultz House is a 2½-story frame dwelling with a full cellar. The house originally had two front doors, one leading to the shop, probably located in the north front room, and one into the residence. The house was constructed with four rooms clustered around a central chimney. Once the craftsman erected his separate shop north of the house in 1827, Shultz closed the south front door and replaced the door with a window.

The Shultz Shop is a one-story frame, front-gable building with a single wood paneled door and a front façade window with shutters. On the rear (west) elevation is a free-standing chimney with a corbelled cap, which is the only surviving freestyle chimney in Old Salem.

In 1961, Old Salem, Inc. acquired and restored the Shultz House; and in 1978, it restored the Shultz Shop.

Today the Shultz House is privately occupied; the Shultz Shop is an exhibit building of Old Salem Museums and Gardens.



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