

LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK PROGRAM

Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission

Levering House

Local Historic Landmark #17
516 S. Main St., Winston-Salem
(Original Salem Lot 56)
Construction Date: 1820
Reconstruction Date: 1972
Landmark Designation Date: 10/04/1976

Charles Joseph Levering was born in 1795 and moved to Salem from Lititz, Pennsylvania to work as a barkeeper at the tavern. However, within two years, he began tailoring. In 1819, Levering was granted this lot and his plans for the house were approved. Levering married Ruth Montgomery Rea in 1820, the same year the house was completed. However, after five years in the house, they traded residences with Conrad Kreuser, a retired merchant who had a brick farmhouse that was located to the west of Salem on what is now the campus of Piedmont International University (previously Piedmont Bible College).

Levering later moved to Hope, Indiana to help establish a Moravian settlement there. Kreuser died in 1845 and the house was given to the Church for a payment of \$200. Jacob Fulkerson bought the house in April 1845; in 1852, he asked permission to construct an addition to the north side of the house, create a central hall and two additional rooms. Sanborn Fire Insurance maps from the turn of the 20th century show the house in that form. However, a two-story brick apartment building replaced the Levering House in 1938.



The Levering House is a 1½-story frame house on a raised stuccoed cellar. It features a side-gable, scalloped-tile roof with a central chimney. The single wood-paneled door is reached by a stuccoed stoop with wood steps running parallel to the front façade. The front windows are nine-over-six with paneled shutters.

Old Salem, Inc. purchased the house and lot in 1967, demolished the apartment building in 1971, and reconstructed the house in 1972 based on the Moravian records and archaeological evidence.

Today the Levering House is privately occupied.



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