

LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK PROGRAM

Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission

Solomon Lick House

Local Historic Landmark #19

524 Salt St., Winston-Salem

(Original Salem Lot 71)

Construction Date: 1822

Restoration Date: 1972

Landmark Designation Date: 10/04/1976

Solomon Lick was the son of Martin Lick and lived as a child in the Lick-Boner House, at 512 Salt Street (Local Historic Landmark #6). Lick grew up to be a hat maker, and also served as one of Salem's night watchmen and lamp lighters. He built the house in 1822, next door to the home of his sister, Susanna, wife of John Hagan (Local Historic Landmark #51).



Four years after building the house, Lick left town to take charge of an oil mill located just south of what is now Salem Creek. He continued to own the home, but offered it for sale in 1829 to settle a debt. The Church agreed to purchase the property for \$275. The property was bought circa 1848, by Elisabeth Reich, a widow. Reich's daughter and son-in-law, a confectioner, lived in the home with her until the 1870s.

During the later part of the 19th century, the house was raised to two full stories and Victorian detailing was



Solomon Lick House in Salem, c. 1870
Courtesy of Old Salem Museums and Gardens

added. After 1907, the house was moved back from the street.

The Solomon Lick House is today a 1½-story log house covered with weatherboards, supported by a stone foundation. On the northern end of the façade is a single-leaf wood paneled entry door protected by a single-story porch with a simple balustrade and chamfered square posts supporting a wood-shingled shed roof with exposed rafters. To the left of the entry is a single six-over-six window with paneled shutters. In the center of the wood-shingled roof is a red brick chimney with a corbelled cap. A frame lean-to on the rear elevation has a partially exposed Flemish bond red brick cellar.

Old Salem, Inc. purchased the property in 1966. Later, the property was sold to Suzanne La Roque, who completed a restoration in 1972. As part of this renovation, the house was returned to its original location on the lot. A barn was also reconstructed on the property between 1995 and 1997.

Today the Solomon Lick House is privately occupied.



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