

LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK PROGRAM

Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission

Jacob Christman House

Local Historic Landmark #22

500 Salt St., Winston-Salem

(Original Salem Lot 74)

Construction Date: 1825

Restoration Date: 1969

Landmark Designation Date: 10/04/1976

Jacob Christman was a carriage-maker who spent his early years apprenticed to a craftsman in Friedberg, which was one of the three country congregations established by the Moravians shortly after settling the region. Christman acquired the Salem lot after the death of his father, Daniel Christman, a cooper and occasional night watchman. In 1824, Christman demolished his father's existing house on the property. The following year, he constructed the present house in its place.

Jacob Christman and his family left Salem in 1831 after he converted to a different religious denomination. The house was rented out until John Chitty purchased it in 1836 and turned the property over to Evan Boner in 1838. By 1869, the house was occupied by Evan's widow, Sophia Boner. The house went through a series of owners from that point on.



The Christman House is a 2½-story frame house on a partially exposed stuccoed cellar. A stuccoed stoop with steps on both sides running parallel to the front façade leads to the off-center herringbone wood door under a wood-shingled shed roof porch.

In 1969, the house was restored to its original appearance.

Today the Jacob Christman House is privately occupied.



Christman House in Salem, c. 1970
Courtesy of Old Salem Museums and Gardens



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