

LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK PROGRAM

Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission

Butner Hat Shop

Local Historic Landmark #23
521 S. Main St., Winston-Salem
(Original Salem Lot 32)
Construction Date: 1825
Reconstruction Date: 1965
Landmark Designation Date: 10/04/1976

Originally constructed in 1825, the Butner Hat Shop was built four years before Adam Butner constructed his residence immediately to the north (Local Historic Landmark #25). Unfortunately, Butner never made much money as a hatter; he dabbled in other enterprises to try and improve his standard of living. However, by 1848, his affairs had declined so much that he sold his house and business and moved to Indiana, only to return two years later as operator of the Salem Tavern (Local Historic Landmark #48). The shop was used in the 19th century as the jail and town hall of Salem.

In 1965, the Butner Hat Shop was reconstructed to its original appearance. It is a front-gable, one-story frame building. The stuccoed cellar level contains a center entry flanked by six-over-six windows, all set in elliptical arches.

Today the Butner Hat Shop is a retail enterprise for Old Salem Museums and Gardens.



Old Bakery in Salem, N.C., 1895
(Butner Hat Shop is the first building from the left in the photograph, just to the right of the Butner House's partial view)
Courtesy of Old Salem Museums and Gardens



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