

LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK PROGRAM

Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission

Hall House

Local Historic Landmark #24
421 S. Main St., Winston-Salem
(Original Salem Lot 40)
Construction Date: 1827
Restoration Date: 1976
Landmark Designation Date: 10/04/1976

James Hall, a Pennsylvanian Moravian trained as a shoemaker, had only been in Salem a short time before earning a reputation as an accomplished craftsman. A native of Lititz, Pennsylvania, Hall first visited Salem in 1822; the following year he came to stay. In 1827, he received permission from the Church to build a two-story frame house in which to live and conduct his trade. Ten years later, Hall requested permission to have a bakery and beer stand. He was given permission only for the bakery. Hall lived in the house until his death in 1870, when the house passed to his oldest son, William Henry Hall, who continued to use the house as a bakery, but also operated a confectionery business in the north side of the house's first floor. In 1873, the Fogle Brothers (a construction company) manufactured wooden candy boxes for Hall's confectionery business. Hall lived in the house until he died in 1895 and his daughter lived here until 1939. By the late 1960s, the building was a five-unit apartment house known as the Florence Hall Apartments.



The Hall House is a two-story frame house set on a partially exposed brick cellar. Concrete steps running parallel to the face lead up to a stoop in front of the center entry. The six-bay façade has two wood paneled entry doors with four-light transoms above, an example of the combination shop and residence in Salem.

In 1968, Old Salem, Inc. purchased the property and continued to operate it as an apartment house. Ultimately it was purchased by Howard Gray and restored in 1976 to its 1843 appearance.

Today the Hall House is privately occupied.



Fireman's Parade on Main Street – Salem, 1905
(Hall House shown in center background)
Courtesy of Old Salem Museums and Gardens



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