

LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK PROGRAM

Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission

Timothy Vogler House

Local Historic Landmark #26

909 S. Main St., Winston-Salem

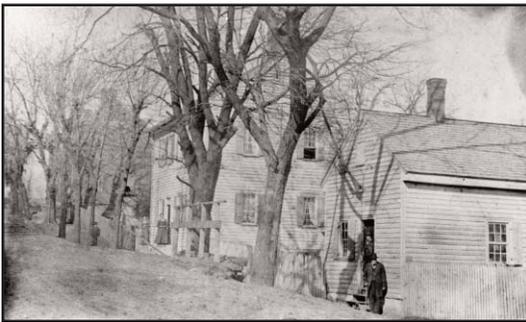
(Original Salem Lot 98)

Construction Date: 1832

Restoration Date: circa 1960

Landmark Designation Date: 10/04/1976

Timothy Vogler was the son of Christoph Vogler (Local Historic Landmark #8) and learned from his father the gunsmithing trade that he was to practice his entire life. At the age of 25, after serving his apprenticeship, Vogler moved to Georgia. However, in 1831, he returned to Salem and built a gun shop at 913 S. Main Street. Soon after Vogler married Charlotte Hamilton, he presented plans to the Church for a new house next door to the shop. The plans were approved and the house was constructed by 1832.



Timothy Vogler House and Shop in Salem, 1882
Courtesy of Old Salem Museums and Gardens



Timothy Vogler Family, c. 1895
Courtesy of Old Salem Museums and Gardens



Timothy and Charlotte Vogler, c. 1895
Courtesy of Old Salem Museums and Gardens



Vogler worked as a gunsmith until he took over managing the Salem Tavern (Local Historic Landmark #48) in 1844. Two years later he returned to gunsmithing and continued in that trade until his death in 1896. Charlotte Vogler lived in the house until her death in 1900. The house passed on to the Vogler's daughter and her husband, Mary Jane and Hamilton Horton.

The exterior of the house is similar to most of the houses built in Salem between 1820 and 1850. It is a two-story frame house on a stone cellar. The front wood paneled door has a four-light rectangular transom. Windows are nine-over-six with paneled shutters. Matching brick chimneys with corbelled caps protrude through the wood-shingled roof. With the two end chimneys and balanced placement of windows, an obvious attention was paid to symmetry. As is the case with several other structures on S. Main Street, the street grade is above the elevation of the sidewalk directly in front of the house, due to the change in the street elevation that took place in the 1890s to accommodate the streetcar system.

The house was restored by 1960 with funding provided by the Winston-Salem Junior League, whose offices occupied the first floor until the late 1980s.

Today the Timothy Vogler House is a private residence.



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