

LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK PROGRAM

Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission

Philip Reich Shop

Local Historic Landmark #27

817 S. Church St., Winston-Salem

(Original Salem Lot 20)

Construction Date: 1832

Restoration Date: 1961

Landmark Designation Date: 10/04/1976

In the early 1820s, when Salem authorities began dividing their land into building lots, the site on which the Philip Reich House (Local Historic Landmark # 21) stands marked the southernmost boundary of the town. Construction of the Philip Reich House was begun in 1823 by Christoph Reich, Philip's father, who died during construction of the house. Christoph had chosen this particular site for his retirement home. Philip completed construction of the house in 1824 and he and his mother worked in the coppersmith, tinsmith, and sheet iron trade. In 1832, Reich added this companion building, which sits immediately south of the Reich House, in order to make and sell his goods. In May of 1849, Reich sold his house and shop to Single Brother Theodore Keehln. Later Dr. David Kuehln used the shop building as an apothecary.



View of Salem from northwest with St. Philips Church, 1870-1900
(Reich Shop shown in middle of image at left margin)
Courtesy of Old Salem Museums and Gardens



The Philip Reich Shop is a one-story building on a stone foundation. The wood shingled front gable roof is clad in wood siding. The front façade has a wood herringbone entry door to the left and a six-over-six window to the right with a multipaned dormer in the front gable. A single interior chimney sits in the center of the roof.

In 1961, the Philip Reich Shop was restored in coordination with the restoration of the Philip Reich House, which stands immediately north.

Today the Philip Reich Shop is used as a guest house for Old Salem Museums and Gardens.



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