

LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK PROGRAM

Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission

Butner House

Local Historic Landmark #33

5531 Main St., Bethania

(Original Bethania Lot 20a)

Construction Date: late 18th-early 19th century

Landmark Designation Date: 12/19/1977

The Butner House is located in Bethania, the second oldest Moravian settlement in North Carolina, settled in 1759. The lot was originally owned by Balthasar Hege. In 1820, Hege's granddaughter, Elizabeth, married Daniel Butner, who constructed the present house.

The Butner House is the best preserved of a group of mortise-and-tenon residential structures in Bethania. The two-story frame house is three bays wide on a fieldstone foundation. The house features nine-over-six windows on the first floor and six-over-six windows on the second floor. The original four-room interior plan is intact on the second floor. Original interior elements include several doors with six raised panels and hand-wrought strap hinges, some original molded surrounds and chair rails, and many of the wide vertically sheathed partition walls.

The current owners have restored the house and today it is privately occupied.



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