

# LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK PROGRAM

Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission

## Hagen House

Local Historic Landmark #51

520 Salt St., Winston-Salem

(Original Salem Lot 72)

Construction Date: 1816

Restoration Date: 1957

Landmark Designation Date: 12/06/1982

John Joachim Hagan was born in Europe in 1771 and arrived in Salem in 1814 after having lived in Lititz, Pennsylvania. While in Pennsylvania, Hagan was a missionary who worked with Native Americans. In 1816, Hagan and his wife, Susanna, were given permission to build a log house in Salem; they built and occupied the house by October of the same year.

Hagan was a tailor by trade and used the house as both a residence and a shop. Hagan built a bake oven in 1817, and enlarged the rear porch in 1824. Much to the dismay of the Church, he constructed the front porch over the sidewalk in 1828. Hagen died in 1844 and, in 1849, Elisabeth Reich purchased the house for her son Charles Reich, who lived there until his death in 1853. Later, the



property passed through a series of owners.

The Hagen House is a 1½-story log house on a stone foundation that has been sided with weatherboards. A single-story, off-center front porch has a wood shingle shed roof supported by small square wood columns. The front herringbone wood door is flanked by six-over-six window with wood shutters. A center brick chimney extends through the wood shingled roof. Attached to the south façade is a reconstructed brick bake oven with a tile gable roof and brick chimney.

In 1953, the house was acquired by Old Salem, Inc. In 1957, the house was restored to its 1828 appearance.

Today the Hagen House is privately occupied.



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