

LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK PROGRAM

Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission

Leinbach House

Local Historic Landmark #53

508 S. Main St., Winston-Salem

(Original Salem Lot #55)

Construction Date: 1822

Restoration Date: 1962

Landmark Designation Date: 12/06/1982

Johann Heinrich (John Henry) Leinbach, a shoemaker, built this house in 1822, shortly after his marriage to Sister Elisabeth Schneider. He operated his workshop in the northeast corner of the house. Also in 1822, Leinbach reported to the Church that he planned to construct a stable and granary on the lot (Local Historic Landmark #54). In the late 1860s, Leinbach's son, Henry Alexander, a photographer, asked permission to build a daguerreotype gallery to the north end of his father's house. Ultimately a gallery was approved, and construction was begun by 1868. After John Henry's death in 1870, the property went to his son. In 1953, the property was inherited by Lucy Leinbach; by 1958, it was owned by her daughter, Isabel Veazie.



Johann Heinrich Leinbach, c. 1850-1870
Courtesy of Old Salem Museums and Gardens



The Leinbach House is a 1½-story weatherboard frame dwelling on a raised stuccoed cellar. The house has a center entry with a paneled wood door and a rectangular four-light transom. Directly in front of the entry is a framed stoop with wood steps running parallel to the house at both the north and south ends. Windows are nine-over-six on the first floor with louvered wood shutters. Matching interior end chimneys with corbelled caps extend through the wood-shingled roof.

In 1960, Old Salem, Inc. purchased the building, and it was restored in 1962; at that time, the daguerreotype gallery was removed.

Today the Leinbach House is privately occupied.



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