

LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK PROGRAM

Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission

Conrad-Starbuck House and Carriage House

Local Historic Landmark #68

**118 S. Cherry St., (House), Winston-Salem and
119 S. Marshall St. (Carriage House),
Winston-Salem**

**Construction Date: 1884 (House), c. 1910
(Carriage House)**

**Landmark Designation Date: 12/15/1986 (House),
11/15/1993 (Carriage House)**

The Conrad-Starbuck House was built by John Calvin Conrad, a leader in Winston-Salem's Moravian community, who was also active in the city's civic affairs. In 1904, he sold the house to Henry R. Starbuck, a prominent North Carolina political figure, who was born in Winston-Salem and who practiced law in the city for sixty years.

The Conrad-Starbuck House is a well-preserved, relatively intact, and rare example of the Italianate style in Winston-Salem. It is the sole survivor of an Italianate-style brick residence and is one of a handful of large and stylish houses remaining along S. Cherry Street, in what was once a fashionable neighborhood that was occupied by prominent late 19th century residents.

The two-and-a-half-story, double-pile, brick house displays its Italianate features in the modillioned cornice,



segmental-arch, hooded windows and doors, and symmetrical massing with a projecting central pavilion. Originally, there was a projecting central façade bay that featured a three-story tower, removed between 1912 and 1917. The brickwork of the side elevations is exceptional. Both stories of each bay are slightly recessed, so that the bays appear to be separated vertically by a pilaster. A single mouse-tooth course spans the width of each bay above the second-story windows, topped by a horizontal, recessed panel of the same width. The house's side-gable form is unusual for the Italianate style, but it is a form found commonly in North Carolina.

Granite steps, a metal railing, and a tile stoop lead to the double-leaf entrance flanked by three-pane sidelights and a fanlight. In 1924, a full-façade front porch was replaced with a more classical porch. Most windows are two-over-two sash. The house features three front-pedimented dormers with round-arched, two-over-two sash. These windows were likely added when the tower was removed. Recessed panels and corbelled stacks embellish the two interior chimneys.

There are several rear additions, most of which are early. The original detached rear kitchen was connected in 1907 to the north end of the rear elevation by the enclosure of a rear porch. Between 1912 and 1917, two small, one-story,



brick additions were made to the northern kitchen ell, and a two-story addition, brick at the lower level and frame above, was constructed on the south end of the rear elevation.

The carriage house, which faces S. Marshall Street, was constructed by the Starbuck family, c. 1910. It is significant in that it is one of only a few remaining early

20th century carriage houses remaining in Winston-Salem. It features a hipped roof, bracketed eaves, and windows with diamond-shaped panes. The first floor windows have brick segmental arches.

Today both the Conrad-Starbuck House and Carriage House have been adaptively rehabilitated as office space.



Starbuck Family Photograph, c. 1924
(Front elevation of house, prior to removal of front porch)
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