

LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK PROGRAM

Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission

John Ackerman House

Local Historic Landmark #77

(Original Salem Lot 91)

500 Factory Row, Winston-Salem

Construction Date: 1822

Reconstruction Date: 1985

Local Historic Landmark Designation Date:

10/01/1990

John Ackerman was the son of a Hessian soldier who chose a site in Salem to build his house and cooper shop. Ackerman's house would be the only residence built on what was then called "New Street" (today's Factory Row), until Christian Frederick Denke (Local Historic Landmark #57) constructed his house next door in 1832.

Ackerman presented the plans for the house to the Church on July 8, 1822. Constructed of logs, the Ackerman House was covered with clapboards and featured a large, central chimney. Unlike the other houses that were later built on the street, the Ackerman House stood flush with the sidewalk. Throughout the



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time of Ackerman's ownership of the property, several additions and outbuildings were constructed. In 1823, a wing was added to the house, and in 1824, a smokehouse and corn shed were constructed on the property. In 1839, a wash-bake house was added.

On January 13, 1851, Ackerman informed the Church that he planned to sell the house to his son Alexander.

In 1960, the John Ackerman House was demolished. However, because the Moravian records contained plans for the house and other archival resources, and an archaeological investigation of the site had been conducted, reconstruction of the John Ackerman House was made possible. The reconstruction project was completed in 1985.

Today the John Ackerman House is privately occupied.



S. Elm St. (Trade) looking south from Bank St., c. 1930-1950
Courtesy of Old Salem Museums and Gardens



John Ackerman House in Salem, c. 1985
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