

LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK PROGRAM

Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission

Bethabara Dyer's & Potter's House

Local Historic Landmark #97

Historic Bethabara Park, Winston-Salem

Construction Date: 1782

Landmark Designation Date: 12/18/1995

The Bethabara Dyer's and Potter's House was originally constructed in 1782 by a dyer, Johannes Schaub, Jr. It is not known to what trade Schaub apprenticed as a child, but by the 1770s, he was the keeper of the tavern in Bethabara. By the end of the 1770s, Schaub wanted to enter a trade for himself, and chose the dyer trade. He was allowed by the Church to travel to Pennsylvania to learn the trade; he returned to Bethabara in November 1780. Schaub immediately set about gathering the tools of the dyer's trade. He leased the land for his dwelling and shop in September 1782. In October of that year, he moved into the new house.

Schaub and his family lived in the house until November 1789 when his house was sold to Gottlob Krause, a potter, brickmaker, and mason. Krause was a well-known mason who contracted and built several brick buildings in Salem. As such, he remained in Salem a good period of time; very likely, he made pottery during periods when he was not able to complete construction work. In 1802, Krause sold his house to John Butner.



John Butner, the third resident of the house, likely produced the greatest amount of pottery at the site, since making pottery was his principal business. However, around 1821, Butner began operating a store on the property directly across Bethabara's main street from the house. While operating the store, Butner also continued operation of his pottery.

The Bethabara Dyer's & Potter's House is the oldest brick building in the Moravian's original Wachovia Tract; it may also be the oldest in North Carolina's western piedmont region. The house is a 1½-story, flemish-bond brick structure with a fieldstone foundation covered with stucco scored to look like ashlar blocks. The house features a shingled gable roof with both a central chimney and a gable-end interior chimney. Asymmetrically positioned doors and windows have arched heads.

Today the Bethabara Dyer's & Potter's House is an interpretative property for Historic Bethabara Park.



Bethabara, c. 1890

Courtesy of Old Salem Museums and Gardens



Potter's House, c. 1890
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Bethabara Historic District National Register Nomination
<http://www.hpo.ncdcr.gov/nr/FY0048.pdf>

[http://www.cityofws.org/Home/Departments/
RecreationAndParks/BethabaraPark/
Articles/BethabaraPark](http://www.cityofws.org/Home/Departments/RecreationAndParks/BethabaraPark/Articles/BethabaraPark)

<http://www.foodhistory.com/foodnotes/road/wsnc/bb/01/>

http://books.google.com/books?id=NccTgQkmPIEC&pg=PA155&lpg=PA155&dq=Bethabara+Dyer's+%26+Potter's+House&source=bl&ots=5m4bg5CYeB&sig=3IkJiWzxzeZIUrhCfc377SeJvA&hl=en&ei=UJEETq-iJay0AH4qMX7Cg&sa=X&oi=book_result&ct=result&resnum=9&ved=0CC8Q6AEwCA#v=onepage&q&f=false



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