

LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK PROGRAM

Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission

Burton Craige House

Local Historic Landmark #109

134 W. Cascade Ave., Winston-Salem

Construction Date: c. 1850, 1929

Landmark Designation Date: 07/16/2001

Located in the Washington Park neighborhood, the Burton Craige House was originally built as a four-room farmhouse and was owned by the Banner family, for whom Banner Avenue was reportedly named. The house had several owners until 1920, when it was purchased by Burton Craige and his wife. Craige had moved to the city from Salisbury in 1911 to become legal counsel to the R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company.

In 1928-1929, the Craiges hired the well-known local architect, Luther Lashmit, to design a major remodeling and expansion of the original house. Additionally, the landscape architect, Thomas Sears (landscape architect for Reynolda), designed the extensive, formal grounds.

The house is designed in the Colonial Revival style and is a large, hipped-roof frame and wood-shingle structure, with one-story classical columned porches on each side, one with a pergola. Roofing of the structure is slate and it incorporates three hipped dormers. A central classical entrance porch contains a door with fanlight and sidelights. Several slate porches and patios extend the living space outward from the main body of the house. A four-bay garage, bathhouse, and second floor apartment building was added to the property in 1930, along with a concrete swimming pool, which was included in Thomas Sears's original landscape plan for the property.



The grounds are formally designed and consist of a stone retaining wall, a brick serpentine wall, a formal boxwood garden referred to as the "boxwood maze," and a rectangular turf panel lawn or "Bowling Green" area. The landscape becomes more informal toward the rear, southern portion of the property, with a softened curvilinear lawn area ringed by various species of trees. Various landscape structures are located throughout the rear gardens, such as a pergola and a bench arbor.

Overall, the Burton Craige House is one of the most intact and architecturally-striking examples of the Colonial Revival style in Forsyth County. The additional complement of formal grounds, garage/bathhouse, and swimming pool results in one of the most significant early 20th-century urban residential complexes in Winston-Salem.

Today the Burton Craige House is privately occupied.

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Washington Park Historic District
National Register Nomination
<http://www.hpo.ncdcr.gov/nr/FY2510.pdf>

<http://walkingwinston-salem.blogspot.com/2010/04/jeffersons-wall.html>

<http://www.washingtonparkneighbors.org/architects.html>



Mrs. Burton Craige's garden at her home on Cascade Avenue, 1952
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