

LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK PROGRAM

Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission

Charles A. Cooper House

Local Historic Landmark #130

441 South Main Street, Winston-Salem

Construction Date: 1824, 1840

Reconstruction Date: 2008

Landmark Designation Date: February 16, 2015

Charles A. Cooper was a furniture maker and house painter who bought his house in 1834 for \$300 from former blacksmith Samuel Schultz. Charles A. Cooper was known as a very important church and community leader, having a position on the Aufseher Collegium, the governing body of the town of Salem, for over ten years. Cooper was an ardent opponent of slavery and often spoke out against enslaved persons being brought in for labor in Salem.



in the mid-nineteenth century. The house is significant as an example of the Greek Revival architectural style popular in the early to mid-1800s and visually traces Salem's transition from a small, Moravian congregational town to a secular, industrial southern town. Together, with the reconstructed Cooper Shop next door, the Cooper House also represents the mid-nineteenth century trend of freestanding workshops in Salem (as opposed to the in-house shops), reflecting a desire among craftsmen for a more formal separation of work and home life.

In 2008, the exterior reconstruction of the house was completed in an accurate and dignified manner as part of the Old Salem restoration master plan, established over sixty years ago. This building was included in the plan because it is documented to have had significance to the broad patterns of the history in the community.

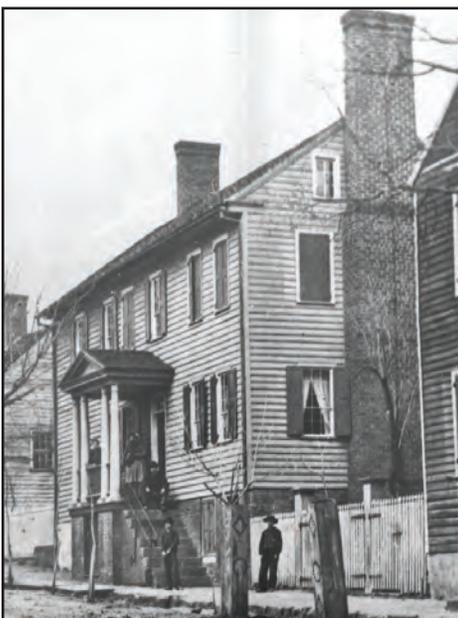


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Between 1839 and 1840, Cooper expanded his house to accommodate his growing family, and built a free-standing shop on the southern side of his property where he could practice his furniture making and painting trades. This signified the trend for craftsmen to have a separate home and work life, which was a growing trend



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