

LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK PROGRAM

Forsyth County Historic Resources Commission

Philip and Johanna Hoehns (Hanes) House

Local Historic Landmark #133
3550 Middlebrook Drive, Clemmons
Construction Date: 1798
Landmark Designation Date: 11/09/2015



In 1776, twenty-four-year-old Moravian Philip Hoehns (Hanes) began acquiring land just west of the Wachovia

Tract. Between 1776 and 1806, he accumulated more than 1,800 acres of farm land. In 1778, he married another Moravian, Johanna Salome Frey. Tradition claims that they settled on the land Philip had purchased, first in a hickory-pole hut, then in a log house, and finally, in the winter of 1797-1798, they began construction of their last house, a spacious brick dwelling.

Philip Hoehns was a farmer and distiller, and became a wealthy and respected man in the Moravian community. His Moravian memoir



following his death stated that, "his industry and economy were accompanied by the blessing of God in an evident manner." He and his wife, Johanna, were married for forty-two years and had ten children. Philip died in 1820, and Johanna moved from the house in 1832 to live with her daughter. The house fell out of Hanes family ownership until 1921, when it was purchased by a member of the Hanes family. The Hanes family sold the house in 2014.



The 1798 brick structure is a two-and-a-half story, double-pile brick dwelling set on a rubble-stone foundation scored to mimic ashlar stone and painted with a bright red-orange color of red-lead, original as indicated by physical evidence. This red-lead has also been used as an accent color above each window in a brick segmental arch, consisting of alternating red-lead painted and dark-fired rowlock bricks. The load-bearing masonry walls are laid in a Flemish-bond with dark-fired headers and red stretchers. The front façade consists of two adjacent front doors, sheltered by a broad gabled hood with a segmental arched soffit and side brackets, typical of early Moravian architecture. The side-gabled roof is sheathed with wood shingles, a common roofing material of the time, and has two brick chimneys, book-ending the home.

The Philip and Johanna Hoehns House is a testament to the wealth, status, and sophistication of prominent farmer and distiller Philip Hoehns and his wife, Johanna. Though in a rural area, the house was of similar caliber to many buildings in the Moravian congregation town of Salem at a time when rural settlers generally lived in log or frame houses. The Hoehns House is one of the oldest and most architecturally significant dwellings in Clemmons and Forsyth County.



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