**NAME**

**HISTORIC**
Single Brothers House

**AND/OR COMMON**
Single Brothers House

**LOCATION**

**STREET & NUMBER**
600-04 South Main Street (southeast corner South Main and Academy Streets)

**CITY, TOWN**
Winston-Salem

**STATE**
North Carolina

**CLASSIFICATION**

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**OWNER OF PROPERTY**

**NAME**
Old Salem Inc. (leased from Southern Province, Moravian Church)

**STREET & NUMBER**
Drazer F, Salem Station

**CITY, TOWN**
Winston-Salem

**STATE**
North Carolina

**LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

**COURTHOUSE,**
Repsky County Registry of Deeds

**STREET & NUMBER**
County Court House

**CITY, TOWN**
Winston-Salem

**STATE**
North Carolina

**REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

**TITLE**
North Carolina Inventory of Historic Properties

**DATE**
in progress

**DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS**
Division of Archives and History, Survey and Planning Section

**CITY, TOWN**
Raleigh

**STATE**
North Carolina
The growth of the Moravian community necessitated the construction in 1766 of an addition at the southern end of the Single Brothers House. Like the original section of the building, the addition is 2 stories high with a double attic under a gabled roof. Its massive walls are constructed of oversized brick laid in Flemish bond. The main entrance, located in the northernmost bay of the five-bay front (east) facade, is recessed slightly in an arched surround. Windows—six-over-six double-hung sash topped by blind arches—are evenly spaced across the two floors.

The interior of the addition, like that of the original section, has smooth whitewashed walls and wide plank floors. The broad stairhall is located at the northern end of the addition and connects with the corridors in the 1763-69 building. The basement contains a large kitchen, two vaulted storage cellars, and a dining room in which 60 people can be seated. On the first floor are the Saal (a meeting and prayer hall) and the office and bedroom occupied by the congregation's business manager. The second floor and attics contain additional sleeping quarters.

When leased by Old Salem, Inc., from the Moravian Church in 1960, the Single Brothers House was being used as a home for widows and single women. The exterior of the 1763-69 section had been plastered and covered with clapboards about 1825. Rows of gabled dormers had been installed to light the attics in both sections and both front entrances had been covered by semicircular hoods. In 1964, using funds provided by local donors and information drawn from the archives of the Moravian congregation, Old Salem, Inc., removed these later elements and restored the building to its appearance c. 1660. Since that time, the Single Brothers House has been maintained in excellent condition; the basement and first floor are open to the public while the second floor and attics house the administrative office of Old Salem, Inc.
Statement of Significance, Single Brothers House, Winston-Salem, N.C.

The Single Brothers House, a 2-story gabled-roof building with double attic, stands near the center of the restored area of the Moravian congregation town of Salem, now a part of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. The building was erected in two stages in 1765-66 and 1772. The older (northern) section is an outstanding and original example of traditional German half-timber architecture and also the earliest major building remaining in the old town. The later section, characterized by clean lines and fine detailing, is an excellent example of the work of Salem's skilled masons and carpenters.

Though still owned by the Southern Province of the Moravian Church, the Single Brothers House is administered on a long-term lease by Old Salem, Inc., a non-profit organization formed in 1950 to rehabilitate and preserve the historic buildings and character of the congregation town of Salem. Restored in 1964 and now in excellent condition, the Single Brothers House is open to the public as a museum; a portion of the building serves as the administrative offices of Old Salem, Inc.

Historical Background

Salem, North Carolina, was founded by members of the Moravian religious group, devout Germanic people who traced their faith to the 15th century Bohemian martyr John Hus. The new town was to be the center of the group's Wachovia settlement, a tract of nearly 100,000 acres which they had purchased in the early 1750's from Lord Granville, last of North Carolina's Lords Proprietors. Salem was a planned congregation town in which the church held title to all the land and to the major buildings on it and directed the economic as well as the spiritual affairs of the residents.

The Moravians began work on the first building at Salem in 1766 and by 1772 had laid out and constructed the nucleus of the new community. The planning and most of the construction during this period was directed by Frederick William Marshall, one of the first of North Carolina's master builders.
GEORPHICAL DATA

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning at the intersection of the western curviline of South Main Street and the
southern curviline of Academy Street; thence, westerly along said southern curviline
to the eastern line of residential property, fronting on Academy Street, west
northwest of the house with the name "Katie." (approx. 0.68 acres); thence, easterly in a
direct line for 50 feet to a point, thence, southerly in a direct line of the eastern
boundary of said residential property, thence, southerly along said southern curviline to
the

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FORM PREPARED BY

NAME/TITLE

ORGANIZATION

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

TITLE

DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTTEST:

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE