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2010 Homes Tour **"Life Today in Homes of the Past"**

Warrenton & Warren County, NC

Saturday, April 24, 10am to 5pm

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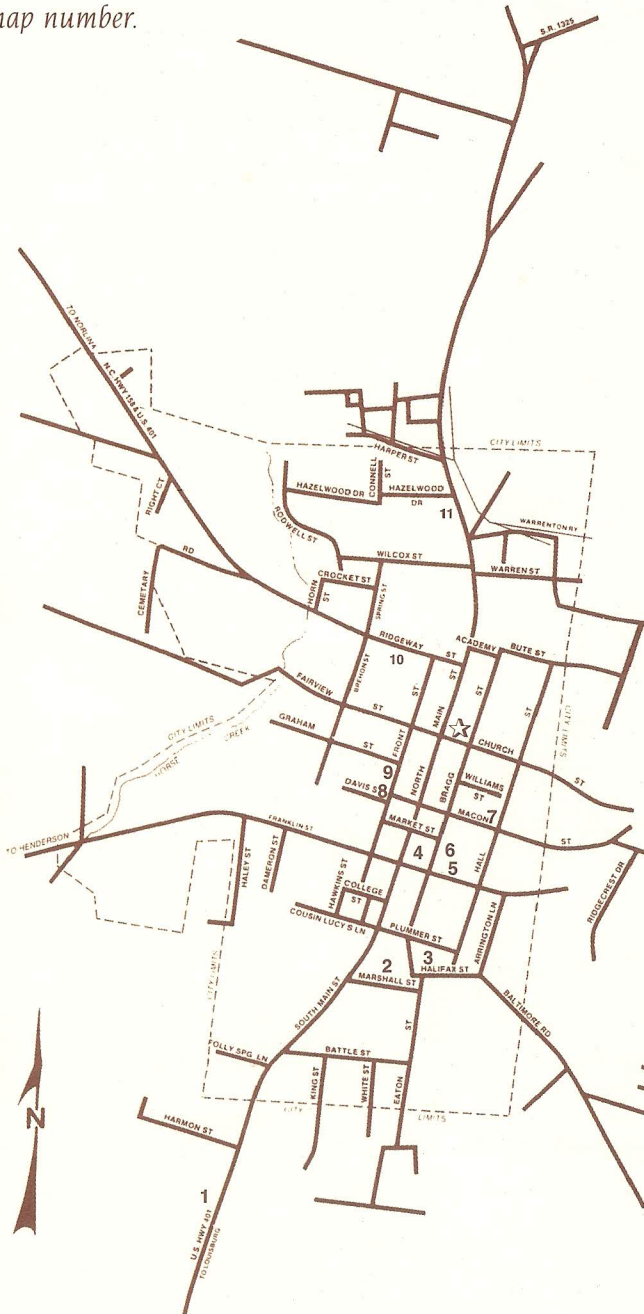
Warrenton, a National Register Historic District, was established in 1779 on 100 acres of land owned by Thomas Christmas. By the 1820s, Warrenton had become the center of a prosperous plantation region. Tradesmen, professional men and the wealthy planters gave the county seat sophistication; while the county's politically prominent lawyers lent it power. By the 1840s, and especially in the 1850s, it was a bustling trade center, thriving on the burgeoning wealth of the tobacco and cotton plantations of the Roanoke Valley. Builders and craftsmen from Prince Edward County, Virginia came in the 1840s and produced a distinctive group of fine buildings. Jacob Holt was a master carpenter and Edward Rice and Francis Woodson were reputable masons. Initially they worked in the Greek Revival style of fluted Doric porch columns and intricately carved classical ornamentation. In the 1850s, this basic form was enriched with bracketed rooflines, arched tracery windows, and more Italiante style ornamentation. Gamaliel Jones, later famous for his Murfreesboro buildings, had his start in Warren County. The architectural legacy of these men has been visibly preserved in Warren County homes and buildings. Preservation Warrenton, Inc. continues their mission, "Preserving the Past for the Future."

Warrenton, Warren County

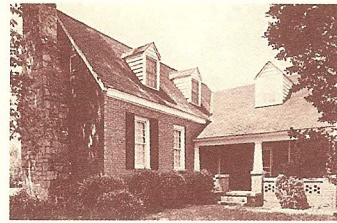
Homes on Tour

DIRECTIONS

With the exception of one home, all Homes Tour properties are within the city limits of Warrenton. The map below will show the location of all properties. Each one on the tour will have a sign in front with the map number.



☆ Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church



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Johnson-Plummer House
682 US Highway 401 South



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Nicholson-Thomas-Shearin House
107 Marshall Street



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Williams-Tippett House
206 Halifax Street



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**Allen, Son and Company:
Catchpenny's and Corker's
Loft**
143 South Main Street



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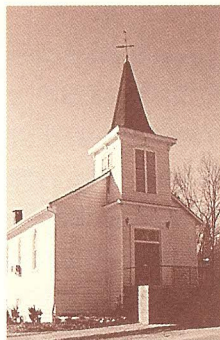
Jacob Holt House
122 South Bragg Street



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Burrows-Harper House
118 South Bragg Street

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Oak Chapel AME Church
219 East Macon Street



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Peter Davis Tavern
101 South Front Street



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Somerville-Graham House
107 North Front Street



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Gloster-Hill-Crossan-Boyd House
211 West Ridgeway Street



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The Mooring House
(Abner Moseley Home)
411 North Main Street

History for Homes on Tour

1. Johnson-Plummer House 682 US Highway 401 South

The Johnson-Plummer House was built circa 1775. The original hall and parlor house stands to the rear of the present day dwelling. It was built by Marmaduke Johnson, Clerk of Warren County Court from 1792-1811. The front wing was built later in the 18th century. Kemp Plummer, a friend of Johnson, was the second owner. The house was purchased by Patrick Hudgins immediately after the Civil War and has remained in the Hudgins family to the present.

The original home and the addition feature some of Warren County's best preserved Georgian woodwork including beaded weatherboarding, HL hinges, six panel doors and dormer windows. The cut stone chimney connects the house to other 18th century homes in both the town and the county. The Johnson-Plummer House is currently the home of John Hudgins.

2. Nicholson-Thomas-Shearin House 107 Marshall Street

Although the builder is unknown, the Nicholson-Thomas-Shearin House was likely constructed in the 1840s or 1850s during Warrenton's expansion period. The home was built for W.S.J. (Jack) Nicholson, a Warrenton druggist prior to the Civil War.

The two-story wood frame house with center gable has two-story polygonal bays on each end. It is believed the front four rooms (with center hall areas) constituted the core of a Greek Revival house that was originally rectangular in shape.

The exteriors of the front room windows have unusual window caps and shutters/blinds probably from the mid 1800s. The front door has molded casings and a transom. Interior doors and windows have distinctive

casings with bull's-eye corner blocks. Five of the six fireplaces have simple Greek Revival mantels. An elaborate Federal mantel hand-carved by an ancestor of the current owners is installed over the living room fireplace.

In the 1920s a major renovation transformed the house into a slightly larger home with bays on each end. These bays provide all four front rooms with a basic hexagonal shape and abundant light from the additional windows.

The house has been occupied by families of three Warrenton pharmacists, beginning with Jack Nicholson. In 1874 Dr. C.A. Thomas and his family owned and occupied the house for several decades. Dr. H.N. Walters, another Warrenton druggist, married a daughter of Dr. Thomas and lived in the house during the 1920s.

The family of Warren County Sheriff and Mrs. Roy V. Shearin occupied the home from 1953 until 2003. During 2006 and 2007, three of the sons undertook a major renovation. The four front rooms were basically left intact and the back rooms were changed to relocate the kitchen and to add a morning room.

3. Williams-Tippett House **206 Halifax Street**

The Williams-Tippett House is an early 20th century vernacular home. The large house has a wide front-to-back center hall and is topped by a hip roof. The family room features a late eighteenth century central mantle and woodwork rescued from the now demolished home of NC Supreme Court Justice John Hall. Restoration of the house was completed by Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Edwards in 2005. The original owner, Lucy Alston Williams, was related to the Alston Family of Cherry Hill, an historic plantation located in the Inez Community, Warren County. Present owners are Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Tippett who purchased the house in 2006.

4. Allen, Son and Company: Catchpenny's and Corker's Loft **143 South Main Street**

"Living above the store," was a dream realized by Shawn and Bobbi Corker in 2007. The Richmond, Virginia couple visited Warren County for the 2006 Preservation Warrenton Homes Tour and saw the Allen, Son and Company building in downtown Warrenton for sale. They purchased the property and began extensive renovation on the late 19th century mercantile store. It became Catchpenny's, a vintage clothing and home accessories retail market. They converted the upstairs into a modern and sophisticated loft. Established by Eugene S. Allen, the building began as a dry goods and ready-to-wear store, later adding building materials and school textbooks. Maintained solely by the Allen family until the Corker's purchase, Allen, Son and Company was an anchor store in Warrenton and remains so today. Preservation North Carolina presented the Corkers with the Gertrude S. Carraway Award on October 31, 2009.

5. Jacob Holt House **122 South Bragg Street**

Built in 1855 by noted builder Jacob Holt as his residence, the house was owned by businessman Jacob Parker and leased to Holt. It was the second house for Holt and the site contained his workshops, kiln and lumberyard on the back portion of the property. The house is in the design of a Tuscan villa which was most unusual for Holt and was a vast departure from his square "boxy houses." The house was given to the Town of Warrenton in 1976, and subsequently in 1992, was given to the Jacob Holt House Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit group formed for its renovation and preservation. Today the Jacob Holt House is used as a visitor's center during the summer and as a meeting place for the community.

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Ticket prices:

Luncheon and Tour (Saturday Only) \$32.00
Advance Purchase Only*

Advance Purchase For Tour Only \$20.00

Same Day Purchase For Tour Only \$25.00

**Luncheon will be offered by Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church (Corner of North Main and Church Streets) in conjunction with the Saturday tour only. There will only be 300 luncheon tickets.*

Tickets are available at The Chamber of Commerce of Warren County, The Hardware Café, and The Scarlet Rooster in downtown Warrenton. Tickets will also be available on the tour days at the Jacob Holt House. Sites are numbered for purpose of identification only. You may begin the tour at any site.

For ticket information, please contact Janet Coleman at 252-257-4425/ 131 Haystack Drive, Warrenton, NC 27589 or email: jcoleman02@embarqmail.com.

*Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church
Established in 1812. Current Sanctuary built in 1954.*

