

**Historic Property Survey Summary**

County: **Forsyth**

SSN: **FY00639**

Blockface#:

**Quad:** Rural Hall  
**PIN:**  
**X:** 80.35744 **Y:** 36.14277  
**DOT Project #:** R-2247  
**OSA#:**

**Update** Mo: **12** Yr: **2006**

- No Alt  Alt  Det  Rehab  
 **Removed**  Outbldg Loss  
 No Acc.  Not Fnd  FileMsg  
 Newly ID'd  Needs Resch.

Property Name: **Jeremiah Bahnson Conrad House**  
 Street or 911 Address: **2650 Spicewood Dr West side**  
 Location Description: **SW corner SR 1863 and SR 1434**  
 Town/vicinity: **Phafftown vicinity**  
 District: **None ()**  
 District Dates: NRdate: SLdate: DOEdat:

Recommended for SL  StudyList SLDate: **4/8/1982**  NR NRDate: NR #  
 DOE DOEDate: **1/2/1992**  
 DOE Type: **ER** Local Status Local#: Ownership: **Private**

**Principal Resource** Material Integrity: **High** Condition: **Good** Location Integrity: **Original**

**Architectural Data:** Date: **1870-1873** Major Style Group: **19th-20th c. trad/vern; Greek Revival**  
 Construction: **Load Bearing Masonry**  
 Ext. Material: **Brick** Later Covering: **None**  
 Height: **2 story** Roof: **Side Gable** Plan: **Center passage** Core Form (Domestic): **I-House**  
 1st Design Source and attribution: **Unknown**

Major Theme 2nd Theme:  
 Group Association: Religious Affiliation  
 Historic Function: **Domestic - single dwelling**

**Written Summary**

Jeremiah Bahnson Conrad, a farmer, built this house from 1870 to 1873. His daughter Mabel later inherited the dwelling, which subsequently passed to her son Ned. The interior retains Greek Revival doors and Italianate moldings (Gwynne Taylor; Langdon Oppermann, Winston-Salem Northern Beltway report, 1991, pp. 23-24).

This two-story, three-bay, side-gable-roofed house is executed in four-to-one common bond with penciled mortar joints and has six-over-six sash windows, a two-panel Greek Revival-style door with four-pane sidelights, a hip-roofed screened front porch supported by Tuscan columns, a boxed cornice with gable-end returns, brick end chimneys, a standing-seam metal roof on the main block, a one-story brick gabled ell, and a one-story hip-roofed frame addition. A one-story, stone-veneered, gabled addition projects from the ell's east elevation. A one-story gabled addition and a large frame side-gable-roofed garage extend from the main block's west elevation (HF).

The following description and historical background are from the Winston-Salem Northern Beltway Reports (Western Section) prepared by Langdon Oppermann in October 1991 and Sarah Woodard of Edwards-Pitman Environmental in April 2003.

Description: The Jeremiah Bahnson Conrad House is a two-story brick I-house, three bays wide and one room deep. Brick is four-to-one common bond with penciling. At each end is a brick exterior end chimney with shoulders lower than is typical, and there is evidence of rebuilding of the stack and upper gable end; the roof is said to have been raised in the late nineteenth century. Cornice is boxed and molded with return

cornice at gable ends. At the east (front) façade is an attached, three-bay hipped-roof porch supported by Doric columns with a plain picket balustrade; the porch has been screened. Windows are six-over-six sash with quarter-round surrounds, a header row of bricks at lintels and below sills, and louvered shutters. At the entrance is a two-paneled Greek Revival door with four-light sidelights above a molded panel. The beaded porch ceiling covers the top of uppermost light. Inside are Greek Revival doors and Italianate molding.

A wood picket fence surrounds the front yard; several additions have been made to the back of the house and a garage added to the north rear.

**Historical Background:** The house is believed to have been built from 1870 to 1873 by Jeremiah Bahnson Conrad, who owned and farmed a large acreage. In a flower bed is a brick with the date June 2?, 1870. Bahnson and Melissa Conrad had several children, most of who died of meningitis, leaving a son and daughter. His daughter, Mabel married another Conrad (Marvin) and inherited the house in 1929; it remains in Conrad ownership today. Jeremiah Conrad’s son Eugene built a house on Conrad land across the hill to the southwest on Spicewood. (This house was destroyed between 1991 and 2002.)

**Evaluation:** The house fulfills Register criterion A for its association with the broad pattern of western Forsyth County’s rural agrarian development in the mid- and late nineteenth century when the county’s farmers were prospering, and Criterion C as a well-preserved and distinctive example of a brick I-house with Greek Revival and Italianate details. It has been placed on the Division of Archives and History’s Study List.

**Boundary Description and Justification:** Of Jeremiah Conrad’s large farm, the house and a little over an acre retain integrity and are included in the eligible area. Surrounding acreage, which was once part of the farm, has been developed within the past fifty years.

***Outbuildings/Features***

<b>FeatureType</b>	<b>Material</b>	<b>CircaDate</b>	<b>Condition</b>	<b>Contrib</b>
<b>Corn Crib</b>	Frame	1900	Fair	
front-gable metal roof, wide boards in gable ends, entrance on east elevation				

***Actions***

<b>Year</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Surveyor</b>	<b>Action/Report</b>
1979	09	Taylor, Gwynne	Original County/Municipal Survey
1991	10	Oppermann, Langdon Edm	Survey for NCDOT report
2003	04	Woodard, Sarah, EPE	Survey for NCDOT report
2006	12	Fearnbach, Heather, EPE	Survey Update

