Available for Restoration

Historic Tanglewood

5935 Cleveland Road, Clayton
Johnston County

Built in 1835 and occupied by over four generations of the Tomlinson Family, Tanglewood is one of the finest intact farm complexes in Johnston County. This spacious 'L-shaped' Federal/Greek Revival house was built for Bernice Harris Tomlinson upon his marriage to Elizabeth Walton. The original two-story front and rear ell each have large double-shouldered chimneys, tall 9-over-6 windows, a wide central entry hall with fine woodgrained wainscoting and winder stair, and a rear service stair that provided access to the rear portion of the second floor until additional access and flow was added in the 1890s. The initials of John Harris Tomlinson, Bernice's son, can be found in one of the chimney bricks on the southeast side. Likewise, a few names with dates can be found in the southeast parlor window. The northwest parlor features tall plaster cornices and ceiling medallion, and excellent faux woodgraining on the doors and wainscot.

The house was enlarged in the 1870s by son John Harris, and again in the early 20th-century by grandson William David, resulting in a wide wrap-around porch, several wings and more "modern" outbuildings like car garages.

This early farmstead sits on almost 4.25 acres with a collection of outbuildings ranging from an 1830s gable storage building, an early 1830s smokehouse and a later 1870s smokehouse, a c.1879 kitchen/dining room (now attached by a porch), a few early 20th-century sheds, garages, bell tower, a caretaker's cottage, and a c.1910 13-stall mule barn – the only one left in Johnston County. Some of the early landscape features remain, including a grove of mature shade trees and shrubs planted as a wedding gift in 1861 to John Harris and Susan Wall Tomlinson.

The house will require a complete rehabilitation including structural/foundation work on the kitchen addition, some structural repair in a connector hallway, masonry work on the early double-shouldered chimneys, and new mechanical systems.

Tanglewood is not yet listed in the National Register of Historic Places; however, it has been placed on the Study List which is the first step. If listed, it would become eligible for historic rehabilitation tax credits. The surrounding land is under contract by a developer who, according to the family, is likely planning a neighborhood of larger houses on large lots (all on private septic).

For more information or to make an appointment to see Tanglewood, contact: Cathleen Turner, Regional Director • 919-401-8540 • cturner@presnc.org

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**Directions:** Take I-40 E toward Benson/Wilmington. Use the right 2 lanes to take exit 309 for US-70 E toward Smithfield/Goldsboro. Take exit 320 for NC-42 toward Clayton. Turn right onto NC-42 W. In 0.2 mile, turn left onto Government Rd. in 3.6 miles, turn right onto Barber Mill Rd. In 0.6 mile, turn left onto Cleveland Rd. The property will be on the right in about 1.5 miles.

**Area Information:** The Town of Clayton is one of the fastest growing cities in the Research Triangle Park Region, being just 30 minutes from downtown. A NC Main Street Community, the downtown is charming and flush with a variety of destination shops, dining, arts, and the center piece, The Clayton Center Performing Arts venue. Outside of downtown, there are three golfing communities and recreational opportunities like the new Clayton River Walk on the Neuse, which is part of the state-wide Mountain to the Sea Trail. Visit www.visitclayton.org, www.townofclaytonnc.org, and www.johnstonnc.com for more information.

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