Historic Ingleside

214 S. Ingleside Farm Road, Iron Station
Lincoln County

Available for Restoration

Built in 1817 by Daniel Forney and listed in the National Register of Historic Places since 1972, Ingleside is an opportunity to own a true North Carolina landmark. This house was written up as an exceptional place in 1933 (Charlotte Observer) and has been featured ever since in every major book about North Carolina’s historic architecture. Located just minutes from renowned Lake Norman, 40 minutes from uptown Charlotte and the Charlotte Douglas International Airport, and easy access to I-77 and I-85.

Family legend says that the elegant brick house was designed by Benjamin Latrobe, architect of the United States Capitol. The connection is not farfetched. The capitol was being rebuilt under Latrobe’s supervision after the War of 1812 while Daniel Forney was a Congressman. Further, Forney, his wife, and Latrobe were all of Huguenot descent. The staircase was modeled after Owen Biddle’s Young Carpenter’s Assistant pattern book, and the main parlor is a remarkable showpiece of Federal style, especially in light of its rural setting. The woodwork may have been built by Jacob Steigerwalt, a regional talented cabinetmaker (and builder of early pipe organs).

Five bays wide and three deep, its Flemish bond elevations are raised on a high foundation and its two chimneys are hidden behind its gable-end walls. Its front elevation is dominated by a handsome pedimented portico supported by four stuccoed Ionic brick columns over thirty feet in length. Modillions and dentils decorate the cornice and gable-end pediments, as well as the front portico. Its six-over-six windows are topped by flat arches, and its double-leaf front door is topped by a similar flat arch and a rectangular transom filled with delicate tracery.

Upon entering the center hallway, one is faced with perhaps the home’s most striking interior feature, the wide, delicate staircase which gracefully climbs the curve of the rear wall. Its thin balustrade and rounded handrail terminate in a delicate scrolled newel. Its fine tulip patterned stair ends, as well as the sweeping design and form, were apparently copied from plate 31 of Owen Biddle’s popular 1805 pattern book, The Young Carpenter’s Assistant. Two equal-sized rooms open to the right of the hall, and a larger room with a smaller room at its rear, opens to the left. The large drawing room is lavishly ornamented. Fluted colonnettes, rope molding and elliptical sunbursts decorate its Federal style mantel, and full entablatures and fluted pilasters frame its windows. An elaborate cornice formed of five layers of moldings and a central medallion of acanthus leaves are stucco ornamentations of a scale found nowhere else in the county. Though less heavily adorned, the other rooms are fully ornamented with Federal-style motifs. Their finely formed mantels are of particular note. A beautifully appointed modern kitchen occupies the basement level. (Architectural and Historical information excerpted from Lincoln County Natural Heritage Inventory).

A log house believed to be one of the oldest extant structures in the county is situated on the premises and will require a complete rehabilitation. The property will lend itself well to being a gracious home or event venue.

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Area Information: Ingleside is located in eastern Lincoln County, one of the fastest growing areas in the state. Iron Station is an unincorporated area near Denver and is near shopping, restaurants and easy access to I-77. The charming “Main Street” town of Lincolnton is located only 14 miles away with its burgeoning downtown central business district. Lincolnton is enjoying a revitalization with local merchants selling antiques, boutique clothing, fine jewelry and unique gifts. A new music store, recording studio, butcher shop and wood fired pizzeria are a few of the most recent business openings. A growing restaurant and craft brewery movement is creating opportunities for entrepreneurs and leading the charge to redevelop and repurpose historic buildings. Part of the Carolina Thread Trail, the Cloninger Rail Trail, passes through the heart of downtown and connects three city parks.

Ingleside is also located just minutes from renowned Lake Norman, the largest man-made lake in NC, 40 minutes to a handful of State and National Parks, a scenic 75 minute drive to Blowing Rock, and also just 40 minutes from uptown Charlotte. Charlotte is North Carolina’s largest city with all the amenities you can expect from a big city, wrapped in southern charm. The “Queen City” has a thriving cultural, arts and historic ecosystem as well as a strong business environment. Charlotte area attractions include the: Mint Museum, NASCAR Hall of Fame, Blumenthal Performing Arts, Levine Museum of the New South, Bechtler Museum of Modern Art and Charlotte Motor Speedway.

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