

Available for Restoration

The Historic Weeks Homeplace



1890 O'Neal Road, Whitakers
Edgecombe County



Price: \$30,000

Square Feet: 1,188

Lot Size: 7.74 acres

Zoning: Residential

Located in an Idyllic Setting on 2.74

The Weeks House and farm complex are notable for containing the only known surviving log dwelling in the county and a reasonably intact early 19th century woodworking shop. Enlargements of the house in two stages and a cohesive cluster of outbuildings add to the interest of this farm.

The appearance of the house today is L-shaped with an attached rear ell; a kitchen/dining room is also located in the rear, connected by a breezeway. The front ell, on the right, dates from Victorian times; the gabled section on the left dates from about the time of the Civil War. Behind that section is the log room that Silas Weeks (1796-1860) built in the 1840s, according to family tradition. It has beaded weatherboard and batten doors with the exposed logs and horizontal battens forming the interior walls.

Silas Weeks Jr. (1825-1899) is said to have enlarged the log house at about the time of the Civil War, building a hall-and-parlor house with attic in front of the log structure. Two batten doors, 6-over-4 and 6-over-6 sash windows, and a tumbled single-shoulder chimney survive. Robert S. Weeks (1859-1933) performed the third phase of work in about 1902, adding a two-room Victorian ell to the right side, with a central hall separating the old and new parts. Late Victorian mantels, 2-over-2 sash windows, and four- and five-panel doors date from this time. The house was re-weatherboarded and a full-length front porch was built. It formerly had turned posts and sawn brackets, which together with a decorated gable end facing the front, give the house an overall Victorian character. A vernacular detached kitchen/dining room also dates from this period, replacing an earlier detached log kitchen.

Among the several surviving outbuildings are two hewn mortise-and-tenon structures that belonged to Silas Weeks: an "old kitchen" without chimney, and a woodworking shop. The shop is full of early tools including a lathe, homemade wooden contrivances, and various farm artifacts. Some of these are certainly pre-1846 – a deed of that date mentions "my blacksmith tools, cooper tools, and turning tools" as going with the land to Silas Weeks, Jr.

Other frame outbuildings, dating from the early to mid-20th century include a smoke house, corn barn, mule barn, privy, and small dairy.



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Financial Incentives: The Weeks Homeplace is not currently listed on the National Register of Historic Places but may be eligible for listing. If listed, it would become eligible for historic preservation tax credits. In North Carolina, both state and federal income tax credits are available for the certified rehabilitation of historic structures. For the rehabilitation of this income-producing certified historic structure, a 20% federal income tax credit and a 20% state income tax credit are available. Local incentives may also be available. For more information on Historic Preservation Tax Credits, please contact the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office at 919-807-6570 or at www.hpo.ncdcr.gov.



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Area Information: The Weeks Homeplace is a perfectly situated country escape in Edgecombe County. Whitakers is located 20 minutes from Tarboro, a charming small town with a lot to offer including a 45-block historic district which surrounds the original colonial town common. Downtown Tarboro offers wonderful dining, shopping, a brewery, fishing, kayaking and many entertainment opportunities. The town of Whitakers is also a quick 25 minutes from NC Wesleyan College and The Dunn Center for Performing Arts, a premier venue featuring cultural events, concerts and various world-class performances. Also nearby is the Rocky Mount Sports Complex, one of the largest sporting facilities on the eastern seaboard. Just 30 minutes away is the beautifully restored 82-acre Rocky Mount Mills campus along the Tar River with restaurants, craft breweries, River & Twine "tiny house" hotel, workspaces and event venues. Whitakers is also conveniently located 45 minutes from Greenville, home to one of the best medical facilities in the east as well as East Carolina University, and only an hour from Raleigh.



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