

Available for Restoration

# The Alexander Strong Martin House



Price: \$110,000

Square Feet: 2,694

Lot Size: 0.66 acre

Zoning: Residential

4118 Oak Ridge Road, Summerfield  
Guilford County

**Brick House w/ 2 Full-Length Porches!**

Built in the 1830s at the intersection of Summerfield and Oak Ridge Roads, the Alexander Strong Martin House is among the largest brick residences in Guilford County of its era. This prominent location, evolving from a Native American footpath into a major Colonial and plank road connecting Virginia to Salisbury, was an attractive homesite for the son of a Revolutionary War patriot and governor. Subsequent owners included the Powells, Harrises, and starting in 1919, the Ayers family whose initial is suggested in the north facing porch gable.

The Alexander Strong Martin House is an early, modestly rendered example of the Greek Revival style featuring solid brick construction and finely crafted details such as a corbelled brick cornice; decorative curved exposed rafters; a 60-inch wide, double-leaf glazed front door set within deep coffered panels; an elaborate transom above the main entrance door; and well-executed, mitered window surrounds. The additional six-panel door to the left of the main entrance provides access to a room once used as an office. The front porch with a flashy center gable was added later and is composed of Tuscan colonettes atop brick piers, while the back porch displays a more Victorian-inspired version with turned posts, fretwork, decorative brackets and a shingled center gable.



The interior of this 8-room house is equally modest yet finely crafted with a variety of styles perhaps reflecting its use over the years as a single-family home, home office, fabric shop, and apartments. The main entrance opens into a broad center hall with the staircase located on the left and a Victorian door with stained glass in the rear hall opening onto the back porch. The main parlor features an 8-panel door with decorative woodgraining and a high-style Victorian mantle. The opposite front parlor features a 2-panel Greek Revival door also with woodgrain paint and boxlock. The other seven mantles are much simpler. Plaster walls, wide tongue-and-groove ceiling boards, wood floors, symmetrical door and window molding with cornerblocks, and 6-panel doors are found throughout the house.

The Alexander Strong Martin House has benefited from recent foundation repair and removal of non-historic additions. The property has a septic system, but no well. The house will require a complete rehabilitation including all mechanical systems (electrical, plumbing, and HVAC), some restoration carpentry, a new kitchen and bathrooms. The staircase maintains its original unique carved tapered newel posts and handrail, but is missing its straight picket balusters that will need to be restored. The existing septic will need to be upgraded to meet today's standards. The Alexander Strong Martin House is eligible for historic tax credits.



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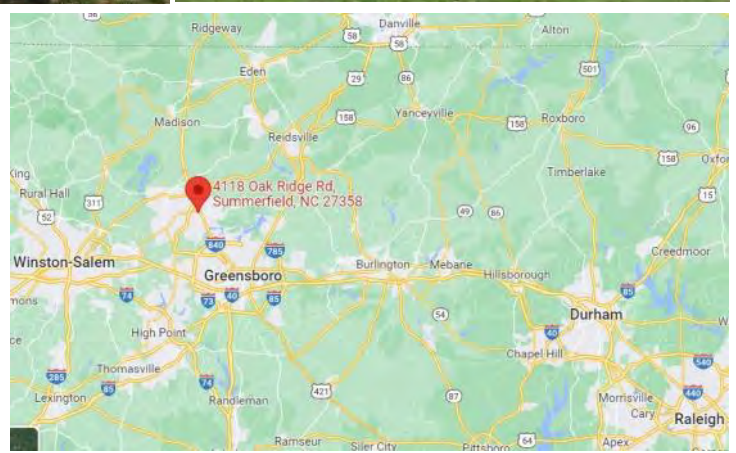
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Area Information: Located in northwest Guilford County, Summerfield is an area of rolling, open, and wooded countryside, residential neighborhoods, and limited commercial development. The town is easily accessible to the Piedmont Triad International Airport and I-73 and US-220 are major corridors. Summerfield is an attractive community with excellent schools, parks, a developing trails system, and very low taxes. It is the third largest Guilford County municipality population-wise and is characterized by lower-density, larger-lot residential development. Summerfield offers peaceful, safe, and attractive surroundings in northwest Guilford. For more information visit [www.summerfieldnc.gov](http://www.summerfieldnc.gov) and [www.guilfordcountync.gov](http://www.guilfordcountync.gov).



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