



The Arrington House

built ca. 1825, Nash Co., NC

The Arrington family were some of the earliest settlers of Nash Co., NC. Arthur Arrington (1709-1779) was born in VA and emigrated from there to present-day Nash Co. around 1760, and his great-grandson Lewellyn was born there in 1792. Lewellyn inherited, purchased or constructed a single room structure (probably with a small loft or attic above) on the south bank of Sandy Creek around 1820, and around 1825, when he married Sally Bunn, he expanded this structure into a typical house of the time, with two rooms flanking a center hall downstairs, and two bedrooms upstairs. (The single room structure mentioned above is now the dining room of the house.)

Lewellyn's son Benjamin was born in 1828, and inherited the house when Lewellyn died in 1860. Benjamin became a successful farmer, owning over 4000 acres. In 1861 Benjamin enlisted in the Confederate Army (Co. I, 15th NC Infantry) and in 1863 when his term of service expired, he returned home and married Rebecca Pitts, and together they raised three children, Samuel (b. 1875), Cornelia (b. 1881) and Henry (b. 1888). Son Henry inherited the house and upon his death in 1959 it was sold outside of the Arrington family and occupied by a series of renters.

By the 1970's it had fallen into a state of disrepair and became unoccupied until it was purchased in 1990 by Bob and Emily Hyatt. The Hyatts moved the house and the plantation office (a separate structure) to a new location about a mile away (also on Sandy Creek) and began an extensive and careful restoration of the house, joining the old plantation office to the north end of the main house to serve as a bedroom. They then purchased two other nearby structures, a pre-1850 farmhouse and a 19th century log cabin, and moved them both to the property. The log cabin was attached to the south end of the house and turned into a library/study, and the farmhouse was placed nearby, and the two rooms on the first floor of the farmhouse semi-restored. Emily Hyatt is a nationally-known weaver who has been featured in Time and Southern Living magazines, and she used this pre-1850 farmhouse as her studio, and as a place to demonstrate her weaving to groups of schoolchildren who came out to learn about early weaving techniques.

The house today is in a wonderful state of preservation, and combines all the charm and personality of a house that has sheltered many generations of families, with all modern systems, i.e., plumbing, wiring, heat pumps, etc.. It is located on a beautiful and rolling tract of approximately 50 acres (with about 1/3 cleared) and the longest property line (almost 1/2 mile—about 2000 ft) is the pristine Sandy Creek, which has been declared an “outstanding resource water zone” (the state's highest ranking) due to its exceptional cleanliness and the fact that two endangered species of mussels are found there. Landscaping includes a fenced-in herb and perennial garden (see picture on following pages).

Modern photographs of the house and property can be found on the following pages. Contact REALTOR Betty Norman, at Keller Williams Realty, for more information. Phone: (252) 813-2070, Fax (252) 544-5165. Email: betty@bettynormanrealtor.com



Aerial view of property

There are two fully-functioning fireplaces and a high-efficiency Jotul woodstove. The main part of the house is heated and cooled by a state of the art Trane heat pump (rated 14 SEER), installed August, 2008.



