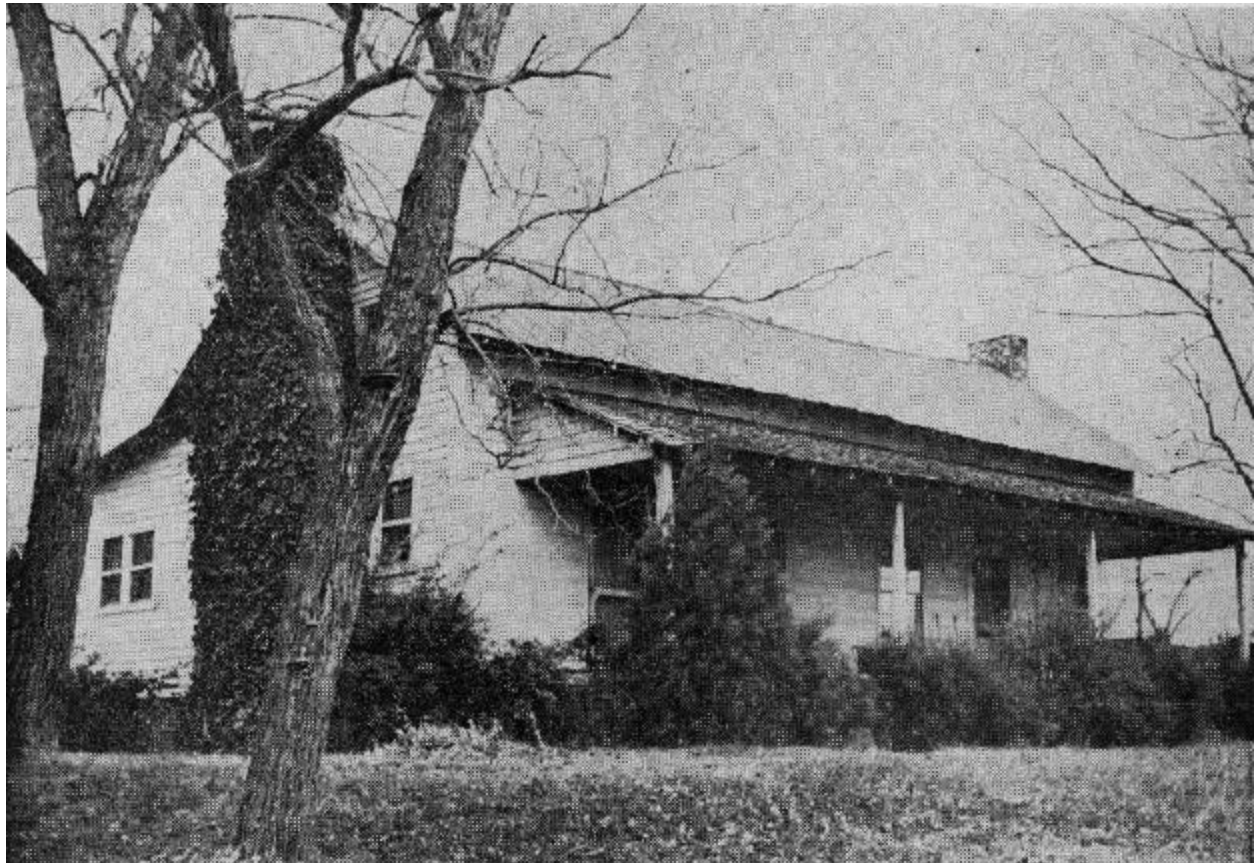


*Landmarks of Northwest North Carolina*

## Hastings Home Was Enlarged About 1823



**CONTEMPORARY OF NAPOLEON** - The Fred M. Hastings home, above, dates back to the first quarter of the nineteenth century. It was erected, part of it shortly after the turn of the century and the remainder in 1823. William Hastings, who was born September 5, 1787, in England, built the house. - (Staff Photo.)

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The "newer" part of the Fred M. Hastings residence, on the Winston-Salem-Kernersville highway, was built in 1823. When the original part of the house was erected, no one seems to know definitely.

In any event, the house has been a landmark long enough that it was contemporary to nearly all structures in this part of the State built on or after the year 1800.



**HEIRLOOM IN HASTINGS FAMILY** - This chest of drawers and bookcase was a part of the furniture used by William Hastings, the first member of the Hastings family to come to Forsyth County. It doubtless is 125 years old and possibly even older than that. It is still in a good state of preservation. It is owned by Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Hastings. - (Staff Photo.)

family: Francis C., Theodore P., E. Alexander, J. Moses Henry M., Charles S. and Herbert E. Hastings and Victoria Hasting Beeson, Mary Hastings Glascoe Sophina Hastings Echols and Orpah Hastings Blackburn. Of this large family, Mrs. Blackburn, wife of Frank Blackburn, Walnut Cove is still living.

Moses Hastings taught school at Salem Boys' School. Later he was a surveyor and assisted in surveying the townships in Forsyth County when they were established. Theodore Hastings inherited the homeplace and bequeathed it to his nephew, Frederick McElroy Hastings, the present owner.

The date of the enlargement of the house is set by the fact that this was done the year Moses Hastings, one of the long line bearing the family name, was in the cradle and rode along with the original portion of the residence as it was moved from near a spring to a better location at the top of the hill, overlooking the road. That was in the Spring of 1823. William Hastings had built the original portion of the house several years before - certainly as far back as 1815 and possibly earlier than that.

William Hastings was born Sept. 15, 1787, in England. He came to the colonies while quite young,, settling in Pennsylvania. While there he married Betsy McElroy and emigrated to Forsyth County.

Children of the erstwhile Pennsylvania couple were John Hastings, Peter Hastings, William Hastings Jr., Moses Hastings, Levina Hastings, Elizabeth Hastings and Julia Hastings-Wilson.

William Hastings was a harness maker by trade and was very successful. He ultimately came to own about 4,000 acres of land in the Sedge Garden community and nearby and kept a large household of slaves. He died Sept. 10, 1853.

Moses Hastings, who was born in 1823, inherited the home place together with about 500 acres of land. He bought some of his father's slaves and continued a prosperous citizen much on the same plane as had characterized the life of his father. He married Miss Susan Amanda Shields and reared a large