

PRICE:
\$35,000

LOCATION:
WILLIAMSTON, NORTH CAROLINA

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WHEN HENRY and Annye Green tended this Williamston, North Carolina, farmhouse—which was built circa 1810 for Henry's great-grandparents—strangers would stop to take photographs of the place. The handsome house, with its freshly painted clapboards and graceful columned porch, was set amid 500 picturesque acres, a patchwork of pecan groves and tobacco, cotton, peanut, and corn crops. A 1926 article in Raleigh's *News and Observer* called it a model farm, and "one of the most neatly kept houses to be seen anywhere." Adding to its charms was a pen out back with 1,500 Leghorn hens, "each one busy all day long scratching and cackling as the hours go by."

The hens are long gone, and the clapboards are shedding their paint, but the porch columns and pecan trees remain—as do other details that hint at this homestead's proud past.

Built in the Georgian style with Federal embellishments, the 2,000-square-foot house has two stories with a symmetrical five-bay facade. Front parlors flank a central hallway, and an enclosed staircase leads upstairs to two large bedrooms. Original nine-over-nine windows and solid entry doors were replaced in 1914 with one-over-ones and double doors inset with elliptical windows. The Colonial Revival-style porch and a rear kitchen-dining room addition were also added during that remodel.

Except for those alterations and the addition, on the first floor, of the house's only bathroom, the original interior is largely intact. Heart pine floors, flat-panel wainscoting in the parlors and hallway, eight-panel doors, and four fireplace mantels remain. The house needs a new kitchen and bath, plus updated electrical, plumbing, and HVAC systems, and paint inside and out.

The Greens' five great-granddaughters are selling the property, which includes two outbuildings, on a one-acre lot. —*Amy Hughes*



TOP: Now pale blue, the clapboards were originally painted white, and a tin roof has replaced cypress shingles. MIDDLE LEFT: Twin Federal-style mantels remain in both parlors. MIDDLE RIGHT: The double entry doors and single-pane transoms were added during the Colonial Revival remodel in 1914. LEFT: Farmer Henry Green feeding his Leghorn hens and posing for a 1920s snapshot.

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