

History of Myers Family Home and Land

- The original owners were Morgan Bryan and Martha Strode Bryan, prominent European settlers. They received a land grant from Lord Granville in 1748 for 565 acres on the Yadkin River, four miles below the Shallow Ford.
- It is thought that the Morgan Bryan Mansion House was located in the area of the Myers home
- Their oldest son, Joseph, married Alee Linville and their oldest daughter, Rebecca, married Daniel Boone in 1756. Daniel and his brothers married granddaughters of Morgan and Martha. They often hunted in the rich Yadkin Valley low land
- This is a very historical piece of property that was settled by the Bryan family and was later sold to John Patillo Clingman, physician in 1840. He is the brother of Thomas Lanier Clingman, a state senator for whom Clingman's Dome in Great Smokey Mountain National Park is named.
- Dr. John Patillo Clingman married Camilla Ann Cash December 21, 1847 and built a portion of the Myers home. He practiced medicine in the outbuilding (called the Doctor's office) still standing on the property. The deed states he bought 472 acres for \$3500 with 4 slaves.
- The home was built in the same era as the Vogler house was built in Old Salem. The original post and beam construction can be seen as well as solid brick interior walls. Doors represent the "hand stippling" effect to make the pine doors appear to be hardwood. This decorating effect was used by the Moravians. In the parlor hall, the remains of an "Indian staircase" can be seen in the ceiling. At this time the kitchen was located outdoors and later moved to the basement. On the door leading to the attic is a statement written in 1887.
- It is told that during the Civil War, the Union army took over the home, camped around but chose not to burn it!
- In the last tax valuations of the home from 1866-1869, the property had grown to 620 acres @\$4000.00, 2 horses at \$100., 1 mule at \$50, 5 cows at \$25., 26 hogs @ \$52, 5 sheep @ \$5., \$100 of personal items, 100 bushels of wheat and corn and 2 free slaves!
- The home continued to be loved by many during the next 100 years by the Spillman family and others.
- In 1980 Harry and Lois Myers bought the home and fields in hopes of living in this historical home and landing an airplane in the fields. They meticulously refurbished the home paying close attention to restoring the interior. As the restoration was in process, old letters dating from 1918 were found in a window sill.
- The gazebo that Harry built in 1988 was built from the steeple of Clemmons Methodist Church.