

Churn Dash - Bunn Family Farm Home Place

Chester Bunn

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The exact year the Bunn Family home was built is unknown, but it was prior to 1868.

Private James David Bunn (CSA) returned to Nash County after the war where he met and married Sally Brinkley Matthews in 1868. Dr. James D Matthews, a prominent physician in Nash County, gave the young couple the house as their home. Sally and James David had 6 children born and raised at the home place, one of which was William Everett Bunn. William E Bunn passed the house to his son, William C. Bunn. William C Bunn lived and worked the family farm until the late 1960s. After his death, Chessie Jenkins Bunn (his wife) lived in the house till 1984. Today the farm has been subdivided into smaller parcels where many of William and Chessie's children make their homes. The home place is currently owned by Chester Bunn, great-grandson of James David Bunn, who lives nearby.

Originally the house had wood shingles and wood siding. The shingles and siding have been covered over as renovations and improvements were made over the years but remain on the house. In 1947 the house was wired for electricity. Originally, the kitchen was a separate structure from the main house; and, in the 1950s, the kitchen was connected to the main house by enlarging the eating area of the kitchen and the addition of walls. The house originally had two rock chimneys, but one was torn down when the plumbing and running water were added in the 1960s.

Quilt Trails of The Tar & Roanoke Rivers

The importance of the Churn Dash Quilt block harkens back to Chester's memory of his mother, Chessie Bunn, churning butter from the family cow's milk.

The Bunn Family cemetery is located next to the home place with generations of Bunn relatives buried in the cemetery. 30 family members are buried in the family cemetery with the oldest grave being James David Bunn who died in 1906 and the most recent being Willis Bunn who died in 2009.

Churn Dash was added to the Quilt Trails of the Tar and Roanoke Rivers March 3, 2018.

