## Guest House Special Features 4900 W Cornwallis Road, Durham NC 27705 (Orange County)



## **GUEST HOUSE/COTTAGE**

- 1840's Farmhouse purchased in 2003 and restored by the current property owners
- The homeowners lived in this cottage for 4 years while designing and collecting materials for the construction of the main house
- Original part of the house dates to the Couch family, circa 1850; the Couch family cemetery is on this property to the left of the driveway documented in a Duke doctoral student thesis on the history of the Couch Family Farm
- Immediately adjacent to this cottage is the original log cabin kitchen, another log cabin and corn crib
- A consultant from the NC Department of Cultural Resources said the door leading out from the back side of the log cabin kitchen is probably one of the oldest in the state
- The homeowners removed a poor 1920's addition and rebuilt on the same footprint
- The unpainted siding on the screen porch off the new addition was salvaged from the Few family property off Randolph Road
- Layers of sheetrock, wallpaper, newspaper and burlap were removed from the interior walls, finally exposing the old boards.
- The ceiling in the first floor bedroom bears the original green paint, although there is no idea of when it was painted
- The door going up to the 2nd floor is old and a replica of one seen in houses of this vintage. Originally, there was probably no door or stairs, just a ladder going to the 2nd floor loft where farm workers lived







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## **FEATURES**

- Wood Shake & Metal Roofs (2004)
- Antique Clapboard Exterior (2004)
- Dual Zone Heating & Air (2004, 2023)
  - Upstairs Heat Pump Split System
  - Downstairs AC with Gas Furnace
- · Fireplace with gas logs
- Appliances:
  - Refrigerator with ice maker connection
  - S/C Stove
  - Dishwasher
  - Microwave
  - · Washer & Dryer
- Blinds, Rods and Window Treatments Remain
- Storm Windows on original part of house; insulated windows in addition
- Storage in pull down attic and basement











