



Duke Home c. 1852

Washington Duke built this home in 1852 and moved in with his second wife, Artelia Roney Duke, and his two sons from his first marriage, Sidney and Brodie. Artelia and Washington had three more children in this home between 1853-1856 (Mary, Benjamin, and James). At its peak, this four-room house accommodated eight people, including a young girl named Caroline, who was enslaved here in 1855. Duke later expanded the house, adding a dining room and enclosing what was a separate kitchen cabin. In 1931 Duke University acquired the Homestead, and donated it to the state of NC to become a public historic site in 1974.