

## Plantation Ruins

### Disc Golf Course at Thomas Allison **Winget** Park

Winget Park is located on land originally owned by the Withers family, who were settlers during the mid 1700s; they owned several plantations in southern Mecklenburg County and northern South Carolina. It appears that the Withers acquired this land as early as 1807. Sometime prior to the Civil War, Isaac Withers built a two-story house on this plantation. The ruins show that it was the house of a prosperous planter. The remaining two-story chimney ruin (visible from holes 5, 6, 7, and 12) shows a substantial stone foundation and brick made on the site. The chimney has two angled fireplaces on the first floor, which would have been in two different rooms, and a single fireplace on the second floor. On the right-hand side of #12's fairway, half a dozen foundations of other buildings are visible (their use is subject to debate) and an old metal-sided structure is near #12's basket. The heirs of Isaac Withers lived in the house until about 1937, when it was abandoned and destroyed by fire in 1960 and completely overgrown.

At some, yet to be determined, time the neighboring Winget family acquired the property and eventually donated to Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation. Thomas Allison **Winget** Park was dedicated in 2000 in the fastest growing area of Charlotte. The Charlotte Disc Golf Club submitted a proposal to Mecklenburg County Parks and Recreation and received approval to build the course in early 2011, Sam Nicholson was the course designer, Tom Usselman was the chief grunt, and Stan McDaniel, as always, made significant contributions; many others contributed when they could.

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