



# City of Winchester

## 204 North Kent Street

Tax Map Number: 174-1-J- 22-

DHR Resource Number: 138-0042-0510

Resources: 1 single dwelling

Date/Period: ca. 1905

Style: Vernacular

Sources: Sanborn Fire Insurance Company Maps; Quarles, *The Story of One Hundred Old Homes*



## Architectural Description

**Site Description:** This single dwelling fronts the concrete sidewalk on the east side of North Kent Street, with no setback, and is sited on a sloping lot. The rear of the property was not visible at the time of the survey from the public right-of-way.

**Secondary Resource Summary:** There are no secondary resources associated with this property.

**Primary Resource Description:** This two-story, four-bay single dwelling is set on a solid parged foundation and has a rectangular plan. The dwelling is wood-frame construction clad with aluminum siding. Two interior brick chimneys pierce the hipped roof, which is covered in standing-seam metal. A centered gable on the façade is clad with wood fish-scale shingles and pierced by a one-light wood lancet casement window with square-edged surrounds. Fenestration of the facade includes single and paired 1/1, double-hung, metal-sash windows and a paired one-light, vinyl sliding window on the second story. A single-leaf paneled wood door with one light pierces the façade at the southern end of the façade. The façade features a one-story, three-bay porch that is interrupted by the three-sided bay. The bay contains a band of 1/1, double-hung, metal-sash windows flanked by single 1/1, double-hung, metal-sash windows. The half-hipped roof of the porch is covered with asphalt shingles and is supported by turned wood posts with Queen Anne-style wood spindle work trim.

The north side elevation has a two-story, one-bay addition with a flat roof and contains 2/2, double-hung, metal-sash windows. Treatment of this addition is consistent with the main block of the dwelling, except for the roof of the addition which is an open deck with a parapet. A secondary entry is located on the second story of the side (south) elevation, providing access to the rooftop of the one-story addition. This addition is constructed of concrete blocks clad partially in aluminum siding. The addition is capped flat roof of standing-seam metal. A metal railing shows that the roof is accessible. The addition is pierced by double-leaf flush metal doors sheltered by a metal awning. A tall, concrete-block chimney rises from the east elevation of the addition. Based on Sanborn Fire Insurance maps, this addition began as a two-story addition with an open first story on the northeast corner of the dwelling circa 1925. The addition was enclosed and extended to the sidewalk after 1947.

**Significance Statement:** This single-family dwelling is an example of the domestic architecture constructed in the City of Winchester, especially in the eastern section of the City along North Kent Street, at the turn of the twentieth century. Walter Kidney, a local historian, records in his book (*Winchester: Limestone, Sycamores and Architecture*) that the building dates from circa 1925; however, the Sanborn Fire Insurance maps document a building on this property as early as 1908. The form and style of the building currently on this property is reflective of domestic architecture at the turn of the twentieth century, and matches that noted on the Sanborn Fire Insurance map; therefore it has been given a circa 1905 date of construction. This single dwelling retains sufficient integrity despite the modest side additions and window replacements to qualify under Criteria A and C as a contributing resource in the Winchester Historic District.