



City of Winchester

20-22 South Kent Street

Tax Map Number: 193-1-W- 2-

DHR Resource Number: 138-0042-0524

Resources: 1 twin dwelling (originally); 1 prefabricated shed

Date/Period: ca. 1883

Style: Italianate

Sources: Sanborn Fire Insurance Company Maps; *Winchester:*

Limestone, Sycamores and Architecture



Architectural Description

Site Description: This twin dwelling is sited on a level lot on the east side of South Kent Street. The building fronts the bricked sidewalk with no setback and has a brick retaining wall to the north. The rear of the lot has mature landscaping and a paved parking area that is reached from South Kent Street by a concrete walkway that runs by the south elevation of the building.

Secondary Resource Summary: A prefabricated shed is located northeast of the twin dwelling.

Primary Resource Description: This two-story twin dwelling or double house is made up of two dwellings, each two bays wide. The building, reflecting the Italianate style, is set on a solid, uncut stone foundation that has been painted. The façade of this wood-frame building is clad with German wood siding, while the rear and side elevations are clad with wood weatherboard siding. A side-gabled roof covered with standing-seam metal caps the structure. It is finished with narrow overhanging eaves and large wood brackets indicative of the late nineteenth century. The window openings on the façade contain 2/2, double-hung, wood-sash with louvered shutters. Two single-leaf, paneled wood doors pierce the end bays of the façade. Framed with narrow surrounds, the openings are topped by two-light transoms. They accessed by solid brick stoops that have metal railings and side-entry steps. The side elevations of the main block are fenestrated with 2/2, double-hung, wood-sash windows; the openings on the north elevation have louvered shutters. A louvered wood vent is situated in each upper gable end. The second story of the rear (east) elevation of the dwelling has 6/6, double-hung, wood-sash windows.

A one-story addition is located on the rear (east) elevation. Possibly original, this addition was noted on the 1885 Sanborn Fire Insurance map. Overtime, the dwelling's rear addition was altered but never extended over one story. Clad in wood weatherboard siding, the shed roof is covered with standing-seam metal. A window opening in the northern end bay contains a 6/6, double-hung, wood-sash window. A single-leaf entry opening is located in the southern end bay. On the south elevation of the addition is a one-story, shed-roofed addition was constructed after 1947. The addition is clad with wood weatherboard siding. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles. It has no visible fenestration.

Secondary Resource Description: A one-story, two-bay prefabricated shed, constructed circa 1995, is located northeast of the dwelling. This wood-frame structure is clad with T-111 siding and is capped with a side-gabled roof covered in asphalt shingles. A single-leaf door and a one-light fixed window pierce the façade (east elevation).

Significance Statement: This twin dwelling or double house is representative of the late-nineteenth-century domestic architecture constructed in the City of Winchester. The building maintains all seven aspects of integrity, especially design, workmanship, and materials. It has been detailed with Italianate-style brackets, a stylistic embellishment popular in the City of Winchester in the late nineteenth century. This house qualifies under Criteria A and C as a contributing resource to the Winchester Historic District.