



City of Winchester

24 South Kent Street

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

DHR Resource Number: 138-0042-0525

Resources: 1 single dwelling

Date/Period: ca. 1883

Style: Italianate

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

Limestone, Sycamores and Architecture



Architectural Description

Site Description: This single dwelling is located on the southeast corner of the intersection at South Kent Street and East Sharp Street. The dwelling is sited on a level lot and fronts the brick sidewalk, with no setback. The property features limited landscaping and a large paved area in the rear, which is reached from Sharp Street.

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

Primary Resource Description: This two-story single dwelling is set on a solid foundation of coursed stone and has an L-shaped plan created by the three-bay main block and two-story ell. The wood-frame dwelling, reflecting the Italianate style, is clad with German wood siding on the façade and wood weatherboard siding on the rear and side elevations. A side-gabled roof of standing-seam metal caps the dwelling and is finished with overhanging eaves, wood modillions and brackets, and a raking cornice. An interior-end brick chimney rises up on the side (south) elevation. The façade and side (south) are symmetrically fenestrated with 2/2, double-hung, wood-sash windows with half-round wood surround and operable, louvered wood shutters. A four-light, wood casement window is located in the upper gable end and the window openings at the basement level contain two-light, wood casement windows of the side (north) elevation. A multi-light, wood-frame door on the façade has a two-light transom. The entry is accessed by a solid brick stoop, which has side-entry steps and a metal rail.

On the rear (east) elevation is a two-story, three-bay ell clad with German wood siding. The ell was noted on the 1885 Sanborn Fire Insurance map and is believed to be an original feature. Between 1891 and 1897, the one-story addition was added to the east elevation of the ell, which had been extended two bays to the east. The Sanborn maps document that a two-story porch was added to the south elevation of the ell between 1908 and 1912. The front-gabled roof of the ell is covered with standing-seam metal. On the south elevation of the ell is the two-story, integrated porch that is supported by chamfered square wood posts with sawn brackets. The second story of the porch has been enclosed with a solid balustrade and a band of 6/6, double-hung, wood-sash windows. A four-light, wood casement window is situated in the upper gable end of the rear (east) elevation.

A one-story, shed-roofed addition (added between 1891 and 1897) is located on the rear (east) elevation of the ell. This addition has the same material treatment and roofing material as the main block and ell. Fenestration consists of 6/6, double-hung, wood-sash windows and a single-leaf, paneled wood door with one fixed light.

Significance Statement: This single-family dwelling, which features high-style ornamentation indicative of the Italianate style, is representative of late-nineteenth-century domestic architecture constructed in the City of Winchester. Despite the enlargement of the ell and one-story addition, the building has sufficient integrity of materials, design, and workmanship. The location and setting have not been compromised. All of these aspects contribute to the integrity of feeling and association. This dwelling qualifies under Criteria A and C as a contributing resource to the Winchester Historic District.