



# City of Winchester

## 311.5 South Kent Street

Tax Map Number: 193-1-R- 17-

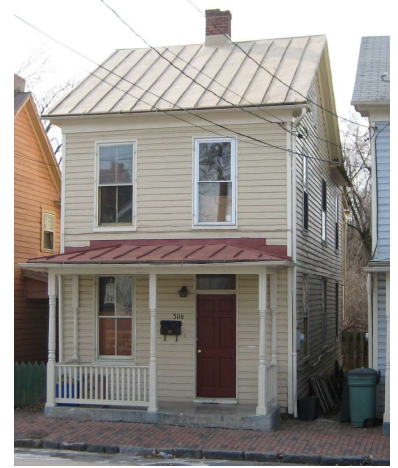
DHR Resource Number: 138-0042-0548

Resources: 1 single dwelling

Date/Period: ca. 1905

Style: Italianate

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



## Architectural Description

**Site Description:** This single dwelling is located on a sloping lot on the west side of South Kent Street and fronts the brick sidewalk, with no setback. A wood fence bounds the rear of the property. There is a narrow walkway on either side of the dwelling that separates it from the neighboring dwellings. Short, wood fences line the street side of the walkways.

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

**Primary Resource Description:** This two-story, two-bay, single dwelling, inspired by the Italianate style, is set upon a solid stone rubble foundation. The wood-frame dwelling is clad with German wood siding on the façade and wood weatherboard siding on the rear and side elevations. A central-interior brick chimney pierces the side-gabled roof, which is covered in standing-seam metal. The roof features a slight rake overhang with a molded rake board. The junction between the roof and the wall has a boxed cornice above a wide frieze board. The window openings on the façade contain 2/2, double-hung, wood-sash windows; the northernmost bay on the second story contains a 1/1, double-hung, vinyl-sash window. All windows have narrow square-edged wood surrounds and hardware for shutters. A single-leaf, paneled wood door with a one-light transom is situated in the northernmost end bay of the first story. It has a narrow wood surround. The upper gable ends of the side elevations each contain a four-light, wood casement window. A two-story portion is located on the rear (east) elevation. The wood-framing of this part of the building is clad in weatherboard siding and has a boxed cornice above a wide frieze board. The roof and foundation were not visible from the public right-of-way. It is pierced by 2/2, double-hung, wood-sash windows.

To the far rear is a two-story, full-width addition of wood frame. The fenestration, roof, and foundation were not visible from the public right-of-way.

Constructed circa 1925, a one-story, full-width porch on the façade is set on a solid concrete foundation. The half-hipped roof is covered with standing-seam metal and is supported by turned wood posts with square wood balusters.

**Significance Statement:** This single-family dwelling is representative of the architecture constructed in the City of Winchester in the early twentieth century. Walter Kidney, a local historian, records in his book (*Winchester: Limestone, Sycamores and Architecture*) that this dwelling dates from circa 1910; however, it is first noted on Sanborn Fire Insurance map of 1908, but is not present on the 1903 map. Therefore, due to written documentation, this dwelling has been given a circa 1905 date of construction. Although a single-family dwelling, it is similar in form, style, material, and detailing to the adjacent twin dwellings to the north (301-311 South Kent Street). This single dwelling retains its integrity of design, workmanship and materials. Its integrity of feeling remains because the dwelling can still evoke the time period in which it was constructed. Further, the integrity of setting and location has not been compromised. All of these aspects contribute to the integrity of association. The dwelling qualifies under Criteria A and C as a contributing resource in the Winchester Historic District.