



City of Winchester

311 South Loudoun Street

Tax Map Number: 193-1-G-3A-

DHR Resource Number: 138-0042-0771

Resources: 1 single dwelling (originally)

Date/Period: ca. 1790/pre 1796/1976

Style: Vernacular

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

Architectural Description

Site Description: This two-story, single-family dwelling is located on the west side of South Loudoun Street and is set back approximately five feet from the brick sidewalk. The grassy property is marked by mature trees and shrubs. A concrete walkway and asphalt driveway are located north of the building. The driveway provides access to an asphalt parking lot west of the building.

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

Primary Resource Description: Constructed circa 1790, this two-story, three-bay vernacular single-family dwelling is constructed of log, which are fully exposed. Originally one-and-one-half-stories in height, a second story had been added by 1796. The building is set on a solid coursed rubble foundation and is capped by a side-gabled roof of square-butt wood shingles. The rear (west) elevation and upper gables of the building are clad with weatherboard wood siding. A boxed wood cornice with false returns finishes the roof. An interior-end brick chimney rises from the north (side) elevation of the dwelling and has a plain cap.

A single-leaf, batten wood door, surmounted by a blind paneled transom, is located in the southernmost bay of the façade (east elevation). Additional window openings on the façade hold 6/9, double-hung, wood-sash windows and have wood sills and surrounds.

The south (side) elevation is fenestrated with a double-hung, wood-sash window and is marked by a louvered vent in the upper gable. The north (side) elevation is pierced by 6/6, and 6/9, double-hung, wood-sash windows, which have wood sills and surrounds. The rear (west) elevation is also fenestrated with a 6/6, and 6/9, double-hung, wood-sash window with wood sills and surrounds.

Significance Statement: Constructed circa 1790, this two-story single-family log dwelling, now a commercial building, was erected by Simon Lauck, a gunsmith by trade. Local Winchester lore indicates that Lauck served as an interpreter for Hessian prisoners during the American Revolution. The building was originally one-and-one-half stories in height, but was raised to two stories prior to 1796. A third story was added in the late nineteenth century, however, it was removed during a circa 1976 restoration. This building retains integrity of materials, workmanship, and design, most like because of the circa 1976 restoration. Further, it retains integrity of location and setting. All of these aspects contribute to integrity of feeling and association. This building is a contributing resource to the Winchester Historic District under Criteria A and C.

