



# City of Winchester

## 401-403 South Kent Street

Tax Map Number: 193-1-5- 12-

DHR Resource Number: 138-0042-0556

Resources: 1 twin dwelling; 1 garage

Date/Period: ca. 1840/ca. 1920

Style: Federal

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



## Architectural Description

**Site Description:** This twin dwelling or double house is located on the southwest corner of the intersection at South Kent Street and East Cecil Street. A concrete sidewalk fronts the property on the east elevation and a brick sidewalk runs along the northern edge of the property. The close proximity of these sidewalks prevents the dwelling from having any setback. The deep rectangular lot is edged by a wooden fence on the rear yard (north edge) and partially along the east elevation. The sloping lot has mature trees and shrubs.

**Secondary Resource Summary:** A garage is located in the northwest corner of the lot, west of the dwelling.

**Primary Resource Description:** This two-story twin dwelling or double house consists of two single-family dwellings, each two bays wide. Rectangular in form, this twin dwelling is set on a solid foundation of five-course, American-bond brick and is constructed of five-course, American-bond brick that has been painted. Two interior-end brick chimneys pierce the side-gabled roof, which is covered in standing-seam metal. The roof is finished with cornice returns, boxed cornice with ogee molding, and overhanging rake. The window openings on the façade contain 6/6, double-hung, wood-sash windows with ogee-molded wood surrounds. The twin dwellings are accessed by single-leaf, paneled wood doors (located in the center two bays) that have metal-frame glass storm doors. The upper gable ends of the side elevations have two openings that contain louvered wood vents flanking the interior chimney stack.

A two-story, full-width porch (four bays wide), constructed circa 1920, stretches across the façade. It has a half-hipped roof supported by Tuscan wood columns and pilasters. The second story of the porch has turned balusters.

A two-story, three-bay front-gabled ell, constructed circa 1920, is located on the rear (west) elevation of the dwelling. The roof is covered with standing-seam metal and is finished with cornice returns, overhanging eaves, and a boxed cornice. The wood-frame ell is clad with German wood siding and has full-length porches on the north and south elevations. Each half-hipped porch roof is covered with standing-seam metal and is supported by Tuscan wood columns. The north elevation of the ell is fenestrated with 6/6, double-hung, wood-sash windows with square-edged wood surrounds. A single-leaf, paneled wood door with lights is located in the central bay of the first story.

A one-story, full-width, shed-roofed addition, constructed after 1947, is located on the rear (west) elevation of the ell. The shed roof shelters a centrally placed, projecting bay that equally divides the space into two separate porches. The porch roof is covered with standing-seam metal and is supported by Tuscan wood columns. The rear elevation of the addition is fenestrated with 6/6, double-hung, wood-sash windows with square-edged wood surrounds and a pointed six-light, wood casement window in the upper gable end. The fenestration on the south elevation of the addition was not visible at the time of the 2008 survey.

**Primary Resource Description:** Constructed circa 1960, a one-story, two-bay, wood-frame garage is located west of the dwelling. It is clad with weatherboard siding. The garage has a pyramidal roof of standing-seam metal. Two paneled, vinyl roll-up garage doors fenestrate the façade (north elevation).

**Significance Statement:** This twin dwelling or double house is believed to date from circa 1840. It is one of the rare examples of a brick building with a full-width, two-story porch along the façade; the porch was added circa 1920. The building is representative of the twin dwellings constructed along South Kent Street in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. It has integrity of design, materials, and workmanship. Further, the integrity of location and setting has not been compromised. These aspects contribute to the integrity of feeling and association. This building qualifies under Criteria A and C as a contributing resource in the Winchester Historic District.