



# City of Winchester

**521-525 South Cameron Street**

Tax Map Number: 213-1-A-12-

DHR Resource Number: 138-0042-0291

Resources: 1 single dwelling (originally)

Date/Period: ca. 1890/ca. 1903

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 the northwest corner of the intersection of South Cameron Street and East Monmouth Street and directly fronts the brick sidewalk. The dwelling is sited on a sloping grassy lot that features minimal landscaping. A concrete walkway with stone steps runs by the north (side) elevation of the dwelling and wraps around to the rear (west) elevation before terminating at the concrete sidewalk down a flight of stone steps.

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

**Primary Resource Description:** This three-story, five-bay Italianate-style single dwelling was constructed circa 1890 and was rehabilitated as a commercial/dwelling by 1903. The dwelling is constructed of five-course, American-bond brick and is set on a solid brick and stone foundation. A side-gabled roof with a stepped brick parapet caps the dwelling. The roof is finished with overhanging eaves, a molded cornice and large wood brackets. An interior-end chimney rises from each side elevation and both have plain caps and pierce the cornice.

The central and end bays on the first story of the façade (east) elevation each contain a single-leaf paneled wood door with a four-light wood transom. Each recessed door has flat wood reveals and a jack brick arch. The central door is flanked by fixed twelve-light wood windows with wood sills and jack brick arches. The second-story window openings contain 6/6, double-hung, wood-sash windows with wood sills and brick jack arches. The central bay of the second story contains a single-leaf paneled wood door with a two-light wood transom and ogee-molded wood entablature. The central bay of the first and second story of the façade are sheltered by a two-story, one-bay porch. The first story of the porch supports the second story with Tuscan wood columns. The second story is capped by a half-hipped roof of standing-seam metal, which is supported by chamfered wood posts with sawn brackets. The roof is finished with overhanging eaves, a molded cornice and wood brackets. A sawn wood balustrade completes the second story of the porch, as well as the first story. The round arched third story window openings contain double-hung, wood-sash windows with multiple-lights and are Gothic in style with brick label molding and label stops. The windows are set within recessed brick panels with crenellated corbeled brick cornices. The north (side) elevation does not have any fenestration.

The first-story window openings on the south (side) elevation contain fixed twelve-light wood windows, while the second-story window openings contain 6/6, double-hung, wood-sash windows. All windows on the south elevation have wood sills and jack brick arches. A three-story ell is located on the southwest corner of the rear (west) elevation. The ell is original to and shares the same material treatment as the main block. The ell is capped by a low-pitched front-gabled roof of standing-seam metal, which is finished with a three-course corbeled brick cornice. An interior brick chimney rises from the north elevation of the ell and has a plain cap. A door opening on the first story of the south elevation of the ell has been shortened to hold a fixed twelve-light wood window. The second and third story window openings contain 6/6, double-hung, wood-sash windows. All windows have wood sills and jack brick arches. The foundation of the rear elevation is pierced by a one-light fixed window set within a segmental opening. A two-story enclosed porch is located on the north elevation of the ell and is original to the ell and main block. The wood-frame porch is clad with German wood siding and is set on a solid raised parged foundation. A shed roof caps the enclosed porch. Fenestration consists of 6/6, double-hung, wood-sash windows with square-edged wood surrounds and wood sills. A two-story staircase is located on the rear elevation of the main block and was constructed circa 1910.

**Significance Statement:** This Italianate-style single dwelling is a distinctive example of a high-style domestic dwelling constructed in the City of Winchester during the late nineteenth century, and altered for commercial use in the early twentieth century. Walter Kidney, a local historian, recorded in his book *Winchester: Limestone, Sycamores, and Architecture* that this dwelling was constructed circa 1890, which is supported by the form, style, and materials, as well as by the Sanborn Fire Insurance maps. By 1903, the dwelling had been rehabilitated as a grocer and dwelling and, by 1908, it was a grocer and a meat shop. The 1927 Sanborn Fire Insurance map indicated that the building was again serving as a dwelling and store. In 2008, it is apparent the building has been rehabilitated as apartments and office space. This former single dwelling, despite the change in use, retains integrity of workmanship, design, and materials, as well as setting and location. 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.