



# City of Winchester

## 522 South Loudoun Street

Tax Map Number: 213-1-A-5-

DHR Resource Number: 138-0042-0798

Resources: 1 single dwelling

Date/Period: ca. 1790

Style: Federal

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



## Architectural Description

**Site Description:** This property is located on the east side of South Loudoun Street. This building, with a minimal setback, fronts a brick sidewalk. The lot slopes to the north. The rear yard was not visible from the public right-of-way.

**Secondary Resource Summary:** There are no secondary resources visible from the public right-of-way.

**Primary Resource Description:** This two-story, three-bay Federal-style single dwelling has a rectangular form. The wood-frame building is clad in weatherboard siding with corner boards. It is set on a solid raised basement constructed of a solid, roughly coursed stone foundation. The building is capped by a side-gabled roof covered in standing-seam metal. The roof is finished with overhanging eaves, a denticulated cornice, and scrolled modillions. An interior-end brick chimney with a plain cap is located on the north (side) elevation. The façade (west elevation) is fenestrated on the first story and raised basement level with 9/9, double-hung, wood-sash windows and the second story has 9/6, double-hung, wood-sash windows. The windows are set in ogee-molded wood surrounds. The first and second story window openings are complimented by paneled wood shutters. The southernmost bay on the first story holds a single-leaf, paneled wood door. It is set in an ogee-molded wood surround with a four-light transom. The door is accessed by wood stairs with square balusters. This open stair is supported by wood piers. Directly below the main entrance, providing access to the basement level, is a single-leaf, paneled wood door. This door opening has a square-edge wood surround. The north (side) elevation is fenestrated by 9/9, double-hung, wood-sash windows on the first story; 9/6, double-hung, wood-sash windows on the second story; and 6/6, double-hung, wood-sash windows in the upper gable. There are window openings on the basement level, but the windows were not visible. All windows are set in a wood surround. The south (side) elevation of the building is obscured by the building at 524 South Loudoun Street.

A one-story addition spans the entire east (rear) elevation of the main block. It is capped by a shed roof (material treatment was not visible). The wood-frame addition is clad in weatherboard siding. It has a window opening on the north (side) elevation; however the windows were not visible. The foundation could not be seen and further details could not be obtained from the public right-of-way.

**Significance Statement:** This single dwelling, also known as the Dr. Cornelius Baldwin House, is representative of the domestic architecture constructed in the City of Winchester during the last quarter of the eighteenth century. According to Walter C. Kidney's book, *Winchester: Limestone, Sycamores & Architecture*, this resource was constructed circa 1790, which is supported by physical evidence. Garland R. Quarles' book, *The Story of One Hundred Old Homes in Winchester, Virginia*, notes that the house was constructed on lot 211 in the Fairfax Addition to the Town of Winchester. The 1903 map shows that the one-story rear addition was already constructed. Map research also shows that the building originally had a two-story front porch, which has been replaced with a one-story porch. Despite the rear addition and porch alteration, the building retains its integrity of design, materials and workmanship. These aspects contribute to integrity location, setting, feeling, and association. Therefore, this dwelling is a contributing resource to the Winchester Historic District under Criteria A and C.