



City of Winchester

603-605 South Cameron Street

Tax Map Number: 213-1-B- 19-

DHR Resource Number: 138-0042-0295

Resources: 1 single dwelling (originally); 1 garage

Date/Period: ca. 1870/ca. 1940

Style: Vernacular

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 west side of South Cameron Street and fronts the brick sidewalk, with no setback. The dwelling directly abuts 601 South Cameron Street on its north side elevation. A brick driveway enters the property from East Monmouth Street northwest of the dwelling and leads onto the property. Wood fencing bounds the south and north edges of the property.

Secondary Resource Summary: A prefabricated shed is located west of the dwelling.

Primary Resource Description: This two-story, three-bay former single dwelling is set on an English basement, which is the result of an alteration. The foundation on the façade is faced with five-course, American-bond brick, while the side elevations are on a solid foundation of random rubble. The English basement is constructed of brick laid in five-course, American-bond, while the first and second stories are wood-frame construction clad with German wood siding. A side-gabled roof of standing-seam metal caps the dwelling and is pierced by an interior-end, brick chimney rising from the north side elevation. The roof is finished with a raking cornice, overhanging eaves, cornice returns, and brackets. The window openings on the façade of the English basement contain 2/1, double-hung, wood-sash windows with narrow wood surrounds. The southernmost bay contains a single-leaf, paneled wood door with a two-light wood transom and a metal-frame storm door. The window openings on the first and second stories contain 2/2, double-hung, wood-sash windows with ogee-molded wood surrounds. The first-story windows are elongated. A single-leaf, paneled wood door with a two-light transom is located in the southernmost bay of the first story. This door leads out to a two-story deck, which has replaced the original porch on the façade. Set on square wood posts, the deck features a sawn balustrade. A 6/6, double-hung, wood-sash window is located on the north side elevation and has a square-edged wood surround.

A two-story, full-width addition is located on the rear (west) elevation and is set on a solid foundation. The wood-frame addition is clad with weatherboard siding. A front-gabled roof covered with standing-seam metal caps the addition. A two-story, three-bay integrated porch is located on the north side elevation. The porch features sawn wood balusters, chamfered wood posts supporting the roof, and a flight of wood steps leading to the second story. The addition is fenestrated with 1/1, double-hung, wood-sash windows with narrow wood surrounds on the north and west elevations. Both stories of the north elevation have a single-leaf, paneled wood door. The south side elevation fenestration was not visible from the public right-of-way.

Secondary Resource Description: A one-story, three-bay prefabricated shed is located southwest of the dwelling and was constructed circa 1990. The wood-frame shed is clad with T-111 siding and has a side-gabled roof covered with asphalt shingles. A set of double-leaf, cross-braced, wood door provides entry into the shed. Additional fenestration includes a 4/4, double-hung, metal-sash window.

Significance Statement: This single-family dwelling, now rehabilitated to provide apartments, is an atypical domestic form constructed in the City of Winchester during the late nineteenth century due to alterations. The building is set on a raised masonry English basement, giving it the appearance of being three stories. Walter Kidney, a local historian, records in his book (*Winchester: Limestone, Sycamores and Architecture*) that the dwelling dates from circa 1870; a date than can be substantiated by the buildings materials and form. The building was converted to a multi-family dwelling circa 1940. The dwelling retains sufficient integrity of materials, workmanship and design, as well as setting and location, despite the change in use and creation of the English basement. All of these aspects contribute to integrity of feeling and association. This single dwelling qualifies under Criteria A and C as a contributing resource in the Winchester Historic District.