



City of Winchester

206 North Kent Street

Tax Map Number: 174-1-J- 23-

DHR Resource Number: 138-0042-0511

Resources: 1 single dwelling

Date/Period: ca. 1840

Style: Federal

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 east side of North Kent Street and fronts the concrete sidewalk, with no setback. The dwelling is sited on a level lot that features immature trees. A wood privacy fence with gate encloses the yard on the south side of the property.

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

Primary Resource Description: This two-story, three-bay single dwelling has an L-shaped plan created by a main block and two-story ell. The building appears to have been rehabilitated and presently provides three or four apartments. Set on a solid foundation of coursed stone, the dwelling is constructed of brick laid in six-course, American bond. It has an interior-end chimney of common-bond brick on the north elevation. The side-gabled roof is covered withstanding-seam metal and is finished with an ogee-molded, wood cornice. A one-story, one-bay porch on the façade has a set of side-entry steps (entered from the south). The porch is set on a brick pier foundation and has square wood balusters. The half-hipped roof is covered with standing-seam metal and is supported by square wood posts. The basement-level openings are blocked with plywood from the exterior and have brick jack arches. The slightly elongated window openings on the first story of the façade have 6/2, double-hung, wood-sash windows. The entry opening in the southern end bay has a single-leaf, paneled wood door with two lights (replacement). It is topped by a transom with narrow wood lintel. The second story has 6/6, double-hung, wood-sash windows. All windows have wood lintels and sills, as well as narrow wood surrounds and hardware for shutters. There are no openings on the side elevations of the main block.

The two-story, front-gabled ell on the rear (southeast) elevation of the dwelling is constructed of brick laid in six-course, American bond. Set on a coursed stone foundation, the ell has an exterior-end chimney of brick. There is a two-story porch on the side (south) elevation of the ell that is supported by square wood posts. A double-hung window opening pierces the north elevation of the ell (type of sash was not visible from the public right-of-way). Fenestration of the ell was not visible from the public right-of-way. The ell, likely original, appears on the 1891 Sanborn Fire Insurance map, the first year that this area was recorded.

A two-story, front-gabled addition is located on the rear (southeast) elevation of the ell. This addition is constructed of brick set on a brick foundation (the bonding was not discernible from the public right-of-way) It has a two-story porch on the side (south) elevation that is supported by square wood posts. The porch has a shed roof of standing-seam metal and square balusters. A double-hung window opening pierces the north elevation of the addition; additional fenestration was not visible from the public right-of-way. This addition appears as one-and-a-half-story in 1891, but was extended to two stories by 1897.

A two-story addition is located on the rear (southeast) elevation of the addition. Clad in German wood siding, this addition has a front-gabled roof and is fenestrated with 2/2, double-hung, wood-sash windows. Constructed as a one-story addition circa 1895, this addition was extended to two stories after 1947.

Significance Statement: This single-family dwelling is representative of the domestic architecture constructed in the City of Winchester in the second quarter of the nineteenth century. A local historian, Walter Kidney, records in his book (*Winchester: Limestone, Sycamores and Architecture*) that this building was constructed circa 1840. The form, detailing, and brickwork support this date of construction. It is a good example of a vernacular Federal-style dwelling, extending three bays wide with a two-story ell, interior-end chimney, jack arches and narrow lintels, and two-story side porch addition. The dwelling retains its integrity of materials, workmanship, and design, although there have been minor alterations and a modest addition on the rear. Further, the integrity of setting and location remain unchanged. All of these aspects help convey integrity of feeling and association. Therefore, this property qualifies under Criteria A and C as a contributing resource in the Winchester Historic District.