



City of Winchester

125 East Clifford Street

Tax Map Number: 193-1-R- 13-

DHR Resource Number: 138-0042-0350

Resources: 1 single dwelling; 1 shed

Date/Period: ca. 1840

Style: Vernacular

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



Architectural Description

Site Description: This single dwelling is sited on a sloping lot on the south side of East Clifford Street and fronts the concrete sidewalk with no setback. The grassy lot features mature trees and shrubs. The property is bounded on the west edge by metal chain-link fencing.

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

Primary Resource Description: This two-story, three-bay vernacular single dwelling has an L-shaped plan and is set on a solid coursed stone foundation that has been painted. The dwelling is believed to be log construction clad with wood weatherboard siding and has wood corner boards. An exterior-end, brick chimney with a single shoulder rises on the east side elevation. A side-gabled roof of standing-seam metal caps the dwelling and is finished with overhanging eaves, a raking cornice, boxed cornice, and paired Italianate brackets. A one-story, one-bay hood shelters the main entry. Constructed circa 1900, the stylized hood has a wide, front-gabled roof of standing-seam metal that is supported by wood braces. The window openings on the façade contain 2/2, double-hung, wood-sash windows with pedimented wood surrounds and operable louvered wood shutters. A centrally placed, replacement single-leaf, paneled wood door pierces the façade and is protected by a metal-frame storm door with two-lights. A brick stoop with brick wing walls and steps allows access to the door. The west side elevation is fenestrated with a 1/1, double-hung, vinyl-sash window with 6/6 false vinyl muntins and a pedimented wood surround. A louvered vent is located in the upper gable end.

A two-story ell is located on the southwest corner of the rear (south) elevation. Two bays deep, the ell is original to the main block but according to the 1885 Sanborn Fire Insurance map; the ell was originally one story in height. By 1891, the ell was noted as being two stories on the Sanborn map. The wood-frame ell is clad with wood weatherboard siding and has a front-gabled roof covered with standing-seam metal. The window openings contain 6/6, double-hung, vinyl-sash windows.

A two-story addition is located on the southeast corner of the rear elevation and was constructed circa 1900. This addition has the same material treatment as the main block and has a shed roof covered with standing-seam metal. A one-story addition is located on the rear of the first addition and has a shed roof. This addition could not be surveyed from the public right-of-way.

Secondary Resource Description: A one-story shed is located south of the dwelling and was constructed circa 1930. The shed is wood-frame construction and is covered with bricktex siding. A front-gabled roof of standing-seam metal caps the shed. A single-leaf, wood door provides entry into the shed on the north elevation.

Significance Statement: This single dwelling is representative of the domestic architecture constructed in the City of Winchester in the early nineteenth century. Based on the form, fenestration pattern, massing, and modest original style, the dwelling can be given a circa 1840 date of construction. The dwelling retains significant integrity of materials, workmanship, and design, despite the application of late-nineteenth-century stylized ornamentation. Further, integrity of location and setting has not been compromised. All of these aspects contribute to integrity of feeling and association. This dwelling qualifies under Criteria A and C as a contributing resource in the Winchester Historic District.