

705 South Loudoun Street

Tax Map Number: 212-1-F- 12-

DHR Resource Number: 138-0042-0815 Resources: 1 single dwelling (originally)

Date/Period: ca. 1850 Style: Federal (altered)

Sources: Sanborn Fire Insurance Company Maps; Quarles, The Story of

One Hundred Old Homes

Architectural Description

Site Description: This building is located on the west side of South Loudoun Street and fronts the concrete sidewalk. A small grassy backyard is split by a brick walkway extending off a gravel parking lot west of the property. The northern elevation is adjacent to 703 South Loudoun Street.

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

Primary Resource Description: This two-story, three-bay single-family dwelling, based on its form and materials, appears to have been constructed circa 1850. The Federal-style building is set on a solid stone foundation and constructed of wood. Clad in weatherboard siding, the dwelling is capped by a side-gabled roof of standing-seam metal. Narrow overhanging eaves and raking boards complete the roofline. A skylight has been installed in the rear slope of the roof. The first story has been altered for commercial use and all original fenestration replaced with show windows.

Located in the northern bay of the façade (east elevation), the single-leaf main entry holds a paneled wood door with blind transom. Multi-light wood storefront windows in tandem have been installed in the first story. An asphalt-shingled pent roof with arched supports shelters the first story. Fenestration of the second story consists of 2/2, double-hung, wood-sash windows with inoperable louvered wood shutters. All façade openings are set in narrow, square-edge wood surrounds.

The first story of the south (side) elevation has been rebuilt with concrete block. Fenestration of the south elevation is limited to a small window opening on the second story (sash not visible). The west (rear) elevation features a second-story door opening with a double-leaf, wood-frame glass door.

A circa 1990 addition is located on the rear of the dwelling. Constructed of concrete block, the addition has a flat roof flanked by concrete-block parapets. An exterior-end concrete-block chimney is located at the end of the addition. Fenestration includes a single-leaf, paneled wood door with nine lights and two-light, wood-sash awning windows with narrow wood sills.

Significance Statement: This two-story, three-bay dwelling is indicative of the residential architecture constructed in the City of Winchester in the middle of the nineteenth century. Judging by the form and materials, this Federal-style building can be given a circa 1850 date of construction. The building retains integrity of materials, workmanship, and design, despite the alterations to the facade for its change of use. The building was documented as a grocery as early as 1903 and operated as a store until at least 1947. Further, it has integrity of location and setting. 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.

