



City of Winchester

124 East Germain Street

Tax Map Number: 213-1-G-11-

DHR Resource Number: 138-0042-0485

Resources: 1 single dwelling; 1 shed

Date/Period: ca. 1910

Style: Vernacular

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



Architectural Description

Site Description: The single dwelling is located on the north side of East Germain Street and fronts the concrete sidewalk, with no setback. A metal chain-link fence bounds the property to the northwest and a wood fence runs northeast along the property line. The sloping lot features mature trees and foundation plantings.

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

Primary Resource Description: This two-story single dwelling has an I-house form (three bays wide and one bay deep) and is set on a solid parged foundation. The dwelling is clad with wood German siding and has wood corner boards and an interior-end chimney of concrete block. The side (southeast) elevation is clad with wood weatherboard siding. The side-gabled roof is covered with standing-seam metal and features boxed cornice returns, plain frieze, raking cornice, and overhanging eaves. The dwelling is fenestrated with 2/2, double-hung, wood-sash windows with narrow wood surrounds and a four-light wood casement window in the upper gable end of the side (northwest) elevation. There is no fenestration on the side (southeast) elevation. A centrally placed single-leaf paneled wood door provides entry into the dwelling. A two-story front-gabled ell is located on the rear (northwest) elevation. The ell is original and has the same material treatment as the main block.

Constructed between 1912 and 1921, a one-story, two-bay porch with a side entry is centrally placed on the façade. The Queen Anne-style porch has a masonry pier foundation (parged) infilled with wood lattice and a half-hipped roof of standing-seam metal that is supported by turned wood posts. Other porch elements include a square wood balusters, small brackets, and wood pendants.

Secondary Resource Description: A one-story, one-bay shed is located northeast of the dwelling and is set on a poured concrete foundation. The shed is clad with plywood and has a shed roof covered with corrugated metal. Window and door openings were not visible from the public right-of-way at the time of the survey.

Significance Statement: This single dwelling is representative of the domestic architecture constructed along East Germain Street in the City of Winchester in the early twentieth century. Further, it is a good example of the I-house form in an urban setting. The building, which appears to have been constructed circa 1910, is first noted on Sanborn Fire Insurance maps in 1912. The later front porch addition, such as seen here, is a frequent alteration for Winchester residences between 1920 and 1925. The dwelling retains its integrity of design, materials and workmanship. Further, the location and setting have not been compromised. All of these aspects contribute to the integrity of feeling and association. Therefore, this property qualifies under Criteria A and C as a contributing resource in the Winchester Historic District.