



City of Winchester

155-157 North Loudoun Street

Tax Map Number: 173-1-F- 20-

DHR Resource Number: 138-0042-0714

Resources: 1 commercial building

Date/Period: ca. 1880

Style: Gothic Revival (altered)

Sources: Sanborn Fire Insurance Company Maps



Architectural Description

Site Description: This two-and-one-half story, commercial building is located on the west side of North Loudoun Street and directly fronts the pedestrian mall. An asphalt lot is located to the rear (west) side of the building. North Indian Alley forms the westernmost boundary of the property.

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

Primary Resource Description: This two-and-one-half story, four-bay building was constructed circa 1880 and was designed in the Gothic Revival style. Set on a solid foundation (material not visible), this masonry brick building has been stuccoed at its façade. The building is capped by an asymmetrical side gable roof of slate shingles that is embellished with flared eaves, a raking wood cornice and scrolled rafter ends. An interior end brick chimney with a corbelled cap rises at the north and south elevations, at the roof ridge. A steep, front-gable wall dormer marks the center of the front (west) slope of the roof; it is covered in slate shingles.

Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps show that the building has been used for commercial purposes since the late nineteenth century, the first floor of the façade (east elevation) has been altered in the later twentieth century for continued commercial purposes. A side entry to 155 North Loudoun Street, which corresponds to the second and third story spaces, is located in the southernmost bay of the first story. It is marked by a single-leaf paneled wood door with a one-light transom set in a square-edged wood surround. The northernmost three bays feature a canted storefront entry, formed by a central entry flanked by two projecting bays. The entry is marked by a single-leaf paneled wood door with one-light, surmounted by a one-light transom and set in a square-edged wood surround. Each flanking bay is capped by a half-hipped roof of standing-seam metal and sits on a paneled wood apron. The bays are fenestrated with fixed one-light wood windows set in square-edged wood surrounds. A row of clerestory windows extends across the width of the façade at the transition between the first and second stories. The center bays of the second story and half story above are marked by the front-gable wall dormer noted previously. Three closely spaced windows are centered within its face at the second story. Each opening holds a 1/1 double-hung wood sash window surmounted by a one-light wood awning window, set in a narrow square-edged wood surround with a wood sill. Centered in the half story above are three 1/1 round-arched double-hung wood sash windows set in a square-edged wood surround with a wood sill. The upper gable end is marked by a fixed oval window. A recessed channel flanks each side of the dormer wall. Each channel is marked by a centered, fixed single-light oval window.

The south elevation of the building directly abuts 151 North Loudoun Street and the north elevation of the building directly abuts 159 North Loudoun Street. The visible portion of the rear (west) elevation is clad in German weatherboard siding at the third story and is fenestrated with a 6/6 double-hung wood sash window set in a square-edged wood surround. The second story is fenestrated with a narrow, 1/1 double-hung wood sash window with a concrete sill. The northernmost bays of the rear elevation are marked by a two-story ell that is original to the building. It is constructed of six-course American-bond brick and is capped by a front gable roof of standing-seam metal. It is fenestrated at the second story of its west elevation with a 1/1 double-hung wood sash window and with a 2/2 double-hung wood sash window; each is surmounted by a rowlock brick segmental arch. A pent roof of standing seam metal extends over this second story, sheltering the window openings. A two-story, one-bay German weatherboard siding addition extends from the southern side of the ell; it is capped by a half-hipped roof of standing-seam metal that sits directly beneath the ell's pent roof. Its west elevation is fenestrated with a tall, paired wood casement window. The south elevation of this addition is fenestrated with several window openings, but details are not visible from the public right-of-way. An enclosed one-story stairwell projects from the southwest corner of this addition. It is enclosed with German weatherboard siding and is capped with a multi-pitched standing-seam metal roof that slopes west. Its west face is marked by a single-leaf flush metal door. A one-story, parged addition, constructed circa 1950, extends from the northern side of the ell. It is set beneath a shed roof of standing-seam metal that slopes south. It is fenestrated with a single opening in its northernmost bay, a 1/1, double-hung wood sash window.

Significance Statement: This two-and-one-half story is a unique example of a commercial building designed in the Gothic Revival style in the City of Winchester. Judging by its form and materials, as well as by using Sanborn Fire Insurance maps, this building can be given a circa 1880 date of construction. The building retains integrity of materials, workmanship, and design, despite changes to the first story for evolving commercial purposes. Further this commercial building retains integrity of location and setting. All of these aspects contribute to integrity of feeling and association. This commercial building is a contributing resource to the Winchester Historic District under Criteria A and C.