



City of Winchester

215 South Loudoun Street

Tax Map Number: 193-1-F- 4-

DHR Resource Number: 138-0042-0761

Resources: 1 single dwelling

Date/Period: ca. 1880

Style: Italianate

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



Architectural Description

Site Description: This two-story, single-family dwelling is located on the west side of South Loudoun Street and directly abuts the brick sidewalk. The dwelling is adjacent to 217 South Loudoun Street. A wood fence edges the northern boundary of the property. Mature shrubs mark the lot.

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

Primary Resource Description: Constructed circa 1880, this two-story, three-bay single-family dwelling was designed in the Italianate style. The dwelling is composed of a two-story, side-gabled main block, a front porch, and a two-story ell extending from the rear (west) elevation with a one-story addition on its rear elevation. Set on a solid foundation of random rubble, this dwelling is constructed of five-course, American-bond brick. Standing-seam metal covers the side-gabled roof, which is accented by a molded wood cornice with raking wood boards. An interior-end brick chimney with a plain cap rises from the north (side) elevation and pierces the roof at the ridge. The southernmost bay of the façade (east elevation) holds a single-leaf, paneled wood door with a segmental-arched single-light transom. Additional segmental-arched openings with rowlock brick segmental arches marking the façade hold 2/2, double-hung, wood-sash. Wood sills and operable louvered wood shutters finish each opening. A one-story, one-bay porch, constructed circa 1915, projects from the façade and shelters the southernmost and central bays. Set on a brick pier foundation with wood lattice infill, this porch is capped by a half-hipped roof of standing-seam metal. Dentils, scrolled brackets, and pendants, embellish the roof, which is supported by square wood posts. Turned wood balusters enclose the porch.

Four-light wood casement windows with wood sills and rowlock brick flat arches flank the chimney in the upper gable end of the north (side) elevation. The fenestration belonging to the rear (west) elevation was not visible from the public right-of-way.

A two-story deck extends from the northernmost bay of the rear (west) elevation and was constructed circa 1990. Chamfered square wood posts support the second story of the deck.

A two-story ell extends from the southernmost bay of the rear (west) elevation and is likely original. The ell is noted on the 1885 Sanborn Fire Insurance map. A one-story, two-bay block of the ell, directly adjacent to the main block, is constructed of brick and is fenestrated with 6/6, double-hung, wood-sash windows with soldier brick jack arches. The remainder of the ell is wood-frame clad with weatherboard wood siding. A shed roof, covered with standing-seam metal, caps the ell and is pierced by an interior-brick chimney with a plain cap. A first-story integral porch is located in the westernmost end bay of the ell's north elevation. Visible fenestration consists of 6/6 and 6/9, double-hung, wood-sash windows. All window openings have a wood sill and are flanked by inoperable paneled shutters.

A one-story block is located on the rear elevation of the ell. A one-story block is noted on the Sanborn Fire Insurance maps as early as 1885. This block was not visible from the public right-of-way.

Significance Statement: This single-family dwelling is representative of the domestic architecture constructed in the City of Winchester during the late nineteenth century. Judging by the form and materials, as well as utilizing historic Sanborn maps, this dwelling can be given a circa 1880 date of construction. This dwelling is an example of the Italianate style and features segmental-arched window and door openings, hallmarks of this style. The dwelling retains integrity of materials, workmanship, and design, despite the addition of a front porch circa 1915; the addition of a stylized front porch is typical for domestic architecture in Winchester. Further, the dwelling retains integrity of setting and location. All of these aspects contribute to integrity of feeling and association. This single dwelling is a contributing resource to the Winchester Historic District under Criteria A and C.