



City of Winchester

220 South Kent Street

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

DHR Resource Number: 138-0042-0537

Resources: 1 rowhouse

Date/Period: ca. 1900

Style: Vernacular

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



Architectural Description

Site Description: This rowhouse is located on the east side of South Kent Street and fronts the brick sidewalk, with no setback. The building is sited on a sloping lot that features wood fencing that bounds the property on the north and south edges and an asphalt parking lot at the rear of the property. The dwelling, part of a row of seven attached rowhouse, abuts 218 South Kent Street to the north.

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

Primary Resource Description: This two-story, two-bay vernacular rowhouse has a rectangular form and directly abuts 218 South Kent Street the north. It is the southernmost end bay in the attached row of seven dwellings. Set on solid foundation of coursed stone, the frame dwelling is clad with German wood siding and has a flat roof. The roof is finished with a bracketed wood cornice with an ogee-molding and wide frieze. A one-story porch is featured on the north end bay and is set on a solid poured concrete foundation. The two-bay-wide porch is shared with the dwelling at 218 South Kent Street; the entry openings for each dwelling are sheltered by one bay of the porch. The porch is divided by a sawn balustrade and is set on a solid poured concrete foundation. The half-hipped roof of standing-seam metal is supported by square wood posts. There is a sawn wood balustrade. The window openings on the façade contain 2/2, double-hung, wood-sash windows. A single-leaf, paneled wood door with a one-light transom is located in the northernmost end bay of the first story. The side (south) elevation is fenestrated with 2/2, double-hung, wood-sash windows. All windows have square-edged wood surrounds.

The rowhouse was originally constructed with an ell extending from the northeast corner. This original ell appears on the 1903 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map and is evident in the original 2/2, double-hung, wood-sash window in the second story, northern bay of the rear (east) elevation. In 2007, a two-story addition was constructed in the elbow obscuring the originally L-shaped dwelling. The addition set on a solid, poured concrete foundation. The wood-frame addition is clad with German wood siding and has a shed roof (material not visible). The bracketed cornice does not continue to the addition. A one-story, one-bay porch is located on the rear elevation on the southeast corner and shelters a single-leaf, paneled wood door with lights. The shed roof of standing-seam metal is supported by square wood posts. The addition's fenestration consists of small 2/2, double-hung, wood-sash windows with square-edged wood surrounds.

Significance Statement: This rowhouse, consisting of seven attached single-family dwellings, is an example of the domestic architecture constructed along South Kent Street in the City of Winchester at the turn of the twentieth century. Attached rowhouses are not common on South Kent Street, which is made up of freestanding and semi-detached buildings. The rowhouses are first noted on Sanborn Fire Insurance maps in 1903, but are not on the 1897 map. This rowhouse, renovated in 2007, retains integrity of design and workmanship. Further, the integrity of location and setting has not been compromised. These aspects contribute to the integrity of feeling and association. Therefore, as part of the intact row of seven houses, this dwelling qualifies under Criteria A and C as a contributing resource in the Winchester Historic District.