



# City of Winchester

## 609 South Kent Street

Tax Map Number: 213-1-M- 17-

DHR Resource Number: 138-0042-0585

Resources: 1 single dwelling

Date/Period: ca. 1890

Style: Italianate

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



## Architectural Description

**Site Description:** This property is located on the west side of South Kent Street. The lot slopes to the southeast. The dwelling is set close to the public concrete sidewalk with no setback. A wood privacy fence extends from the south (side) elevation and travels parallel to the street for approximately five feet. A wood picket fence is located close to the northeast corner of the dwelling and extends north for approximately five feet. Mature trees are located in the rear yard.

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

**Primary Resource Description:** This two-story and three-bay single dwelling has a rectangular plan with a two-story rear ell. Set upon a solid rubble stone foundation, the main block of the Italianate-inspired building is clad in wood weatherboard siding and features an interior-end brick chimney. The dwelling has a side-gabled roof covered in standing-seam metal. The boxed wood cornice with a plain frieze is largely obscured by a gutter along the façade. The gable ends have a raking cornice. Fenestration along the façade includes 2/2, double-hung, wood-sash windows with wood surrounds and louvered shutters. The openings on the first story are slightly elongated. The main entry, located in the southern end bay of the façade (east elevation), is sheltered by a one-story, one-bay porch, constructed circa 1910. The single-leaf entry holds a paneled wood door with one-light. The porch is capped by a half-hipped roof covered in standing-seam metal. The roof is finished with scrolled wood brackets along the frieze, modillions, turned posts, and sawn balustrade and brackets. The north (side) elevation is fenestrated by a pair of small four-light, wood casement windows in the upper gable, flanking the interior-end stack of the chimney. The south (side) elevation features a boarded-up (plywood) window opening in the upper gable.

On the rear (west) elevation of the main block is a large, two-story ell. Possibly an addition, the ell is noted on the 1903 Sanborn Fire Insurance map. Capped by a front-gabled roof, this wood-frame ell is clad in wood weatherboard siding. The material and treatment of the foundation was not visible for the public-right-of-way, thus making the determination of its construction date difficult. The north elevation of this ell features a two-story, inset porch. A common feature along South Kent Street, the inset porch has square wood posts and square balusters. Visible fenestration along the north and south (side) elevations of the ell includes 6/6, double-hung, wood-sash windows. A one-story addition on the rear of the ell is noted on the Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps but appears to have been demolished.

**Significance Statement:** This single-family dwelling is representative of the domestic architecture constructed along South Kent Street in the City of Winchester in the late nineteenth century. Historic maps first documented this portion of South Kent Street in 1903. The T-shaped form created by the main block and ell, the inset side porch, and the high-style detailing of the porch on the façade are indicative of wood-frame dwellings in the eastern part of Winchester. The building features many original elements including the 2/2, double-hung windows, wood shutters, interior-end chimney, entry porch with Victorian-era detailing, boxed cornice with plain frieze, and raking cornices. Therefore, the building is eligible under Criteria A and C as a contributing resource in the Winchester Historic District.