



# City of Winchester

## 703 South Loudoun Street

Tax Map Number: 212-1-F- 13-

DHR Resource Number: 138-0042-0814

Resources: 1 single dwelling; 1 kitchen; 1 shop; 1 garage

Date/Period: ca. 1850

Style: Federal

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 southwest corner of South Loudoun Street and West German Street and abuts the concrete sidewalk. The level property is marked by mature shrubs and foundation plantings. A gravel driveway is located west of the property.

**Secondary Resource Summary:** A one-story kitchen, one-story blacksmith shop, and a one-story garage are located directly west of the building.

**Primary Resource Description:** Constructed circa 1850, this two-story, three-bay Federal-style single-family dwelling is set on a solid random rubble foundation. The building is constructed of irregular-coursed, American-bond brick. Standing-seam metal covers the side-gabled roof, which is accented by a corbeled brick cornice and cornice returns. An interior-end brick chimney rises from the north (side) elevation and has a plain cap.

A single-leaf, paneled wood door is located in the southernmost bay of the façade (east elevation) and is surmounted by a four-light wood transom. A one-story, one-bay porch shelters this entry and is set on a wood post foundation. The half-hipped roof is covered with standing-seam metal and is supported by turned wood posts. Jigsaw brackets, pendants, and square wood balusters embellish the porch. Additional openings on the façade hold 2/2, double-hung, wood-sash. Openings are accented with wood sills and wood lintels. The foundation is pierced by wood awning windows.

The fenestration on the north (side) elevation is limited to 2/2, double-hung, wood-sash windows, which have wood sills and wood lintels.

A two-story ell, possibly original, extends from the northernmost bay of the rear (west) elevation and has the material treatment of the main block. A front-gabled roof, covered with standing-seam metal, caps the ell and features a corbeled brick cornice. An interior-rear brick chimney rises from the west elevation and has a plain cap. Visible fenestration consists of 1/2, and 2/2, double-hung, wood-sash windows and a single-leaf, paneled wood door with lights, surmounted by a four-light wood transom. The windows have wood sills and wood lintels.

A two-story, full-width enclosed porch extends from the south elevation of the ell and is noted on the 1903 Sanborn map. The wood-frame enclosed porch is clad with weatherboard wood siding and is capped by a shed roof of standing-seam metal. Visible fenestration consists of a four-light wood casement window, 1/2, and 2/2, double-hung, wood-sash windows.

**Secondary Resource Description:** This one-story summer kitchen, constructed circa 1870, is located directly west of the main dwelling. The wood-frame building is clad with German wood siding and is set on a solid parged foundation. A gabled roof, covered with standing-seam metal, caps the building and is accented with overhanging eaves. A large, exterior-side brick chimney rises from the south elevation and has a plain cap. Visible fenestration consists of a single-leaf door and six-light wood casement windows. Each window opening has a square-edged wood surround.

**Secondary Resource Description:** A one-story, three-bay blacksmith shop, constructed circa 1915, is located west of the main dwelling and summer kitchen. The building was rehabilitated as a garage post 1947. The wood-frame building is clad with weatherboard wood siding on the façade (north elevation) and with plywood on the west (side) elevation. A shed roof caps the building and is covered with corrugated metal. A boxed wood cornice finishes the roof. The façade is marked by three vehicular openings; each holds a roll-up, paneled wood door with openings for lights.

**Secondary Resource Description:** A one-story, one-bay garage, constructed circa 1920, is located on the west elevation of the blacksmith shop and is west of the dwelling. The wood-frame garage is clad with board-and-batten wood siding and the rear (south) elevation is clad with weatherboard wood siding. A shed roof, covered with corrugated metal, caps the building and features a boxed cornice. Double-leaf, board-and-batten wood doors fenestrate the façade (north elevation).

**Significance Statement:** This two-story, Federal-style single-family dwelling is indicative of the domestic architecture constructed in the City of Winchester during the mid-nineteenth century. Judging by the form and materials, as well as by using Sanborn maps, this building can be given a circa 1850 date of construction. This single-family dwelling retains integrity of materials, workmanship, and design. Further, it has integrity of location and setting. All of these aspects contribute to integrity of feeling and association. This single-family dwelling is a contributing resource to the Winchester Historic District under Criteria A and C.