



City of Winchester

106-108 West Cecil Street

Tax Map Number: 192-1-R- 10-, 192-1-R- 11-

DHR Resource Number: 138-0042-0330

Resources: 1 twin dwelling; 1 shed

Date/Period: ca. 1820

Style: Federal

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

Architectural Description

Site Description: This twin dwelling is located on the north side of West Cecil Street. The building has a minimal setback from the concrete sidewalk. The grassy, level lot has a wood fence enclosing the backyard. A concrete retaining wall partially extends along the northern property boundary.

Secondary Resource Summary: A shed is located in the backyard of 108 West Cecil Street.

Primary Resource Description: This vernacular twin dwelling is composed of two-story, two-bay units. Constructed circa 1820, this building is set on a random rubble stone foundation. The log- and wood-frame structure has been re-clad in wood siding. German wood siding clads 106 West Cecil Street. A side-gabled roof of standing-seam metal caps the building and features a centrally located interior brick chimney.

The dwellings have an identical fenestration pattern, with a main entry located in the outerbays. Single-leaf, paneled wood doors with four-lights are set in square-edge wood surrounds. A one-story, one-bay porch set on a wood pier foundation with lattice infill shelters the entry to 106 West Cecil Street. The half-hipped roof of standing-seam metal is supported by square wood posts with square balusters. Wood steps extend to the north. A brick stoop with square wood balusters provides access to 108 West Cecil Street. All window openings hold double-hung sash with wood sills and operable louvered wood shutters. 106 West Cecil Street has 2/2 windows while 108 has 6/6 windows.

Fenestration of the east (side) elevation consists of 2/2, double-hung, wood-sash windows and a four-light wood-sash casement in the upper gable end. Fenestration of the west (side) elevation is limited to a 6/6, double-hung, wood-sash window located on the second story.

Two, two-story, one-bay additions are centrally located on the north (rear) elevation. Based on Sanborn Fire Insurance Company maps, these identical additions were constructed circa 1925. Clad in wood siding, the additions are capped by shed roofs of standing-seam metal. No openings were visible from the public right-of-way. 106 West Cecil features a one-story bump-out on the rear of the circa 1925 addition with the same material treatment. A mid-twentieth century date of construction can be established based on Sanborn maps.

Secondary Resource Description: This one-story, one-bay shed was constructed circa 1950. The wood-frame structure is clad in wood siding and capped by a gable roof of standing-seam metal. No openings were visible from the public right-of-way.

Significance Statement: This twin dwelling is indicative of the domestic architecture constructed in the City of Winchester during the first quarter of the nineteenth century. Judging by the form and materials, this Federal-style building can be given a circa 1820 date of construction. This twin dwelling retains integrity of materials, workmanship, and design, despite the construction of rear additions. Further, it retains integrity of location and setting. All of these aspects contribute to integrity of feeling and association. This twin dwelling is a contributing resource to the Winchester Historic District under Criteria A and C.

