



City of Winchester

145 Baker Street

Tax Map Number: 173-01-T- 11-

DHR Resource Number: 138-5043

Resources: 1 warehouse

Date/Period: ca. 1890

Style: Vernacular

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

Architectural Description

Site Description: This stone warehouse is located on the south side of Baker Street, just east of the railroad tracks. The building has no set back from the north and west property lines. A small grassy strip is located along the front of the building and a modern rusticate concrete block wall along the rear/side property line.

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

Primary Resource Description: This one-story, two-bay, gable-end stone warehouse was constructed around 1890 as a warehouse for the Baker & Company Winchester Steam and Flouring Mill and Wholesale Grocery business. Constructed right along the railroad tracks, the building, which rests on a stone foundation, has wooden freight doors on its railroad and Baker Street sides as well as metal bars over the 6/6 windows. The windows are topped by wooden lintels. The random rubble limestone walls extend all the way to the peak of the gable ends and feature large stone corner quoins. An interior brick chimney is located at the northwest corner of the building. The tops of these basement windows with brick jack arches are evident along the Baker Street side, and appear to have been partially filled in when the street level was raised. The gable-end roof is clad in standing-seam metal. The building was recently restored and houses the offices for Habitat for Humanity of Winchester-Frederick County.

Significance Statement: This one-story, gable-roofed stone building was constructed ca. 1890 as a warehouse for the Baker & Company Wholesale Grocers. Baker & Company ran a steam and flouring mill as well as a wholesale grocery business in the buildings just west of this property, on the other side of the railroad tracks. This building was obviously constructed along the railroad tracks in order to easily load merchandise from the trains. The wooden freight doors are still intact along the railroad side as well as the Baker Street side. The building is the only surviving stone warehouse in the City of Winchester, and has continuously been used for that function. It sat vacant for several decades until it was recently rehabilitated as offices and warehouse storage for Habitat for Humanity of Winchester-Frederick County, Virginia. It is a contributing resource within the Winchester Historic District Boundary Increase under Criteria A and C.

