



# City of Winchester

## 211 South Kent Street

Tax Map Number: 193-1-Q- 14-

DHR Resource Number: 138-0042-0538

Resources: 1 single dwelling; 1 outbuilding; 1 shed

Date/Period: ca. 1810

Style: Federal

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



## Architectural Description

**Site Description:** This single dwelling is sited on a sloping lot on the west side of South Kent Street and fronts the concrete sidewalk with no setback. The property is raised above street level and a stone retaining wall divides the street from the concrete sidewalk. The property features mature trees and shrubs. Wooden fencing lines the perimeters of the lot.

**Secondary Resource Summary:** An outbuilding and a shed are located west of the dwelling. Both buildings were largely obscured from view and a photograph could not be taken.

**Primary Resource Description:** This two-story, three-bay single dwelling has a form indicative of the Federal style. It is set on a solid foundation of coursed stone. The frame dwelling (possibly log), extending three bays wide and one bay deep, is clad with wood weatherboard siding on the façade (east elevation) and is stuccoed on the side (north and south) elevations. A side-gabled roof of standing-seam metal caps the dwelling and is pierced by an interior end, stuccoed chimney on the north elevation. A one-story, one-bay porch, constructed circa 1925, is centrally placed on the façade. The half-hipped roof is covered with standing-seam metal and is supported by chamfered wood posts with square balusters. The window openings on the façade contain 6/6, double-hung, wood-sash windows with narrow wood surrounds. A single-leaf, paneled wood door, centrally placed, is sheltered by the porch roof. This entry also has a wood-frame storm door with lights. A louvered wood vent is located in the upper gable end of the side (north and south) elevations.

A one-story, front-gabled addition is located on the rear (west) elevation. This addition appears on the 1885 Sanborn Fire Insurance map, the first year that this area was documented. The wood-frame addition is clad with wood weatherboard siding and has an interior brick chimney on the west elevation.

A one-story, full-length enclosed porch, is located on the side (south) elevation of the first addition. This porch was constructed between 1912 and 1921 and enclosed after 1947. It has a shed roof of standing-seam metal and is clad with asphalt shingles. Fenestration and the foundations of the additions were not visible from the public right-of-way.

**Secondary Resource Description:** Constructed circa 1950, this one-story, wood-frame shed is clad with German wood siding and has a shed roof. An open bay does not contain a door.

**Secondary Resource Description:** Constructed circa 1960, this one-story, one-bay domestic outbuilding has a shed roof and is clad with vinyl siding. A single-leaf door constructed of vertical boards provides entry to the outbuilding.

**Significance Statement:** This single-family dwelling is representative of the domestic architecture constructed in the City of Winchester in the early nineteenth century. According to local historian, Walter Kidney, the dwelling is a circa 1810 log structure, which is supported by the form, materials, and massing. The Federal-style dwelling has retained its integrity of its materials, design and workmanship because the additions have been minor and are generally set to the rear of the main block. Further, the dwelling can evoke a sense of its time period and therefore retains its integrity of feeling. Integrity of location and setting has also not been compromised. All of these aspects contribute to the integrity of association. This single dwelling qualifies under Criteria A and C as a contributing resource in the Winchester Historic District.