



# City of Winchester

## 320 South Cameron Street

Tax Map Number: 193-1-R-A-

DHR Resource Number: 138-0042-0268

Resources: 1 single dwelling; 2 sheds; 1 tack barn

Date/Period: ca. 1810/ca. 1900

Style: Queen Anne (due to alterations)

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



## Architectural Description

**Site Description:** Set at the northeast corner of the intersection of South Cameron Street and East Cecil Street, this building abuts the public brick sidewalk with no setback. The narrow lot slopes severely to the north and features a few mature trees. A metal fence extends along the southern boundary.

**Secondary Resource Summary:** Two sheds and a tack barn are located directly east of the dwelling.

**Primary Resource Description:** This building has undergone multiple alterations and additions. The original building was a two-room log structure constructed at the turn of the nineteenth century. This log structure was subsequently enlarged at the turn of the twentieth century by the construction of the wood-frame main block, which is two stories high, four bays wide, and two bays deep. As it now reads, the dwelling is clad with weatherboard siding and is set on a solid brick foundation. A side-gabled roof covered with standing-seam metal caps the building. The roof features overhanging eaves, cornice returns, and large scroll-sawn cornice trim. The western slope of the roof features a centered front-gable covered with standing-seam metal with large scroll-sawn cornice trim. The gable is clad in octagonal-shaped wood shingles and contains a 1/1, double-hung, wood-sash window. An interior-end, brick chimney pierces the ridge line on the south end of the dwelling. The façade (west elevation) features a one-story, two-bay porch set on a parged pier foundation with lattice infill. The porch has a half-hipped roof covered with standing-seam metal that is supported by turned wood posts featuring decorative scroll-sawn brackets. Side-entry wood steps lead up to the porch, which has turned wood balusters. The porch shelters a single-leaf, paneled wood door with a square-edge wood surround and a 1/1, double-hung, wood-sash, stained-glass window. A 2/1, double-hung, wood-sash window to the south of the porch features stained glass in the lower sash. The second story of the façade is fenestrated by four, 1/1, double-hung, wood-sash windows. The second-story windows feature an assortment of stained-glass and leaded-glass sashes. All of the windows have square-edged wood surrounds and the second-story windows have louvered wood shutters. The south side elevation is fenestrated by two windows on the first story and two windows on the second story. These window openings contain 1/1, double-hung, wood-sash windows and feature assorted stained-glass and leaded-glass sashes. The upper gable end includes two, four-light, wood-sash casement windows with square-edge wood surrounds. The north side elevation has a window opening in the second story that was not accurately identifiable due to foliage and two, four-light, wood-sash casement windows with square-edge wood surrounds in the upper gable end.

A two-story ell is located on the northeast corner of the rear (east) elevation. It has the same material treatment as the main block. The ell was originally one story and was raised to two stories circa 1905. An interior brick chimney pierces the front-gabled roof of standing-seam metal. The roof is finished with overhanging eaves and vergeboard. Fenestration was not visible from the public right-of-way. The east (rear) elevation features a two-story, wrap-around porch that extends to the ell. Originally one story, this porch was extended to two stories circa 1905. The east portion of the porch, located on the rear of the main block was enclosed circa 1925 and is now fenestrated with paired 1/1, double-hung, wood-sash stained-glass windows on the second story of the south (side) elevation. The two-story, three-bay-deep porch is capped by a shed roof of standing-seam metal supported by square wood posts. The first story has been enclosed with lattice but retains the original spindle work. The second story has been screened-in, retaining the sawn balusters and spindle work. The shed roof features a skylight. The east (rear) elevation of the ell includes a window opening in the northern end of the second story.

A one-story, two-bay-wide, one-bay-deep addition was added to the first story of the ell on the rear elevation. Based on materials consistent with the ell, it appears the addition was constructed at the same time as the ell. The addition features a single-leaf, wood door on the south (side) elevation and two window openings on the east (rear) elevation. A shed roof covered with standing-seam metal caps the one-story addition. The north (side) elevation of the large addition was not accessible due to constraints from the building adjacent to the north.

**Secondary Resource Description:** A small one-story shed is located east of the dwelling, beyond the larger shed and tack barn. Based on its form and materials, it appears this building was constructed in the early to mid-twentieth century. This wood-frame resource is clad in board-and-batten siding and is capped by a shed roof that slopes to the north. The roof includes scalloped vergeboard. Fenestration consists of a small, single-light, wood-frame, stained-glass casement window on the south (side) elevation. The remaining elevations and roofing material were not accessible.

**Secondary Resource Description:** A one-story shed is located east of the dwelling. Based on its form and materials, it appears this wood-frame building was constructed in the early twentieth century. The shed is clad in weatherboard siding and capped by a front-gabled roof of standing-seam metal that features overhanging eaves, boxed cornice, and raking cornice. The façade (west elevation) includes a single-leaf, vertical-board door with square-edge wood surround and a six-light, wood-sash, triangular-arched window in the upper gable end. The south (side) elevation is fenestrated by two window openings with vertical-board shutters.

**Secondary Resource Description:** A one-story tack barn is located east of the dwelling. Based on its form and materials, it appears this wood-frame building was constructed in the early twentieth century. The gable ends are clad in random-width weatherboard siding while the façade (south elevation) is clad in board-and-batten siding. The tack barn is capped by a side-gabled roof covered with standing-seam metal that includes overhanging eaves and scalloped vergeboard. The façade (south elevation) includes a single-leaf, vertical-board door. The west (side) elevation features a six-light, wood-sash, triangular-shaped arch window in the upper gable end.

**Significance Statement:** This single-family dwelling is an excellent illustration of the evolution of a log structure by the construction of a wood-frame structure that now reads as the main block. Originally a two-room log building, the dwelling was substantially expanded at the turn of the twentieth century. The wood-frame addition, now the main block, has Queen Anne-style detailing such as vergeboard, decorative wood shingles, and sawn brackets. Walter Kidney, a local historian, records in his book (Winchester: Limestone, Sycamores and Architecture) that the original log dwelling dates from circa 1810, with an expansion circa 1900. These dates can be supported by the current owner and the Sanborn Fire Insurance maps. A barn, located to the east of the property, is no longer associated with the 320 South Cameron Street but is now located on the property belonging to 108-112 East Cecil Street. This dwelling retains integrity of materials, workmanship and design as a circa 1900 Queen Anne-style building. Further, the dwelling still retains integrity of setting and location, despite the subdivision of the property. All of these aspects convey integrity of feeling and association. This single dwelling qualifies under Criteria A and C as a contributing resource in the Winchester Historic District.

