

WEST VIRGINIA ANTIQUITIES COMMISSION

HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

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Please send completed forms to:
 West Virginia Antiquities Commission
 Old Mountainlair, West Virginia University
 Morgantown, West Virginia 26506

1	NAME	COMMON	BLOOMERY IRON FURNACE
		and/or HISTORIC	
2	LOCATION	STREET & NUMBER	ALONG STATE ROUTE 45, ONE MILE EAST OF
		TOWN	FORKS OF CACAPON
		COUNTY	
3	STATUS	OWNER'S NAME	
		OWNER'S ADDRESS	
		PROPERTY USE	ROAD SIDE PARK
		PUBLIC ACCESS	YES: ☒ NO: ☐ REMARKS:
4	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	COURTHOUSE AT WHICH RECORDED	HAMPSHIRE COUNTY
		ADDRESS	ROMNEY, WVA.
		APPROX. ACREAGE	
5	SITE DESCRIPTION	CONDITION	GOOD
		PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION (include photograph if possible)	A STONE IRON FURNACE BESIDE THE CACAPON RIVER. THE FURNACE IS 30 FEET HIGH.
6	SITE SIGNIFICANCE	TIME PERIOD	1833
		STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE	THIS FURNACE WAS BEING RUN IN 1833 BY A MR. PRESTLY. BY THE MIDDLE 1860S THE FURNACE WAS PRODUCING AROUND 800 TONS A YEAR. THE IRON WAS SHIPPED OVER THE CACAPON RIVER ON RAFTS AND FLAT BOATS. IN 1846 SA, PAN COAST BOUGHT THE FURNACE. IT WAS RUN BY THE PAN COAST FAMILY UNTIL 1875 WHEN IT WAS SHUT DOWN. IT WAS RUN BRIEFLY DURING 1880-1881 AND THEN CLOSED DOWN FOR GOOD.
7	MAP	ROUGH MAP OF PROPERTY IN RELATION TO SURROUNDINGS (show route numbers and street names)	
8	FORM PREPARED BY	NAME	PHIL PITTS, RESEARCH ASSISTANT West Virginia Antiquities Commission
		ADDRESS	Morgantown, West Virginia 26506.
		DATE	JANUARY 1976

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