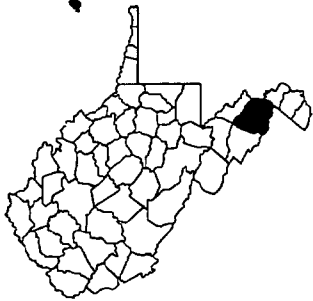




Internal Rating: _____

WEST VIRGINIA HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM

HM-0047-0011

Street Address Northwest corner of Main and Grafton Streets	Common/Historic Name/Both ☐ ☐ ☐ Bank of Romney (Common)	Field Survey # 34	Site # (SHPO Only) HM-0150
Town or Community Romney	County Hampshire County	Negative No. 0A	NR Listed Date
Architect/Builder	Date of Construction c.1966	Style Colonial Revival	
Exterior Siding/Materials Brick	Roofing Material Asphalt Shingles	Foundation	
Property Use or Function Residence ☐ Commercial + Other ☐	UTM #	Photograph (2" x 3" Contact)	
Survey Organization & Date Aarcher, Inc. Field Survey October 2006 and February 2007	Quadrangle Name Romney		
	Part of What Survey/FR# FR-5-233-HM-1		

Sketch Map of Property
or Attach Copy of USGS Map



Site No.

N



Present Owners

Owners Mailing Address

Phone #

Describe Setting

_____ Acres

_____ Archaeological
Artifacts Present

Description of Buildings or Site (Original and Present)

_____ 1 _____ Stories _____ 4 _____ Front Bays

This modern building features an irregularly shaped, tripartite plan. The building is composed of a hipped-roofed center block, flanked on either side by smaller gable-roofed dependencies. The eaves are boxed and accented a plain fascia board. The building's corners are decorated with brick quoins. The centrally located entrance is distinguished by a pedimented portico. Windows are 8/8 with large, wooden surrounds.

(Use Continuation Sheets)

Alterations

☐☒

If yes, describe:

Yes

No

Additions

☐☒

If yes, describe:

Yes

No

Describe All Outbuildings

(Use Continuation Sheets)

Statement of Significance

Non-contributing. Two historic structures were destroyed to accommodate this structure. The demolished buildings were the Wirgman Building (HM 047-0011) and the Brady House.

(Use Continuation Sheets)

Bibliographical References

(Use Continuation Sheets)

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WEST VIRGINIA HISTORIC PROPERTY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

NAME Romney Commercial Historic District

SITE# HM-01166

34. Bank of Romney (c. 1966)

Northwest corner of Main and Grafton Streets

Deed Reference 0162/0188 Part of Lots 75 and 76

Negative #0A

Noncontributing: Field Survey #34



This modern, 1-story, Colonial Revival style, brick building features an irregularly shaped, tripartite plan. The building is composed of a hipped-roofed center block, flanked on either side by smaller gable-roofed dependencies. The eaves are boxed and accented a plain fascia board. The building's corners are decorated with brick quoins. The centrally located entrance is distinguished by a pedimented portico. Windows are 8/8 with large, wooden surrounds. The Bank of Romney is not a contributing resource because of its recent construction date and very large size. Two historic buildings were destroyed to accommodate this structure. The demolished buildings were the Wirgman Building (HM 047-0011) and the Brady House.

HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

HISTORIC PRESERVATION UNIT
DEPARTMENT OF CULTURE & HISTORY
THE CULTURAL CENTER
CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA 25305

RATING *Dem*
CONTEXT *Residential*

(Staff Use Only)

UTM Ref:	USGS Quad:	Neg No:	Theme(s):	File No:
HM-0047-0011				

DISTRICT...SITE...BUILDING...STRUCTURE...OBJECT

1. NAME(S), historic/common: Wirgman Building (site)

2. LOCATION, street/road: Main Street *Demolished*

city/town: Romney
(incorporated/unincorporated)

3. USE/FUNCTION, present: Now the home of the Bank of Romney

(public/private,
restricted)

original: Bank of the Valley of Virginia

4. OWNER/ADDRESS, present: Bank of Romney
Romney

(public/private)

original: William Vance
Romney

5. PHOTO/SKETCH OF:

7. PLAN (include approx. dimensions):

Photographs of the Wirgman Building
were taken by Mr. J.C. Alexander, and
are housed in the Hampshire County Library.

6. LOCALE/ENVIRONMENT(map):

8. ACREAGE (approx):

GM

Survey Region:	_____
Planning District:	_____

COUNTY: Hampshire

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a. Exterior Fabric

stone _____
 brick _____
 concrete _____
 stucco _____
 weatherboard _____
 clapboard _____
 board & batten _____
 shingle _____
 other _____

b. Structural System

masonry _____
 frame _____
 log _____
 metal _____
 other _____
 foundation _____

c. Roofing Material

wood _____
 metal _____
 slate _____
 tile _____
 asphalt _____
 composition _____
 other _____

d. Associated Structures (use/type):

outbuildings _____

 dependencies _____

 other _____

e. Integrity (include dates):

original site/relocated _____
 alterations _____

 additions _____

f. Condition:

excellent _____
 good _____
 fair _____
 deteriorated _____
 abandoned _____

g. Threats: The building was razed in 1969.

10. SIGNIFICANCE (use additional sheet if necessary):

a. Architect/Builder/Engineer:

b. Style/Period:

Greek Revival

c. Date(s):

1825

Although the building was razed in 1969, the site remains significant. Built in 1825, the building housed a branch of the Bank of the Valley of Virginia. During the Civil War it was used as a military prison. Lieutenant John Blue, sometimes a spy of "Stonewall" Jackson's command, was imprisoned here and was able to make his escape unharmed during the Town's occupation by Union Soldiers. Later, the building was used as an office, mercantile, and apartment building. At one time or another, it was home to every bank in Romney since that time. The site is now occupied by The Bank of Romney.

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12. FORM PREPARED BY Nan Stevens DATE September 1984
 a. Address Post Office Box 887, Petersburg, West Virginia 26847
 b. Organization Region VIII Planning and Development Council.

NAME OF PROPERTY: The Wiggan Building

LOCATION: Romney

COUNTY: Hamshire

DATE VISITED OR REVIEW OF INVENTORY FORM: 12-6-84

STAFF MEMBER INITIATED FILE: _____

WAS THIS FORM A RESULT OF HPF FUNDED SURVEY: yes

IS THERE A FINAL REPORT? ☒ YES ☐ NO

LEVEL OF DOCUMENTATION: ☐ MINIMUM ☒ NATIONAL REGISTER

TYPE OF PROPERTY: ☒ ARCHITECTURE/HISTORY

☐ ARCHAEOLOGICAL

DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY:

☐ INDIVIDUAL

☐ THEMATIC

HISTORIC
DISTRICT

☒ M.R.A.

MULTIPLE RESOURCE AREA

COMMENTS: Sections A-G in #19 should be com-
pleted if info is available. (Revised 1/89)

STAFF SIGNATURE: [Signature]

DATE: 12-6-84