

HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

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

RATING CHD
CONTEXT Commercial

UTM Ref:	USGS Quad:	Neg Note:	Theme(s):	File No:
HM-0047-0012				

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

1. NAME(S), historic/common: Austin Restaurant

2. LOCATION, street/road: Main Street

city/town: Romney
(incorporated/unincorporated)

3. USE/FUNCTION, present: Easter Seal Society

(public/private,
restricted)

original:

4. OWNER/ADDRESS, present: National Building, Inc.
Romney

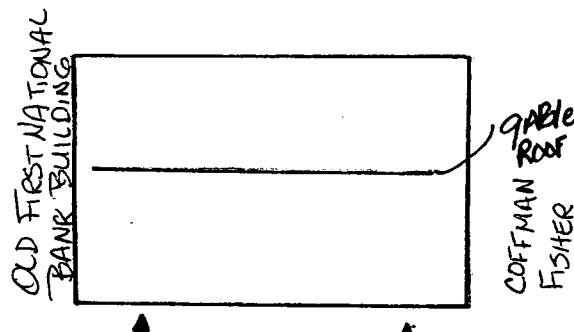
(public/private)

original:

5. PHOTO/SKETCH OF:

7. PLAN (include approx. dimensions):

ATTACHED

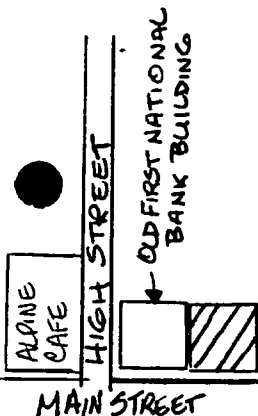


6. LOCALE/ENVIRONMENT(map):

8. ACREAGE (approx):

Lot Size:
30' X 85' X 21'

Survey Region:	County:
Planning District:	Hampshire



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a. Exterior Fabric

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

b. Structural System

masonry X _____
 frame _____
 log _____
 metal _____
 other _____
 foundation Stone _____

c. Roofing Material

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

d. Associated Structures (use/type):

outbuildings _____

 dependencies _____

 other _____

e. Integrity (include dates):

original site/relocated _____
 alterations See below. _____

 additions _____

f. Condition:

excellent _____
 good X _____
 fair _____
 deteriorated _____
 abandoned _____

g. Threats: None

10. SIGNIFICANCE (use additional sheet if necessary):

a. Architect/Builder/Engineer:

b. Style/Period: Neoclassicalc. Date(s): ca. 1850

11. BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Pugh, Mary. Interview - September 6, 1984

Hampshire County Deed Book 170, page 71; 91, page 421; 88, page 343; 80, page 196;
 76, page 75; 74, page 184.

12. FORM PREPARED BY

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DATE September 1984

a. Address

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b. Organization

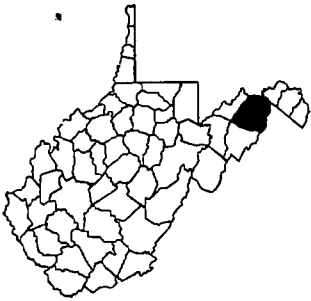
Region VIII Planning and Development Council.

The small two story brick building is constructed using the Flemish bond pattern. Little has been recorded concerning the history of the building, however, local residents can remember when it was Austins Restaurant. Deed references indicate Cornelius A. Austin owned the building in 1922.

Early photographs were not available to determine significant changes in the structure, however, when one examines the Main Street facade it is evident that changes have been made. Two flat arches top the large glass windows in a fashion that is consistent with the upper story fenestration, which had double hung sashes. A dentil band runs the length of the roofline on this facade.

The architectural features of this building are not common of building construction today, or fifty years ago. An early property transaction in 1875, for a sum greater than what vacant lots in the town were being sold, lead one to believe the present building occupied this site. Further, a transaction between James Gibson and Susan, his wife of the first part, and David Gibson of the second, dated 1844, included lots 57 and 58 of the town for a sum of \$5000. The aforementioned building occupies a portion of lot 57. This deed, however, does not specifically mention individual structures on the two lots, only makes mention to improvements.





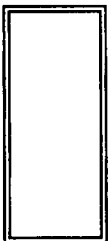
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WEST VIRGINIA HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM

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Street Address 8 West Main Street	Common/Historic Name/Both ☐ ☐ ☐ Austin Restaurant	Field Survey # 9	Site # (SHPO Only) HM-0047
Town or Community Romney	County Hampshire County	Negative No. 2	NR Listed Date
Architect/Builder	Date of Construction early 19 th century	Style	
Exterior Siding/Materials Brick	Roofing Material Standing Seam Metal	Foundation Fieldstone	
Property Use or Function Residence ☐ Commercial + Other ☐	UTM #	Photograph (2" x 3" Contact)	
Survey Organization & Date Archer, 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.

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Present Owners Phone # _____	Owners Mailing Address _____ _____ _____
Describe Setting _____ Acres _____ Archaeological Artifacts Present	
Description of Buildings or Site (Original and Present) _____ 2 _____ Stories _____ 3 _____ Front Bays This building's Flemish Bond brick, jackarches, and mouse tooth cornice treatment suggest it is a close contemporary of the c.1790 Kerns House. The low-pitch gable roof is sheathed in standing seam metal. The eaves display very little overhang. Surviving original jackarches indicate the large commercial windows, doors, and nicely dentilated trim work on the lower level are later considerations. (Use Continuation Sheets)	
Alterations ☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, describe: Large commercial windows, doors, and nicely dentilated trim work. Late 19 th - early 20 th century	
Additions ☐ Yes ☒ No If yes, describe:	
Describe All Outbuildings (Use Continuation Sheets)	
Statement of Significance Contributing (Use Continuation Sheets)	
Bibliographical References (Use Continuation Sheets)	
Form Prepared By: Sherri Marsh Johns Date: April 2007 Name/Organization: Aarcher Inc. Address: 910 Commerce Road, Annapolis, MD 21401 Phone #: (410) 897-9100	

WEST VIRGINIA HISTORIC PROPERTY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

NAME Romney Commercial Historic District

SITE# HM-0141

9. 8 West Main Street (early 19th century)

Formerly Surveyed as Austin Restaurant
HM 0047-0012 /Deed Reference 0170/0071

Negative #2

Contributing: Field Survey #9



Located immediately adjacent the (Old) First National Bank of Romney, this building's Flemish Bond brick, jackarches, and mouse tooth cornice treatment suggest it is a close contemporary of the c. 1790 Kerns House. The 3-bay building sits on a fieldstone foundation. The low-pitch gable roof is sheathed in standing seam metal. The eaves display very little overhang. Surviving original jackarches indicate the large commercial windows, doors, and nicely dentilated trim work on the lower level are later considerations. These appear to date to the late-19th or early-20th century. This building is in good condition and contributes to the Romney Commercial Historic District.