

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

RATING CHD
CONTEXT Commerce

File No:
Theme(s):
Neg Note:
USGS Quad:
UTM Ref:
AM-0047-0015

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

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

2. LOCATION, street/road: Main Street

city/town: Romney
(incorporated/unincorporated)

3. USE/FUNCTION, present: Store Building

(public/private,
restricted)

original: Store building and dwelling.

4. OWNER/ADDRESS, present: John E. Daskal
Romney

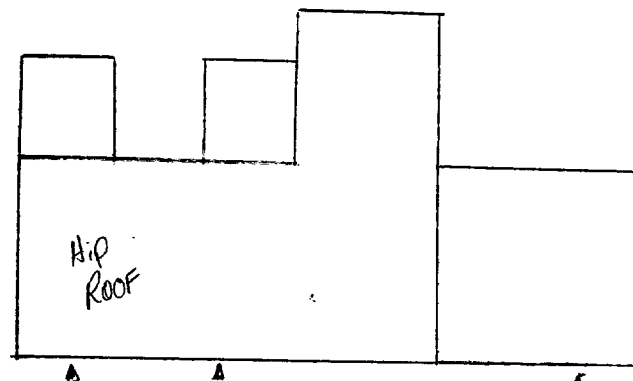
(public/private)

original: Henry G. Houser
Romney

5. PHOTO/SKETCH OF:

7. PLAN (include approx. dimensions):

ATTACHED.



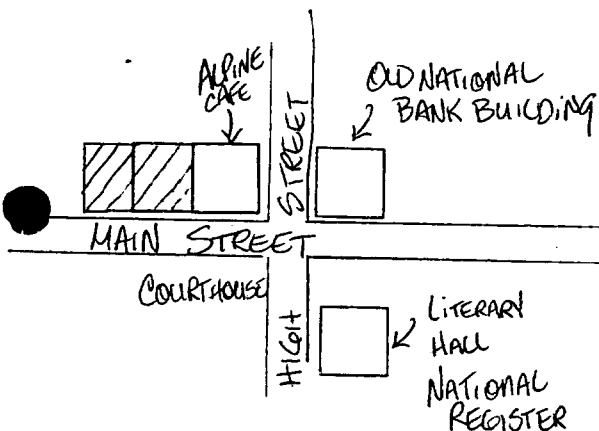
Projecting
BAY -
UPPER STORY

G.M.

6. LOCALE/ENVIRONMENT(map):

8. ACREAGE (approx):

Lot Size:
66' X 142'



Survey Region: _____
Planning District: _____

COUNTY: Hampshire

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a. Exterior Fabric

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

b. Structural System

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

c. Roofing Material

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

d. Associated Structures (use/type):

outbuildings _____

 dependencies _____

 other _____

e. Integrity (include dates):

original site/relocated _____
 alterations _____

 additions Cinder block section at
back - see Plan.

f. Condition:

excellent _____
 good X _____
 fair _____
 deteriorated _____
 abandoned _____

g. Threats: None, at present time.

10. SIGNIFICANCE (use additional sheet if necessary):

a. Architect/Builder/Engineer:

Henry G. Houser

b. Style/Period:

Italianate

c. Date(s):

ca. 1880

11. BIBLIOGRAPHY:

The Hampshire Review., December 7, 1921., Volume 38., Number 11.

Hampshire County Deed Book 245, page 499; 155, page 409; 70, page 149; 58, page 213.

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Region VIII Planning and Development Council.

Houser Building



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Courthouse records indicate Mary Kidd, on March 7, 1877, sold Henry G. Houser lot Number 3 of the subdivision of the original lot 67 in Romney for \$500. At this time there was no mention of a store building in the transfer (Deed Book 70, page 149). Later, however, the property was referred to as the dwelling and store building of the late H.G. Houser, (Deed Book 155, page 409). A metal sign at the back of the store building has Housers TV and Radio Service, with the phone number being 202.

The Hampshire Review, in its December 7, 1921 edition, ran an advertisement declaring H.T. Sanders, successor to J. P. Bailey, dealer in groceries, flour and provisions, with the location being the Houser Building, Main Street.

The building has both a hip and gabled roof line, decorated scroll work with a slight balcony above the first floor and a projecting bay.