

HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

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

RATING ~~NR~~ ^{CE}
CONTEXT Residential

(Staff Use Only)

UTM Ref:	USGS Quad:	Neg Note:	Theme(s):	File No:

HM-0047-0019

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

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1. NAME(S), historic/common: "Old White Home"

2. LOCATION, street/road: Main Street

city/town: Romney
(incorporated/unincorporated)

3. USE/FUNCTION, present: Private Residence

(public/private,
restricted)

original: Private Residence

4. OWNER/ADDRESS, present: Royce B. Saville
Romney

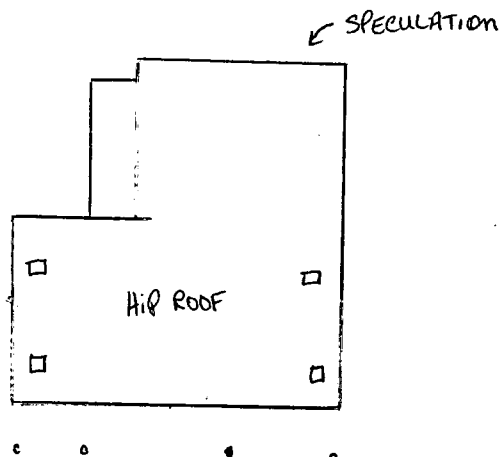
(public/private)

original: John Baker White
Romney

5. PHOTO/SKETCH OF:

7. PLAN (include approx. dimensions):

ATTACHED.

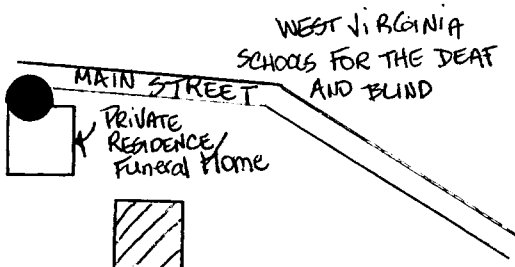


6. LOCALE/ENVIRONMENT(map):

8. ACREAGE (approx):

Lot Size:

86' X 76' X 297' X 75'
X 95' X 171' X 190'
X 10' X 217'.



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Survey Region:	
Planning District:	

COUNTY: Hampshire

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9. DESCRIPTION (clarify as appropriate):

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 X _____
 slate _____
 tile _____
 asphalt _____
 composition _____
 other _____

d. Associated Structures (use/type):

outbuildings _____

 dependencies _____

 other _____

e. Integrity (include dates):

original site/relocated X _____

 alterations _____

 additions _____

f. Condition:

excellent X _____
 good _____
 fair _____
 deteriorated _____
 abandoned _____

g. Threats: None.

10. SIGNIFICANCE (use additional sheet if necessary):

a. Architect/Builder/Engineer:

b. Style/Period:

c. Date(s): circa 1857

See attached information

11. BIBLIOGRAPHY:

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When Maxwell and Swisher published their History of Hampshire County, included was a photograph of Royce B. Saville's home - then known as the last residence of John B. White; present residence of Julius Waddle.

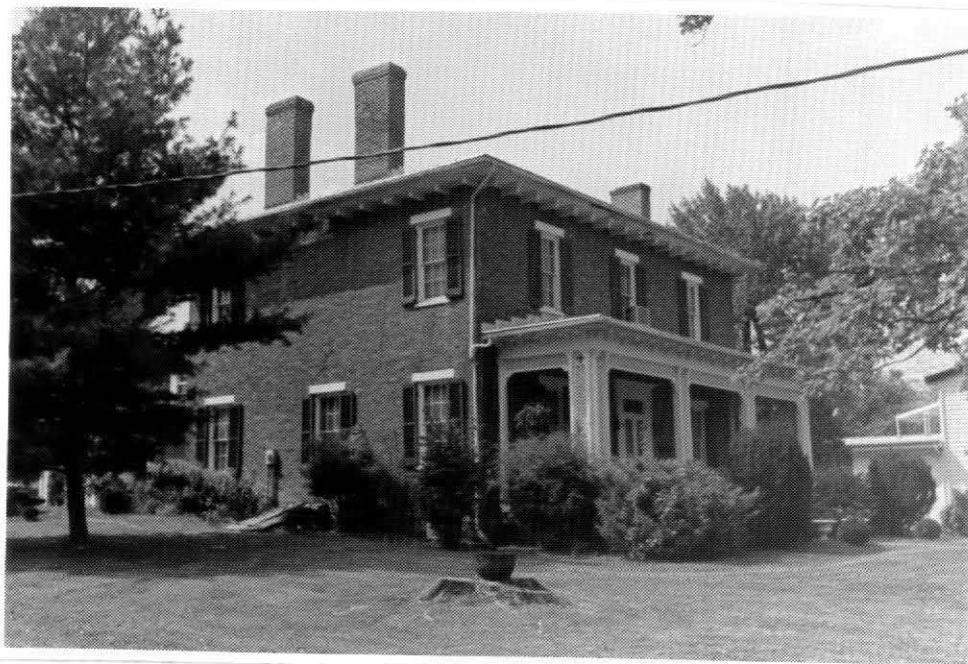
According to the book, the White family played a major role in the history of Hampshire County, particularly from 1815 when John Baker White took up residence in Romney. He was born near Winchester, Virginia, August 4, 1794. In 1814, he was appointed clerk of the circuit and superior court of Hampshire County and in March 1815 he qualified as clerk. He continued to fill both of these offices by successive appointments and elections up to the time of his death. Up to 1861, John Baker White was a Union man. When President Lincoln issued a call for troops to invade the seceded states, Mr. White immediately aligned himself in defense of the rights of the States and the Constitution of the United States as Virginia and her people had always held them. To escape arrest by the Federals, he and his wife and children went to Richmond, where he was given a position in the Treasury Department of the Confederate government. He died there on October 9, 1862.

John Baker White built a large brick mansion that was destroyed by fire in 1857, and upon this site was constructed a smaller brick house in which he resided until being driven from it during the War Between the States in 1861.

Further details on John Baker White and the White family are attached.

A marker on the front lawn of the house indicates its use as General "Stonewall" Jackson's headquarters during occupation of Romney by the Confederate Army in 1862.

Old White Home
Royce B. Saville



WEST VIRGINIA HISTORIC PROPERTY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

"Old White Home"

NAME Lee's headquarters - Romney - Hampshire Co. SITE # _____

Main St (US Rt. 50)



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