

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

RATING CHD
CONTEXT Common

UTM Ref:	USGS Quad:	Neg No:	Theme(s):	File No:
HM-0047-0021				

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

1. NAME(S), historic/common: The Bee Hive

2. LOCATION, street/road: Corner of Bolton Street and Rosemary Lane

city/town: Romney
(incorporated/unincorporated)

3. USE/FUNCTION, present: Private Resident

(public/private,
restricted)

original: Mercantile and Private residence
(See significance)

4. OWNER/ADDRESS, present: John E. Childs, Jr.
Nancy E. Childs
Romney

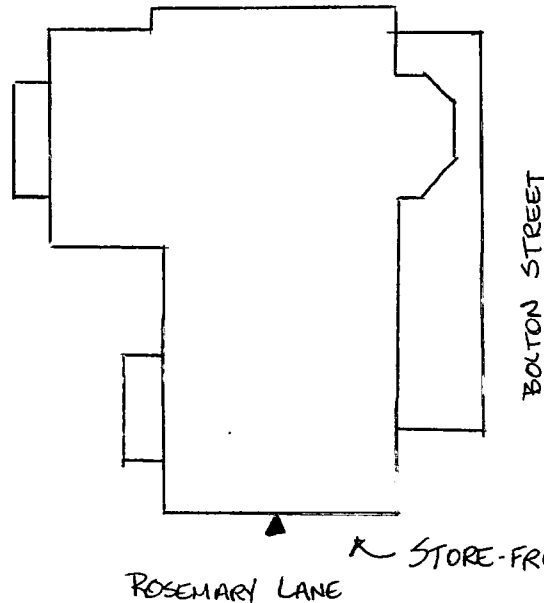
(public/private)

original:

5. PHOTO/SKETCH OF:

7. PLAN (include approx. dimensions):

SEE ATTACHED SHEET.



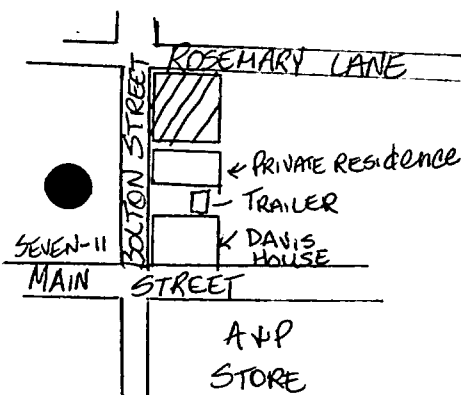
6. LOCALE/ENVIRONMENT(map):

8. ACREAGE (approx):

Lot Size:
73' X 83'

Survey Region:	County:
Planning District:	Hampshire

COUNTY: Hampshire



9. DESCRIPTION (clarify as appropriate):

a. Exterior Fabric

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

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 _____

f. Condition:

excellent _____
 good _____
 fair X
 deteriorated _____
 abandoned _____

g. Threats:

None, at present time.

10. SIGNIFICANCE (use additional sheet if necessary):

a. Architect/Builder/Engineer:

b. Style/Period: Gable-Front

ATTACHED

c. Date(s): CA. 1880

11. BIBLIOGRAPHY:

The Review., January 8, 1919, Volume 36. Number 16. (Copy attached).

Pugh, Mary. Interview - August 22, 1984 and September 6, 1984

The Review., January 6, 1904, Volume XX. Number 24, Advertisement for "Bee Hive Store".

Maxwell and Swisher, History of Hampshire County. Copyright 1897, page 719.
 (Copy attached).

12. FORM PREPARED BY

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a. Address

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b. Organization

Region VIII Planning and Development Council

The Bee Hive, a small mercantile establishment once occupied a portion of the C.M. McCarty residence. Mrs. C.M. McCarty was proprietress of the shop which dealt in everything from books to buttons. A sampling of the goods carried at the Bee Hive can be found in the attached statements provided by Miss Mary Pugh. These are copies of the original statements of Miss Pugh's mother, Bettie.

What was once the McCarty residence is an interesting building; the section fronting Rosemary Lane has all the features of a small store, large open windows with kickplates below -- while the Bolton Street entrance has an inviting porch, decorative scroll brackets, spindles for trim and a projecting bay, as can be found on many of the homes constructed during this period. The structure was utilized to its fullest potential.

Mr. C.M. McCarty was a contractor and builder. A biographical sketch of Mr. McCarty, taken from Maxwell and Swisher's History of Hampshire County, indicates that Cornelius McCarty was born at Kernstown in 1846, married a Miss Mary C. Brown, Charolettesville, Virginia in 1869.

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