

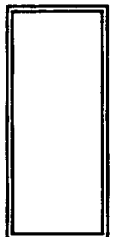
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WEST VIRGINIA HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM

HM-0047-0023

Street Address Corner SR 28 & US 50	Common/Historic Name/Both ☐ ☐ ☒ Hampshire Co. Courthouse	Field Survey #	Site # (SHPO Only) HM-0047-0023
Town or Community Romney	County Hampshire	Negative No.	NR Listed Date
Architect/Builder	Date of Construction 1921-22	Style Neoclassical	
Exterior Siding/Materials Stone	Roofing Material Metal	Foundation Stone	
Property Use or Function Residence ☐ Commercial ☐ Other ☒ Courthouse	UTM #	Photograph (2" x 3" Contact)	
	Quadrangle Name Romney		
	Part of What Survey/FR#		
Survey Organization & Date WV SHPO 2001			

Sketch Map of Property
or Attach Copy of USGS Map



Site No.



Present Owners Hampshire County Commissioners Phone #	Owners Mailing Address Hampshire CO. Courthouse Romney, WV
Describe Setting _____ Acres Urban setting, corner lot _____ Archaeological Artifacts Present	
Description of Buildings or Site (Original and Present) _____ 2 Stories _____ 3 Front Bays Two story porch dominates front facade with four Ionic columns and modillions on pediment. Double door with transom and sidelights and door surround with Ionic pilasters. Side entrances off SR 28. Center door with metal roof. Jail in rear. (Use Continuation Sheets)	
Alterations ☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, describe Front ADA ramp	
Additions ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, describe	
Describe All Outbuildings Statue in front of WWI doughboy(?) (Use Continuation Sheets)	
Statement of Significance (Use Continuation Sheets)	
Bibliographical References (Use Continuation Sheets)	
Form Prepared By: _____ Date: _____ Name/Organization: _____ Address: _____ K. Jourdan 1/2002 Phone #: _____	



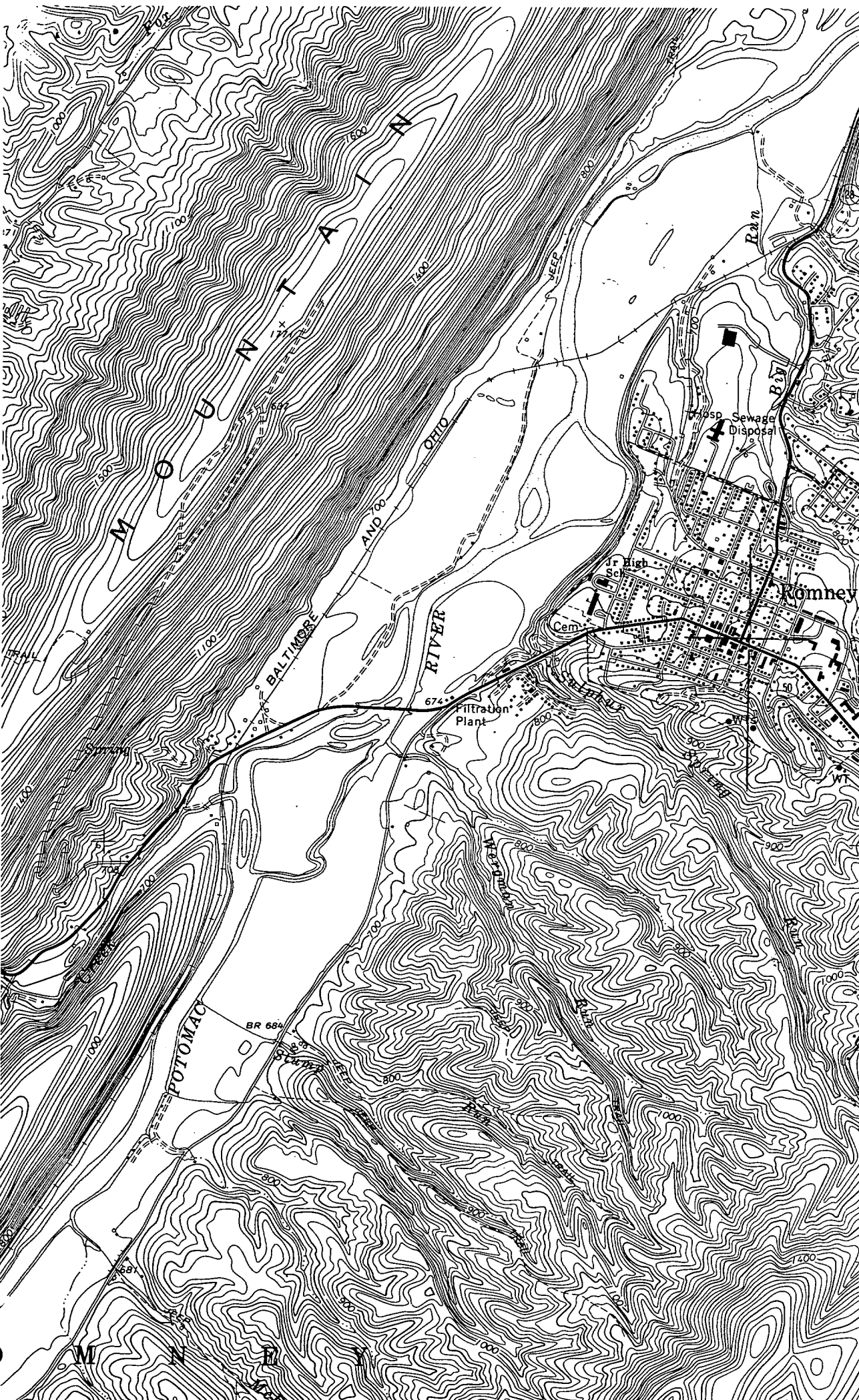
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SITE # _____

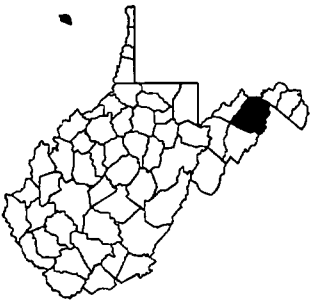




*Romney
Quarry*

*HAMPSHIRE
COURTHOUSE*

SPRINGFIELD CUMBERLAND
4359
4358
310 000
FEET
AUGUSTA 8 MI. 42 MI.
WINCHESTER, VA.
20'
4355
4354
(AUGUSTA)
5262 / SW



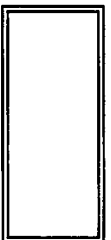
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WEST VIRGINIA HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM

HM-0047-0023

Street Address 1 East Main Street	Common/Historic Name/Both ☐ ☐ ☐ Hampshire County Courthouse (Both)	Field Survey # 32	Site # (SHPO Only) HM 0047-0023
Town or Community Romney	County Hampshire County	Negative No. 8	NR Listed Date
Architect/Builder	Date of Construction 1921	Style Classical Revival	
Exterior Siding/Materials Brick	Roofing Material Copper	Foundation	
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		

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Present Owners

Owners Mailing Address

Phone #

Describe Setting

_____ Acres

_____ Archaeological
Artifacts Present

Description of Buildings or Site (Original and Present)

_____ 2 _____ Stories _____ 3 _____ Front Bays

The courthouse is an imposing, rectangular, Classical Revival style building. It features two full stories plus an English basement. Exterior walls feature a light colored brick laid up in running bond. The imposing pedimented portico with full entablature is supported by 4 Ionic columns with entasis. The visually dominant main entrance consists of a pair of double doors accented with fanlight, sidelights, and pilasters. The building's copper roof is dominated by a large, centrally situated, vented cupola that identifies the cardinal directions. Eaves are boxed and embellished with modillion blocks. Fenestration consists of large 1/1 windows in both floors of the front facade and in the 1st story of the other three walls. Arched window openings are used in the side and rear walls 2nd-story openings.

(Use Continuation Sheets)

Alterations

☐☒

If yes, describe:

Yes

No

Additions

☐☒

If yes, describe:

Yes

No

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

Present Owners	Owners Mailing Address
Phone #	

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WEST VIRGINIA HISTORIC PROPERTY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

NAME Romney Commercial Historic District

SITE# HM-0164

32. Hampshire County Courthouse (1921)

1 East Main Street

Survey # 0047-0024 Deed Reference 397/414

Negative #8

Contributing: Field Survey #32



The Hampshire County Courthouse is an imposing, rectangular, Classical Revival style building. It features two full stories plus an English basement. Exterior walls feature a light colored brick laid up in running bond. The imposing pedimented portico with full entablature is supported by 4 Ionic columns with entasis. The visually dominant main entrance consists of a pair of double doors accented with fanlight, sidelights and pilasters. The building's copper roof is dominated by a large, centrally situated, vented cupola that identifies the cardinal directions. Eaves are boxed and embellished with modillion blocks. Fenestration consists of large 1/1 windows in both floors of the front façade and in the 1st story of the other three walls. Arched window openings are used in the side and rear walls 2nd-story openings.

HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

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

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Governance + Politics

(Staff Use Only)

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

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

1. NAME(S), historic/common: Hampshire County Courthouse

2. LOCATION, street/road: Corner of Main and High Streets

city/town: Romney
(incorporated/unincorporated)

3. USE/FUNCTION, present: County Courthouse

(public/private, restricted)

original: Same

4. OWNER/ADDRESS, present: Hampshire County Court
Romney

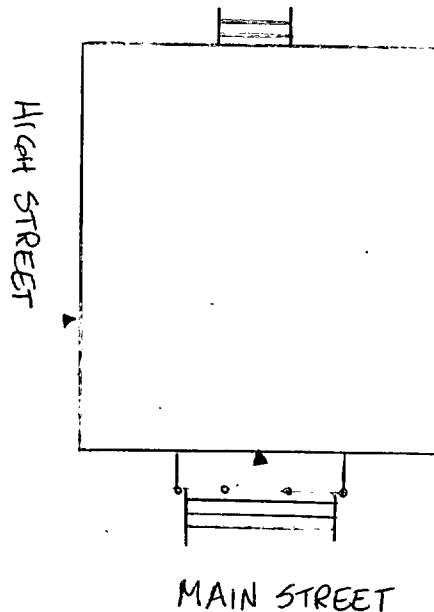
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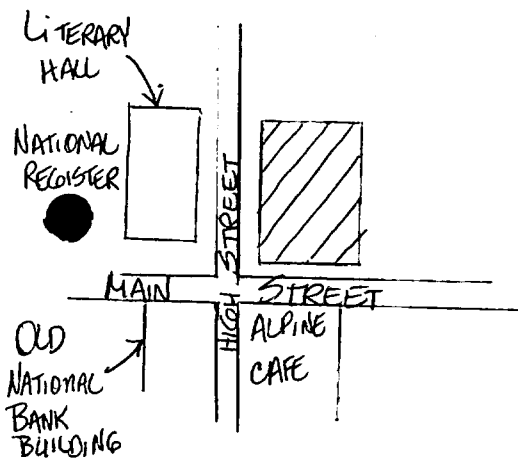
7. PLAN (include approx. dimensions):



6. LOCALE/ENVIRONMENT(map):

8. ACREAGE (approx):

1/4 acre



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Survey Region:
Planning District:

COUNTY: HAMPSHIRE

HM-0047-0013

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 Concrete _____
Water Table _____

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 X _____
 fair _____
 deteriorated _____
 abandoned _____

g. Threats:

None

10. SIGNIFICANCE (use additional sheet if necessary):

a. Architect/Builder/Engineer:

b. Style/Period: Greek Revival

c. Date(s): Completed - 1922

11. BIBLIOGRAPHY:

The Hampshire Review., March 2, 1921, Volume 37. Number 24.

The Hampshire Review., February 1, 1922, Volume 38. Number 19.

Historic Hampshire, A Symposium of Hampshire County its People, Past and Present., Sponsored by Hampshire County American Revolution, Inc., McClain Printing Co., Parsons, West Virginia, 1976, page 10.

Historic Romney, 1762 - 1937., West Virginia Workers of the Federal Writers' Project, Works Progress Administration. Sponsored by the Town Council of Romney, page 8.

12. FORM PREPARED BY

Nan Stevens

DATE September 1984

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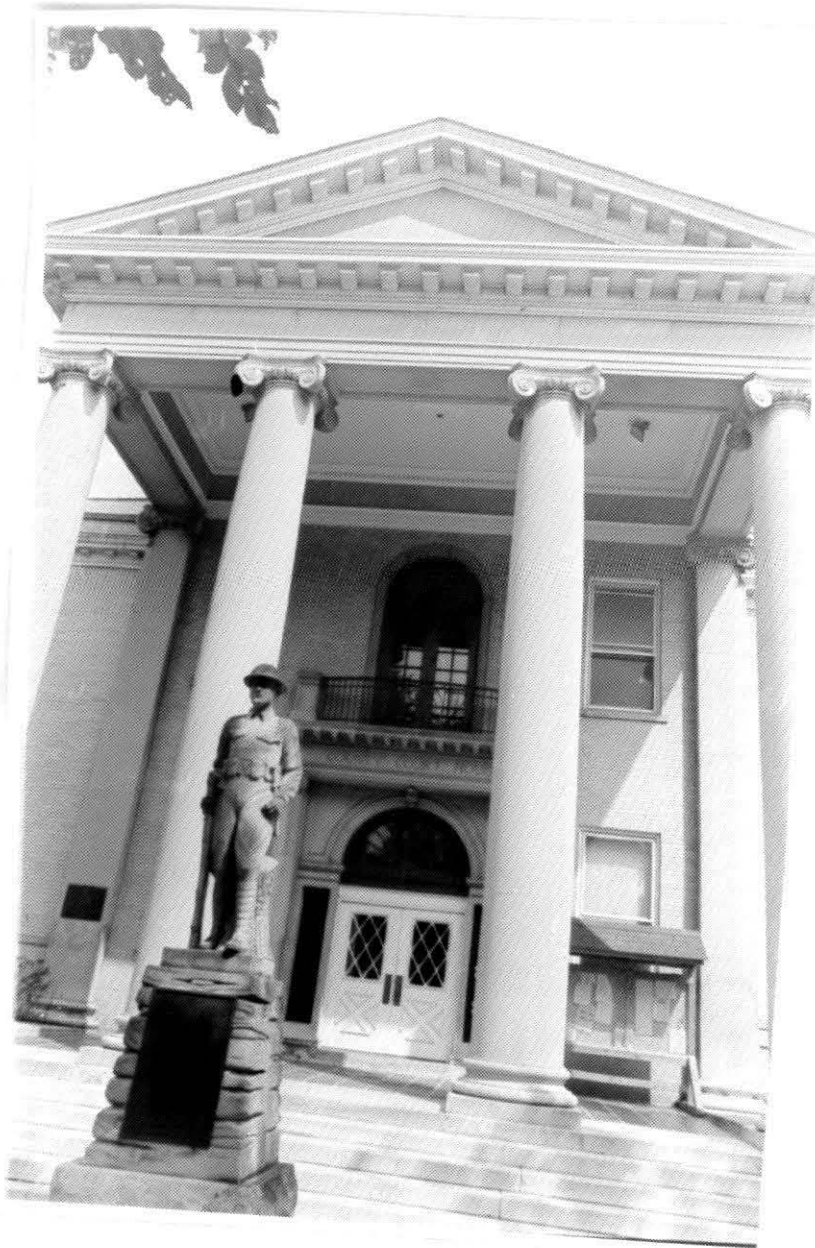
On November 18, 1762, a bill for the establishment of the Town of Romney was introduced into the Virginia House of Burgesses, and was approved on December 17th. On December 25th, Governor Dinwiddie's signature was affixed to the Act. This was the first recorded act that created a town within the present State of West Virginia. Also at this time, Romney was made the county seat of Hampshire County, and a wooden courthouse built.

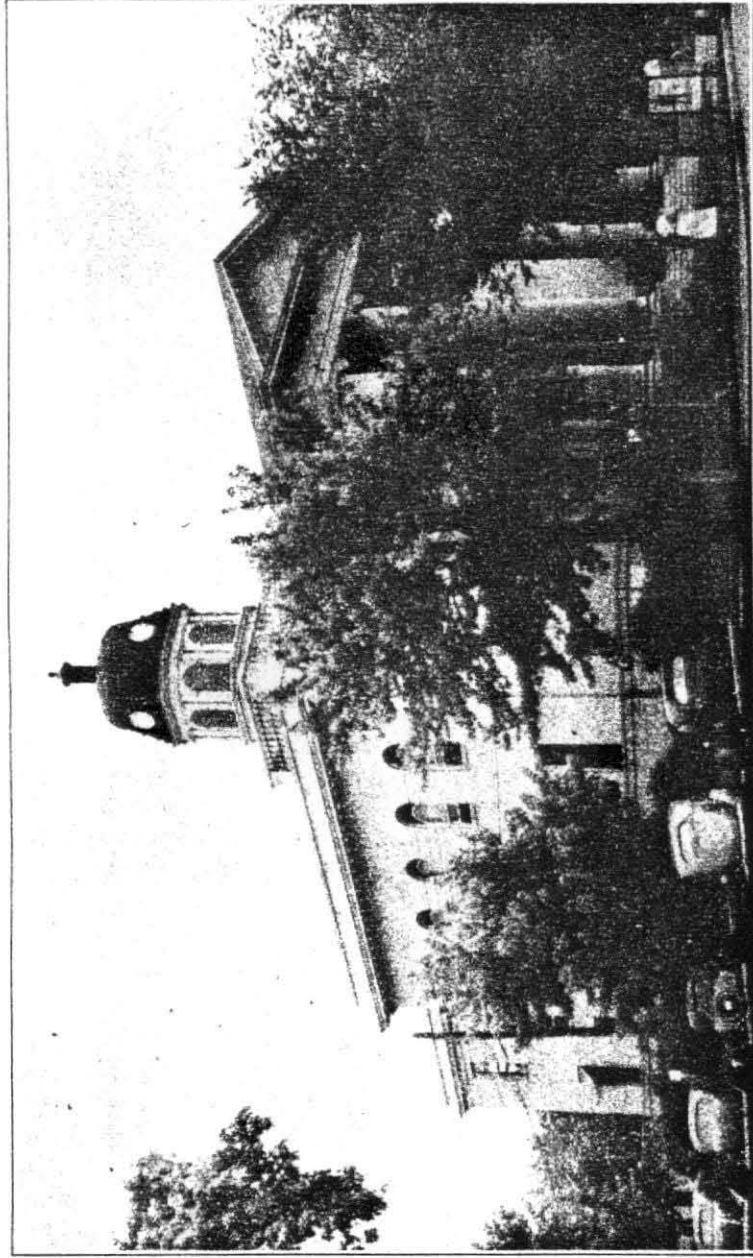
The Town was divided into lots, numbered from one to one hundred. The "Courthouse Square" was designated as Lot 66 by the Act of 1762. Deemed "Publick" on a 1790 map of the Town, this lot has over the years been occupied by the county courthouses and today is the site of the courthouse constructed in 1922. The Hampshire Review ran a drawing of how the front of the county courthouse would look in its March 2, 1921 edition and on February 1, 1922 indicated it was nearly completed.

The Greek Revival style of architecture was used in constructing the courthouse. The main entrance to the courthouse has a triangular pediment supported with ionic columns. A venetian effect is achieved through the use of a fan shaped transom and rectangular sidelights at the main door. The upper story windows have rounded arches incorporated into the openings.

The building is still used to house the offices of Hampshire County's government. The county jail is located behind the courthouse at the corner of High Street and Rosemary Lane.

Hampshire County Courthouse





Hampshire County Courthouse, Erected 1922.

Historic Romney, 1756 - 1937, West Virginia Workers of the Federal Writers' Project, Works Progress Administration. Sponsored by the Town Council of Romney. Page 8.

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COURTHOUSE
Romney, West Virginia

Designed and built between 1920 and 1922.

Architects: Ernest Christian S. Holmboe and Guy M. Pogue (Clarksburg, West Virginia).

Contractor: John I. Vandergrift.

Construction Cost: unknown.

Major Alterations/Additions: none known. Architects' published elevation indicates that the extant cupola and the designed belvedere were quite different. Cost considerations may have taken their toll on this important feature.

Compiled June, 1977
DGD:cdw

References:

Michael, Glen E., correspondence, 21 May 1975, unpublished.

Hampshire Review, The, 1 February 1922.

Clarksburg City Directory, various editions through the 1920's.
site files, West Virginia Antiquities Commission.

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WEST VIRGINIA HISTORIC PROPERTY FORM
CONTINUATION SHEET



HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COURT HOUSE - BUILT 1833-1837 - ROMNEY, WEST VIRGINIA.



HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COURT HOUSE - BUILT 1921-1922 - ROMNEY, WEST VIRGINIA.

WEST VIRGINIA HISTORIC PROPERTY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

NAME Hampshire County Courthouse

SITE # Hm-47



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WEST VIRGINIA ANTIQUITIES COMMISSION

HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

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Please send completed forms to:
 West Virginia Antiquities Commission
 Old Mountainlair, West Virginia University
 Morgantown, West Virginia 26506

1	NAME	COMMON	HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COURT HOUSE
		and/or HISTORIC	
2	LOCATION	STREET & NUMBER	
		TOWN	ROMNEY
		COUNTY	HAMPSHIRE
3	STATUS	OWNER'S NAME	HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COURT
		OWNER'S ADDRESS	ROMNEY, W.VA.
		PROPERTY USE	COUNTY COURT HOUSE
		PUBLIC ACCESS	YES: ☒ NO: ☐ REMARKS:
4	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	COURTHOUSE AT WHICH RECORDED	HAMPSHIRE COUNTY
		ADDRESS	ROMNEY, W.VA.
		APPROX. ACREAGE	
5	SITE DESCRIPTION	CONDITION	EXCELLENT
		PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION (include photograph if possible)	THE COURT HOUSE IS A THREE STORY WHITE BRICK STRUCTURE OF COLONIAL DESIGN. THE FRONT CONTAINS A TWO STORY PORTICO COVERING ABOUT ONE HALF OF THAT SIDE. THE CLASSIC PEDIMENT OF THIS PORTICO IS HELD UP WITH FOUR MASSIVE DORIC COLUMNS. THE COURT HOUSE IS SITUATE IN ONE CORNER OF THE COURT HOUSE SQUARE.
6	SITE SIGNIFICANCE	TIME PERIOD	1922
		STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE	HAMPSHIRE COUNTY, FORMED MAY 1, 1754, WAS THE FIRST COUNTY FORMED IN WHAT IS NOW WEST VIRGINIA. THE PRESENT COURT HOUSE IS THE FOURTH COURT HOUSE IN HAMPSHIRE COUNTY AND THE SECOND COURT HOUSE ON THE SITE.
7	MAP	ROUGH MAP OF PROPERTY IN RELATION TO SURROUNDINGS (show route numbers and street names)	
8	FORM PREPARED BY	NAME	PHIL PITTS, RESEARCH ASSISTANT West Virginia Antiquities Commission
		ADDRESS	Morgantown, West Virginia 26506
		DATE	JANUARY 1976

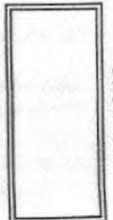


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WEST VIRGINIA HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM

Street Address 66 N. High Street	Common/Historic Name/Both ☐ ☒ ☐ Hampshire County Courthouse	Field Survey # 0004	Site # (SHPO Only) <u>HM-0047-0023</u> HM-0093
Town or Community Romney	County Hampshire	Negative No. R2/5-9	NR Listed Date
Architect/Builder Holmboe and Pogue, architects Vandegrift, John, builder	Date of Construction circa 1921	Style Neoclassical	
Exterior Siding/Materials stone, brick	Roofing Material slate, asphalt	Foundation Stone, concrete	
Property Use or Function Residence ☐ Commercial ☐ Other ☒ Courthouse/government	UTM # 17 693370E 4357129N 4357905N	Photograph (2" x 3" Contact)	
	Quadrangle Name Romney		
Survey Organization & Date Barbara Rasmussen September 4, 2002	Part of What Survey/FR# Courthouse		

Sketch Map of Property
or Attach Copy of USGS Map



Site No.

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Present Owners Hampshire County Commission Phone #	Owners Mailing Address Hampshire County Commission 66 N. High Street Romney, WV 26757
Describe Setting The courthouse occupies lot 66 on the town's original plat of 1762. It is the site of the previous courthouse which was constructed in 1833-7. Three public buildings occupy the lot. A cut stone annex, circa 1830 and a brick house, circa 1800, house county offices and the jail. The site is level, and landscaped. Across the street is the historic Literary Hall building.	
approx. 1 Acres no Archaeological Artifacts Present	
Description of Buildings or Site (Original and Present)	
2/3 Stories 3 Front Bays	
The courthouse complex consists of three structures. The main courthouse is a neoclassical design with four Ionic columns supporting a triangular pediment adorned with dentil molding and assertive decorative brackets. The building rises a third story behind the main facade. A Beaux Arts tower crowns the building. (See continuation sheets)	
(Use Continuation Sheets)	
Alterations ☒ Yes ☐ No	If yes, describe Modern storm wndows
Additions ☐ Yes ☒ No	If yes, describe
Describe All Outbuildings Annex in the rear of the main courthouse is constructed of cut stone, with nine recessed bays, two stories. Crennelated arches over windows, and flat stone sills. Second building is a Circa 1800 stone I house with large rear extension. 2 1/2 stories 1/1 and 6/6 dh sash, gable end chimneys flanked by small attic windows. Large 3/4 porch with roof supported by two Roman columns and two Roman pilasters. Brick corbeling at the roofline, large stone extension to the rear.	
(Use Continuation Sheets)	
Statement of Significance Early twentieth century execution of neoclassical architecture in a public building.	
(Use Continuation Sheets)	
Bibliographical References see continuation sheet	
(Use Continuation Sheets)	
Form Prepared By: Barbara Rasmussen	
Date: Oct. 7, 2002	
Name/Organization: Historic Preservation and Research Address: 224 Wilson Avenue Morgantown, WV 26501 Phone #: (304) 292 7652	



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WEST VIRGINIA HISTORIC PROPERTY FORM

CONTINUATION SHEET

NAME: Hampshire County Courthouse

Site # _____

Description of building

The building is constructed of light yellow brick and sandstone, with some copper roofing and flashing. The front facade has three bays and is two stories tall, with a large, assertive classical revival pediment supported by round tapering columns with Ionic capitals. Dentils and assertive brackets accent the roofline and the pediment. The entablature features a bracketed overhand and fancy molding. There is no ornamentation on the front of the pediment. Sandstone balusters and low stairs form the building's approach. The foundation is brick and stone with a double course of soldier brick at the top.

The entry is a double door central port with fanlight transom and sidelights. Two shorter round pilasters with Ionic capitals support the lintel and bracketed balcony with cast iron railing. The balcony door is double, with 2/6 sidelights and fanlight transom. The railing is anchored to stone balusters. The building's windows feature stone sills and flat brick arches, except on the long side faces where the third floor windows are emphasized with curved brick arches. An entrance at the rear features diamond pane sidelights and a fanlight transom.

Fancy scrolls and copper painted compass points accent the building's Beaux Arts tower. The curved dome features a copper roof and louvered vents.

Behind the pediment, the building rises to three stories with a flat roof and molding at the parapet.

Other buildings

A circa 1930 cut stone annex building is behind the main courthouse and houses the health department, assessor, sheriff, planner, extension service and the county development authority. It features a flat roof with nine recessed bays and crenellated arches and stone sills.

A circa 1800 brick I house sits behind the annex. The 2 1/2 story building has three bays with 6/6 original dh sash. A flat roof covers a 3/4 porch supported by two Roman columns and two roman pilasters. The building has a stone foundation, asphalt shingle roof with snowbirds and brick corbeling at the roofline. A large stone extension to the rear once served as a jail.

Bibliographic sources

The Hampshire Review 37:24 (March 2, 1921), 38:19 (Feb. 1, 1922)

Historic Hampshire A Symposium of Hampshire County, Its People, Past, and Present (Hampshire County American Revolution Inc., McClain Printing Co. 1976), 10.

Historic Romney, West Virginia Writers Project, 1937, 8.

