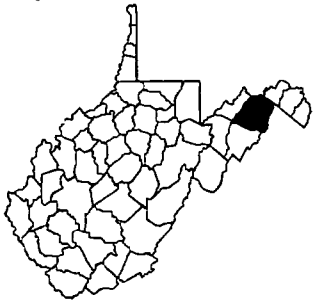




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WEST VIRGINIA HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM

Street Address 154 East Main Street	Common/Historic Name/Both ☐ ☐ ☐ Kerns House (Historic) / American Legion Building (Common)	Field Survey # 1	Site # (SHPO Only) HM-0047-0024 HM-032
Town or Community Romney	County Hampshire County	Negative No. 4A	NR Listed Date
Architect/Builder	Date of Construction c.1790	Style	
Exterior Siding/Materials Flemish Bond Brick	Roofing Material Standing Seam Metal	Foundation Fieldstone	
Property Use or Function Residence ☐ Commercial ☒ Other ☐	UTM #	Photograph (2" x 3" Contact)	
	Quadrangle Name Romney		
Survey Organization & Date Archer, Inc. Field Survey October 2006 and February 2007	Part of What Survey/FR# FR-5-233-HM-1		

Sketch Map of Property
or Attach Copy of USGS Map

Site No.

N



Present Owners

Owners Mailing Address

Phone #

Describe Setting

_____ Acres

_____ Archaeological
Artifacts Present

Description of Buildings or Site (Original and Present)

_____ 2 1/2 _____ Stories _____ 5 _____ Front Bays

Elegant, symmetrical, gable-roofed building is distinguished by its Flemish bond brickwork. The gable roof is covered with standing seam metal. The eaves display very little overhang. A pair of slab flue interior chimneys accent the west gable end, while a single stack is present at the roof's east end. A reconstructed hipped roof porch extends across three of the building's five bays and protects the centrally placed entrance. Second story windows feature a 6/6 glazing pattern, while 1st-floor windows display a 9/6 configuration. All windows on the facade appear to be original or very old. Openings are topped by a brick jackarch and the frames display wooden pegs. The building sits on a heavily parged, fieldstone foundation. The two sections feature different cornice treatments. The main house has a brick mouse tooth cornice, while the smaller section features a molded brick, cove cornice.

(Use Continuation Sheets)

Alterations

☐☒

If yes, describe:

Yes

No

Additions

☒☐

If yes, describe: A 1 1/2- story, gable-roofed, brick wing extends from the buildings west side. This was once a free standing structure subsequently attached to the larger building. Flemish brickwork suggests a date of construction close to that of the main structure. Fieldstone foundation

Yes

No

A very large, modern 2-story concrete block addition extends from the rear (south) of the main house. It serves as a meeting and event space for the American Legion.

Describe All Outbuildings

(Use Continuation Sheets)

Statement of Significance

Contributing. According to tradition, the Kerns House was built by Hessian Revolutionary War prisoners.

(Use Continuation Sheets)

Bibliographical References

(Use Continuation Sheets)

Form Prepared By: Sherri Marsh Johns

Date: April 2007

Name/Organization: Aarcher Inc.

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Phone #: (410) 897-9100

Present Owners	Owners Mailing Address
Phone #	

West Virginia Division of Culture and History
State Historic Preservation Office

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WEST VIRGINIA HISTORIC PROPERTY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

NAME Romney Commercial Historic District

SITE# HM-0133

Individual Resource Description.

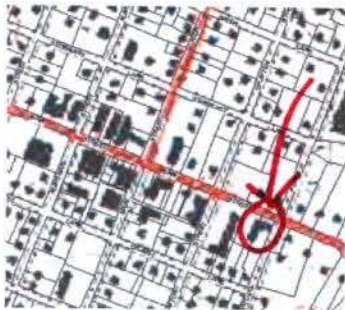
1. Kerns House (c. 1790)/ American Legion Building (common)

154 East Main Street

Survey # HM-0047-0024 Deed Reference 0167/0449 Lot 97

Negative # 4A

Contributing: Field Survey #1



This elegant, 2 ½ -story, 5-bay, symmetrical, gable-roofed building is distinguished by its Flemish bond brickwork. The gable roof is covered with standing seam metal. The eaves display very little overhang. A pair of slab flue interior chimneys accent the west gable end, while a single stack is present at the roof's east end. A reconstructed hipped roof porch extends across three of the building's five bays and protects the centrally placed entrance. Second story windows feature a 6/6 glazing pattern, while 1st-floor windows display a 9/6 configuration. All windows on the façade appear to be original or very old. Openings are topped by a brick jackarch and the frames display wooden pegs. A 1 ½-story, gable-roofed, brick wing extends from the building's west side. This was once a free standing structure subsequently attached to the larger building. The dependency's Flemish bond brickwork suggests a date of construction close to that of the main structure.

Both of the historic sections sit on a heavily parged, fieldstone foundation. The two sections feature different cornice treatments. The main house has a brick mouse tooth cornice, while the smaller section features a molded brick, cove cornice. A very large, modern, 2-story concrete block addition extends from the rear (south) of the main house. It serves as meeting and event space for the American Legion. According to tradition, the Kerns House was built by Hessian Revolutionary War prisoners.

HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

(Staff Use Only)

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

CHD
Residential

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

HM-0047-0024

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

1. NAME(S), historic/common: Kerns House
American Legion

2. LOCATION, street/road: Main Street

city/town: Romney
(incorporated/unincorporated)

3. USE/FUNCTION, present: Headquarters of American Legion--
Hampshire Post

(public/private,
restricted)

original: See attached information

4. OWNER/ADDRESS, present: American Legion Department of West
Virginia

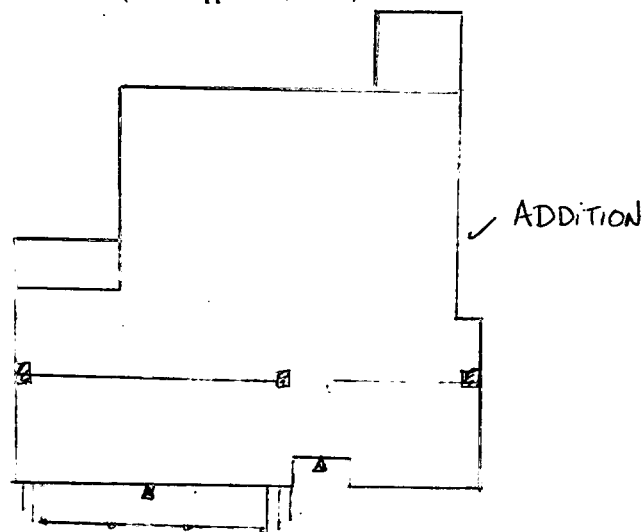
(public/private)

original: See attached information

5. PHOTO/SKETCH OF:

Attached

7. PLAN (include approx. dimensions):



6. LOCALE/ENVIRONMENT(map):

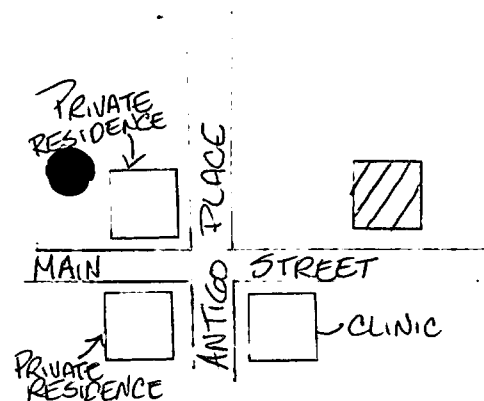
8. ACREAGE (approx):

Lot size:
76' x 159' x 133' x 10'

COUNTY, Hampshire

Survey Region:	
Planning District:	

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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 concrete
 water table

c. Roofing Material

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

d. Associated Structures (use/type):

outbuildings _____

 dependencies _____

 other _____

e. Integrity (include dates):

original site/relocated _____
 alterations _____

 additions see plan date unknown

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: Federal

c. Date(s): 1840

The American Legion or Kerns House as it is commonly referred to is Federal in style. Constructed of both American bond and Flemish bond brick, this two story structure has occupied the lot on Main Street for many years. References do not reveal its age or indicate the person or persons responsible for its construction. Deed references indicate it was up for sale at a public auction. It did not bring a satisfactory price and was then subsequently offered at a public sale and was not sold. At this time the property was known as the Dr. Edwin K. Wilson property. Beyond this information, little could be found on the history of the building. Its significance at this time is focused on its architectural style and features.

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12. FORM PREPARED BY

Nan Stevens

DATE September 1984

a. Address

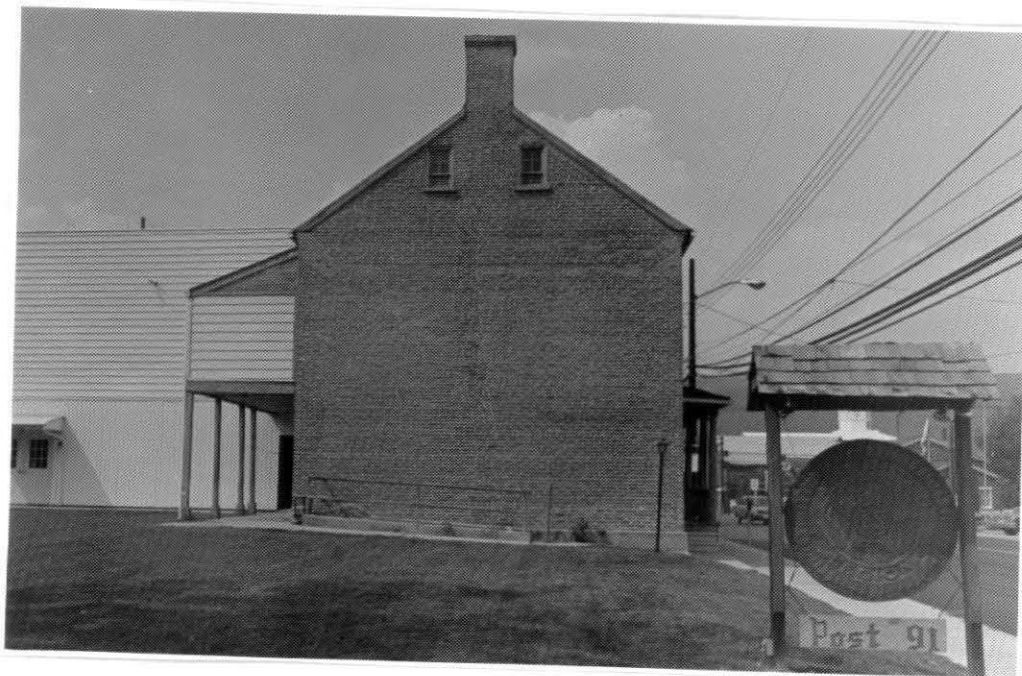
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b. Organization

Region VIII Planning and Development Council

HM-0047-0024

Kerns House--American Legion



WEST VIRGINIA ANTIQUITIES COMMISSION

HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY FORM

Inv	Res	Prep	Sub	Acc	Rej
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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	THE KERNS HOUSE, THE AMERICAN LEGION HOUSE
		and/or HISTORIC	
2	LOCATION	STREET & NUMBER	154-170 MAIN STREET
		TOWN	ROMNEY
		COUNTY	HAMPSHIRE
3	STATUS	OWNER'S NAME	THE AMERICAN LEGION (MR. MARTIN MANSBURGER)
		OWNER'S ADDRESS	154-170 EAST MAIN STREET ROMNEY, W.VA.
		PROPERTY USE	
		PUBLIC ACCESS	YES: NO: ☒ REMARKS:
4	LEGAL DESCRIPTION	COURTHOUSE AT WHICH RECORDED	HAMPSHIRE COUNTY
		ADDRESS	MAIN STREET ROMNEY, W.VA.
		APPROX. ACREAGE	
5	SITE DESCRIPTION	CONDITION	
		PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION (include photograph if possible)	A TWO STORY BRICK HOUSE LAID IN A FLEMISH BOND. CONTAINS 9 ROOMS AND A HALL. ATTACHED TO ONE SIDE IS A SINGLE STORY BRICK OFFICE BUILDING. THIS OFFICE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN BUILT ABOUT THE SAME TIME AS THE HOUSE. ORIGINALLY A SMALL FRONT PORTICO AND A REAR EL WERE ATTACHED TO THE HOUSE. THESE WERE REMOVED ABOUT 35 YEARS AGO AND REPLACED WITH THE EXISTING PORCH AND THE LARGE MEETING HALL ON THE REAR. THE INTERIOR IS AN EXAMPLE EXAMPLE OF EXCELLENT CRAFTSMANSHIP AND WOODWORK. MOST OF THIS FEDERAL PERIOD WOODWORK (COVER
6	SITE SIGNIFICANCE	TIME PERIOD	1780's
		STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE	THE HOUSE WAS IDENTIFIED AS THE KERNS HOUSE ON A MAP OF ROMNEY DRAWN IN THE EARLY 1790'S. LITTLE IS KNOWN OF ITS HISTORY ALTHOUGH THE INTERIOR EXHIBITS VERY GOOD WORKMANSHIP FOR ITS TIME PERIOD IN WEST VIRGINIA,
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	FEB 1976

DESCRIPTION,

REMAINS IN VERY GOOD CONDITION. THE FLOORING IS WIDE PINE BOARDS.

WEST VIRGINIA HISTORIC PROPERTY FORM
CONTINUATION SHEET

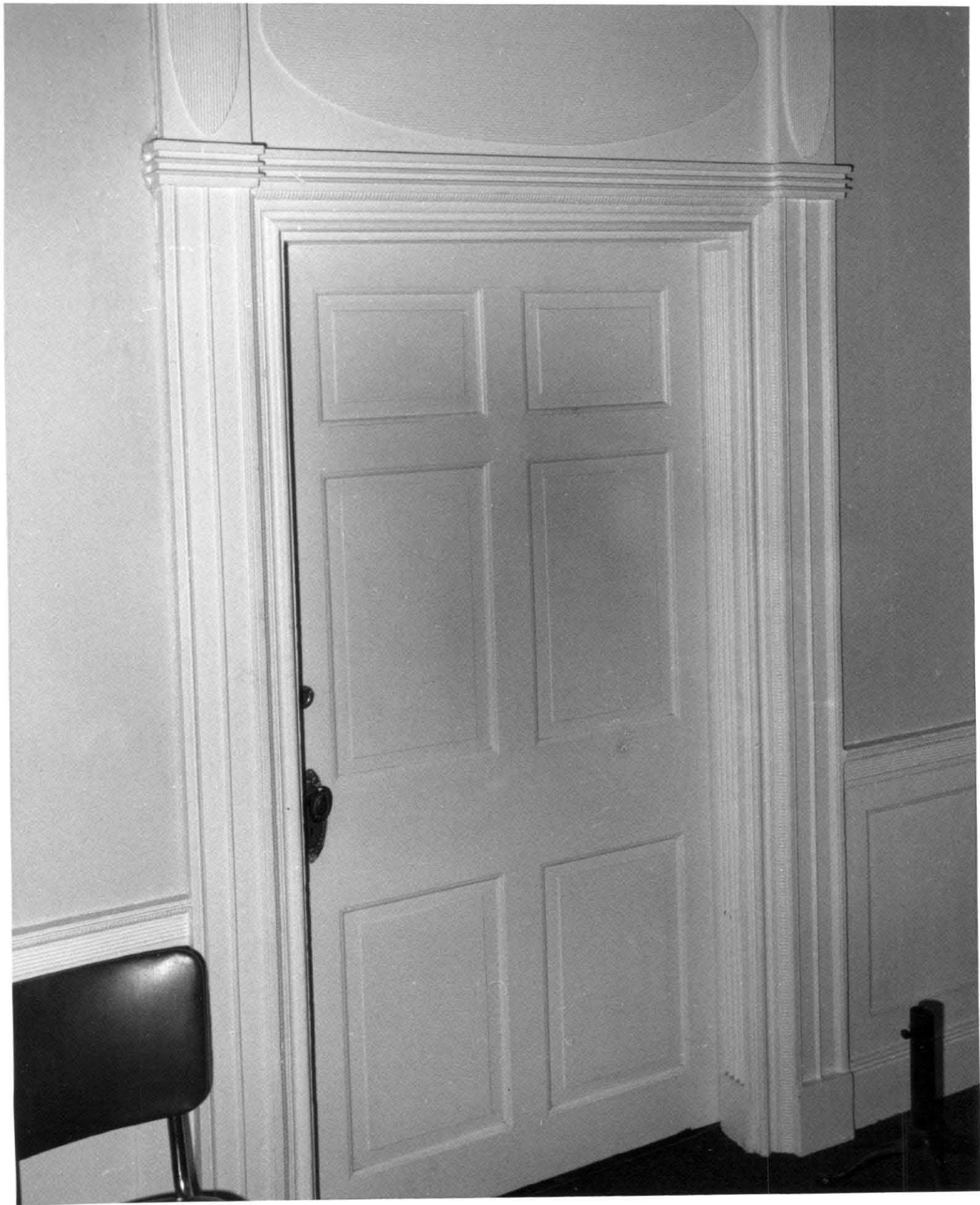
NAME The Kerns House

SITE # Hm-57



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WEST VIRGINIA HISTORIC PROPERTY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

NAME Kerns House - 170 Main St.
Romney - Hampshire Co.

SITE # _____



WEST VIRGINIA HISTORIC PROPERTY FORM



