

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

RATING

CONTENT

ACE
Residential
Arch

UTM Ref:

USGS Quad:

Neg Note:

Theme(s):

File No:

DISTRICT, SITE, BUILDING, STRUCTURE, OBJECT

#HM-8

1. NAME(S), historic/common: Isaac Millar House/
John F. Arnold Home
2. LOCATION, street/road: Along the west side of
River Road, 8 miles south of
city/town: Romney, WV
(incorporated/unincorporated)

HM-0063

3. USE/FUNCTION, present: Private home

(public/private
restricted)

original: Same

4. OWNER/ADDRESS, present: Mrs. John Arnold
Rt. 4, Romney, WV

(public/private)

original: William and/or Isaac Millar

5. PHOTO/SKETCH OF:

7. PLAN (include approx. dimensions):

Attached

6. LOCALE/ENVIRONMENT(map):

No. 4 on map

8. ACREAGE (approx):

970 acres

COUNTY: HAMPSHIRE

Survey Region:	
Planning District:	

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a. Exterior Fabric

stone _____
 brick _____
 concrete _____
 stucco _____
 weatherboard X vinyl
 clapboard _____
 board & batten _____
 shingle _____
 other orig. beaded 8"
wthrbrd. in attic

b. Structural System

masonry _____
 frame X
 log _____
 metal _____
 other S. wing mort. &
tenoned heavy frame
 foundation Stone

c. Roofing Material

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

d. Associated Structures (use/type):

outbuildings Newer shed on orig. ice
house footer to N. of house

dependencies _____

other Millar cemetery aprx. 200'
east of house

e. Integrity (include dates):

original site/relocated Orig. site

alterations Basement dug under north
wing at time of replacing struc.
of this part of house c. 1952

additions Orig. house extended to
north to connect w/orig. kitchen
Both addtn. & kitchen rebuilt
c. 1952

f. Condition:

excellent _____
 good X
 fair _____
 deteriorated _____
 abandoned _____

g. Threats: None known

10. SIGNIFICANCE (use additional sheet if necessary):

Attached

a. Architect/Builder/Engineer:

Isaac Millar

b. Style/Period:

c. Date(s): c. 1770

11. BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Interview with Mrs. John Arnold, Nell Kuykendall, and Tom Millar
 Brannon, S.W. (Ed.). Historic Hampshire. Parsons, WV: McClain, 1976

12. FORM PREPARED BY

Eugene Williams EUGENE H. WILLIAMS DATE 11-83, 9-84

a. Address

2 RIVER ROAD

b. Organization

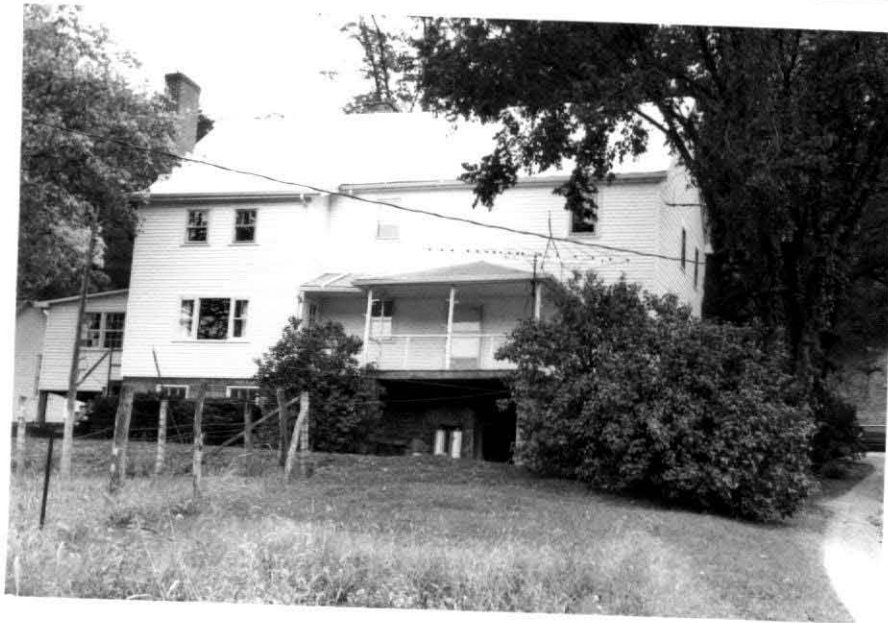
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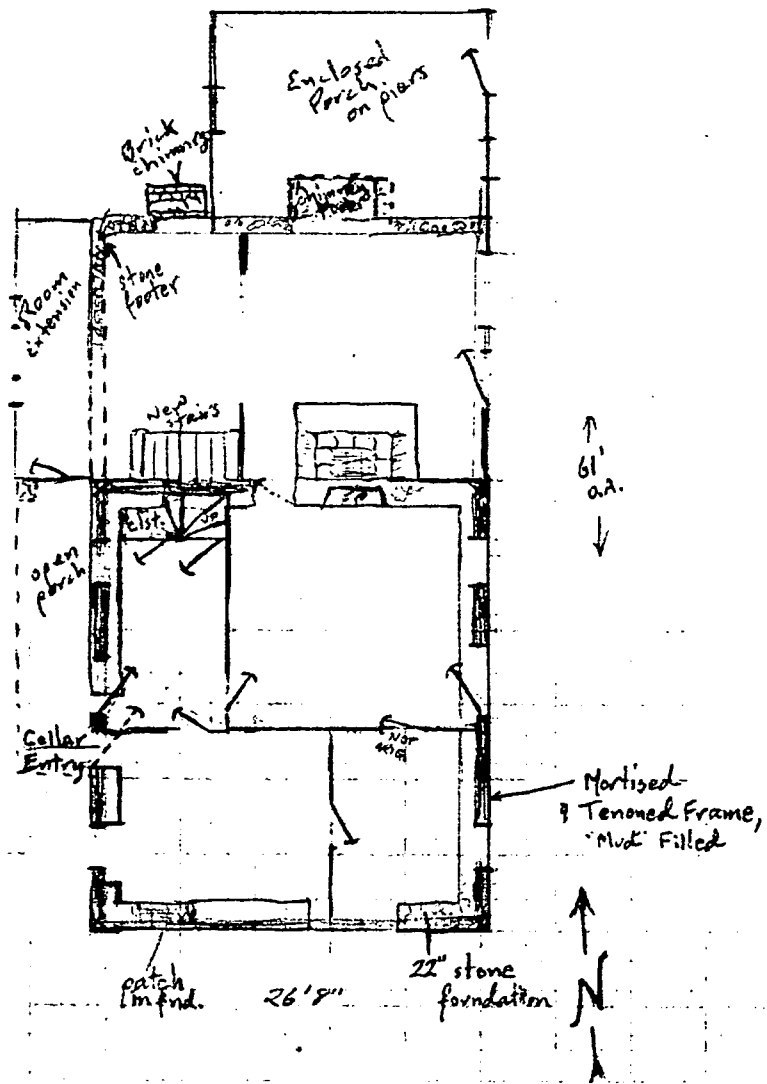
CONTINUATION SHEET

NAME Isaac Millar House

SITE # Am 389 Hm-0063



100' wide floor



ISAAC
MILLAR

Isaac Millar House

This was the home of Isaac Millar who was a Revolutionary War soldier, state surveyor and a Justice and President of the Hampshire County Court.. Isaac's father, William Millar, received a grant to this land, lot #4, in 1749 from Lord Fairfax. Oral family history dates the house "one hundred years before the Civil War".

The two-story post-and-beam house sits on a stone basement. In the original house plan the stone chimney stood outside and off center. This centers it to the main sitting/dining room inside.

Intact original features are: six-panel doors and hardware, beaded walnut paneling, and winding staircase. Visible are original siding and split lath with rosehead nails. Rafters are square and taper to the ridge where they are lapped and pinned. The lower ends pin to the attic floor-joists. Horizontal binding rafters are lap-dovetailed and pinned to the rafters. Both are boldly marked with sawn-in Roman numerals.

The footer of a chimney aligned to the North of the house, now under a porch, indicates a separate kitchen once stood.

This earliest of the post-and-beam houses in the survey area shows English building techniques which influenced building in the valley at least until 1840.