



WEST VIRGINIA HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM

Address CR8	Common/Historic Name/Both x O O Jim Pancake house	Field Survey # HM-1281	Site # (SHPO Only) HM-0064
Town or Community South Branch River vicinity	County Hampshire	Negative No. WV_Hampshire County_HM-1281.tif	NR Listed Date
Architect/Builder unknown	Date of Construction Circa 1780	Style Double House	
Exterior Siding/Materials wood	Roofing Material metal	Foundation stone	
Property Use or Function Residence O Commercial O Other X Not in use	NAD 83 UTM# 17S 0688140E/ 4347790N		
Survey Organization & Date Rasmussen and Rasmussen Fall 2010	Quadrangle Name Romney		
	Part of What Survey Hampshire County		

Sketch Map of Property
Or Attach Copy of USGS Map

Site No.

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

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CONTEXT ARCH

UTM Ref:

USGS Quad:

Neg No(s):

Theme(s):

File No:

DISTRICT, SITE, BUILDING, STRUCTURE, OBJECT

1. NAME(S), historic/common: Mathias Kuykendall House/
Jim Pancake Home

2. LOCATION, street/road: 200' west of River Road
7 miles south of

city/town: Romney, WV
(incorporated/unincorporated)

3. USE/FUNCTION, present: Hunters camp (seasonal)

(public/private
restricted)

original: Settlers' home

4. OWNER/ADDRESS, present: Sam Pancake Estate
Romney, WV

(public/private)

original: Mathias Kuykendall

5. PHOTO/SKETCH OF:

7. PLAN (include approx. dimensions):

Attached

6. LOCALE/ENVIRONMENT(map):

No. 5 on map

8. ACREAGE (approx):

440 acres

Survey Region: _____
Planning District: _____

COUNTY: HAMPSHIRE

a. Exterior Fabric

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

b. Structural System

masonry _____
frame X west end
log X Original house
other (north east part)
other South wing & center
of west wing mort. &
tenoned heavy frame
foundation Stone
Basement under S. wing

c. Roofing Material

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

d. Associated Structures (use/type):

outbuildings Ice / milk house, stone
and frame 2 story c.1825
dependencies _____
other _____

e. Integrity (include dates):

original site/relocated Orig. site
alterations The west room may be on
the foundation & chimney of a
once free-standing kitchen
additions South wing (incl. hallway
& stairs) c.1825
Enclosed porch on north

f. Condition:

excellent _____
good _____
fair XX tending to
deteriorated X
abandoned _____

g. Threats: Maintenance neglect

Heavy vine on orig. north chimney.
Foundation of south wing collapsing.
South-west wall of S. wing deteriorating

10. SIGNIFICANCE (use additional sheet if necessary):

a. Architect/Builder/Engineer:
Mathias Kuykendall
b. Style/Period: F-7 house
c. Date(s): c. 1750
c. 1825

11. BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Interviews with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mayhew, nell Kuykendall,
and John Pancake.
Brannon, S. W. (Ed.). Historic Hampshire. Parsons, WV:McClain, 1976

12. FORM PREPARED BY Eugene Williams EUGENE H. WILLIAMS DATE 2-84
a. Address 2 RIVER ROAD
b. Organization ROMNEY, WEST VA. 26757

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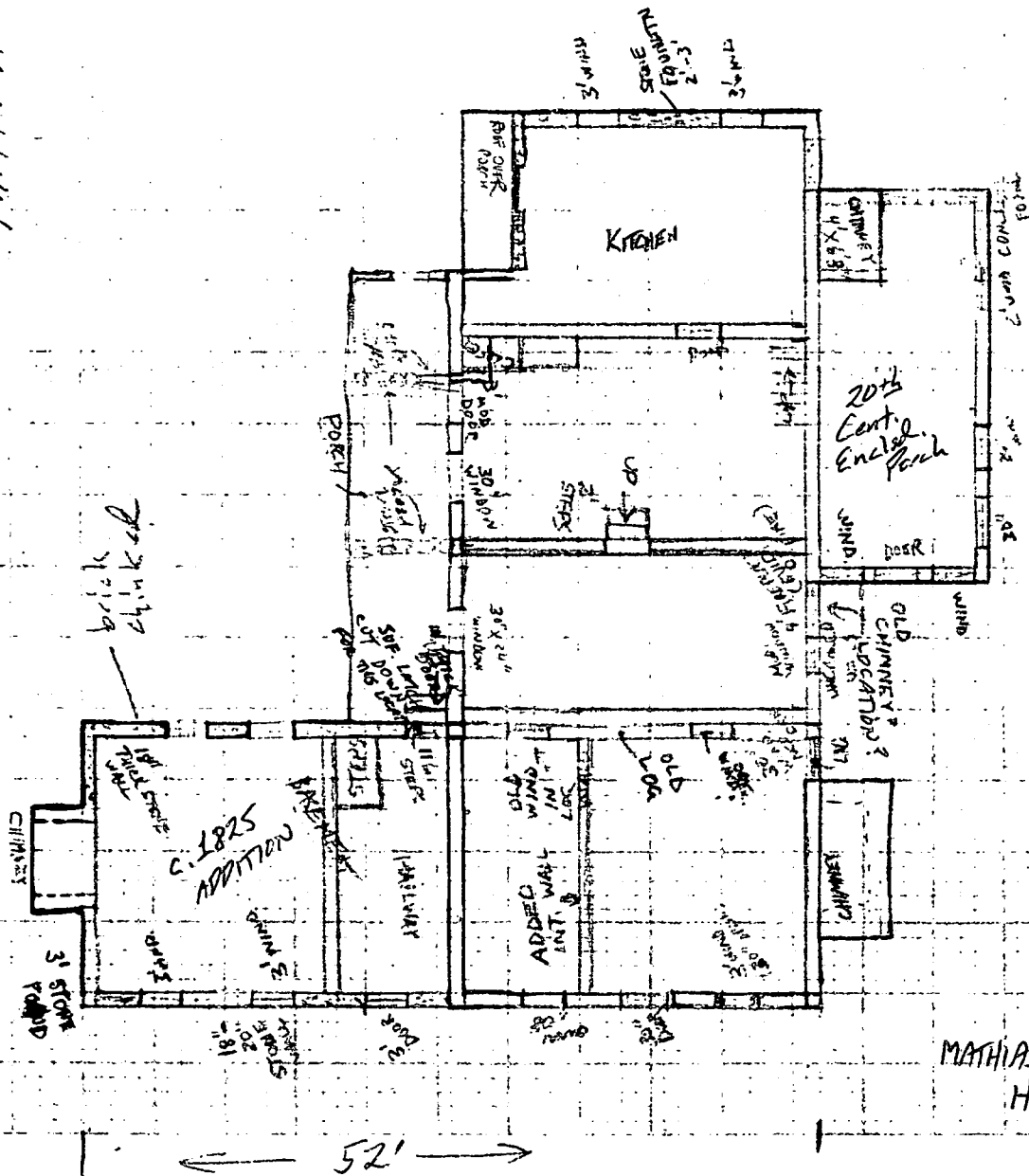
CONTINUATION SHEET

NAME Mathias Kykendall House

SITE # 44291 Hm-0064



MATH. KUYK.



MATHIAS KUYKENZALL
HOUSE

Mathias Kuykendall House

This was the home of Mathias Kuykendall, born 1690 near Kingston, New York. He probably settled in Hampshire County prior to 1749, when he received a grant to lot 5 from Lord Fairfax. It is likely that part of this house predates the French and Indian War.

The logs making up the original house were felled with an ax and their ends hewn hexagon in section before being notched to fit onto the log below. The rafters over this section of the house are tapered squares, lapped and pinned at the ridge, and have binding rafters lap-dovetailed and pinned. Bold Roman numerals mark these rafters which are part of a re-roofing job, circa 1770. (See Isaac Millar house.)

The chimney of this log house is notable as the most massive free-standing chimney of this survey, 5'x11' at the base. Its form is also the earliest type, tapering continuously from the base in to the top with random courses. It is built of slate-like stone, much of it very thin, with a rough cut surface.*

A stone foundation and chimney situated to the west of the log house in a symmetric position indicate a once separate kitchen-like structure. This has been incorporated into the house by twentieth century alterations.

The south wing, an addition circa 1825, is one of several post-and-beam structures in the survey, but one of only two that have the walls filled with soft brick. Its timbers are cleanly hewn and joined and its original interior is intact.*

This house embodies architectural features from early settlement to early nineteenth century development.

* Detail photo

INVENTORY ROUTING SLIP

NAME OF PROPERTY: MATTHIAS KUYKENDALL HOUSE

LOCATION: ROMNEY

COUNTY: HAMPDEN

DATE VISITED OR REVIEW OF INVENTORY FORM: 5-13-85

STAFF MEMBER INITIATED FILE: _____

WAS THIS FORM A RESULT OF HPF FUNDED SURVEY: YE

IS THERE A FINAL REPORT? ☒ YES ☐ NO

LEVEL OF DOCUMENTATION: ☐ MINIMUM ☒ NATIONAL REGISTER

TYPE OF PROPERTY: ☒ ARCHITECTURE/HISTORY

☐ ARCHAEOLOGICAL

DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY:

☐ INDIVIDUAL

☒ HISTORIC DISTRICT

☐ THEMATIC

☐ M.R.A.

MULTIPLE RESOURCE AREA

COMMENTS: CA. 1750, CA. 1825 ADDITION,
POORLY MAINTAINED, HOUSE IS DETERIORATING

STAFF SIGNATURE: Amanda Fox

DATE: 5-13-85