



WEST VIRGINIA HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM

Street Address Off road, by railroad	Common/Historic Name/Both ☐ x ☐ Issac Kuykendall house	Field Survey # HM-1288	Site # (SHPO Only) HM-0082
Town or Community River Road vicinity	County Hampshire	Negative No. WV_HampshireCounty_HM-1288.tif	NR Listed Date
Architect/Builder unknown	Date of Construction Circa 1770	Style Gable front and wing	
Exterior Siding/Materials Stone, Wood	Roofing Material Metal	Foundation Stone	
Property Use or Function Residence ☒ Commercial ☐ Other ☐	NAD 83 UTM# 17S 0688000E/ 4352000N		
Survey Organization & Date Rasmussen and Rasmussen Fall 2010	Quadrangle Name Romney		
	Part of What Survey Western Hampshire County		

Sketch Map of Property
Or Attach Copy of USGS Map

Site No.

Present Owners Phone #	Owners Mailing Address
Describe Setting House sits close to the railroad far from the highway; visible from the rear ~100 ____ Acres ____ Artifacts Present	
Description of Building or Site (Original and Present) 2 1/2 Stories ____ N/A ____ Front Bays House has a large left side rear extension with massive stone fireplace. Two story gallery on the main wing, which also has a stone chimney in the gable end. Front of the house cannot be seen from the public right of way.	
<i>(Use Continuation Sheets)</i>	
Alterations ☐ Yes ☒ No	
☐ Yes ☒ No	
Describe All Outbuildings None <i>(Use Continuation Sheets)</i> <i>(Use Continuation Sheets)</i>	
Statement of Significance Architecture <i>(Use Continuation Sheets)</i>	
Bibliographical References <i>(Use Continuation Sheets)</i>	
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 State Historic Preservation Office

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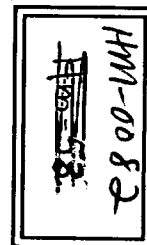
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HM-0082

STREET ADDRESS River Road		COMMON/HISTORIC NAME NATHANIEL Y ISSAC KUYKENDALL HOUSE		NO. IN SURVEY 1		NO. OF BAYS 3 ☐ FRONT SIDE	
TOWN OR COMMUNITY Romney		COUNTY Hampshire		NEGATIVE NO.		NOT VISIBLE FROM ROAD ☐	
ARCHITECT/BUILDER Nathaniel Kuykendall, AIA, bld. Isaac Kuykendall, bld.		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION 1789 c. 1826 Ell		EXTERIOR BUILDING FABRIC Sandstone			
DATE NAT. REGISTER LISTED _____ STATE REGISTER LISTED _____		ROOFING MATERIAL Standing seam, Tin		STYLE (STAFF USE ONLY) FEDERAL			
PROPERTY USE OR FUNCTION RESIDENCE		TYPE OF FOUNDATION Stone		PHOTOGRAPH (2" X 3" CONTACT)			
SURVEY ORGANIZATION AND DATE WVSHPO - 1990 (1979)		QUADRANGLE NAME Romney					
		PART OF WHAT SURVEY Hampshire County					

NM



SITE NO.

PRESENT OWNERS

Don Wagoner

OWNER ADDRESS

791 Broadway
New York, NY 10003

GENERAL CONDITION OF PROPERTY

Deteriorated

ADDITIONS



YES



NO

IF YES, DESCRIBE

Two story ell with full length porch c. 1826

ALTERATIONS



YES



NO

IF YES, DESCRIBE

Tin roof - 3 windows were enlarged c. 1826

NO. AND NATURE OF OUTBUILDINGS

Stone spring and ice house and small
wooden barn c. 1800.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY (ORIGINAL AND PRESENT)

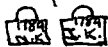
The doors and windows are gone but a roof was maintained. Much repair of masonry is needed i.e.: chimneys, foundation, doors, window sills, and the east facade of older part. Vandalism necessitates much repair of mantels, plaster and moldings.

So. Branch Valley RR tracks run within 12 ft. of the west facade. There is a threat from drainage, vibration and actual derailment. The RR is being restored but at present represents a real threat to the house. (see color photo)

Dutch stone three-story 1789 house.

HISTORICAL/CULTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

The builder and architect came to Romney from Minnisink, N.J. and was a stone mason. With his son Isaac he built many stone homes and turnpikes in this So. Branch Valley. He built this building as his own home and perhaps therefore it represents his best work. Minnisink, NJ is well known for its stone houses and Nathaniel came from that tradition. The house has had few alterations through the years and maintains most of its original integrity. [Please note stone plaque near peak of roof in Photo #3. A corresponding plaque is set in the opposite wall photo #1].



APP. 18" X 24"

BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

History of the Kuykendall Family 1919; George Kuykendall, New York Public Library, N.Y.C., New York

Original deeds in possession of Joe A. Pancake family, Romney, WV

(Mr. Wagoner purchased the property from Mr. Joe A. Pancake, River Rd, Romney, WV)

FORM PREPARED BY Karen F. Storer
Dan Wagoner

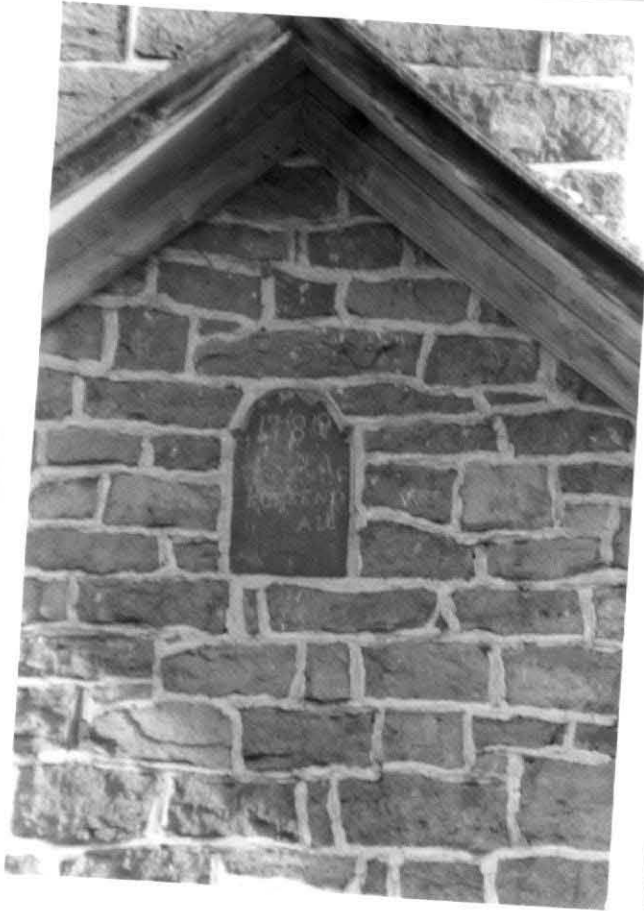
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1979

ADDRESS WVS#PD

WEST VIRGINIA HISTORIC PROPERTY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

NAME KUY KENDALL

SITE # AB 53 HM-0082



WEST VIRGINIA HISTORIC PROPERTY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

NAME KUYKENDALL House

SITE # ~~AB-52~~ HM-0082



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

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

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

1. NAME(S), historic/common: Nathaniel & Isaac Kuykendall
House

2. LOCATION, street/road: $\frac{1}{2}$ mile west of River Road
3 miles south of
city/town: Romney, WV
(incorporated/unincorporated)

3. USE/FUNCTION, present: Seasonal residence, private

(public/private,
restricted)

original: Private home

4. OWNER/ADDRESS, present: Robert D. Wagoner
791 Broadway, New York, NY 10003

(public/private)

original: Nathaniel Kuykendall
Romney, Virginia

5. PHOTO/SKETCH OF:

7. PLAN (include approx. dimensions):

Attached

6. LOCALE/ENVIRONMENT(map):

No. 11 on map

8. ACREAGE (approx):

1 acre

COUNTY: Hampshire

Survey Region:	
Planning District:	

14 9. DESCRIPTION (clarify as appropriate):

a. Exterior Fabric

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

b. Structural System

masonry X stone
 frame _____
 log _____
 metal _____
 other _____
 foundation stone

c. Roofing Material

wood _____
 metal X non-crimped
~~stone~~ stand. seam
 tile _____
 asphalt _____
 composition _____
 other _____

d. Associated Structures (use/type):

outbuildings Ice/Milk house contempor-
ary w/main house ell, c. 1826
2 story, cut stone & frame *photo
 dependencies _____

other Small 20th cent. barn
Ruin of stone barn

e. Integrity (include dates):

original site/relocated Orig. site
 alterations _____
 additions Ell (wing) added c. 1826

f. Condition:

excellent _____
 good X restoration
 fair in progress
 deteriorated _____
 abandoned _____

g. Threats: Proximity to State-owned South Branch
 Valley Rail Road line. Recent up-
 grading of RR track has reduced
 likelihood of accidental derailment.

10. SIGNIFICANCE (use additional sheet if necessary):

a. Architect/Builder/Engineer:
Nathaniel Kuykendall
& son, Issac
 b. Style/Period: _____
 c. Date(s): 1789, 1826

See attachment

11. BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Hampshire Co. Tax record 1785

EUGENE H. WILLIAMS
 Bx 2, RIVER ROAD
 ROMNEY, WEST VA. 26757

Date: 9-84
 10-81

HISTORIC PRESERVATION UNIT
DEPARTMENT of CULTURE & HISTORY
SCIENCE & CULTURE CENTER
CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA 25305

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

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

1. NAME(S), historic/common: Nathaniel-Isaac Kuykendall House
Kuykendall House
2. LOCATION, street/road: River Road, Romney, West Virginia
city/town: 25757
(incorporated/unincorporated)
3. USE/FUNCTION, present: It is in the process of being restored. (public/private, restricted)
Its eventual function will be as a residence.
original: Private residence
4. OWNER/ADDRESS, present: Dan Wagoner (public/private)
791 Broadway
original: New York, New York 10003
Nathaniel Kuykendall
River Road, Romney, West Virginia (Mr. Wagoner purchased the property from Mr. Joe A. Pancake, River Road, Romney, W. Virginia)
5. PHOTO/SKETCH OF: 7. PLAN (include approx. dimensions):
- Photo 1 North facade showing front of older section of house (1789)
To the rear is a West facade showing an ell that is later addition to house (1825)
- Photo 11 South facade showing ell with porch and in the rear south and east facade of older part of house

6. LOCALE/ENVIRONMENT (map): 8. ACREAGE (approx): 1 acre

COUNTY:	Hampshire
Survey Region:	
Planning District:	

9. DESCRIPTION (clarify as appropriate):

a. Exterior Fabric

stone sandstone random
~~most stones bear~~
~~concrete~~ chisel marks as
~~stone~~ they were hand-trued
weatherboard
clapboard
board & batten
shingle
other

b. Structural System

masonry Stone
frame
log
metal
other

foundation Stone

c. Roofing Material

wood
metal Standing seam tin
slate (NOT ORIGINAL)
tile
asphalt
composition
other

d. Associated Structures (use/type):

outbuildings Stone spring and
ice house and small wooden barn
c.1800 c.1880
dependencies

other

e. Integrity (include dates):

original site/relocated original site
1789
alterations Tin roof- 3 windows were
enlarged- c.1826

additions Two story ell with full
length porch c. 1826

f. Condition:

excellent
good
fair
deteriorated X
abandoned

g. Threats:

South Branch Valley Railroad tracks run with
in 12 feet of the West facade. There is a threat
from drainage, vibration and actual derailment. The
R.R. is being restored but at present represents
a real threat to the house. See photos.
The doors and windows are gone but a roof was maintained. Much
repair of masonry is needed ie: chimneys, foundation, doors,
window sills and the east facade of older part. Vandalism
necessitates much repair of mantels, plaster and moldings.

10. SIGNIFICANCE (use additional sheet if necessary):

a. Architect/Builder/Engineer:

Nathaniel Kuykendall Architect and builder
Isaac Kuykendall (son of Nathaniel Kuykendall)

b. Style/Period:

Dutch stone three story 1789 house

c. Date(s):

1789 c.1826 Ell

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PLEASE NOTE STONE PLAQUE NEAR PEAK OF ROOF IN PHOTO #3. A
CORRESPONDING PLAQUE IS SET IN THE OPPOSITE WALL. SEE
DETAIL ->



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12. FORM PREPARED BY Dan Wagoner ; DATE August 22, 1979

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791 Broadway New York, New York

b. Organization

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