

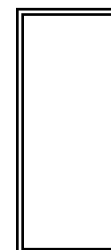


House - NE
Barn- NR LISTED

WEST VIRGINIA HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM

Address Box 25	Common/Historic Name/Both ☐ ☐ ☒ Kuykendall house and Ft Van Meter	Field Survey # HM-1272	Site # (SHPO Only) HM-0084
Town or Community South Branch Road	County Hampshire	Negative No. WV_Hampshire County_HM-1272.tif	NR Listed Date Dec. 30, 2009
Architect/Builder Unknown	Date of Construction Circa 1749/1830	Style I house	
Exterior Siding/Materials Stucco and stone	Roofing Material Asphalt shingle	Foundation limestone	
Property Use or Function Residence ☒ Commercial ☐ Other ☐	NAD 83 UTM# 17S 0686286E/ 4345192N		
Survey Organization & Date Rasmussen and Rasmussen Fall 2010	Quadrangle Name Sector 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

RATING ~~NE/SR~~
CONTEXT ~~APRTH~~

UTM Ref:
USGS Quad:
Neg No.:

Theme(s):
File No:

DISTRICT SITE BUILDING STRUCTURE OBJECT

1. NAME(S), historic/common: Van Meter House

The Edith Kuykendall Home

2. LOCATION, street/road: Aprx. 400' west of River Road

8 miles south of

city/town: Romney, WV

(incorporated/unincorporated)

3. USE/FUNCTION, present: Private home (rental)

(public private
restricted)

original: Settlers' home

4. OWNER/ADDRESS, present: C. Ellis Hood

Woodsboro, Md.

original: Henry Van Meter

(public private)

5. PHOTO/SKETCH OF:

7. PLAN (include approx. dimensions):

Attached

6. LOCALE/ENVIRONMENT(map):

No. 2 on map

8. ACREAGE (approx):

405 acres

Survey Region: _____
Planning District: _____

COUNTY: Hampshire

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a. Exterior Fabric

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

b. Structural System

masonry X west wing (?)
 frame X earliest NE
 log X portion
 other South wing mort'd
& tenoned heavy frame
 foundation Stone. Basement
under south & west
wings

c. Roofing Material

wood _____
 metal _____
 slate _____
 tile _____
 asphalt XX shingles
 composition _____
 other red oak shingles
under present roof

d. Associated Structures (use type):

outbuildings Stone "Fort"/ meat house
see separate form
 dependencies _____
 other Round wooden barn
other barns and granary

e. Integrity (include dates):

original site/relocated Orig. site
 alterations Log part: orig. stairs
removed, upper room divided,
trim updated. c. 1820
 additions South wing incl. hall &
stair. c. 1820's
West wing c. 1840

f. Condition:

excellent _____
 good X occupied _____
 fair _____
 deteriorated _____
 abandoned _____

g. Threats:

None known

10. SIGNIFICANCE (use additional sheet if necessary):

a. Architect/Builder/Engineer:

GREENE
 b. Style/Period: Mid 18th cent.
to 1840

c. Date(s):

11. BIBLIOGRAPHY:

Interview with Nell Kuykendall

Brannon, S.W. (Ed.). Historic Hampshire. Parsons, WV: McClain, 1976

12. FORM PREPARED BY

Eugene Williams EUGENE H. WILLIAMS DATE 10-84, 2-83

a. Address

b. Organization

132 RIVER ROAD

ROMNEY, WEST VA. 26757

Van Meter House

This lot, number 2, was first granted to Henry Van Meter by Lord Fairfax in 1749.

The two-story log house is the earliest of the three distinct parts that make up the present house. Its end-wall chimney is unusual in this survey area; evidence suggests a winding staircase flanked it originally. This log section was re-roofed, circa 1830, when the south wing was added.

The original interior of the south wing is intact, including the hallway staircase. Its frame is post-and-beam, its rafters pine rounds which are lapped and pinned at the ridge. They are marked with bold Roman numerals.

The west wing, circa 1840, likewise has its original woodwork. Its framework could not be determined. Its stone chimney reportedly is made of stones from the south end of the "Fort", standing forty-eight feet to the west.

Until new evidence comes to light, the origin of this house is unclear. Its proximity to what is traditionally a settler's fort (circa 1756) makes its significance likely.

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CONTINUATION SHEET

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