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WEST VIRGINIA HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM

Street Address US Route 50, 1 mile west of Romney	Common ☐ /Historic Name/ ☐ Both ☒ Indian Mound Cemetery	Field Survey # 00009	Site # (SHPO Only) Hm-0074 <u>HM-0111</u>
Town or Community Romney	County Hampshire	Negative No. Photos Submitted with West Virginia Cemetery Survey Form	NR Listed Date
Architect/Builder W.W. Keister (Parson's Memorial Chapel)	Date of Construction 1830, 1859 (Cemetery) Buildings on property date from Circa 1900 and 1925	Style Frame Vernacular, Gothic Revival	
Exterior Siding/Materials Weatherboard (Caretaker's Cottage) Stone (Parson's Memorial Chapel)	Roofing Material Standing Seam Metal, Composition Shingle, Stone	Foundation Concrete Block, Stone	
Property Use or Function Residence ☐ Commercial ☐ Other ☒ Cemetery-related structures	UTM Zone 17 E692599 N4356984		
Survey Organization & Date GAI Consultants, Inc. September, 2003	Quadrangle Name Romney		
Part of What Survey/FR# Romney Bridge Replacement			

Sketch Map of Property
or Attach Copy of USGS Map



SITE NO.
00009

Present Owners Indian Mound Cemetery Tax Parcel 08-003-215 Phone # _____	Owners Mailing Address 685 West Main Street Romney, West Virginia 26757
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Describe Setting The Indian Mound Cemetery is situated on a hilltop that descends into the valley containing the South Branch of the Potomac River. The cemetery property straddles the corporate boundary of the town of Romney, and is located at its westernmost extent. The cemetery is landscaped with mature trees and shrubbery and contains a network of vehicle roadways that lead from the main entrance at US Route 50 to most of the reaches of the cemetery property.	_____ ~5 Acres <u>N/A</u> Archaeological Artifacts Present
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Description of Buildings or Site (Original and Present) The wood-framed caretaker's cottage is a 2-story, 3-bay frame vernacular house with a gable roof and a 1-story rear ell. The 1-story, 1-bay, hipped-roof porch is supported by turned wood posts with jig sawn brackets and a turned wood balustrade. The house is trimmed with cornerboards, and the 1/1 double-hung sash windows are trimmed with wood frames and molded drip caps. A central brick chimney pierces the roof line at the ridge. The stone chapel has a 3-story, pyramidal-roofed tower with an arched doorway trimmed with voussoirs. The remaining window openings are arched, as well, with the exception of squared fenestration on the second story of the tower, which is marked my cut stone lintels.	_____ 2, 1 Stories _____ 3 Front Bays (Use Continuation Sheets)
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Alterations ☒ Yes ☐ No	If yes, describe The windows of the caretaker's cottage have been replaced, as have the front door and door transom.
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Additions ☒ Yes ☐ No	If yes, describe A 1-story, hipped roof addition has been built on the rear of the caretaker's cottage. This addition appears to date from circa 1960.
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Describe All Outbuildings To the northwest of the caretaker's cottage stands a 1-story concrete block garage/outbuilding. This building is clad in rusticated concrete block and has a hipped roof. There are doors on the southeast elevation of the building, which appears to date from circa 1940. Also on the cemetery grounds is a Confederate memorial marker, reputed to be the first of its kind in the United States. The burial markers in the cemetery range from modest stones to ornate and unusual examples of 19th and 20th century funerary architecture.	(Use Continuation Sheets)
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Statement of Significance See continuation sheet	(Use Continuation Sheets)
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Bibliographical References Hampshire County Deed and Will records Indian Mound Cemetery Association. <i>A Brief History of Indian Mound Cemetery</i> . Romney, WV. (pamphlet) West Virginia Workers of the Federal Writers' Project, Works Progress Administration. <i>Historic Romney: 1762-1937</i> .	(Use Continuation Sheets)
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West Virginia Historic Property Form
Continuation Sheet

Name

Field Survey #

Indian Mound Cemetery

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HISTORY

The first settlers to this area, John and Joe Pearsall, built their cabin near the burial mound in 1735. This later became the site of Fort Pearsall, which was constructed in 1755 (Indian Mound Cemetery Association). Both Indians and soldiers who fought there during the French and Indian War were interred in the cemetery.

In 1859, the General Assembly of Virginia incorporated Indian Mound Cemetery. Following this, the owner, David Gibson, deeded the property to the Indian Mound Cemetery Company on May 31, 1860. The cemetery was again incorporated by the State of West Virginia in 1925 (Indian Mound Cemetery Association).

During the Civil War, both Confederate and Union soldiers who died in battle were buried in the cemetery. After the war, one of the first (possibly the first) monument dedicated to Confederate soldiers was erected at Indian Mound Cemetery by the Memorial Association. The monument is inscribed with the names 125 Confederate men who lost their lives in the war, and honors them with these words: "The Daughters of Old Hampshire Erect this Tribute of Affection to Her Heroic Sons Who Fell in Defence of Southern Rights" (West Virginia Workers 1937).

The cemetery is also the location of burial plots for many prominent families within Hampshire County. John J. Jacob, the first Methodist minister in Hampshire County, and his family are buried here. His son, who is buried near his parents, was the first Democratic Governor of West Virginia. John J. Cornwell, who was Governor during the Civil War, is buried here with his family. The family of West Virginia Governor Herman Guy Kump is also laid to rest here (West Virginia Workers 1937).

The Indian Mound Cemetery is still active as the final resting place for families of Romney.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Indian Mound Cemetery is NRHP-eligible under Criterion A for its association with the burial practices of Romney and Hampshire County from the 19th century through present. While a former West Virginia governor is buried at this cemetery, this is not the resource most closely tied to his active and productive life. Therefore, the Indian Mound Cemetery is not NRHP-eligible under Criterion B. The cemetery is NRHP-eligible under Criterion C for its landscape design and for the architecture of the buildings present within the property. The ability of the cemetery to provide mortuary and bio-skeletal data makes it NRHP-eligible under Criterion D. The cemetery is also NRHP-eligible under two Criteria Considerations. Since it houses the graves of persons important in the history of West Virginia (namely, a former governor), the cemetery is eligible under Criteria Consideration C. The overall significance of the cemetery as a resource that reflects the ongoing history of the Romney area makes the cemetery eligible under Criteria Consideration D. The NRHP boundary of the Indian Mound Cemetery is defined as the physical limits of the cemetery, including graves and related buildings and structures, and uses both legal and natural boundaries. This boundary is depicted in *Romney Bridge Replacement Project-Letter Report-Criteria of Effects Evaluation* (GAI 2005).

***This form should be added to the existing record of the cemetery contained in the West Virginia Cemetery Survey Form, prepared by GAI Consultants, Inc. in 2003 for the Romney Bridge Replacement Project. In addition, a copy of this form should be appended to the 1990 HPI form (Hm-0074) prepared by Karen Storer of the WVSHPO, which focuses primarily on the mound and other aspects of the cemetery property.

WEST VIRGINIA ARCHEOLOGICAL SURVEY

SITE SURVEY RECORD

- *1. Site No. 46-Hm-4 2. Site Name Cemetery Mound
3. County Hampshire 4. Twp. Romney 5. Quad. Keyser Romney
6. Location Near city cemetery of Romney, W. Va. 7. Elev. 830
8. Owner City of Romney (?) 9. Address Romney, W. Va.
10. Tenant Indian Mound Cemetery 11. Address Romney, W. Va.
12. Previous Owner _____ 13. Address _____
14. Attitude toward excavation Not feasible.
15. Site Description: A mound of earth and stone about 10 feet high and 25 by 40 feet at the base. It is on a high ridge overlooking the bottomlands.
16. Type of site mound
17. Extent 25 x 40 ft. 18. Depth ca. 10 ft. high
19. Vegetation grass 20. Soil ?
21. Nearest Water Sulphur Spring Run to south; South Branch of Potomac to west
22. Surrounding Soil ? 23. Cultivation No
24. Erosion Minor 25. Nearest Site _____
26. Possibility of Destruction unlikely that city will allow excavation
27. Nearest Bldgs., Roads U.S. 50
28. Features unknown
29. Burials unknown
30. Informants H.T. Wright 31. Address 173 Williams Dr., Annapolis, Md
32. Private Collections none known
33. Published References Fowke, 1896
- *34. WVAS Acc. Nos. _____
- *35. WVAS Photo Nos. 36
36. Recorder Updated by R.P. Stephen Davis, Jr. 37. Date 2/3/78

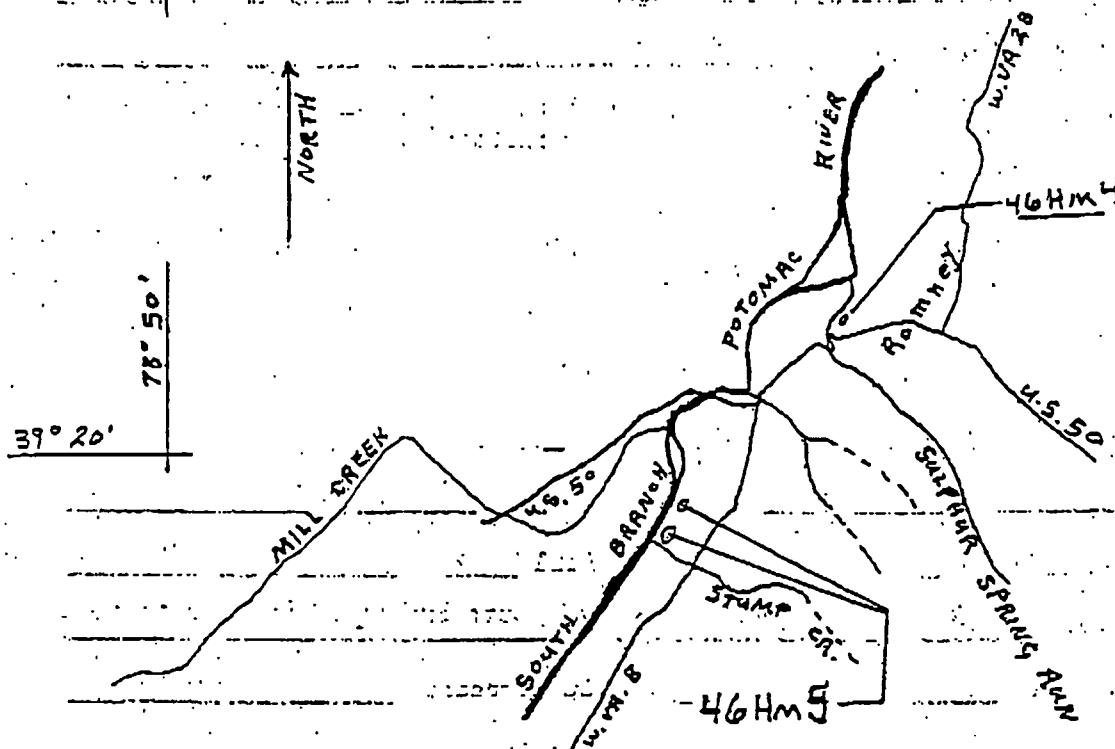
38. 15' Series Quadrangle Keyser Site No. 46 Hm 4

39. Co-ordinates locating site: _____

a. 6.5 inches from (~~North~~, south)

b. 0.9 inches from (east, ~~West~~)

40. Map of site and surroundings, taken from quadrangle: _____



* 41. Visited by WVAS S. Davis * 42. Date 2/3/78

* 43. Culture Middle Woodland (?)

44. Excavations none 45. By Whom _____

46. When _____ 47. Address _____

48. Remarks: _____

* 49. Recommendations: _____

*Items thus indicated will be filled in by WVAS Representative.