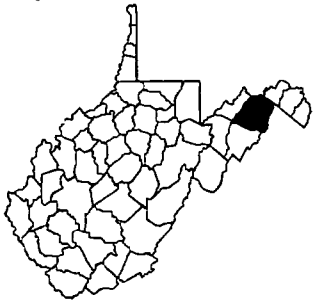




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WEST VIRGINIA HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM

Street Address 154 East Main Street	Common/Historic Name/Both ☐ ☐ ☐ Kerns House (Historic) / American Legion Building (Common)	Field Survey # 1	Site # (SHPO Only) HM-032
Town or Community Romney	County Hampshire County	Negative No. 4A	NR Listed Date
Architect/Builder	Date of Construction c.1790	Style	
Exterior Siding/Materials Flemish Bond Brick	Roofing Material Standing Seam Metal	Foundation Fieldstone	
Property Use or Function Residence ☐ Commercial ☒ Other ☐	UTM #	Photograph (2" x 3" Contact)	
	Quadrangle Name Romney		
Survey Organization & Date Archer, Inc. Field Survey October 2006 and February 2007	Part of What Survey/FR# FR-5-233-HM-1		

Sketch Map of Property
or Attach Copy of USGS Map

Site No.

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Present Owners

Owners Mailing Address

Phone #

Describe Setting

_____ Acres

_____ Archaeological
Artifacts Present

Description of Buildings or Site (Original and Present)

_____ 2 1/2 _____ Stories _____ 5 _____ Front Bays

Elegant, symmetrical, gable-roofed building is distinguished by its Flemish bond brickwork. The gable roof is covered with standing seam metal. The eaves display very little overhang. A pair of slab flue interior chimneys accent the west gable end, while a single stack is present at the roof's east end. A reconstructed hipped roof porch extends across three of the building's five bays and protects the centrally placed entrance. Second story windows feature a 6/6 glazing pattern, while 1st-floor windows display a 9/6 configuration. All windows on the facade appear to be original or very old. Openings are topped by a brick jackarch and the frames display wooden pegs. The building sits on a heavily parged, fieldstone foundation. The two sections feature different cornice treatments. The main house has a brick mouse tooth cornice, while the smaller section features a molded brick, cove cornice.

(Use Continuation Sheets)

Alterations

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If yes, describe:

Yes

No

Additions

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If yes, describe: A 1 1/2- story, gable-roofed, brick wing extends from the buildings west side. This was once a free standing structure subsequently attached to the larger building. Flemish brickwork suggests a date of construction close to that of the main structure. Fieldstone foundation

Yes

No

A very large, modern 2-story concrete block addition extends from the rear (south) of the main house. It serves as a meeting and event space for the American Legion.

Describe All Outbuildings

(Use Continuation Sheets)

Statement of Significance

Contributing. According to tradition, the Kerns House was built by Hessian Revolutionary War prisoners.

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Bibliographical References

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WEST VIRGINIA HISTORIC PROPERTY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

NAME Romney Commercial Historic District

SITE# HM-0133

Individual Resource Description.

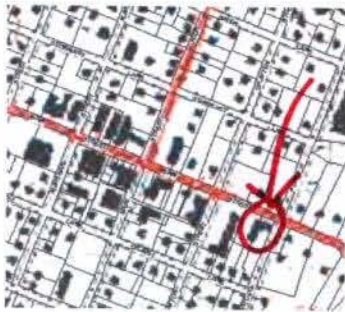
1. Kerns House (c. 1790)/ American Legion Building (common)

154 East Main Street

Survey # HM-0047-0024 Deed Reference 0167/0449 Lot 97

Negative # 4A

Contributing: Field Survey #1



This elegant, 2 ½ -story, 5-bay, symmetrical, gable-roofed building is distinguished by its Flemish bond brickwork. The gable roof is covered with standing seam metal. The eaves display very little overhang. A pair of slab flue interior chimneys accent the west gable end, while a single stack is present at the roof's east end. A reconstructed hipped roof porch extends across three of the building's five bays and protects the centrally placed entrance. Second story windows feature a 6/6 glazing pattern, while 1st-floor windows display a 9/6 configuration. All windows on the façade appear to be original or very old. Openings are topped by a brick jackarch and the frames display wooden pegs. A 1 ½-story, gable-roofed, brick wing extends from the building's west side. This was once a free standing structure subsequently attached to the larger building. The dependency's Flemish bond brickwork suggests a date of construction close to that of the main structure.

Both of the historic sections sit on a heavily parged, fieldstone foundation. The two sections feature different cornice treatments. The main house has a brick mouse tooth cornice, while the smaller section features a molded brick, cove cornice. A very large, modern, 2-story concrete block addition extends from the rear (south) of the main house. It serves as meeting and event space for the American Legion. According to tradition, the Kerns House was built by Hessian Revolutionary War prisoners.