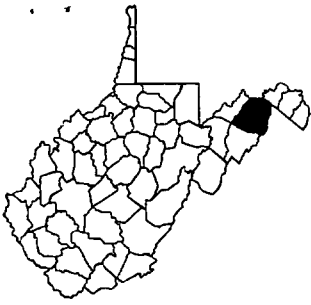




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WEST VIRGINIA HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM

Street Address Northeast corner of Main and Bolton Street	Common/Historic Name/Both ☐ ☐ ☐ Davis House	Field Survey # 24	Site # (SHPO Only) HM-0155
Town or Community Romney	County Hampshire County	Negative No. 10	NR Listed Date
Architect/Builder	Date of Construction Before 1798	Style	
Exterior Siding/Materials Log	Roofing Material Shake Shingles	Foundation Fieldstone	
Property Use or Function Residence ☐ Commercial + Other ☐	UTM #	Photograph (2" x 3" Contact)	
Survey Organization & Date Aarcher, Inc. Field Survey October 2006 and February 2007	Quadrangle Name Romney		
	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

Phone #

Owners Mailing Address**Describe Setting**

_____ Acres

Archaeological
Artifacts Present**Description of Buildings or Site (Original and Present)**

_____ 2 _____ Stories _____ 3 _____ Front Bays

This heavily restored log cabin is 14 log rounds high and joined at the corners with V-notches. Adze marks remain visible on the logs. Walls rest on a fieldstone foundation. The gable roof is covered with shake shingles and pierced on either side by an interior brick chimney. The cornice is boxed. The backs of the fireplaces are exposed in the gable ends on both the 1st and 2nd story. The 8-panel door is topped by a 3-light transom. The 6/6 sash windows are reproductions. A 2-story, German-sided, frame ell extends from the back of the building.

*(Use Continuation Sheets)***Alterations**☒☐

If yes, describe: Modern reproduction windows.

Yes

No

Additions☐☒

If yes, describe:

Yes

No

Describe All Outbuildings*(Use Continuation Sheets)***Statement of Significance**

According to tradition this log house was built before 1798 and is considered the oldest building in Romney. This attribution is probably based on lot information provided in the 1789 Federal Direct Tax. The very excellent conditions of the logs, however, makes this construction date somewhat suspect. An old blacksmith shop is also associated with the house.

Bibliographical References*(Use Continuation Sheets)***Form Prepared By:** Sherri Marsh Johns**Date:** April 2007**Name/Organization:** Aarcher Inc.**Address:** 910 Commerce Road, Annapolis, MD 21401**Phone #:** (410) 897-9100

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WEST VIRGINIA HISTORIC PROPERTY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

NAME Romney Commercial Historic District

SITE# HM-0155

24. Davis House (traditionally dated to before 1798)

Northeast corner of Main and Bolton Street

Survey # HM-0088/ Deed Reference WB25/0336 Part of Lot 26

Negative #10

Contributing: Field Survey #24



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