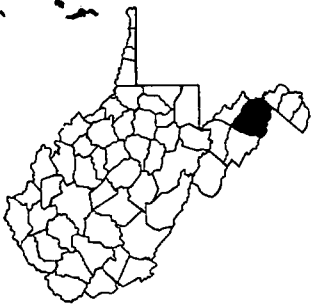


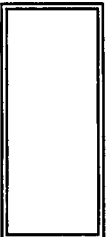


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WEST VIRGINIA HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM

Street Address Southeast corner of North High Street and East Rosemary Lane	Common/Historic Name/Both O O O Romney Jail	Field Survey # 41	Site # (SHPO Only) HM-0533
Town or Community Romney	County Hampshire County	Negative No. 2A, 3A	NR Listed Date
Architect/Builder	Date of Construction pre-Civil War (18 th Century)	Style	
Exterior Siding/Materials Brick and Ashlar Stone	Roofing Material	Foundation Stone	
Property Use or Function Residence O Commercial + Other O	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**Owners Mailing Address**

Phone #

Describe Setting

_____ Acres

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

_____ 2 _____ Stories _____ 3 _____ Front Bays

The building consists of two sections. The front portico is a 2-story, 3-bay, gable-roofed former dwelling. Its brick walls are mostly laid up in a 5:1 common bond brick. An exception is six courses of ashlar stone forming most of the 1st story of the north gable end. This feature appears to be original as the foundation utilizes the same type of stone. The gable roof displays very little overhang with corbelled bricks accenting the facade's cornice. The centrally placed entrance is fitted with a modern metal security door, but the opening retains an original 3-light transom window. A relatively modern, hipped-roof portico protects the entrance. Windows consist of a mix of 6/6 and replacement 1/1 types. First-story, north-wall windows are absent glazing, but retain sash. This section house the jail keeper and his family. It is currently used for office space.

The 1-story, flat-roofed, stone jail block extends from the rear (east) of the brick section. Walls are constructed of irregularly coursed ashlar stone. Three, 3/6 metal-sash windows illuminate the building's north wall. A tall, but not identical, chimney stack pierces the roof at the east and west ends. A View of Romney, printed in the New York Illustrated on February 1, 1862 shows the jail's brick section. The illustration's perspective does not provide a view of the stone portion, but the similarities of the foundation of the two sections suggest the two are contemporaneous.

*(Use Continuation Sheets)***Alterations**☒☐**If yes, describe:** The centrally placed entrance is fitted with a modern metal security door. Windows consist of a mix of 6/6 and replacement 1/1 types. The first-story, north-wall windows are absent glazing.

Yes

No

Additions☐☒**If yes, describe:**

Yes

No

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

Contributing

*(Use Continuation Sheets)***Bibliographical References***(Use Continuation Sheets)*

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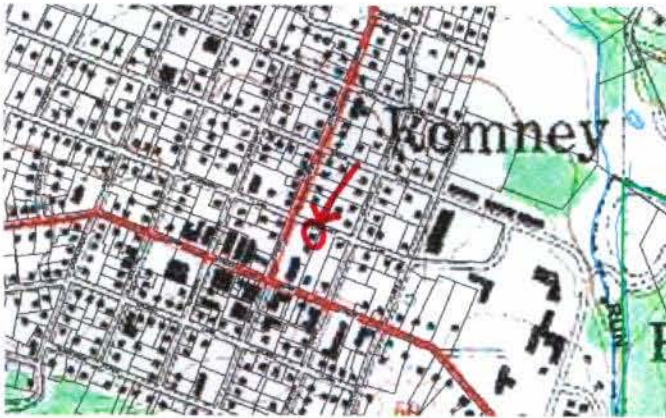
41. Romney Jail (pre-Civil War; popularly dated to 18th century)

Southeast corner of North High Street and East Rosemary Lane

Deed Reference 397/414 Part of Lot 65

Negative # 2A and 3A

Contributing: Field Survey #41



The former Romney Jail consists of a two sections. The front portion is a 2-story, 3-bay, gable-roofed former dwelling. Its brick walls are mostly laid up in 5:1 common bond brick. An exception is six courses of ashlar stone forming most of the 1st story of the north gable end. This feature appears to be original as the

WEST VIRGINIA HISTORIC PROPERTY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

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