



WEST VIRGINIA HISTORIC PROPERTY INVENTORY FORM

Address Rt. 50	Common/Historic Name/Both O O O	Field Survey # HM-1243	Site # (SHPO Only) see also HM-0096
Town or Community Mill Creek vicinity	County Hampshire	Negative No. WV_Hampshire County_HM-1243.tif	NR Listed Date
Architect/Builder Unknown	Date of Construction Circa 1950	Style Minimal traditional	
Exterior Siding/Materials Vinyl	Roofing Material Metal	Foundation Block	
Property Use or Function Residence ☒ Commercial ☐ Other ☐	NAD 83 UTM# 17S 0688315E/ 4355612N		
Survey Organization & Date Rasmussen and Rasmussen Fall 2010	Quadrangle Name Romney		
	Part of What Survey Hampshire County		

Sketch Map of Property
Or Attach Copy of USGS Map

Site No.

Present Owners

Owners Mailing Address

Phone #

Describe Setting

Small lot close to the road

__<1__ Acres

____ Artifacts Present

Description of Building or Site (Original and Present)

1 1/2 Stories __3__ Front Bays

Center hall, left side triple window with small 1/1 flanking windows, and 1/1 double hung sash in the gable peak. High foundation, raised front stoop with a small aluminum portico. Stairs are missing.

(Use Continuation Sheets)

Alterations

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Yes

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No

If yes, describe Missing stairs

Additions

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Yes

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No

Describe All Outbuildings

3 small wooden barns, one of which is collapsed.

(Use Continuation Sheets)

Noncontributing

Bibliographic References:

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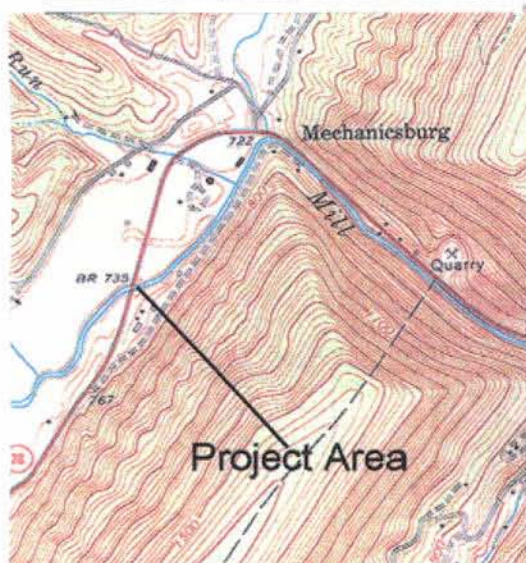
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Street Address Rt. 50 Mechanics Gap WV	Common/Historic Name/Both ☒ Parker House ☐ ☐	Field Survey # Mechanics Gap Bridge Structure #1	Site # (SHPO Only) HM-0096 see also HM-1243
Town or Community Mechanics Gap	County Hampshire	Negative No. 6-18	NR Listed Date
Builder A. Parker	Date of Construction 1779 (assessors office) / 1830 / 1903	Style (SHPO Only) Vernacular	
Exterior Siding / Materials Clapboard siding	Roofing Material Standing seam tin l	Foundation Field stone	
Property Use or Function Residential	UTM Zone 17 NAD 1927 Easting 685,545 Northing 4,355,695		
Survey Organization & Date WVDOH October 22, 2001	Quadrangle Name Romney		
	Part of What Survey / FR# Mechanics Gap Bridge S314-50-4.47		



Site No.

Structure #1
 Survey / FR#: Mechanics Gap Bridge
 S314-50-4.47

Present Owners J.A. Parker	Owners Mailing Address HC 65 Box 6090 Patterson, WV.
Describe Setting Unknown -- <1 Acres ☐ Archaeological Artifacts Present Rural, pasture along toe of slop on back side of South Branch Mts. and along South Branch of the Potomac River	
Description of Buildings or Site (Original and Present) 2 Stories 6 Front Bays Original structure on site was a log cabin constructed in 1779 by a T. Parker or A. Parker. This early one room cabin was later enclosed (1830's possible date from owner) by a two story frame "I" house and a single stone chimney (photo #1). The residence initially faced away from the present Rt. 50 to the original road location to the east of the structure. and there are two one bay central entries under a hipped tin roof on each side (photo #2 & #3) The porches are supported by both square wooden and spindle posts, both have decorative balustrades. Later construction (prior to 1900) included an additional three room long, one room deep "'L' configuration (photo #4) with an eastern facing 3/4 length porch, for that section, under a hipped tin roof. (See Continuation Sheet)	
Alterations ☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, describe House as has continual additions and renovations with the family occupancy. Core of structure is undiscernible with the later additions in place	
Additions ☒ Yes ☐ No If yes, describe See building description	
Describe All Outbuildings See attached description	
Statement of Significance: The local history of the general area is reflected in the construction and operation of this farmstead and seems to be significance to warrant further documentation	
Bibliographical References McAlester, V. and L. 1984. A field guide to American Houses. NY: Alfred A. Knopf Interview with J.A. Parker 10/24/01	
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CONTINUATION SHEET

Name: Parker House
 Survey Number: Mechanics Gap Bridge
 Structure #1
 Project / FR#: Mechanics Gap Bridge
 S314-50-4.47

House Description: In 1903 (see photo #5-6) a "creamery was added, which is a two story one bay open end gable (tin roof) structure added to eastern side of southern end of residence (photo #5). This is one of numerous industrial/commercial structures on the site.

Outbuilding #1

Adjacent between the 1959 residence (photo #7) and the 19th century residence is a one room "work shed" under a hipped roof of composite roll asphalt with a porch under the common roof supported by two wooden square posts. The structure is built on wooden piles and there are four (4) one over one wooden sash windows (Photo #8).

Outbuilding #2-3

Behind (east) of 1959 residence (photo #9-10) is combination woodshed/workshop. Front end (north end) is a slab-sided open end gable (tin roof) with no windows and single center entry door. There is a shed roof smaller shed addition at west corner. The rear of the shed has an open end (tin roof) single wide with (2) one over one wooden sash windows. There is a center ridge stove pipe to an interior wood stove.

Outbuilding #4-5

Southwest from main residence lies the remains of a tannery (photos #11 & #14) with the equipment still in place and a log barn with blacksmith shop enclosed (Photos #12-13) The construction of the log structure (blacksmith shop) is a full- dovetail logs with mud chinking (photo#13).

Outbuilding #6

West of Outbuildings #2-3 lie the remains of the "sawmill" The main structure has collapsed but still has the equipment in place under the debris(Photos #5-16).

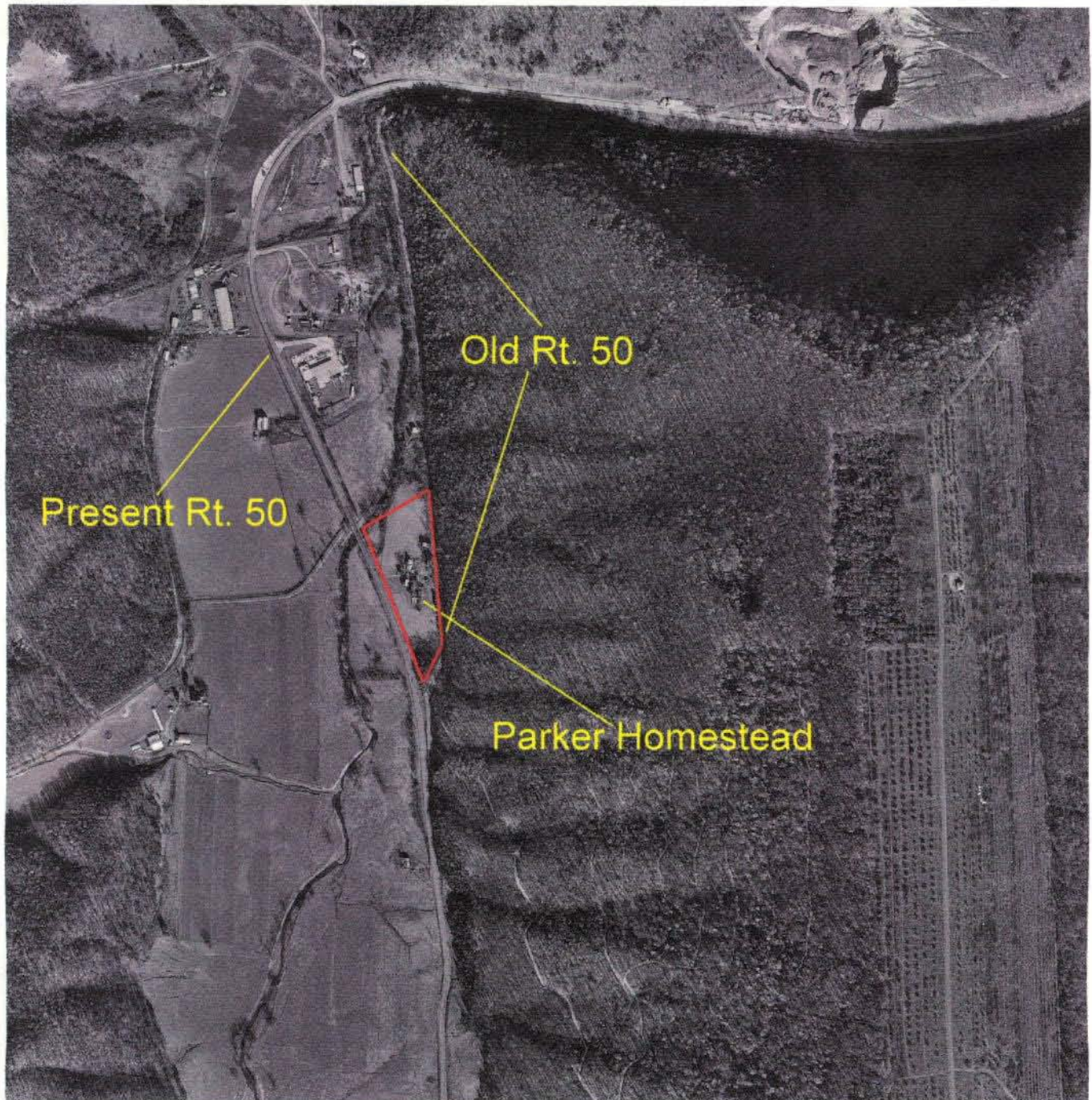
Outbuilding #7

Northeast of residence is a single tobacco barn/ grain storage structure (Mailpouch ad) Barn has field stone foundation that open end gable barn stands(Photos #17-18).

The Parker Property appears to meet the criteria of eligibility for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C: architectural significance and/or Criterion A: in its association with the events on a local level. The structure does not represent a single style but has an overall unity that reflects the development of the the southern farm complex of additions and related outbuildings that are representative of the diverse operations that made up such agricultural complexes of the 18-19th centuries in rural West Virginia. The combination of these elements lends architectural and historic significance to the present day property.

The proposed National Register Boundary for the Parker Property follows the existing tax parcel lines and forms a rectangular shape around the two residences, outbuildings and both barns. It is also bracketed by the former and present day Rt. 50 that are reflected in the same tax map (attached).

Proposed National Register Boundary



Parker Farm Hampshire Tax No. 06-009-026



Photo # 1 Parker House original section looking northwest from present Rt. 50.



Photo #2 Old Rt. 50 looking east to original front of residence note second entry on right original section



Photo # 3 Second section on right of "enclosed log cabin".



Photo #4 Present day rear "L" section with creamery structure on left.



Photo # 5 Southern profile of "creamery" note location of date from photo #6.



Photo #6 Date of construction in foundation: "T.P. Sep. 26 1903".



Photo # 7 Modern Parker home



Photo #8 Workshed



Photo # 9 Woodshop/ workshed Outbuilding #2-3



Photo #10 Southern profile of outbuildings #9-10.



Photo # 11 Outbuildings #4-5 On left

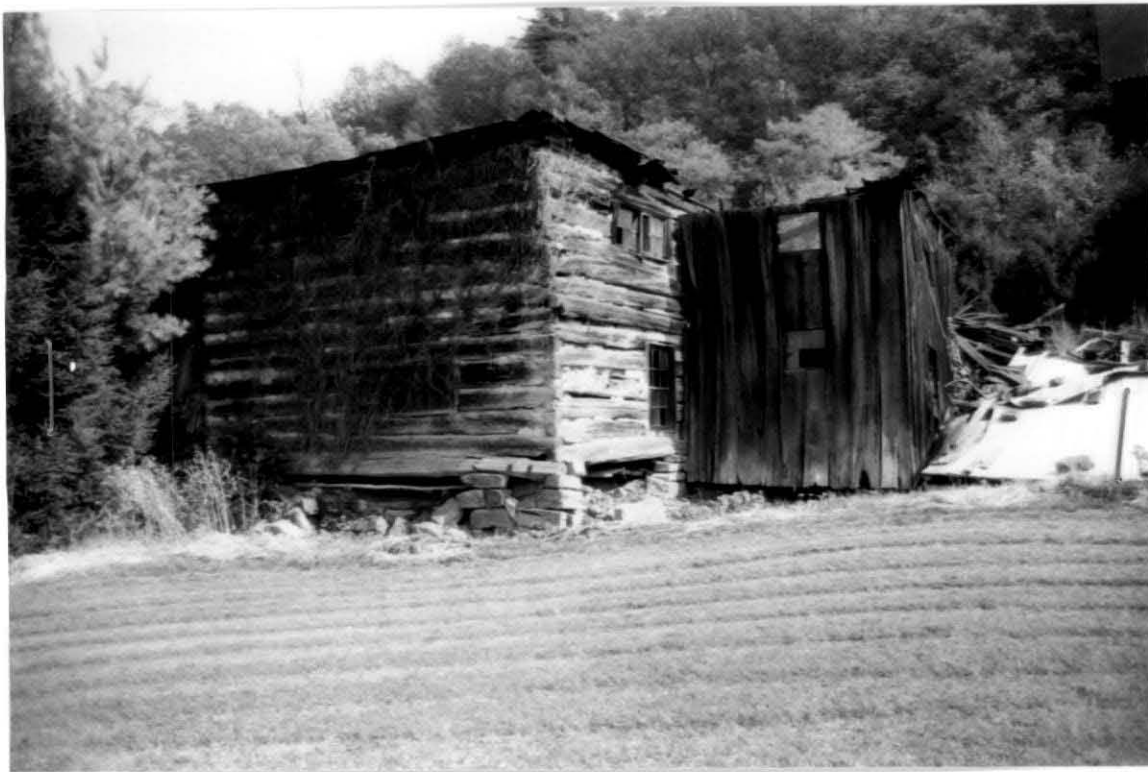


Photo #12 Log barn -blacksmith shop



Photo # 13 Log barn building detail



Photo #14 Tannery equipment "in situ"



Photo # 15 Sawmill looking south from mid property.



Photo #16 Collapsed structure "sawmill"

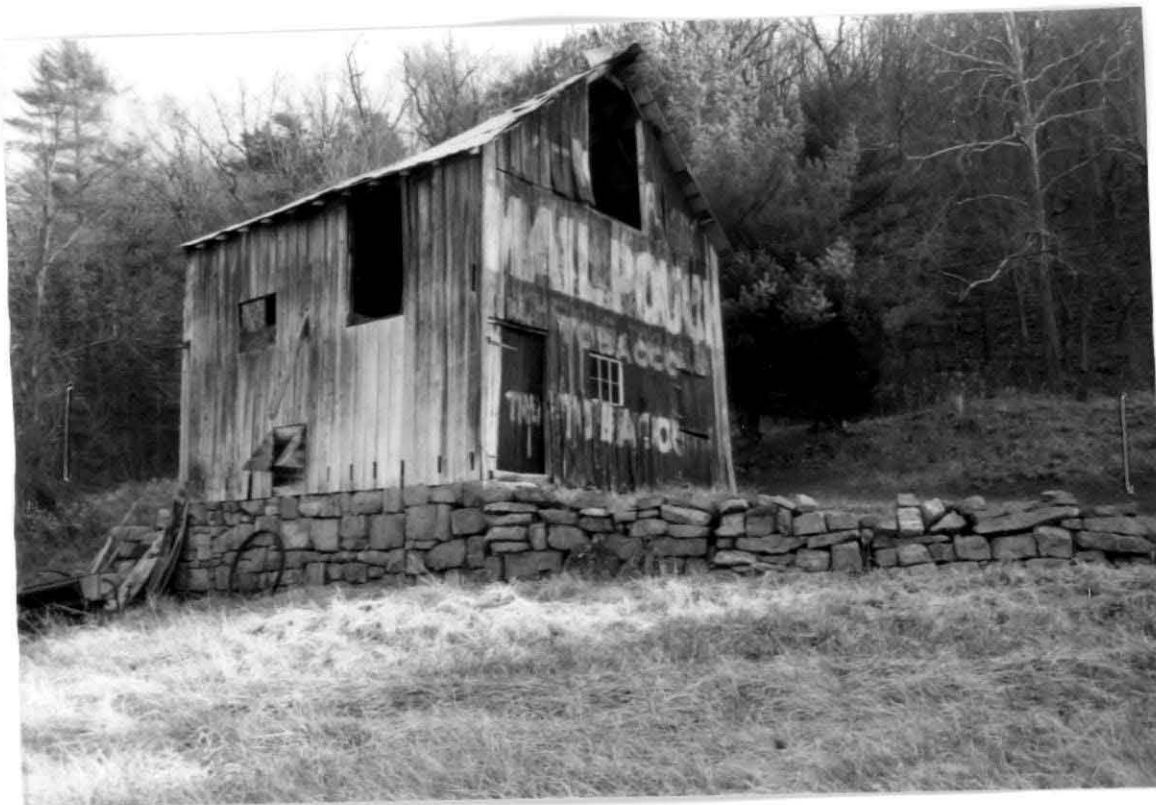


Photo # 17 "Mail pouch" barn looking northeast from residence northeast corner.



Photo #18 Detail "Mailpouch barn"



