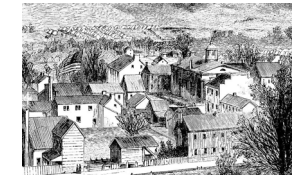


# Walking Tour of Historic Romney



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**Romney Presbyterian  
Church**  
*100 West Rosemary Map  
Q*

Built in 1860, it was used as a hospital and a stable during the Civil War. Originally it had a bell tower and steeple, but those were removed because of the weakened condition of the building.  
39-343577, -78-757235



**Old Methodist District  
Parsonage**

*351 N. High St Map S*

Built 1868-1882, this 2-story brick home is

Victorian style with an Italian influence.  
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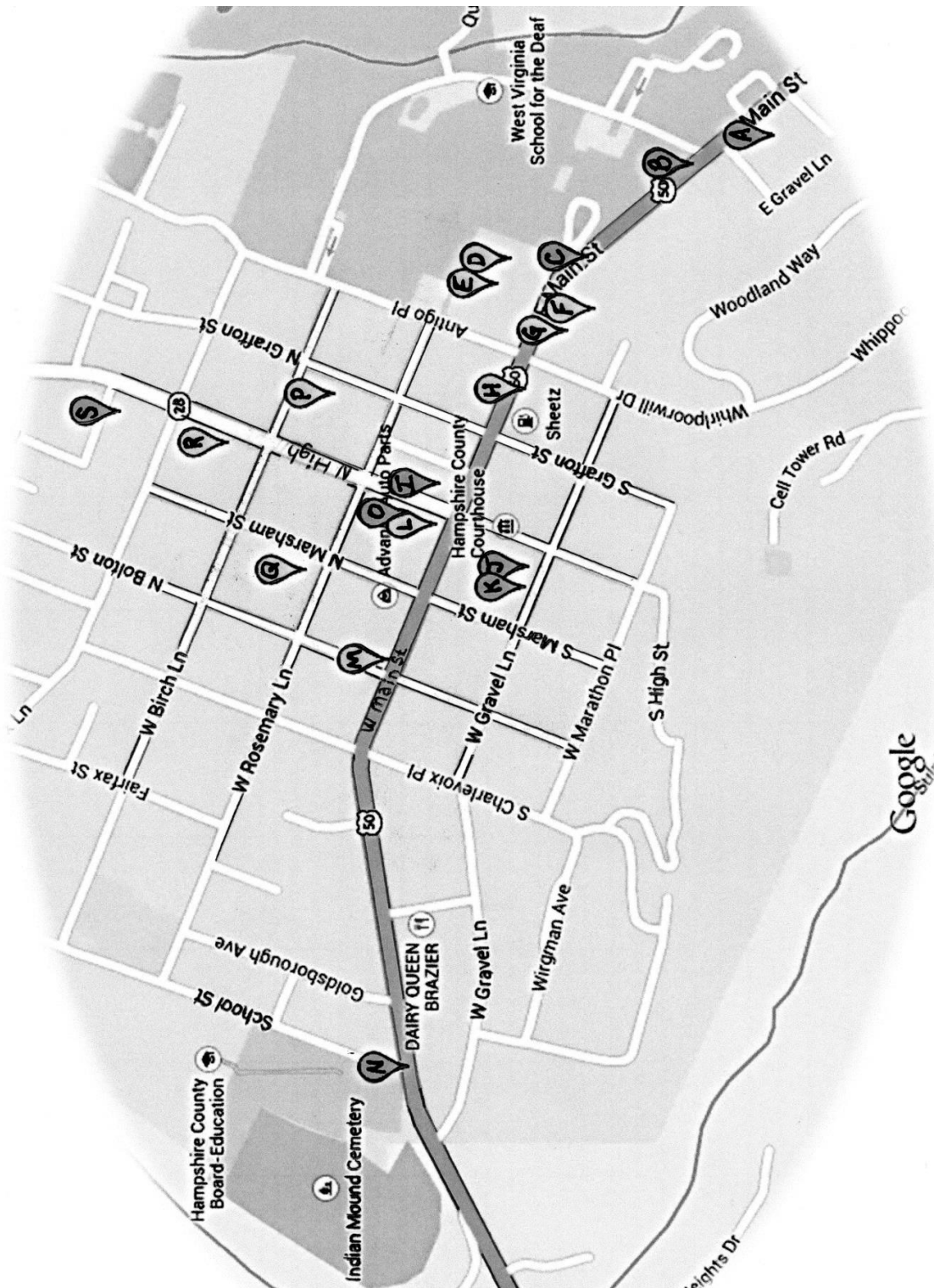


**Hampshire House 1884**  
*165 Grafton St. Map P*

A Victorian home built in 1884. In the early 1900's it served as weekday boarding for students from outlying areas who wished to attend Potomac Academy.  
39-343246, -78-754719

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**The Town of Romney**  
*Romney was the first town to be incorporated  
December 23, 1762.*



**The Bottling Works**  
**426 E. Main St Map A**  
The old bottling plant operated from 1939 to 1978.

Now it serves as a reminder of times past, & a location of concerts, meetings & community events. 39.339039, -78.751338



**Liberty Hall or "Stonewall" Jackson's Headquarters** 276 E. Main St.

**Map F** Traditionally referred to as "Stonewall" Jackson's headquarters, the house & grounds were used by both Union & Confederate troops at various times during the war. It was built in 1858 by John B. White, clerk of the circuit & superior court in Hampshire County, who fled to Richmond to escape arrest from Union forces & served in the Treasury Department of the Confederate Government. 39.341097, -78.753992



**Saint Stephen's Episcopal Church** 310 E. Main St **Map C**

Built in 1885 for \$1800, this small brick church features gothic stain glass windows & tiny porticos. The Tiffany-style altar window is in memory of the minister who served from 1886 to 1915. The marble baptismal front predates the church. 39.340923, -78.753002



**Shaffer Funeral Home or Cornwell House**

**230 E. Main St Map G**

Built in 1914 in the Greek revival style, this majestic structure was the home of John J. Cornwell, the 15th governor of West Virginia. Governor Cornwell is credited with establishing the West Virginia State Police. 39.340859, -78.753701



**WV Schools for the Deaf & Blind Administrative Bldg.**  
**301 E. Main St. Map B**

Built in 1846 as the Romney Classical Institute. The Romney Literary Society offered the buildings to establish the new state school. It became the state's school for the Deaf & Blind. The first session opened in September 1870 with 30 students. 39.3399814, -78.751784



**The Boxwood** 287 E. Main St.

**Map D** Built in 1800 & reportedly sold for about \$10 for unpaid taxes. Used as a civil war hospital it is said that the occupation of Romney from Union to Confederate official changing of hands 56 times. 39.341681, -78.752924



**Blue House/Lupton Home**  
**261 E. Main St. Map E**

Built in 1900, this has been home to descendants of LT. John Blue, famed Confederate spy, whose memoirs were published in "Hanging Rock Rebel". 39.341809, -78.753309



**Kerns House** 152 E. Main St  
**Map H**

It was built by former prisoners of war, Hessian soldiers, after the Revolutionary War. The front brick is of Flemish bound & the sides are American bound construction. The window glass is original. The American Legion bought it in 1945. 39.341345, -78.754749



**Old Court House**  
**Main St & N. High St Map I**

Is a Neoclassical edifice in the center of Romney, County Seat of Hampshire County, WV. The present building was constructed in 1922 to replace the 1833 Courthouse destroyed by fire in 1921. The original bell still hangs in the domed bell tower. 39.342148, -78.756081



**Literary Hall** 1 W. Main St. **Map L**

Home of the Romney Literary Society was built in 1870 as a meeting place for the Literary Society. Work begun on a new building named Literary Hall & an effort was made to restore the original library. Ralph W. Haines, local historian, acquired & restored Literary Hall. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

39.342236, -78.756606



**Davis House** 197 W. Main St.  
**Map M**

Built prior to 1798, it was home to the Davis family, two sons to fought for the

Confederacy & one for the Union. Now a museum, it features Civil War artifacts & period furnishings. Tours are arranged at the Public Library. 304.822.3185 39.342742, 78.758472

**Next 3 sites located at Rt 50 W & School St.**  
**MAP N 39.342554, -78.765170**



**INDIAN MOUND CEMETERY**

Is 7 feet high & about 15 feet in diameter. It is one of the largest remaining mounds in the Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia. This mound has never

been excavated but similar mounds dug by Smithsonian Institution suggest the Hopewellian People constructed this mound between A. D. 500 and 1000.



**PARSONS MEMORIAL BELL TOWER**

Edwin Jacobs of St. Louis, Missouri had the Bell Tower built in memory of James Gregg Parsons & his wife, Catherine Forman Casey. W.W.

Keister built the Tower in September 1925.



**CONFEDERATE MEMORIAL MONUMENT**

Not far within the cemetery stands the Monument, one of the first, if not the first of memorials erected in the south to the men who gave their lives for the

Confederacy. The Memorial Association which sponsored its erection, dedicated the monument on September 26, 1867.



**Wilson-Wodrow-Mytinger House** 51 W Gravel Lane

**Map K** Wilson-Wodrow-Mytinger House is the oldest home in Romney & Office Bldg.

in WV. Built between 1740-1780, it consists of 3 buildings--a kitchen, a dwelling, & an office. The paneled office walls & woodwork are reminiscent of a style prevalent in historic Williamsburg, VA. 39.341347, -78.757469



**Taggart Hall House**  
**91 S. High St. Map J**

Clapboard "half" house built by Francis Taggart (or Tygart),

a Quaker, on Lot #58 of the 100s of lots Lord Fairfax had surveyed to encourage settlement in the "western" counties. Built between 1795 & 1798 It has been a private residence until late 1990s. It was purchased by Fort Mill Ridge Foundation & currently houses a Civil War Museum. 39.341290, -78.757231



**First United Methodist Church**  
**49 N. High St. Map O**

Built in 1869, the building was destroyed by fire in 1903. The present building was erected in 1904.

39.342482, -78.756404



**Mt. Pisgah Church**

**239 N. High St. Map R**

Serving the black community since 1886, the addition on the north side of the original church was completed in 1998.

39.344360, -78.755473