

United States Department of the Interior National Park Service
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES REGISTRATION FORM

1. Name of Property

historic name: Old District Parsonage

other name/site number: _____

2. Location

street & number: 351 North High Street not for publication: _____

city/town: Romney

vicinity: _____

state: West Virginia code: WV county: Hampshire code: 027 zip code: 26757

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this X nomination _____ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property X meets _____ does not meet the National Register Criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant _____ nationally _____ statewide X locally. (____ See continuation sheet.)

Susan M. Pierce, Deputy SHPO

Date

West Virginia Division of Culture and History

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property _____ meets _____ does not meet the National Register criteria.
(____ See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of Certifying Official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby certify that this property is:	Signature of Keeper	Date of Action
_____ entered in the National Register _____ See continuation sheet.	_____	_____
_____ determined eligible for the National Register _____ See continuation sheet.	_____	_____
_____ determined not eligible for the National Register	_____	_____
_____ removed from the National Register	_____	_____
_____ other (explain): _____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

5. Classification

Ownership of Property:

(Check as many boxes as apply)

☒ private
☐ public-local
☐ public-State
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

☒ building(s)
☐ district
☐ site
☐ structure
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	1	buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
1	1	TOTAL

Name of related multiple property listing _____ N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register _____ N/A

6. Function or Use

Historic FunctionsDOMESTIC = single dwelling**Current Functions**DOMESTIC = single dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification:Late Victorian = Italianate**Materials**Foundation: brickWalls: brickRoof: metalOther: wood, brick**Narrative Description**

(See continuation sheets)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

- _____ **A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- _____ **B** Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- X **C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- _____ **D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

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Criteria Considerations

Property is:

_____ **A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.

_____ **B** removed from its original location.

_____ **C** a birthplace or grave.

_____ **D** a cemetery.

_____ **E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.

_____ **F** a commemorative property.

_____ **G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Areas of Significance

Architecture

Period of Significance

c.1872

Significant Dates

c.1872

Significant Person

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Narrative Statement of Significance

(See continuation sheets)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

_____ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested.
_____ previously listed in the National Register
_____ previously determined eligible by the National Register
_____ designated a National Historic Landmark
_____ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
_____ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Primary location of additional data:

☒ State Historic Preservation Office
_____ Other State agency
_____ Federal agency
_____ Local government
_____ University
_____ Other

Name of Repository: _____

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property: less than one acre

UTM References

Quad Map Name: Romney, W.Va.

<u>17</u>	<u>693435</u>	<u>4357300</u>
Zone	Easting	Northing

Verbal Boundary Description

(See continuation sheet)

Boundary Justification

(See continuation sheet)

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11. Form Prepared By

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Name/Title: Dr. Garrett and Mrs. Bonnie Long (property owners) with Erin Riebe (SHPO)

Organization: _____ **Date:** September 2004

Street & Number: 351 North High Street **Telephone:** 304-822-3363

City or Town: Romney **State:** WV **Zip code:** 26757

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Property Owner

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Location and Setting

The Old District Parsonage, located at 351 North High Street in Romney, Hampshire County, West Virginia, sets back from the street on a 17, 642 square foot lot with large, old shade trees in the front lawn. The home is surrounded by boxwood in a residential area just north of Romney's commercial district.

One outbuilding, a garage/guest house is situated to the rear or west side of the house and is reached by a driveway lined with a modern, low brick wall. The garage was constructed in 1975 and is considered noncontributing. A cistern has been filled in and is located at the northwest corner of the house. A swimming pool in the back yard is blocked from the neighbors by a brick wall and wood fence.

Description

Old District Parsonage

c.1872

Contributing

Exterior

The Old District Parsonage is a two-story, common-bond brick dwelling built c.1872 in the Italianate style. The overall height of the house is approximately 25 feet. The house has a low-pitched, hipped roof with four brick chimneys and is protected with new standing-seam metal. A two-story section projects from the southern portion of the main elevation (facing east). From this section, a two-story, angled bay projects and is topped with a hipped roof. Each story of the bay has three arched windows. The center windows are two-over-two, double-hung sash with shutters and measure 6'8" x 2'x8". Each side window is one-over-one, double-hung sash with one shutter and measure 6'8" x 1'9".

A hipped-roof porch spans the remainder of the main elevation on the first story. The porch has a new, standing-seam metal, hipped roof. It is supported by four beveled posts with six inch high bases topped with quarter round moldings. The main entrance is situated in the center of the facade on the porch. Although the door was replaced, it has its original arched transom. To the right, or north, of the door are two, floor-to-ceiling arched windows with the original curved wooden shutters. These large, two-over-four windows measure 9'4" x 2'8". The second story windows above the porch are arched, two-over-two, double-hung sash windows measuring 6'2" x 2'8". The side and rear elevations have similar windows with shutters on both the first and second stories. All of the windows are protected by storm windows and all of the shutters are replacements.

The rear, or west, elevation of the Old District Parsonage has a small porch situated in the ell of the building. It has a new hipped roof and metal awning and has been enclosed with screens. A

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shed-roof greenhouse was attached to the rear of the house in 1988. The addition is glass with metal supports.

Interior

The front entrance on the east elevation enters into a center hall with four doors leading to the Presiding Elder's study and the parlor to the front of the house and the dining room and kitchen to the back of the house. With the exception of the kitchen, each of these rooms have a fireplace. The study and dining room fireplaces have original mantle pieces and are restored to working order. The parlor fireplace was closed when the furnace was installed in the 1930s. In 1970 it was reopened and a Federal-style mantle from another house was used as a replacement.

The original interior doors with four raised panels on each side are painted and have black iron lock boxes with white or brown porcelain knobs. Each interior door to a room has a two-light adjustable transom with the original hardware above it for heating and cooling efficiency.

The first floor ceilings are 10 ½'. The interior walls are two-brick construction with plaster directly to the brick. The ceilings are plaster and lathe. The baseboards are 10" high with quarter round beading. Prior to 1965 the first-story floors were covered with oak flooring. Wainscoting was also added to the study and kitchen and chair rails and crown molding have also been added to some rooms. To the rear of the house on the first floor, a bathroom was installed in the butler's pantry and the back stairs that lead up from the kitchen were closed off and the area was made into a small storage closet.

The second floor is reached by an open staircase from the center hall. The newel post is a massive 39" tall pillar with three round turnings seven inches from the bottom and four round turnings at the top of the post. The railing, which appears to be mahogany-stained oak is four inches wide with a flat bottom and a concave surface on each side. The top of the rail has a one inch flat surface to each side with a three-inch convex center. The balusters are 27" and 32" tall, are round tapering from the bottom to the top with turnings. Painted white, they appear to be pine. The threads are one board, 11 ½" wide, of Southern pine.

The second floor has four bedrooms and a bathroom. Each room, with the exception of that over the kitchen, has a fireplace. The fireplaces in the two bedrooms along the north elevation are simple in design. The master bedroom, in the southeast corner, is more decorative, similar to those on the first floor. The upstairs floors are the original 3" to 4" wide pine flooring.

The basement is very primitive. There is one brick-wall room under the kitchen serving as a laundry room. Another brick-wall room beneath the dining room is used as a furnace room.

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These two rooms are connected by a later dug out area with a partial concrete retaining wall. The three basement windows are two-light and stationary.

Garage/guest house	1975	noncontributing
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To the rear (west) of the house is a modern, two-bay, one-and-one-half -story garage/guest house. The building has a gable roof with a shed roof dormer and standing-seam metal and six-over-six, double-hung sash windows with shutters.

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Statement of Significance

The Old District Parsonage is significant under *Criterion C: Architecture* for its Italianate style. The Old District Parsonage is locally significant as a premier example of this style of architecture in Hampshire County. Furthermore, the house has undergone very few alterations since the late-nineteenth century and therefore retains excellent architectural integrity.

History

The Old District Parsonage is located in Romney, West Virginia. Romney, said to be the oldest municipality in West Virginia, was incorporated in 1762. By the following decade, the Methodist Church was actively practicing in the region. Later developments of the Methodist Church led to the establishment of the Methodist Episcopal Church South. The Moorefield District of the Methodist Episcopal church was then established and encompassed 1,347 square miles in Hampshire, Hardy, and Mineral Counties.

The Old District Parsonage was commissioned by the trustees of the Moorefield District of the Methodist Episcopal Church c.1872 for use by the Presiding Elder. The Presiding Elder was responsible for the spiritual and physical guidance of all the Methodist Churches within the district. Presiding Elders who occupied the residence for nearly 100 years made a significant contribution to the religious growth of the Methodist Church. The residence remained property of the Methodist Church until trustees of the Moorefield District sold it to Dr. and Mrs. Garrett Long in 1965 at which time it became a private residence.

Architectural Significance

The Old District Parsonage is an excellent example of the Italianate style of architecture which was popular in the United States from the mid to late nineteenth century. It reached its height in popularity in the early 1870s when the Old District Parsonage was constructed. Characteristics of the style seen in the building include the two-story bay on the main elevation, tall and narrow arched windows, low-pitched roof, and four-paneled doors.

While this style is exhibited elsewhere in West Virginia's Eastern Panhandle, this building exhibits excellent architectural integrity on both the interior and exterior. Although the residence has had minor changes to the interior such as the addition of modern plumbing and the addition of wainscoting and chair rails, it does not affect the building's ability to convey its architectural significance. Furthermore, the addition of the greenhouse to the rear of the residence in 1988 does not hinder the building's eligibility or integrity. The addition was made without altering the original house and could be removed without damage to the architectural integrity of the dwelling.

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Summary

The Old District Parsonage is an excellent example of the Italianate style of architecture in Romney and Hampshire County. It is locally eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under *Criterion C: Architecture*. Its period of significance is c.1872, the year it was constructed.

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Verbal Boundary Description

The lot or parcel of real estate herein conveyed is more particularly described by metes and bounds according to that certain survey made by George D. Heavner, Surveyor, during the month of August 1965, as follows, to wit:

Beginning at a light pole, being the southeast corner of the lot herein conveyed, and the northeast corner of the Romney First Methodist Church Parsonage; thence with the boundary line of High Street N. 28 E. 108.6 feet to the S.W. boundary line of Larsen Lane: 160 feet to a stake: thence S. 28 W. 112 Feet to a stake located in the boundary line between the property herein conveyed and the Romney First Methodist Church Parsonage property; thence S. 61 15 feet E. 159.9 feet to the beginning, containing approximately 17, 642 sq. feet.

From the oldest surviving plat of the town of Romney, done June 30, 1790 by John Mitchel, this residence is located on the Northeast portion of Lot 62.

Boundary Justification

The National Register boundary includes all of the lot historically associated with the Old District Parsonage.

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Town: Romney
County: Hampshire County
Photographer: Don Kesner
Date: September 2004
Negatives: WV SHPO, Charleston, WV

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Camera facing southwest

Photo 2 of 20 Main (east) elevation
Camera facing southwest

Photo 3 of 20 Main (east) elevation
Camera facing northwest

Photo 4 of 20 Two-story bay on main (east) elevation
Camera facing southwest

Photo 5 of 20 Main (east) elevation
Camera facing south

Photo 6 of 20 Main (west) elevation
Camera facing west

Photo 7 of 20 Side (south) elevation
Camera facing northwest

Photo 8 of 20 Tall, narrow windows on first story, main (east) elevation
Camera facing northwest

Photo 9 of 20 Rear (west) elevation showing porch
Camera facing east

Photo 10 of 20 Rear yard
Camera facing west

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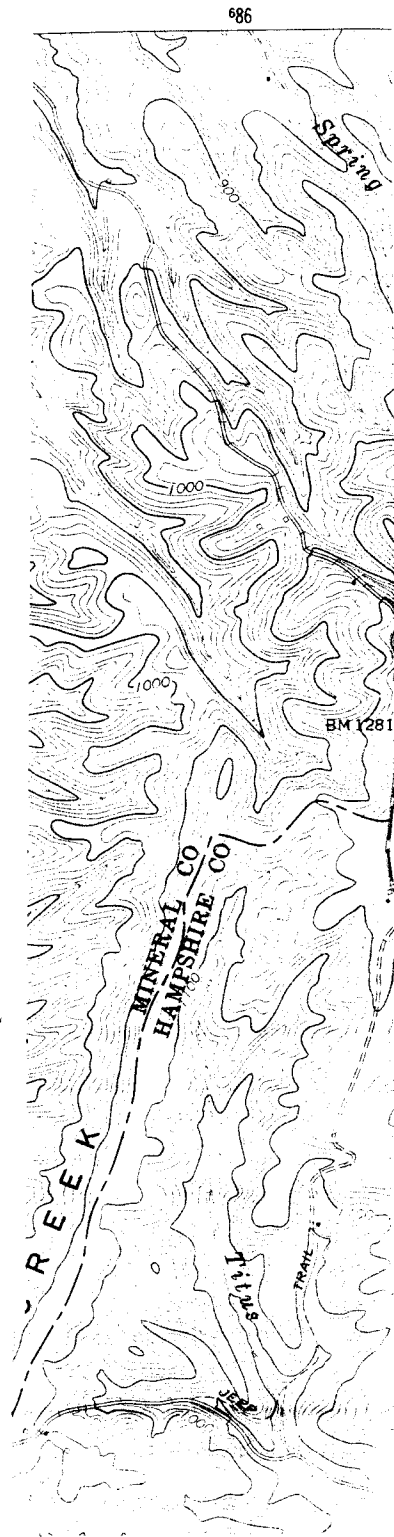
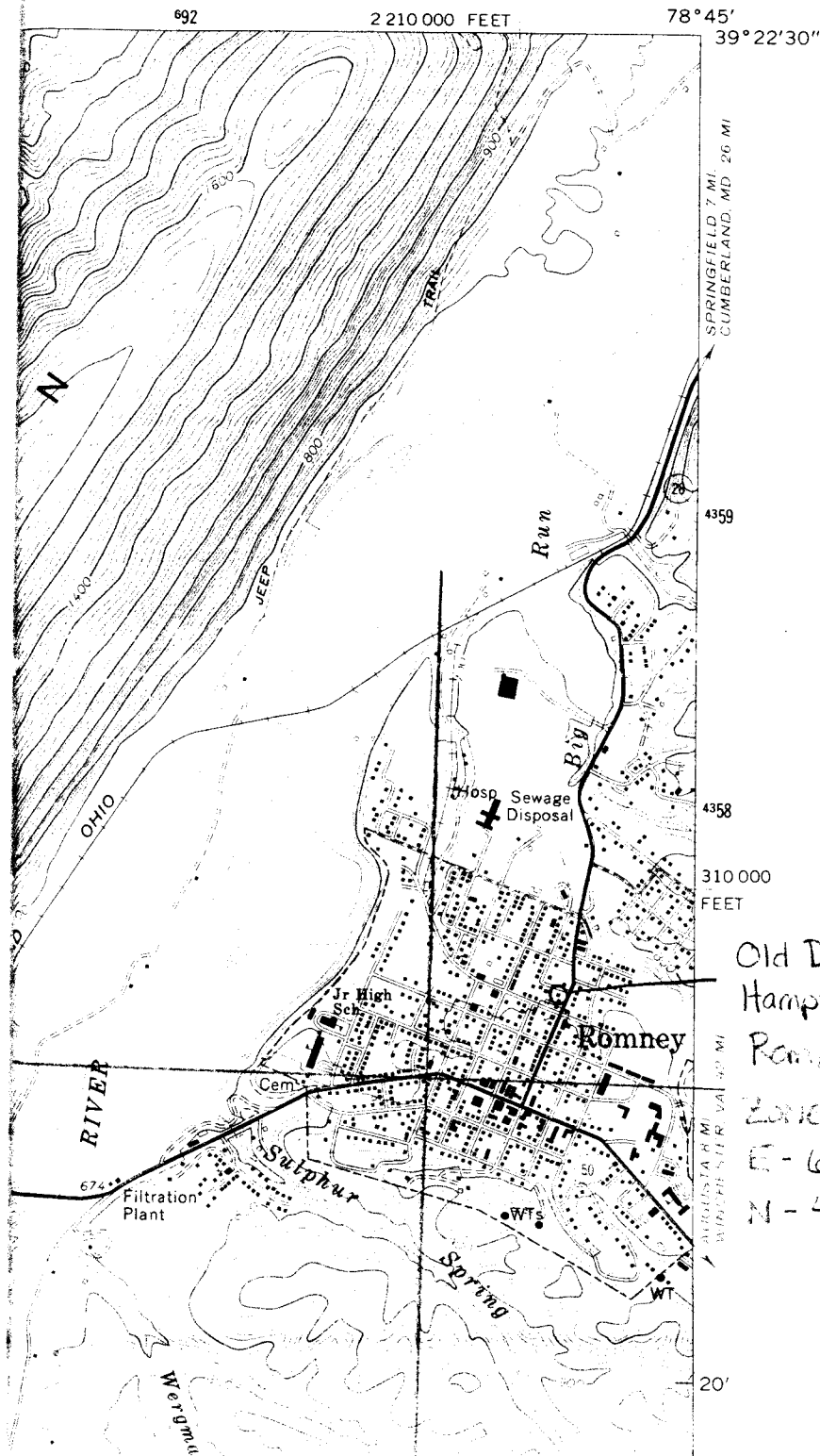
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ROMNEY QUADRANGLE
WEST VIRGINIA
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
SE/4 KEYSER 15' QUADRANGLE

5262 (NW
(SPRINGFIELD)



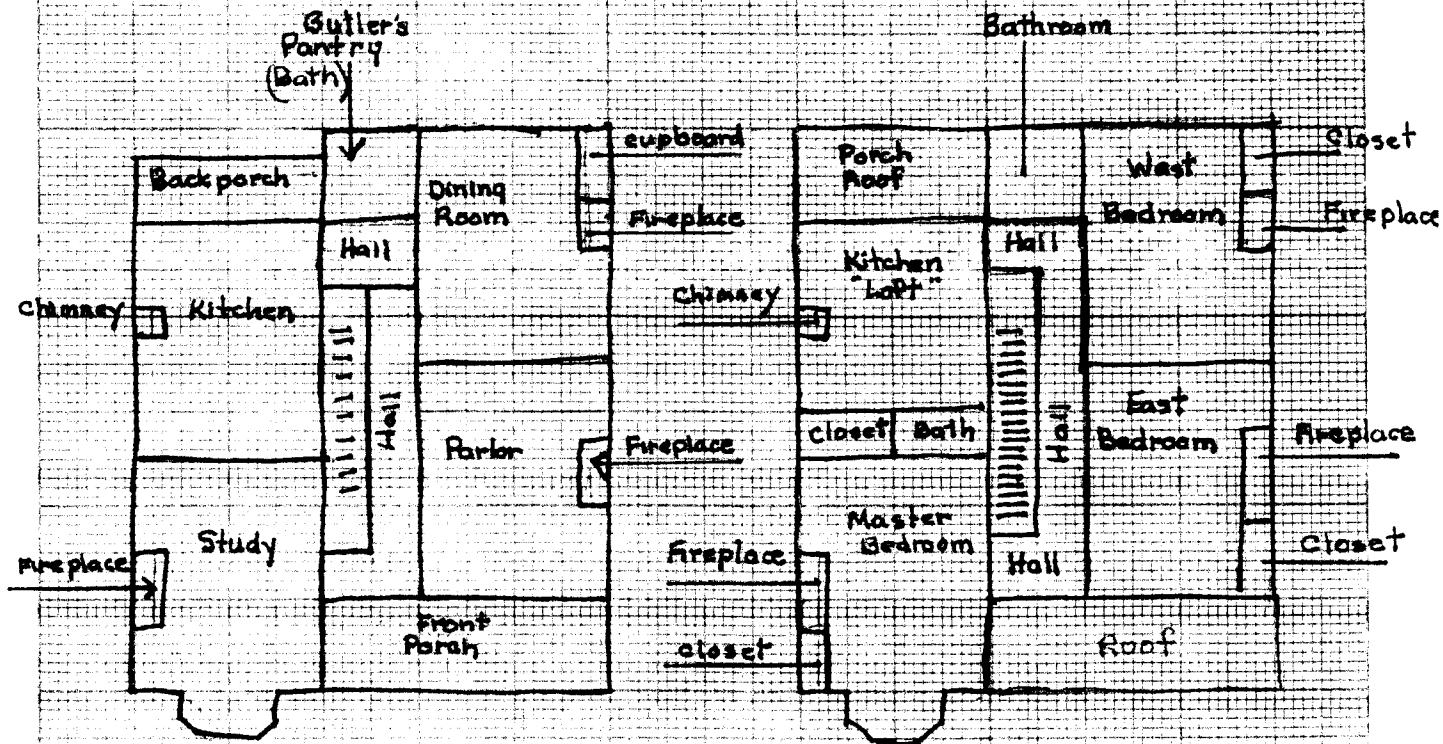
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Old District Parsonage Floor Plans

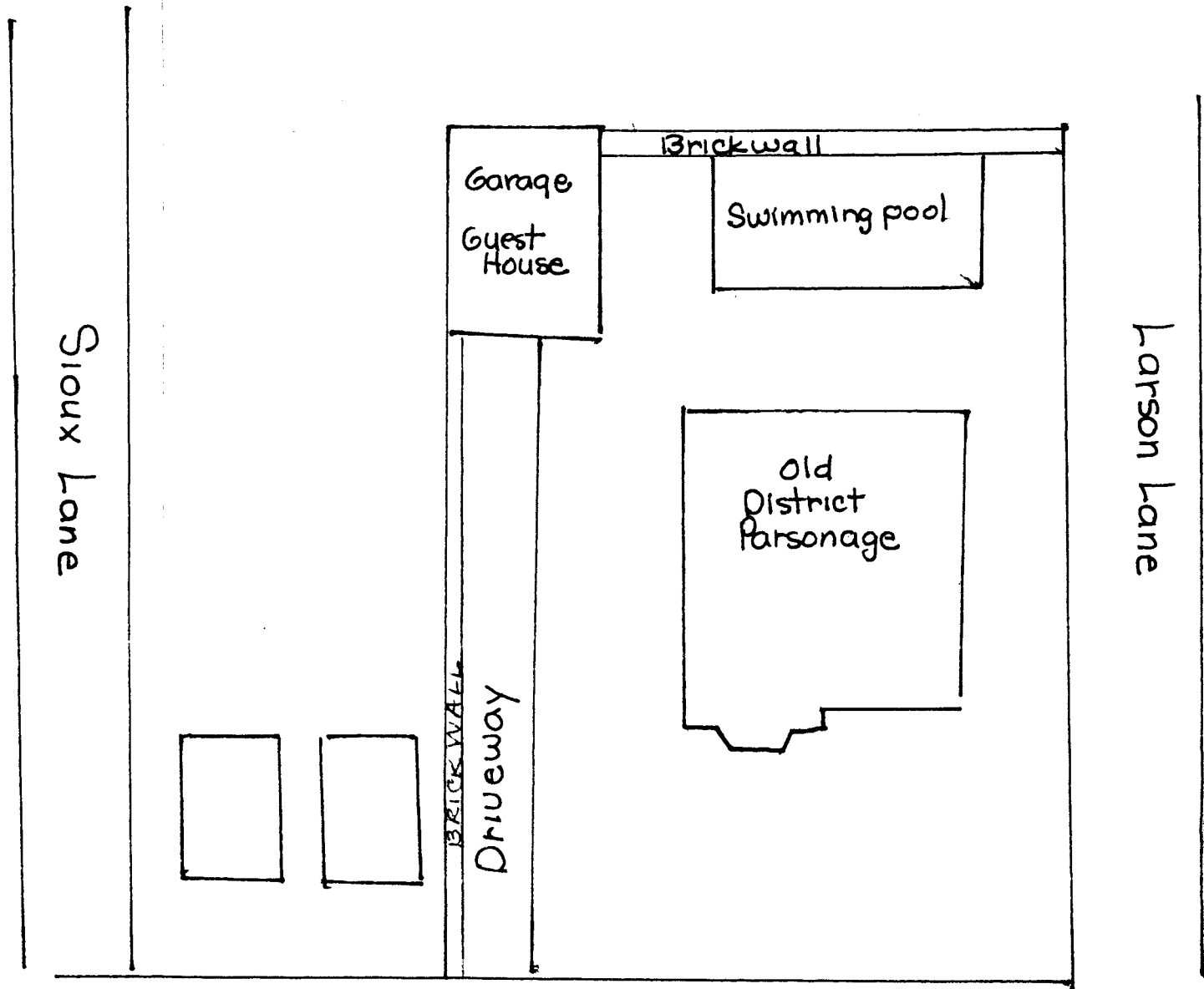
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First Floor

Second Floor



Old District Parsonage
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West Virginia



North High Street (WVSR 28)

Handwritten compass rose indicating North (N), South (S), East (E), and West (W).

















