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Found in "The History of West Virginia Old & New, vol 2," pub by American Historical Society, 1923, p 453, under the heading of "JOHN W. ROMINE."

The Romines were a family established in the wilderness of Western now West Virginia before the middle of the 18th century, & the successive generations have maintained the name in associations of dignity, honor & usefulness. The family has been in Wood County WV for more than a century, & the present generation is represented by JOHN W. ROMINE, a leading wholesale lumber dealer of Parkersburg.

As early as 1620 four brothers of the name came from Holland & landed at Plymouth, Mass. Descendants have since scattered over the entire nation. From New England a branch of the family moved into the Valley of Virginia. Out of that valley SAMUEL ROMINE moved to what is now West Virginia, & died about 1749. A monument to his memory stands in the Bethel Church Cemetery in the Nubeck District of Wood County.

His son, PETER ROMINE, was also a pioneer of this region, a farmer & a cooper by trade. He married MOLLIE MADDOX. Their son, THOMAS ROMINE, was born in Wood County in 1813 & followed the business of farming & broom manufacturing. He was active in the Baptist Church & a member of its Sunday School 30 years THOMAS ROMINE died in 1892. The mother of his 4 children was NANCY ROWLAND. Their two sons were MATTHEW N. & GEORGE ROWLAND. These 2 brothers served on opposite sides in the Civil War. MATTHEW was a Union soldier, & subsequently moved to the State of Oklahoma, where he is still living.

GEORGE ROWLAND ROMINE was born at Quakerstown, Wood County, 2 April 1846, had a subscription school education & when only ten years of age went to work in a tobacco shop at 4 cents a day. During the subsequent years of his early youth he worked on his father's farm & also in other occupations, & at the age of 17 he walked 200 miles to join the Confederate army, enlisting in Co F of the 17th Virginia Cavalry. This was Jenkins Cavalry. One stormy night while doing picket duty in the Shenandoah Valley, Col. Thompson rode up & tried to pass by, simply announcing his name & rank. Romine made him dismount & give the countersign. His conduct was reported to Gen. McCausland, now living at Point Pleasant. When Romine appeared before the general, he explained that he was but following orders issued by McCausland himself. The general ended the interview by asking, "Why didn't you shoot him?"

12 Nov 1864 in the Shenandoah Valley, he was taken prisoner & remained at Point Lookout, Maryland, until July 1865. The years following the war he had a difficult experience in getting a start in business. He did farm labor, rented a farm, moved to Parkersburg in 1867 & worked in the city, then became superintendent of a farm in Wood Co, & after his marriage in 1870 he rented the farm for 2 yrs. He then lived for a time on the farm of his wife's father, & for 14 yrs had his home in Jackson County, where he was a farmer & cattle drover. From farming he entered the lumber industry, & in 1899 he returned to his grandfather's homestead in Wood County. For five years he was financially interested in & manager of a planing mill in Parkersburg. During his last years he lived retired in Parkersburg, where he died 23 March 1919. He was highly respected by his fellows, was charitable in the extreme, & ever ready to extend a helping hand to the needy. He was a Baptist, a staunch democrat, & while living in Jackson was elected in 1890 a county commissioner, an office he filled six yrs, & for 25 yrs he was a school trustee. GEORGE ROMINE married sisters, ELLEN & VICTORIA FLYNN, daughters of JOHN FLYNN, a prominent resident in the southern part of Wood County. His first marriage occurred in Dec 1870 & his 2nd in 1877. The children of his first marriage were VICTORIA & KATE, while those of the 2nd marriage were EDNA, JOHN WESLEY, DIXIE, TRIXIE, THOMAS & LUCY.

JOHN WESLEY ROMINE, whose mother was VICTORIA FLYNN, was born at Flynn, WV, 20 Feb 1881. He graduated from the Parkersburg High School in 1897 & in 1904 received the A. B. degree from Washington & Lee University. Since leaving university his time & energies have been fully taken up w' a broadening scope of business affairs, chiefly in the lumber business, w/ which for a time he was associated w/ his father. In 1905 he became a traveling salesman for a firm at Zanesville, OH, but since 1908 has been in the

wholesale lumber business at Parkersburg. He is president of the J. W. ROMINE LUMBER COMPANY, & is also interested in the oil & gas industry & a number of other local enterprises. During the World War he was a leader in Parkersburg in promoting the various drives for funds. He is an active member of the Benevolent & Protective Order of Elks & a member of the Baptist Church. On 25 July 1916, he married MARGUERITE BAKER, daughter of a distinguished West Virginian, Gen. SAMUEL B. BAKER. They have one daughter, MARGUERITE ELIZABETH, & 1 son, JOHN W., JR.

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Does anyone on ROMINE-L belong to these ROMINEs ??
Does anyone know more about the PETER & MOLLIE MADDOX ROMINE above?
Or PETER's father, SAMUEL?

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