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S-142  
Frenchtown  
Near Upper Fairmount  
Private Residences

C. 1870-1930

Frenchtown is a small watermen's village located on a spit of land stretching into Tangier Sound. A ~~string~~ of a dozen 1860-1930 houses along with a few watermen's sheds comprise the structures found on the island. At the south end of town is a small 19th-century cemetery with tombstones belonging to the French family. In 1877 the houses were accompanied by a school and a Methodist Church, both of which stood on the adjacent stretch of ground along <sup>the</sup> Jericho ~~ma~~ marshes.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Frenchtown

and/or common Frenchtown Survey District

## 2. Location

street & number End of Frenchtown Road  not for publication

city, town Upper Fairmount  vicinity of congressional district 1

state Maryland county Somerset

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Various owners

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne, state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

Survey No. S-142

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Frenchtown is a small watermen's community at the end of the Frenchtown Road on what is known as Mine Island. Goose Creek on the north and Mine Creek on the south join on the east side of the isle to form this detached portion of Somerset County. The small group of late 19th and early 20th-century houses stands on the northeast side of the only road which runs the full length of the island, terminating at Prickly Point. House types vary slightly from two-story two or three-bay single pile structures with or without center cross gables. Generally supported by brick pier foundations, these houses are sheathed with various sidings and covered by steeply pitched roofs. In several cases, a single story kitchen wing extends to the rear.

The southwest side of the road is filled with various crab shacks; each with their own dock access and essential crabbing equipment. At the south end of town is a small 19th-century graveyard with tombstones for the French family.

# 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates**

**Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
 and/or  
 Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  
 Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

1877 - Three houses on island

- 1) Sam W. Beauchamp - 15 acres - Sailor Somerset Co. 1839
- 2) Arnold Muir - 8 acres, farmer - Somerset Co. 1804
- 3) Hance L. Parks - 2 acres - Sailor - Somerset Co. 1848.

Standing nearby on Mainland

School No. 1  
 Methodist Church  
 Three houses

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# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. S-142

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name Marion

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A              
 Zone Easting Northing

B              
 Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

G

H

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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organization Somerset County Historical Trust date 9/27/83

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city or town Princess Anne state Maryland 21853

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

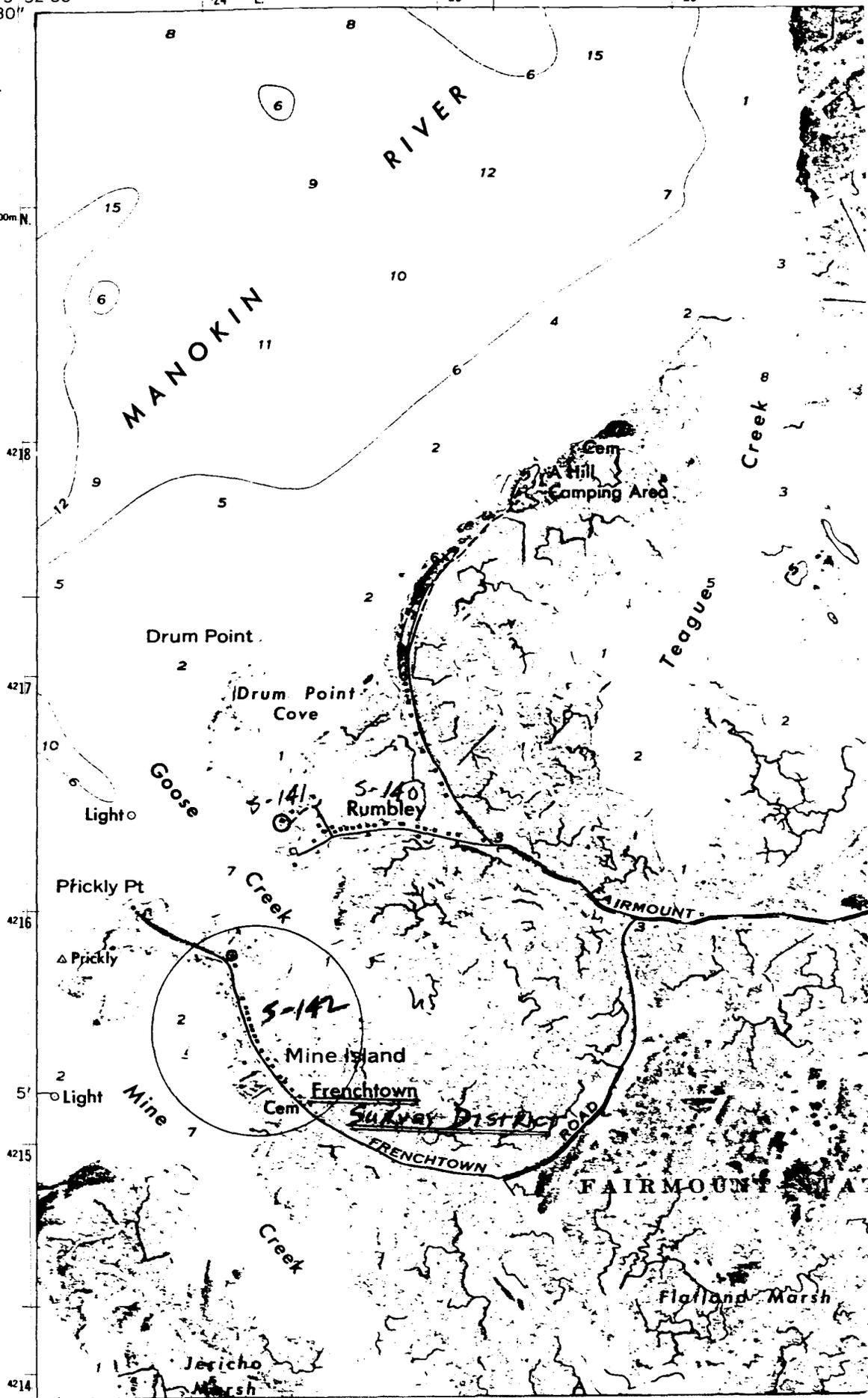
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Shaw House  
21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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5890 III NW  
(DEAL ISLAND)

UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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QUADRANGLE  
1972  
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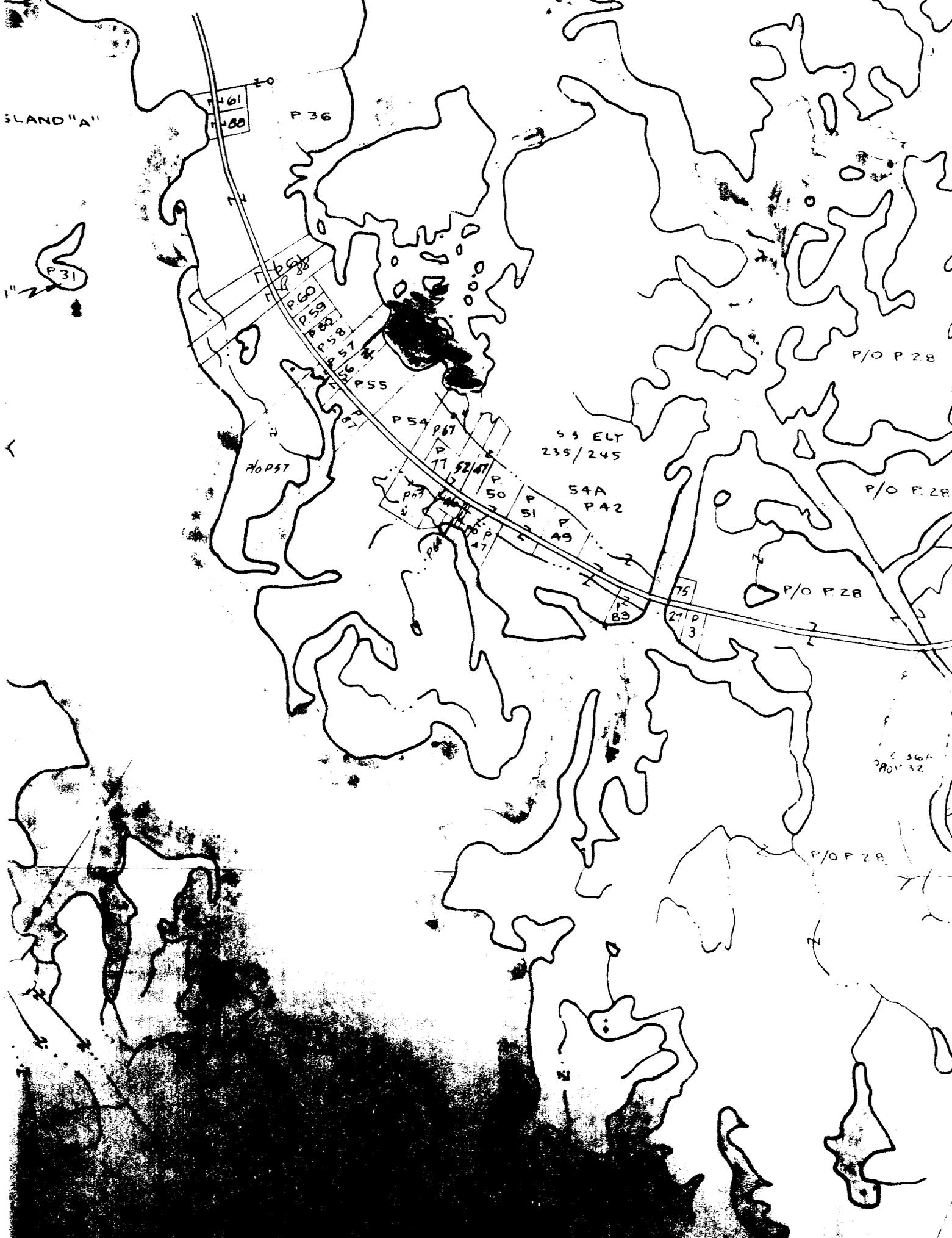


# GOOSE CREEK

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Frenchtown, Somerset County  
House

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House -  
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Cemetery

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Craft House - North Elevation  
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Waterfront  
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View of Frenchtown  
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Frenchtown, Somerset County  
View from Rumbley  
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