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S-145

c. 1860-1880

FORD HOUSE
Lower Fairmount
Private

In contrast to the modest houses that comprise Lower Fairmount is this two-story, eight-bay frame house with bracketed eaves. In its original *form*, this house was similar to several in the immediate vicinity. In fact the bracketed cornice that extends around the east gable end is identical to the cornice found on the Hall House in Upper Fairmount (see S-58). Four brick chimneys, three with corbelled brick caps, dominate the roofline.

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic FORD HOUSE

and/or common House - Lower Fairmount

2. Location

street & number Maryland Route 361 (Fairmount-Rumbley Road) ___ not for publication

city, town Lower 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 type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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 _____

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

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<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 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.

This c. 1860-1870 two-story eight-bay by one room frame house is located in the southern extremity of Lower Fairmount and is one of the most distinctive dwellings with its long elevation and four brick chimneys which pierce the gable roof.

From an exterior analysis, it appears the two-story three-bay portion to the east is the original house since it is off-set from the adjacent five-bay portion. There is another break in the weatherboarding between the third and fourth bay from the left.

The boxed cornice extends around the east side of the house and is embellished with brackets. This house, along with the Sam Green farmhouse (SMST -), was built with an odd projecting gable end above the plate to allow for a row of brackets under the eave. An interior end brick chimney with decorative cap is flanked by six over six sash on each floor, and a four-pane window lights the attic. Four-panel doors are located at each entrance. Three other brick chimneys pierce the roofline, and the center two survive with their decorative caps.

Although access into the house was not gained, an exterior analysis did not suggest any earlier portions that would predate 1860.

8. Significance

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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/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

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.

In contrast to the modest houses that comprise Lower Fairmount is this two-story eight-bay frame house with bracketed eaves. This house appears to have begun as a two-story three-bay house but was enlarged with two subsequent additions. Four brick chimneys, three with corbelled brick caps, dominate the roofline.

In its original size, this house was similar to several in the immediate vicinity. With its two gable end additions, the house required an elongated form which distinguishes it from any other house in Lower Fairmount.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Marion

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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 Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

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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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Planting Island

FISHING LANE

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Upper Hill

St Andrew's Ch

Upper Fairmount

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St Stephens Cem

S-164

Cem

Fairmount Cem

Landonville

S-100

S-60

S-149

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Holland Point

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Fairmount

Hall

Noble Creek

Myrtle Point

HOLLAND NECK

FAIRMOUNT NECK

MARION, MD.

QUADRANGLE

1972

Persimmon Pt

Ford House

LIFE MANAGEMENT AREA

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Lower Fairmount, Somerset County

South Elevation

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Southwest
Lower Fairmount, Somerset County

~~East~~ Elevation

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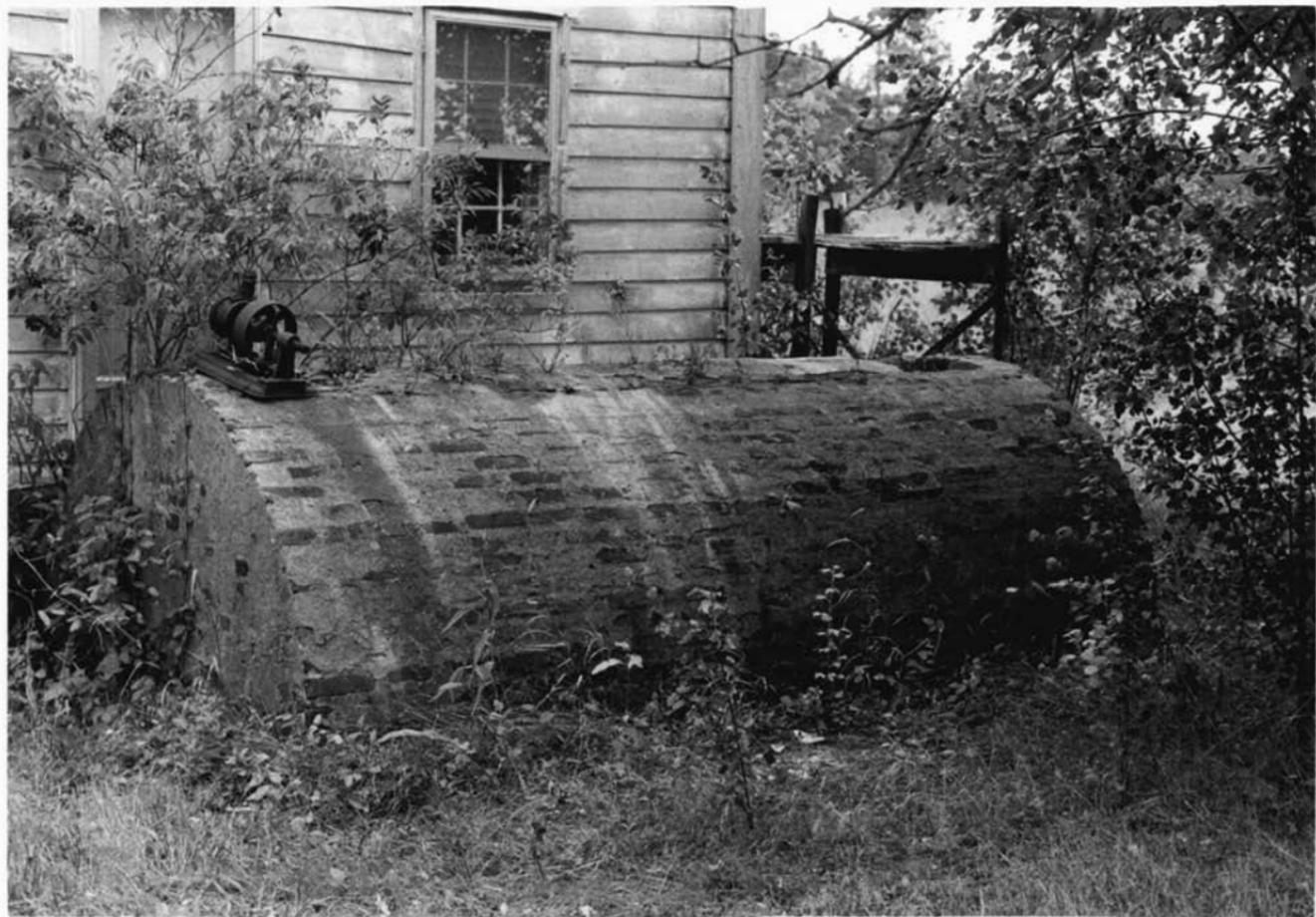


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Lower Fairmount, Somerset Co., MD.
Southeast elevation
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North Elevation
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Lower Fairmount, Somerset County

Cistern

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Lower Fairmount, Somerset County
Second floor newel post
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Lower Fairmount, Somerset County
Bedroom Mantel
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