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Cecil Ford's Store
Upper Fairmount
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c. 1880-1890

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On November 10, 1874, Tubman W. Sudler, Tubman L. Hall, Robert H. Jones, Algie Whittington, Francis A. Hall, Daniel H. Maddox, Lazarus H. Miles, Daniel W. Miles and John H. Ford, trustees of Maddox's Church in Potatoe Neck, transferred the old church property to John H. Ford, Josiah Avery and Daniel W. Miles, partners trading as Miles, Avery and Company. Evidently the gable-front frame church dated from the mid 1820s, when the half-acre lot was bought from Lazarus Maddox and Tubman Mitchell for \$5 (GH 2/44). After fifty years of use, the church building and lot were evidently too small to accommodate a growing congregation. While the Methodists built an impressive Gothic Revival Church at the village's west end, the old church was converted to a store. Shortly after, the present two-story frame building was erected for an expanding mercantile business.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Cecil Ford's Store

2. Location

street & number North side of Maryland 361 (Fairmount-Rumbley Rd.) not for publicationcity, town Upper Fairmount vicinity of congressional district First

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 checked="" 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 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 type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" 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 Cecil and Bertha Ford

street & number telephone no.:

city, town Upper Fairmount state and zip code Maryland

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state Maryland 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. S-#155

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.

Cecil Ford's Store is a c. 1880-1890 two-story gable-front frame commercial building standing in the center of Upper Fairmount, Maryland, on the north side of Maryland 361. A minimal brick foundation supports the wood shingled frame store while the roof is covered with sheet tin. A small brick stove stack is centrally located along the roof peak.

The south (main) facade is two bays across with a recessed commercial entrance flanked by glassed-in display areas. A shed-roofed porch covers the first floor of the store as well the shed-roofed addition to the west. A separate entrance into the side room was used as a millinery shop and shoe shop. The second floor of the store has two 2/2 sash windows while the attic is pierced by a 6/6 sash window. The eave to the roof is slightly extended beyond the wall surface.

The west side is covered on the first floor by the shed addition. The second floor is pierced by four evenly spaced 2/2 sash windows.

The north gable end is finished in a similar manner without unusual details. Located on the east side is an exterior stair to the second floor.

The interior of the store has retained its late 19th-century appearance with narrow beaded board sheathing and late 19th-century counters and shelving.

The second floor is used primarily as storage but in the past was used to show motion pictures for Fairmount area residents.

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 checked="" 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: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local	

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

Cecil Ford's Store in Upper Fairmount is not only significant as the only surviving 19th-century store in the Fairmount area, but, in addition, the site of "Maddox's Church," the first Methodist congregation to form in the vicinity. A small cemetery is located between the store and the current post office. The original church was sold by the church trustees in 1874 to be used by the grantees as a store building under the name of Miles, Avery and Company, and later, Miles and Cox. (LW 15/217) The gable-front frame church building appears on 19th-century letterhead immediately east of the store.

History and Support

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Evidently the gable-front frame building dated from the mid 1820s when the half-acre church lot was bought from Lazarus Maddox and Tubman Mitchel for \$5. (GH 2/44) After fifty years of use, the church building and lot were too small to accommodate a growing congregation. While the Methodists built an impressive Gothic Revival Church at the village's west end, the old church was converted to a store. Shortly after, the present two-story frame building was erected for an expanding business.

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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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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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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 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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1/4/1890

Daniel W. Miles

to

George A. Cox
Daniel T. Miles

\$2,500 - "Old Methodist Church Property" - first conveyed by Lazarus Maddox and Tubman Mitchell in a deed March 1, 1824 to Daniel Ballard et. al. (GH 2/44) also described in a deed from Tubman L. Hall, R. H. Jones, et. al. to Daniel W. Miles, Josiah Avery and John T. Ford (LW 15/217 -218)

LW 15/217-218

11/10/1874

Tubman L. Hall
R. H. Jones

to

Daniel W. Miles,
Josiah Avery and John T. Ford

"to which reference is hereby made with all the improvements thereon, also a lot or parcel of land in said district with improvements thereon consisting of the store house formerly occupied by Miles, Avery, and Company and now occupied by Miles and Cox.

Tubman W. Sudler, Tubman L. Hall, Robert H. Jones, Algie Whittington, Francis A. Hall, Daniel H. Maddox, Lazarus H. Miles, Daniel W. Miles, John H. Ford - trustees of Maddox Church - Potato Neck, Somerset County - whereas the said trustees have sold the said church property to John H. Ford, Josiah Avery, and Daniel W. Miles, at the sum of \$500.00 (partners trading as Miles, Avery, and Company)

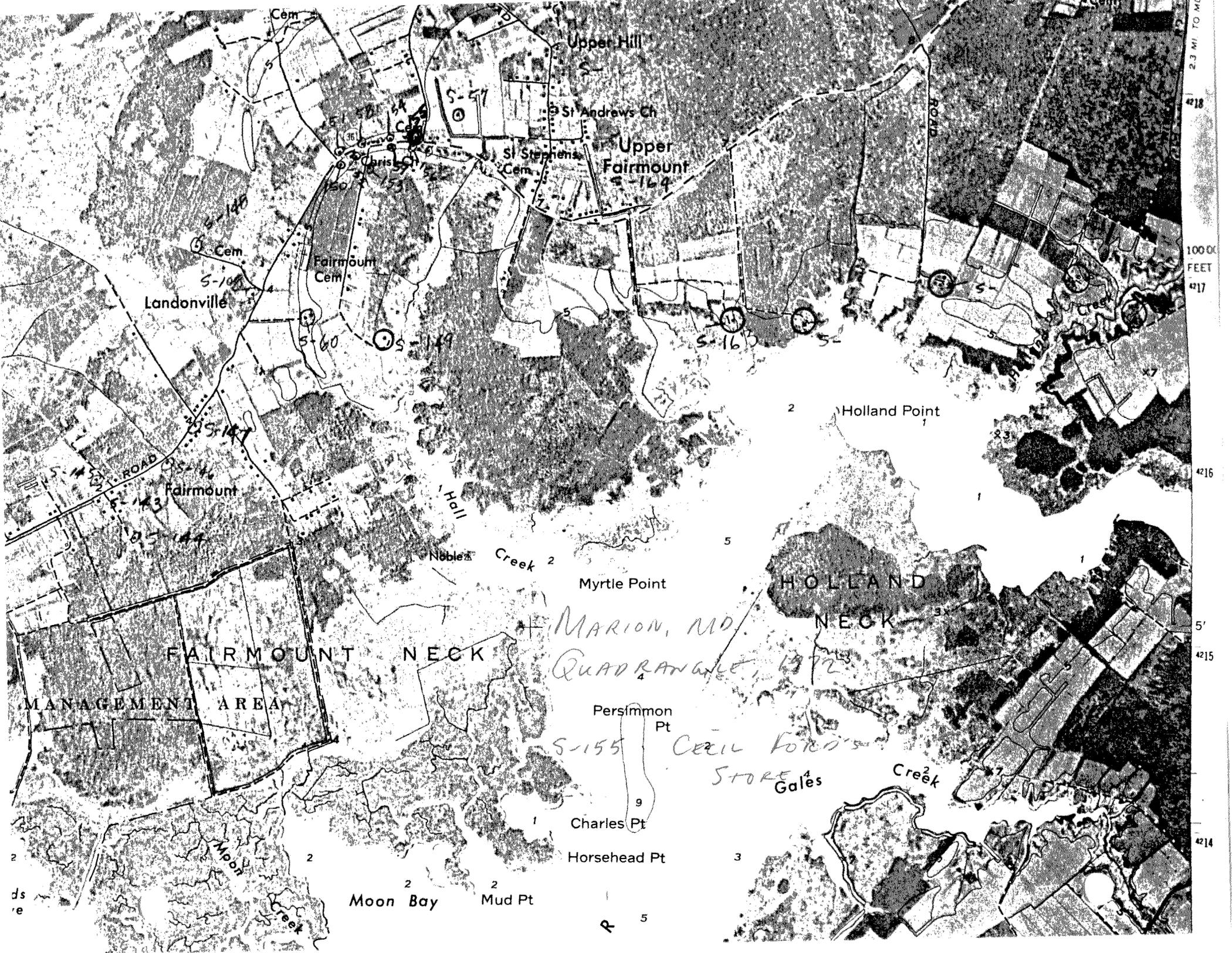
GH 2/44

3/1/1824

Lazarus Maddox
Tubman Mitchell

to

Daniel Ballard, Robert E. Waters, John Hall, and William Maddox - Trustees of Maddox's Church - Potato Neck - (2 5 - 1/2 acre)



Upper Hill

St Andrews Ch

St Stephens Cem

Upper Fairmount

Landonville

Fairmount Cem

Holland Point

Fairmount

Noble Creek

Myrtle Point

HOLLAND NECK

FAIRMOUNT NECK

MARION, MD.
QUADRANGLE, 1972

MANAGEMENT AREA

Persimmon Pt

CECIL FORBES
STORE

Charles Pt

Horsehead Pt

Moon Bay

Mud Pt

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South Elevation
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South^{WEST}~~east~~ Elevation
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