

S-443  
Levin Waters House  
Upper Hill  
Private

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: LEVIN WATERS HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: S-443

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE
- 2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Development Period(s):  
INDUSTRIAL/URBAN DOMINANCE  
1870-1930
- 4) Resource Type(s):  
Single-family dwelling

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. S-443

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic LEVIN WATERS HOUSE

and/or common GRAHAM WATERS HOUSE

## 2. Location

street & number 27788 Waters Lane  not for publication

city, town Upper Hill  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 type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in process	<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 Eldridge Waters

street & number 116 Winchester Place telephone no.:

city, town Wilmington state and zip code DE 19801

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset County Clerk of Court liber 90

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio 350

city, town Princess Anne state MD 21853

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

<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 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.

The Levin Waters house, also known as the Graham Waters house, is located at 27788 Waters Lane on the western edge of Upper Hill, Somerset County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay, center hall frame house faces south with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Dating to the late nineteenth century, c. 1890-1900, the two-story, single-pile frame house rests on a brick pier foundation, and the exterior is clad with asbestos shingles. The steeply pitched gable roof, finished with extended eaves and open soffits, is covered with a layer of asphalt shingles. Piercing the roofline is a pair of interior corbelled cap brick chimneys which flank the center hall. Attached to the back of the main block is a two-story, one-bay by one room kitchen wing which is extended by gable and shed roofed additions.

The south (main) elevation is a symmetrical three-bay facade with a center entrance and flanking two-over-two sash windows. The window sash are framed by a narrow beaded edge trim. A cross-gabled front porch shelters the first floor. Chamfered porch posts, trimmed with decorative corner brackets, support the roof. Centered in the porch bracket is a four-leaf clover emblem. The porch cross gable is covered with fishscale shingles. The second floor is marked by three two-over-two sash windows. Although shutters no longer remain on the house, the shutter hooks remain intact.

The east and west gable ends are alike with single two-over-two sash windows on each floor. A pointed arch window marks the upper gable end and lights the attic.

Attached to the rear is a two-story, one-bay by one-room plan kitchen wing. The kitchen wing as well as the rear wall of the main block are pierced by six-over-six sash windows. An interior end brick chimney rises through the gable end. Single story shed and gable roofed additions extend the kitchen on the north and west sides.

The interior was not seen.

# 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
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<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 type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input 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
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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.

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LEVIN WATERS HOUSE  
27788 Waters Lane  
Upper Hill, Somerset County, Maryland  
Chain of title

90/350                      George H. Myers, trustee

to

4/12/1924                  Graham Waters

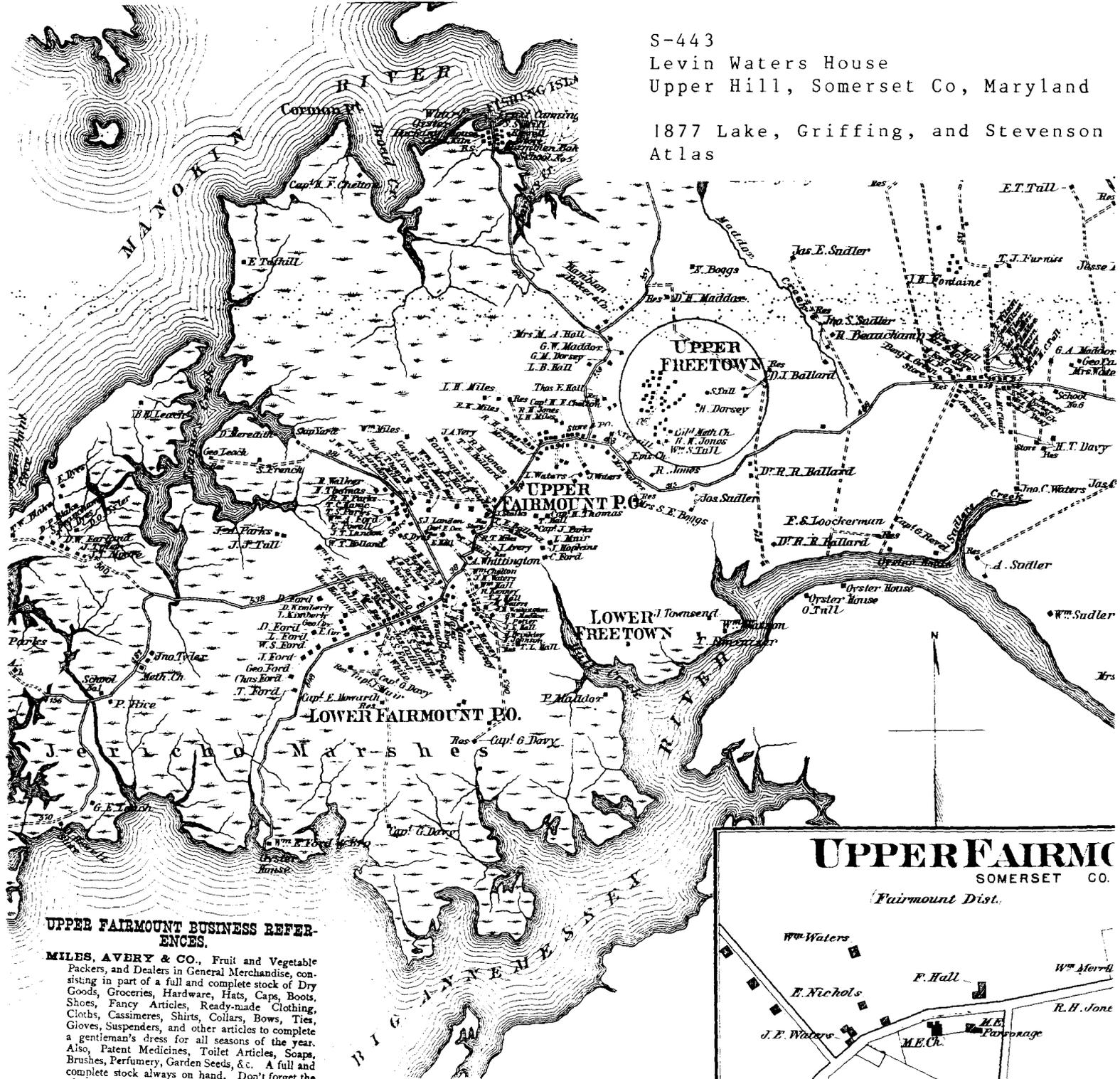
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\$205

all that lot of land whereon Levin Waters  
resided in his lifetime containing one acre,  
lying and binding on the west side of the  
County road leading to the Davy farm, bounded  
on the north by the land of Thomas Washington,  
on the south by the Schoolhouse lot and on  
the west by the land of John Washington



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1877 Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson  
 Atlas

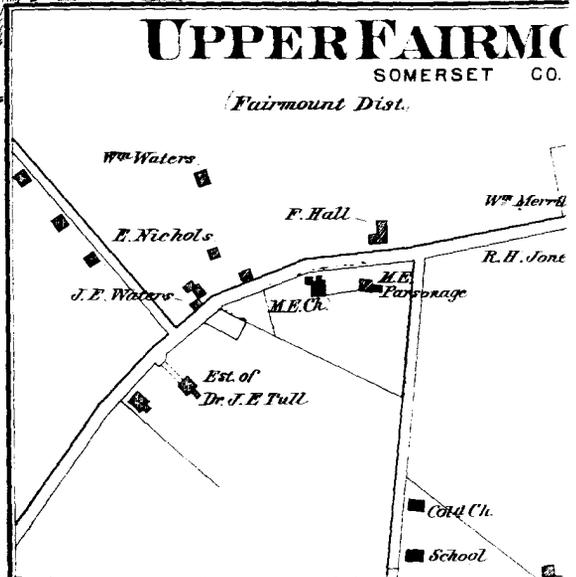


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Marion, Maryland Quadrangle  
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UPPER Hill, SIMMERSET COUNTY, MD

SOUTHWEST ELEVATION

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