

S-444
John C. Waters House
Upper Hill
Private

c. 1890-1900

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. S-444
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1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic JOHN C. WATERS HOUSE

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 27770 Waters Lane not for publication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 type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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 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 John Alphonso Waters et al. % Louise Rock

street & number 1530 Poplar Avenue telephone no.:

city, town Baltimore state and zip code MD 21216

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset County Clerk of Court liber 313

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio 312

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

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
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<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 John C. Waters house stands at 27770 Waters Lane in the community of Upper Hill, Somerset County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay center hall frame house faces south the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Erected around 1890, this two-story, center hall, single-pile main house rests on a brick pier foundation and the exterior is clad with a uniform layer of plain weatherboard siding. The steeply pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Extending to the north (rear) of the main block is a two-story, two-bay kitchen wing.

The south (main) facade is a symmetrical three-bay elevation with a center entrance and flanking two-over-two sash windows. The entrance is filled with a partially glazed door, and the window frames retain shutter hardware. The entire first floor is sheltered by a single story cross gabled front porch supported on turned posts. The centered cross gable is sheathed with fishscale shingles. A framed knee wall stretches between the posts. The second floor is lighted by three evenly spaced two-over-two sash windows.

The east and west gable ends of the main block are alike with single two-over-two sash windows on each floor including the upper gable end. The eaves to the roof are extended with the soffits open. Piercing the gable roof is a pair of stuccoed brick stove chimneys that flank the center hall.

The north (rear) wall of the main block is partially covered by the two-story, two-bay kitchen wing, which is extended to the rear by a single-story gable roof addition and to the west by an enclosed shed roofed porch marked by single-pane sash windows. The east side of the kitchen is defined by a first floor entrance marked by a four-panel door sheltered by a shed roofed hood. A two-over-two sash window fills the adjacent bay and a pair of similar windows light the second floor. A single flue brick stove chimney rises through the gable end.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
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 Level of Significance: national state local

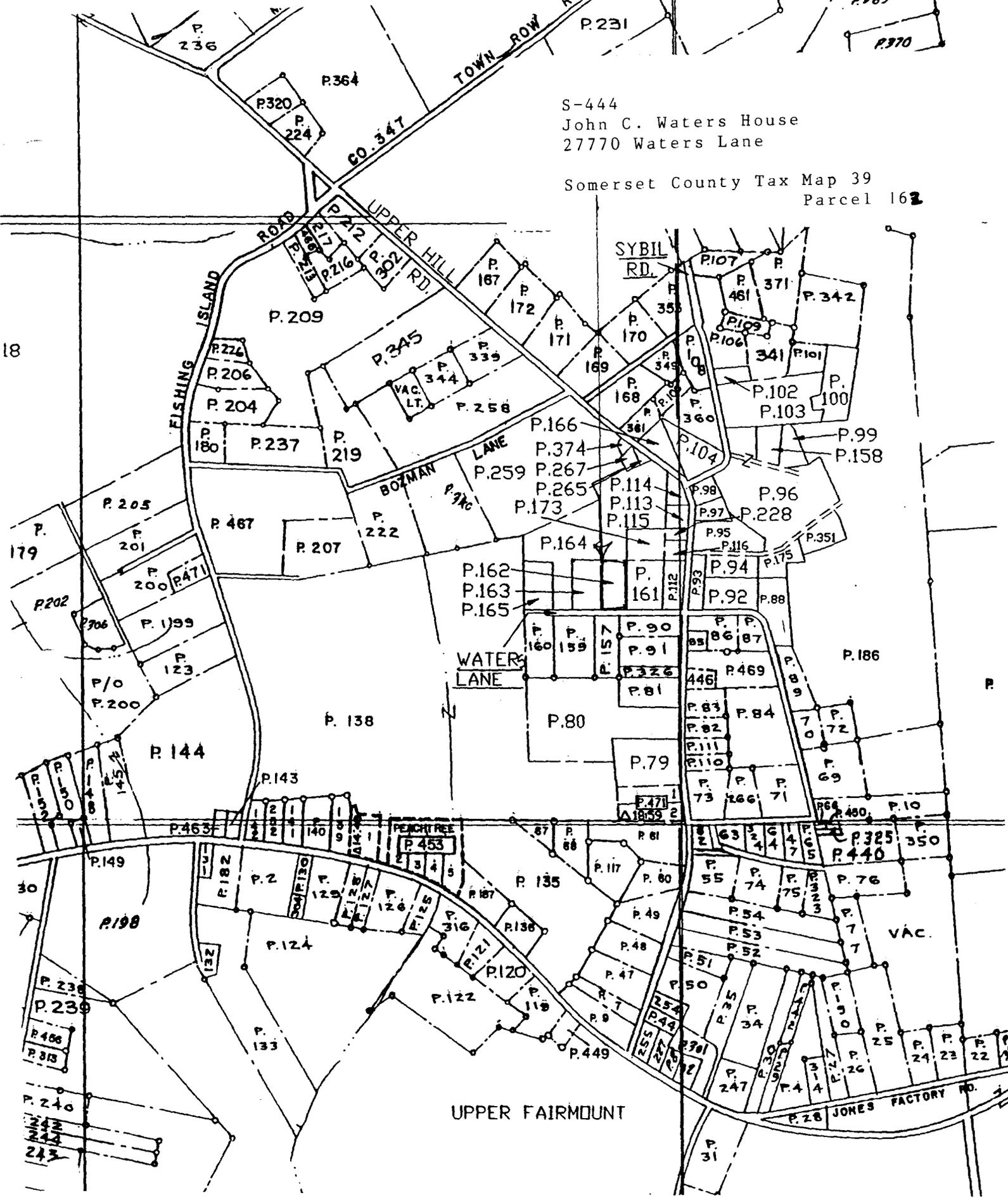
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Somerset County Tax Map 39
Parcel 162



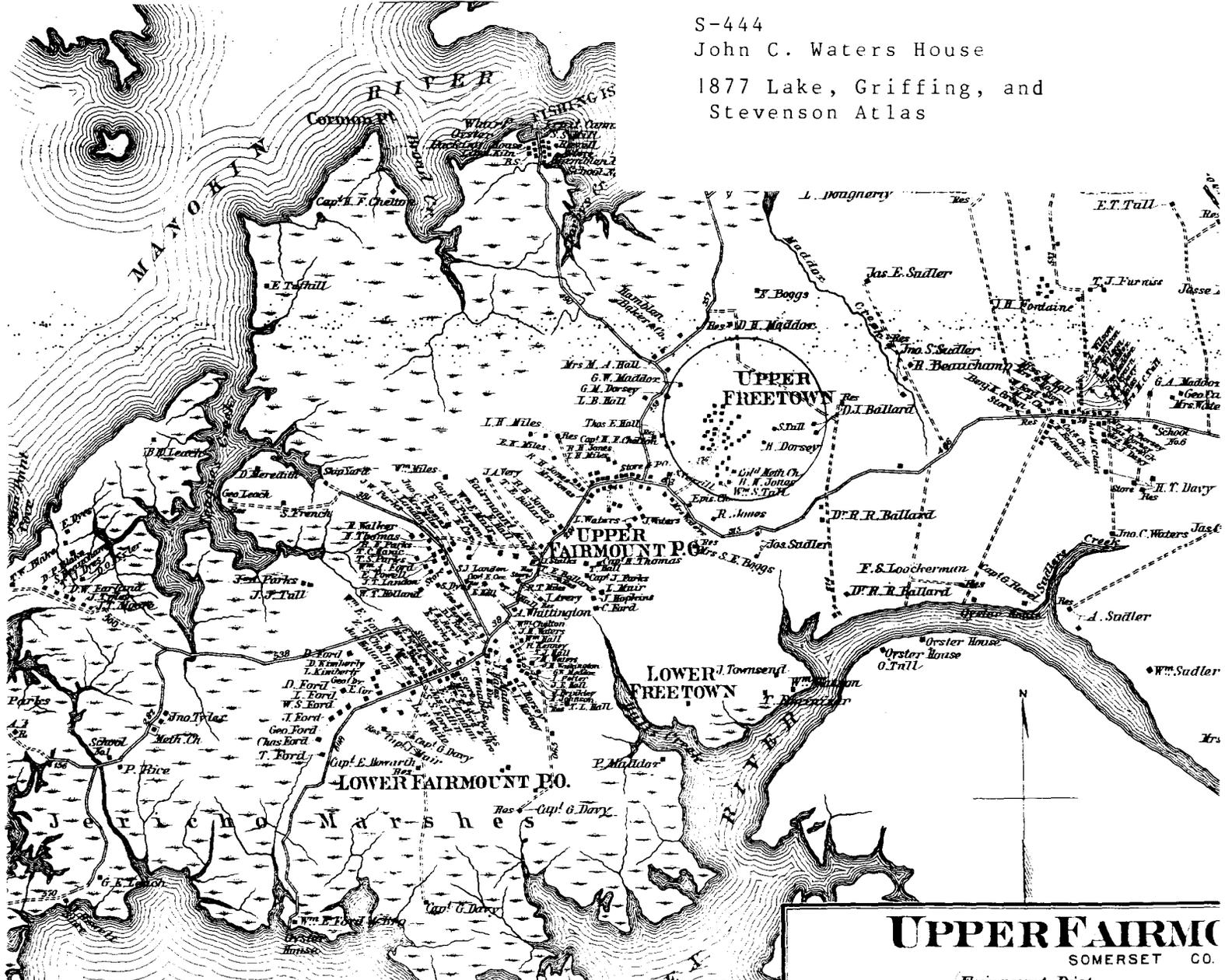
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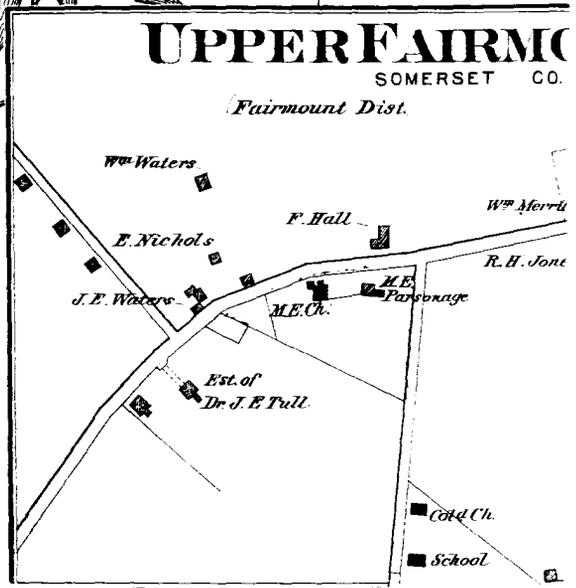


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