

S-445  
Lydia Cottman House  
Upper Hill  
Private

c. 1900-1920

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: S-445

MHT Inventory Number: LYDIA COTTMAN HOUSE

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

STATE OF MARYLAND  
HISTORIC COMMISSION

Survey No. S-445

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic LYDIA COTTMAN HOUSE

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 27746 Waters Lane  not for publication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 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 Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Edward Curtis

street & number 1101 Quebec Street telephone no.:

city, town Silver Spring state and zip code MD 20903

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset County Clerk of Court liber 357

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio 206

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

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<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.

Commonly identified as the Raymond Curtis house, and historically known as the Lydia Cottman house, this two-story, three-bay single-pile frame dwelling stands at 27746 Waters Lane on the western edge of Upper Hill, Somerset County, Maryland. The two-story, center hall frame house faces south with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Dating to around 1900-1920, this two-story, three-bay frame house is supported on a brick pier foundation, and the exterior is clad with a layer of asbestos shingles. The steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the house is a two-story, one-bay by one room plan kitchen wing.

The south (main) elevation is a symmetrical three-bay facade with a single-story cross gabled porch sheltering the first floor. The cross gable and the ends of the porch roof are sheathed with fishscale shingles. Single-pane sash windows light the first and second floors. Piercing the roofline are a pair of stuccoed brick chimneys which flank the center hall. The base to the roof is trimmed with a boxed cornice.

The gable ends are alike with single one-over-one sash windows marking the first and second floors. The eaves are extended on each end with returns at the lower corners.

Covering a large portion of the main block's north wall is a two-story, one-bay by one room kitchen wing. An interior end brick chimney rises through the gable end. Extending the kitchen to the east is a two-story shed roofed addition, and a single-story shed addition enlarges the kitchen to the west.

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"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" 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
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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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LYDIA COTTMAN HOUSE  
Chain of title continued

JMT 113/367                      Lydia Cottman, Upper Hill

to

5/12/1937                      Mamie Cottman Jackson

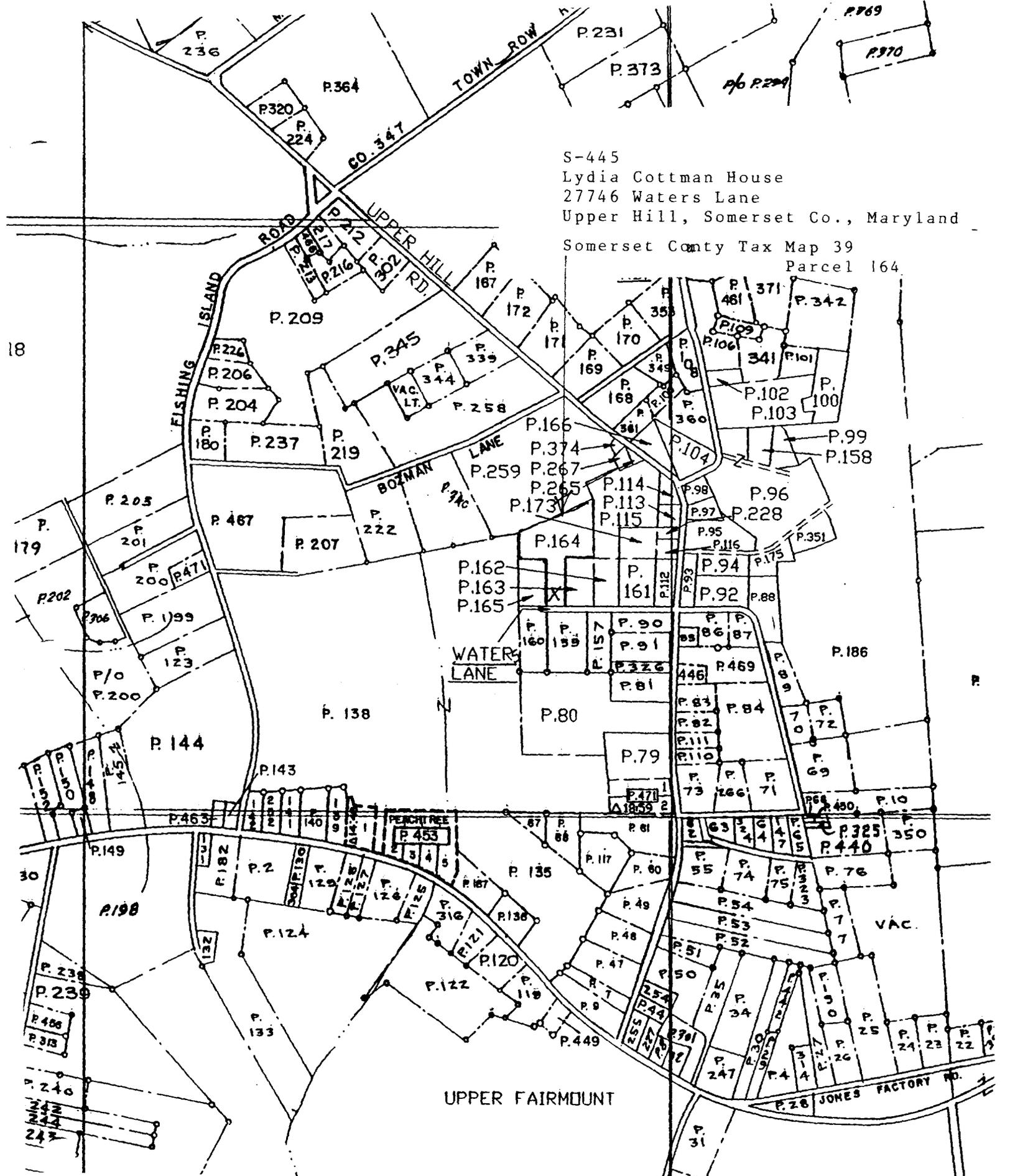
WJS 85/597                      Robert H. Jones

to

11/8/1921                      Lydia Cottman  
½ acre

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Somerset County Tax Map 39  
Parcel 164



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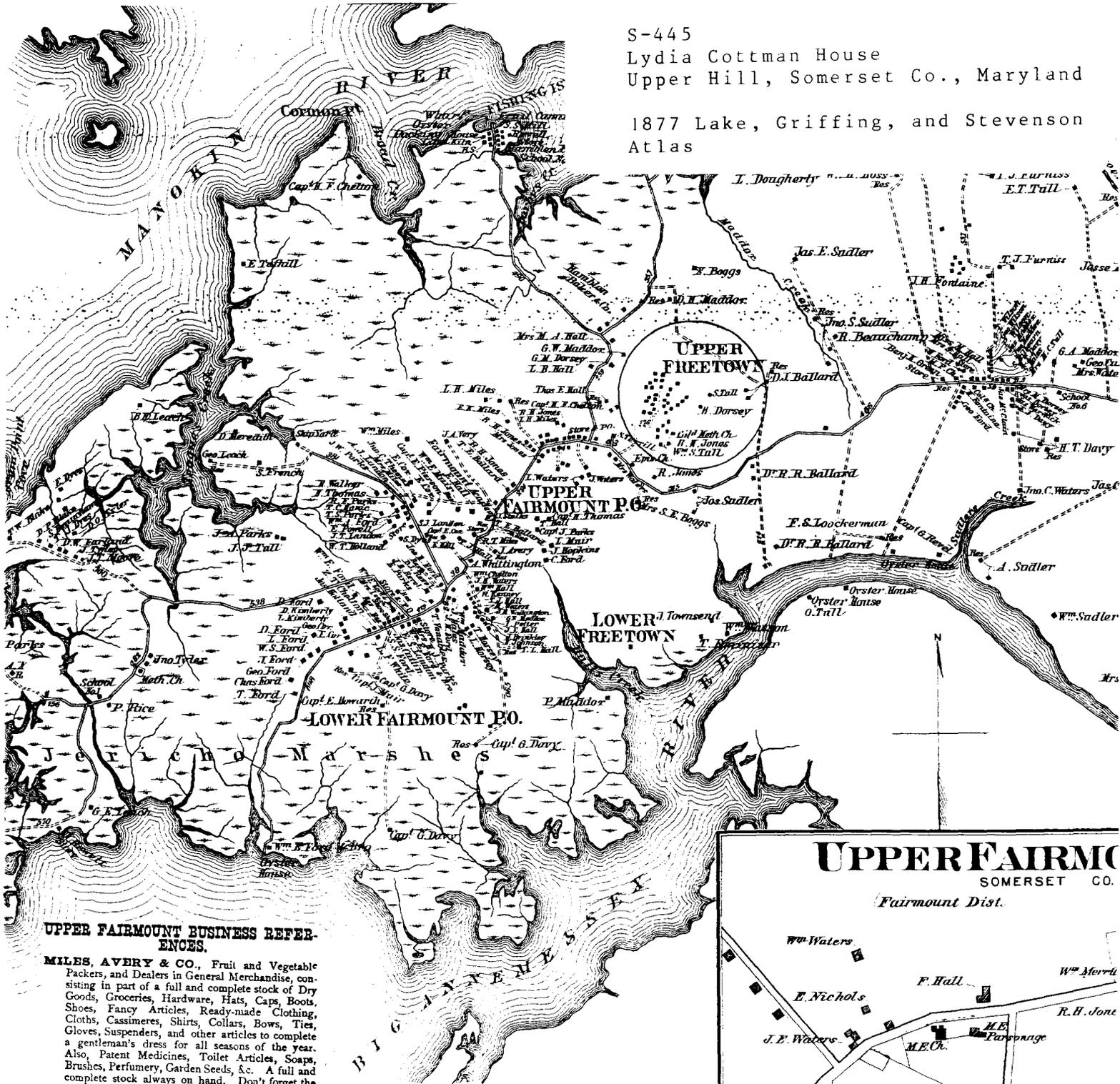
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1877 Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson  
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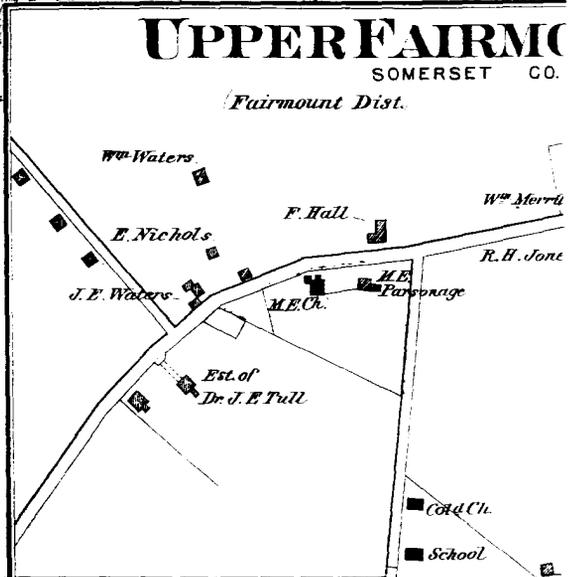


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Marion, Maryland Quadrangle  
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