

S-446  
Joseph Mullen Waters House  
Upper Hill  
Private

c. 1900

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: JOSEPH MULLEN WATERS HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: S-446

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-446  
Magi No.  
DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic JOSEPH MULLEN WATERS HOUSE

and/or common ANNIE E. WATERS HOUSE

## 2. Location

street & number End of Waters Lane  not for publication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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: none

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Robert Lewis Stein

street & number 419 East Main Street telephone no.:

city, town Clarksburg state and zip code WV 26301-3117

## 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

<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 type="checkbox"/> good	<input checked="" 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.

Currently known as the Robert Stein house, named for the present owner, and historically identified as the Joseph Mullen Waters house, this two-and-a-half story frame dwelling stands at the west end of Waters Lane in the community of Upper Hill, Somerset County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story, three-bay center hall dwelling faces south with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Dating to the late nineteenth century, c. 1900-1910, this two-story cross-gabled house has reached an advanced state of disrepair. Supported by a brick pier foundation, the house is sheathed with a layer of plain weatherboard siding, and the principal corners are trimmed with wide corner boards. The steeply pitched wood shingle roof has partially collapsed. Attached to the back of the main house is a two-story, two-bay kitchen wing.

The south (main) facade is a symmetrical elevation with a center entrance and flanking windows. The front door is marked by long louvered shutters, while each window opening is filled with a deteriorated two-over-two sash. The second floor is lighted by three evenly spaced window openings with the sash missing. Piercing the cross gable is an arched two-pane window opening. Protruding through the gable roof is a pair of interior, corbelled cap brick stove chimneys.

The east and west gable ends are alike with a single window opening on each floor, and an arched two-pane window lights the attic. The eaves to the roof are extended and the plain rafter ends are exposed.

The two-story, two-bay kitchen wing is marked by a side door and window on the east side that are sheltered by a shed roof porch supported by chamfered posts. A narrow single flue brick chimney stack protrudes 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
<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 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**

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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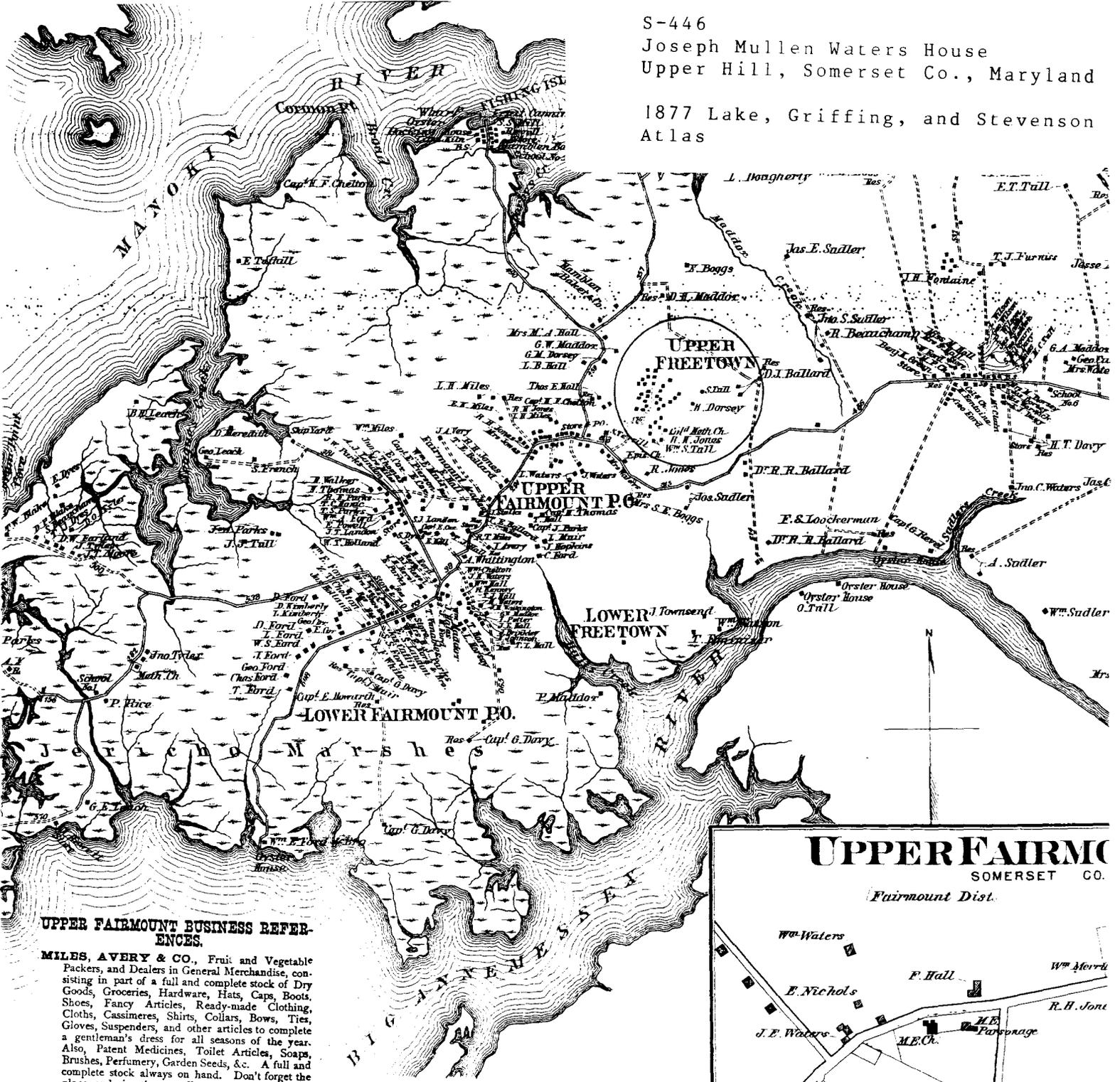
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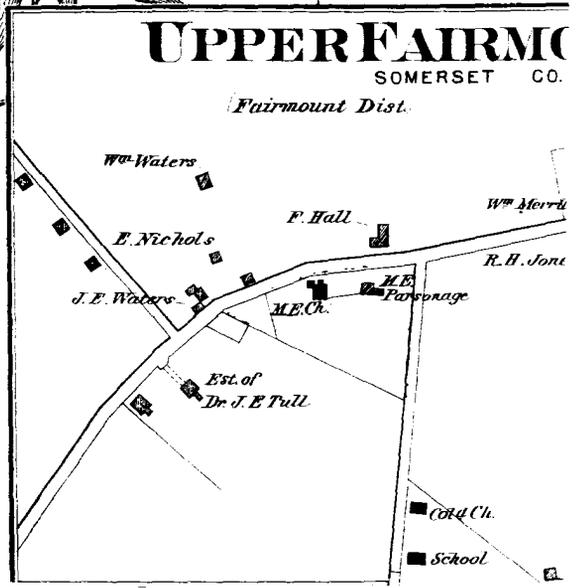


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Marion, Maryland Quadrangle

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Upper Hill, Somerset County, Md.

EAST ELEVATION

6/95, Paul Touart, PHOTOGRAPHER

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