

S-450  
James Johnson House  
Upper Hill  
Private

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: JAMES JOHNSON HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: S-450

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

Survey No. S-450

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common James Johnson House

## 2. Location

street & number 8218 Upper Hill Road  not for publicationcity, 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 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 James and Margaret Johnson

street &amp; number P. O. Box 315 telephone no.:

city, town Upper Hill state and zip code MD 21868

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset County Clerk of Court liber 170

street &amp; number Somerset County Courthouse folio 187

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
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The James Johnson house is located at 8218 Upper Hill Road in the historic black community of Upper Hill, Somerset County, Maryland. The two-story, two-bay frame house faces east with the principal gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1900, this two-story, two-bay side hall/parlor frame dwelling rests on a low masonry foundation, and the exterior is uniformly clad with vinyl siding over plain weatherboards. The medium sloped gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Extending to the rear is a long two-story service wing.

The east (main) facade is a two-bay elevation with an enclosed hip roof porch sheltering the entire first floor. The second floor is lighted by two single-pane sash windows. Rising through the roof is an off-center single-flue brick chimney.

The north and south gable ends are largely alike with a single one-over-one sash window on each floor.

The west side of the single-pile main block is largely covered by a two-story rear dining room and kitchen wing that appears to have been built in two stages. A gable roof addition, perpendicular to the original wing, extends westward and is wider than the front section. An enclosed shed roofed porch, built on the south side of the rear wing, fills the space between the main block and the rear addition.

The interior was not seen.

# 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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" 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

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or

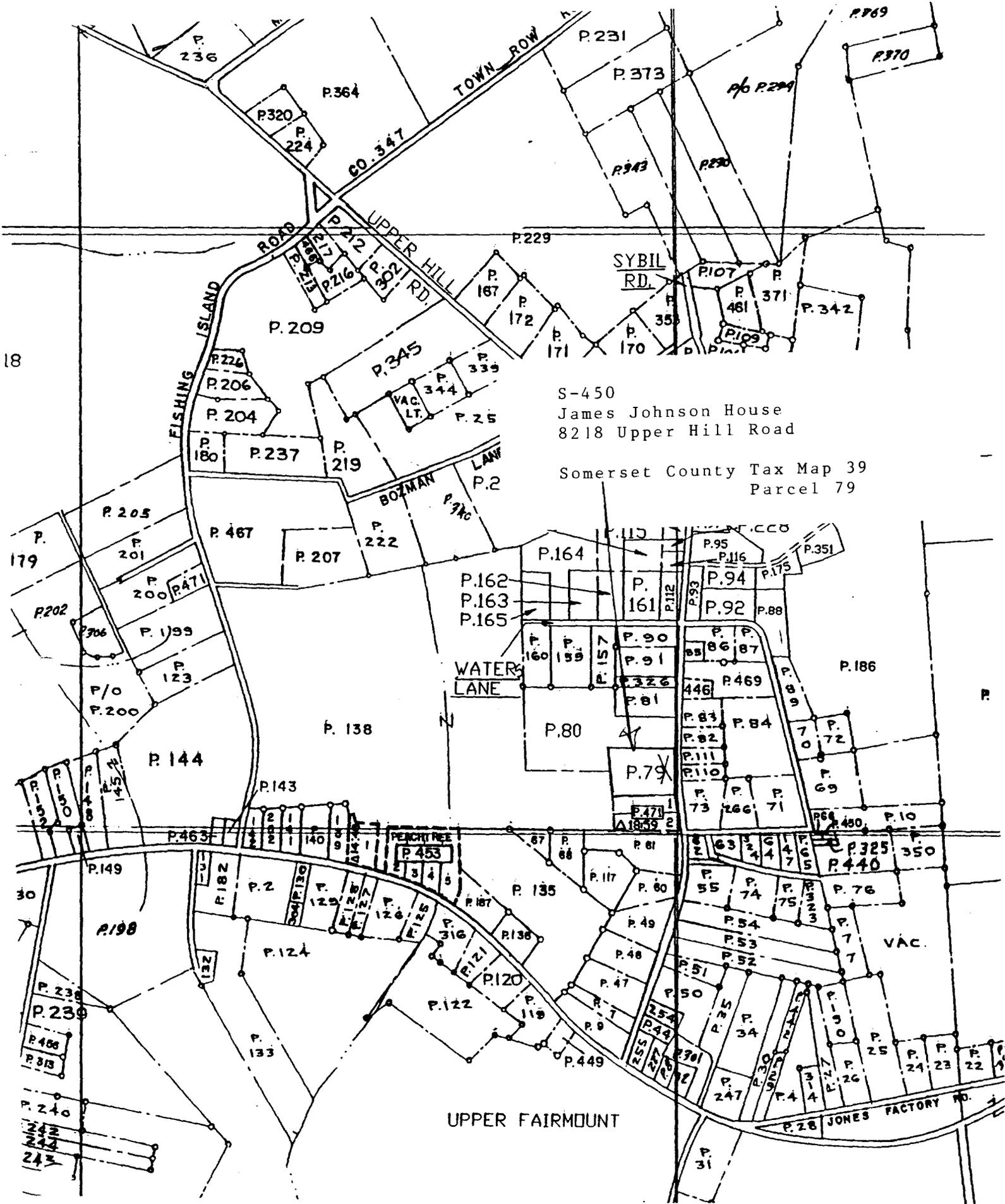
Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

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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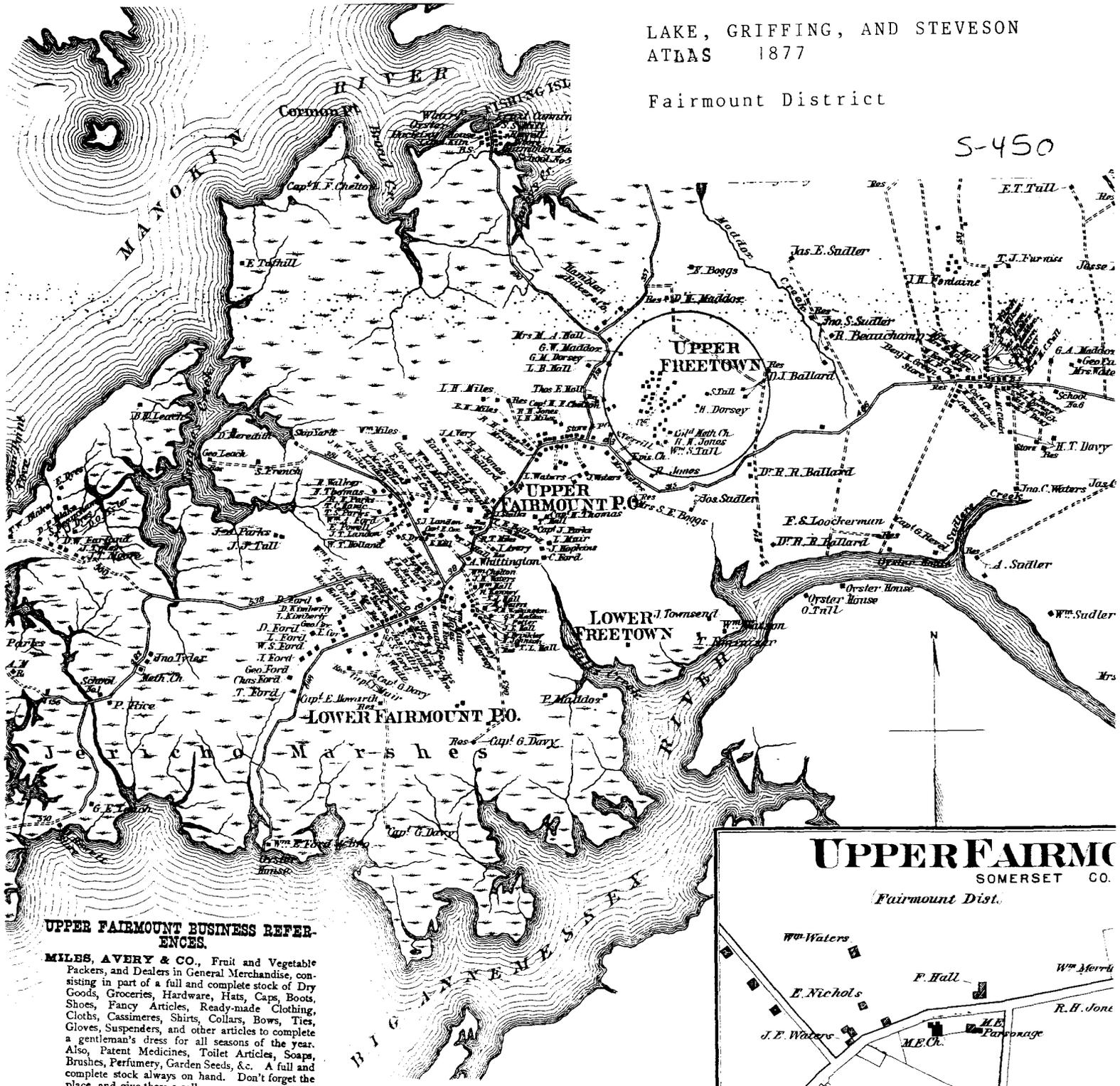


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 James Johnson House  
 8218 Upper Hill Road  
 Somerset County Tax Map 39  
 Parcel 79

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JONES FACTORY RD.

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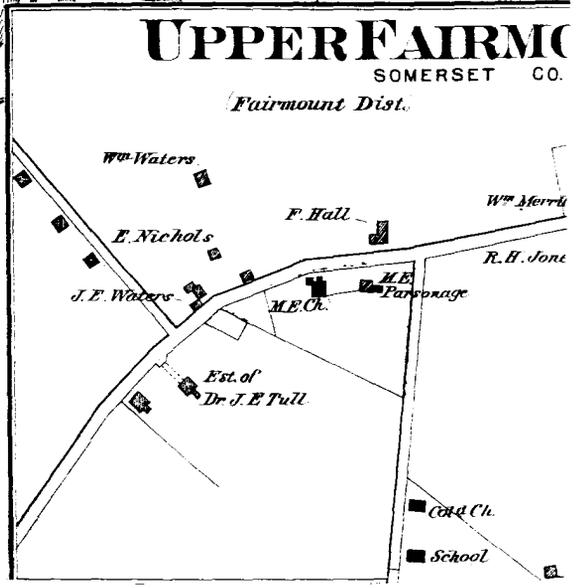


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JAMES JOHNSON HOUSE  
8218 Upper Hill Road

Marion, Maryland Quadrangle  
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UPPER Hill, SOMERSET COUNTY, MD.

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