

S-453  
Roger Fields House  
Upper Hill  
Private

c. 1900

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: ROGER FIELDS HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: S-453

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-453  
Magi No.  
DOE  yes  no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common ROGER FIELDS HOUSE

**2. Location**

street & number South side of Jim Moore Road  not for publication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: storage

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

name

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

**5. Location of Legal Description**

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

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state MD 21853

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

depository 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input 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 Roger Fields house stands on the south side of Jim Moore Road a hundred yards west of the intersection with Upper Hill Road in the historic black community of Upper Hill, Somerset County, Maryland. The two-story, two-bay frame house faces north with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Estimated to date around 1900-1910, this two-story, side hall/parlor frame house is supported on brick pier foundation, and the exterior is clad with a layer of asbestos shingles over plain weatherboards. The steeply pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the single-pile main block is a single-story kitchen wing.

The north (main) elevation is a two-bay facade with a side entrance and flanking two-over-two sash window. The door is partially glazed. A pair of two-over-two sash windows light the second floor. The base of the gable roof is finished with a boxed cornice. Rising through the gable roof is an interior brick chimney stack that rises against the hall partition.

The east and west gable ends are alike with single two-over-two sash windows lighting the first and second floors. A small two-pane window marks the upper gable end to illuminate the attic. The end of the roof is finished with an extended eaves and boxed soffits.

The single story kitchen wing covers a portion of the south wall of the main block, and kitchen is extended by a shed roofed addition. An interior brick stove chimney rises through the gable end.

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"/> 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

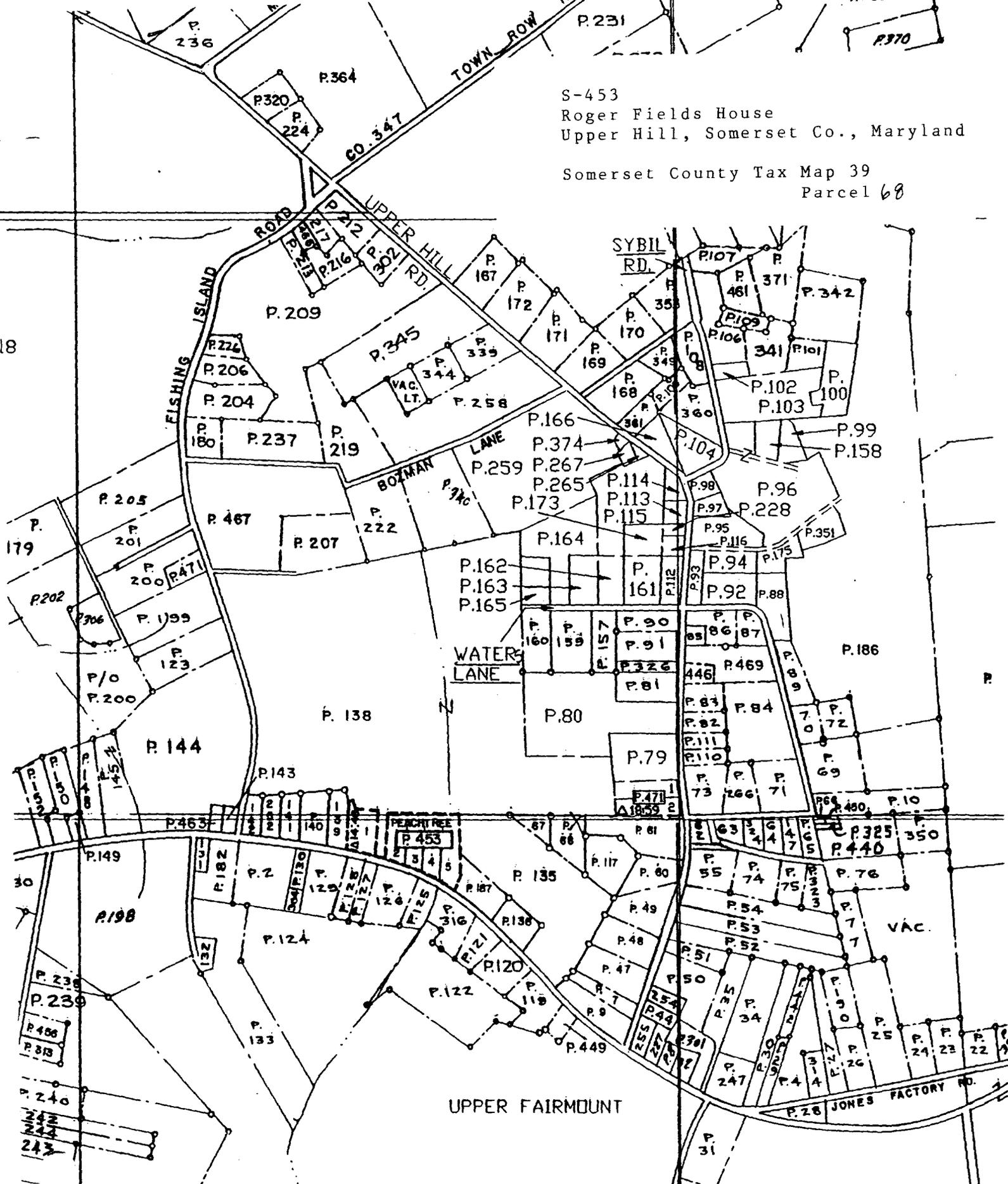
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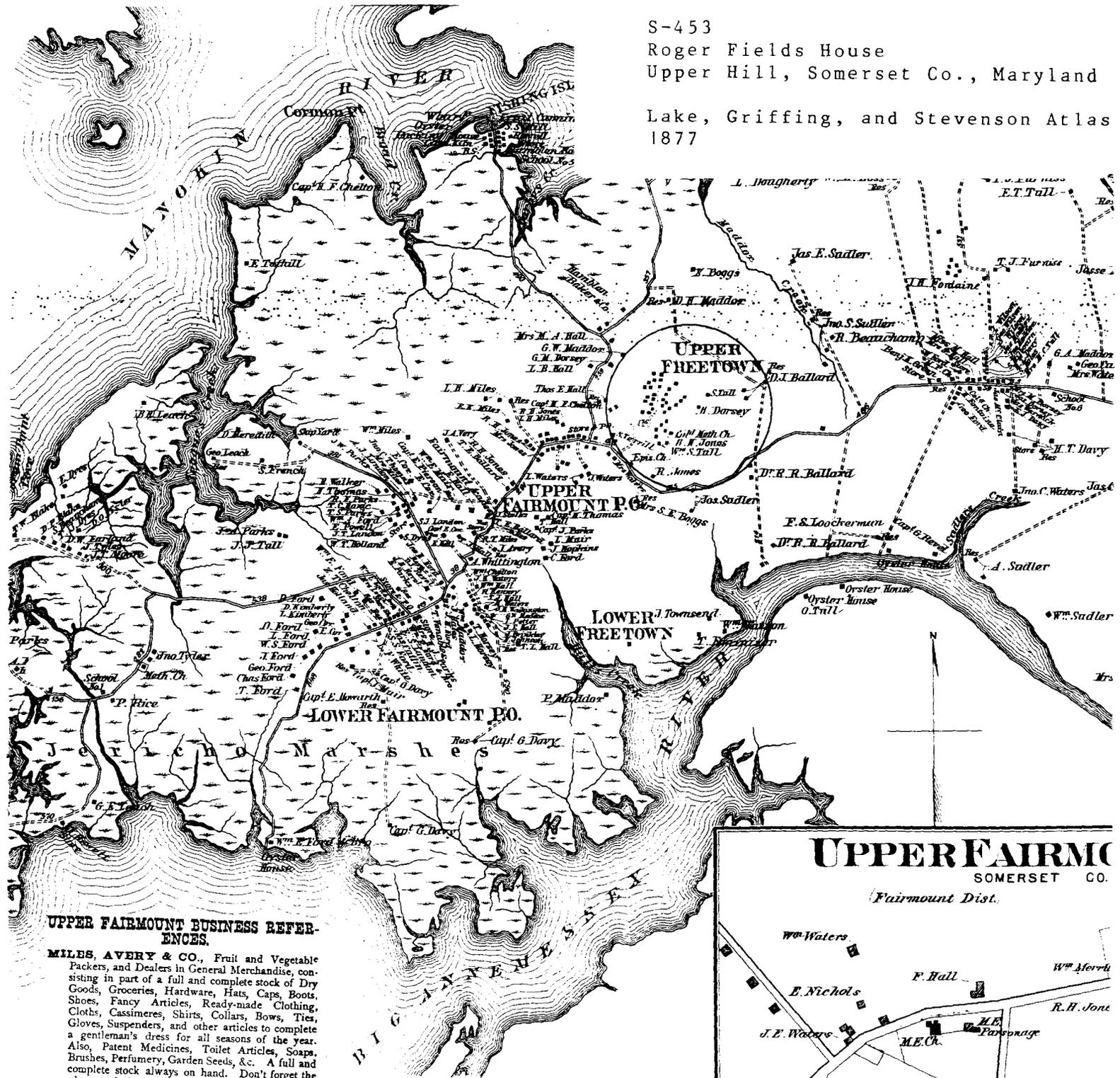


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Somerset County Tax Map 39  
Parcel 68



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 Upper Hill, Somerset Co., Maryland  
 Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas  
 1877

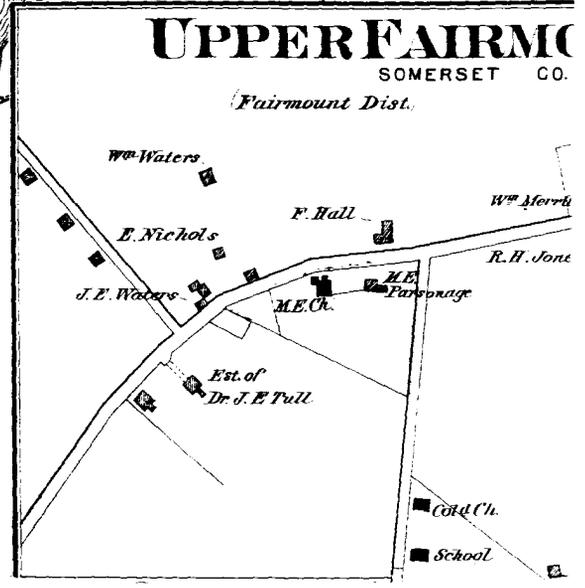


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Marion, Maryland Quadrangle  
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