

S-457
Stephen Maddox House
Upper Hill
Private

c. 1880

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: Stephen Maddox House

MHT Inventory Number: S-457

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-457
Magi No.
DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common STEPHEN MADDOX HOUSE

2. Location

street & number 8140 Upper Hill Road not for publication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 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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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 James R. and Frederick H. Maddox

street & number 626 N. Augusta Avenue telephone no.:

city, town Baltimore state and zip code Maryland 21229

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset County Clerk of Court liber 116

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio 66

city, town state

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

repository 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	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" 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 Stephen Maddox house is located at 8140 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 gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Dating around 1880-1900, this two-story, two-bay side hall/parlor frame house rests on a low brick foundation, and the exterior is clad with a layer of vinyl siding. Attached to the back of the main house is a two-story shed roofed addition.

The east (main) elevation is a two-bay facade with a shed roofed porch sheltering a side entrance filled with a partially glazed front door. The adjacent bay is filled with a six-over-six sash window. Centered on the porch roof is a shallow pitched cross gable. The second floor is lighted by two evenly spaced six-over-six sash windows. Finishing the base of the roof is a boxed cornice, and the soffits are enclosed. An off-center concrete block stove chimney pierces the roofline.

The north and south gable ends are alike with a single six-over-six sash window lighting the first and second floors. The gable end eaves are slightly extended and the soffits are enclosed.

The two-story shed roofed addition extends to the rear and is lighted on the each side by six-over-six sash windows.

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"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<input 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: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or	
Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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Chain of title

116/66

William H. Adams

to

5/10/1939

Stephen and Henrietta Maddox
1 acre

WJS 70/129

Edward E. Tull

to

12/6/1915

William H. Adams
\$614.50 4 11/100 acres

OTB 41/429

Elizabeth I. Jones
Louise T. Baker
James H. Baker, of Baltimore City

to

11/29/1905

Edward E. Tull, N.Y.C.
6 acres improved by a dwelling

LW 12/66

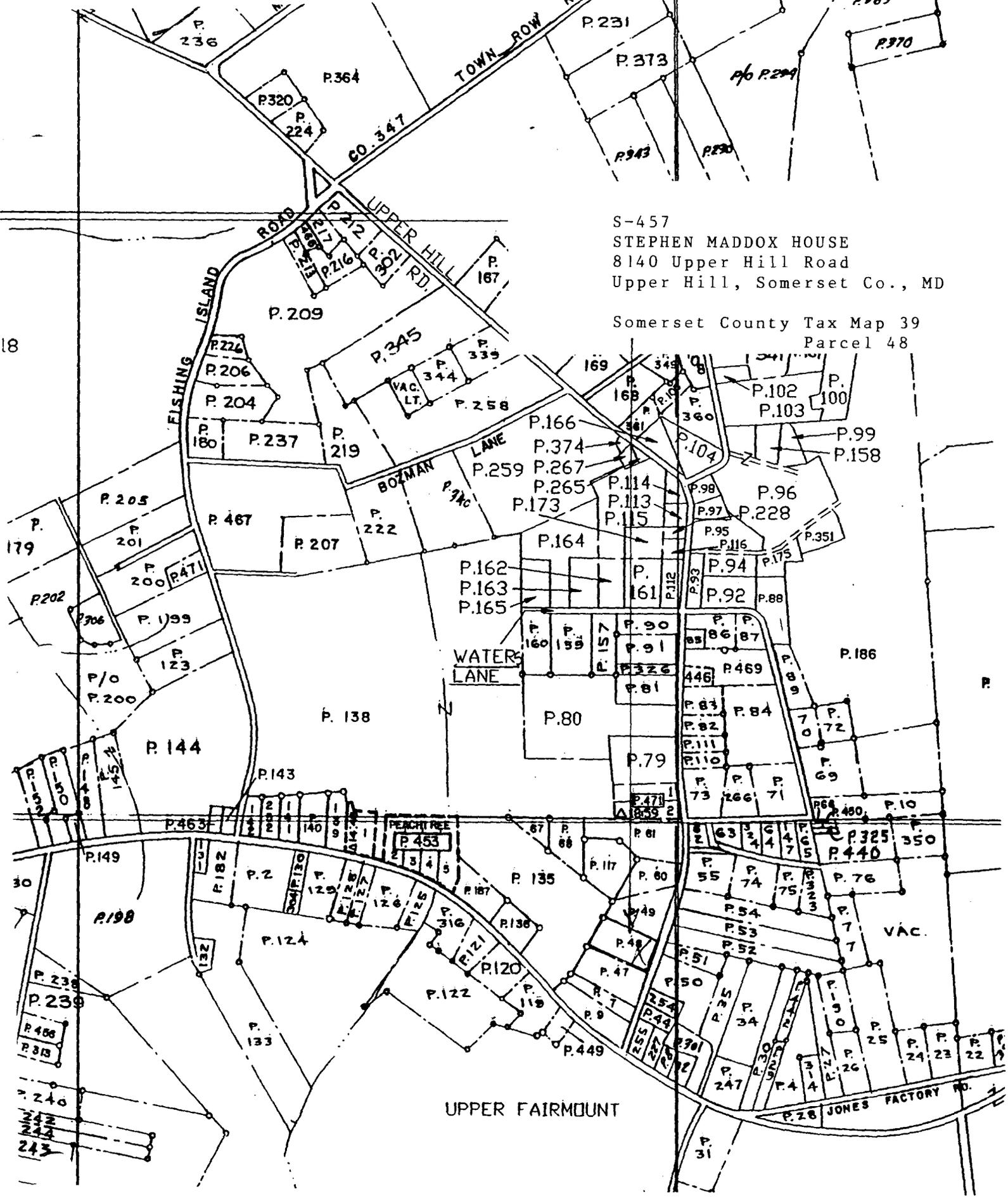
George W. Covington, trustee

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Dr. John Emory Tull

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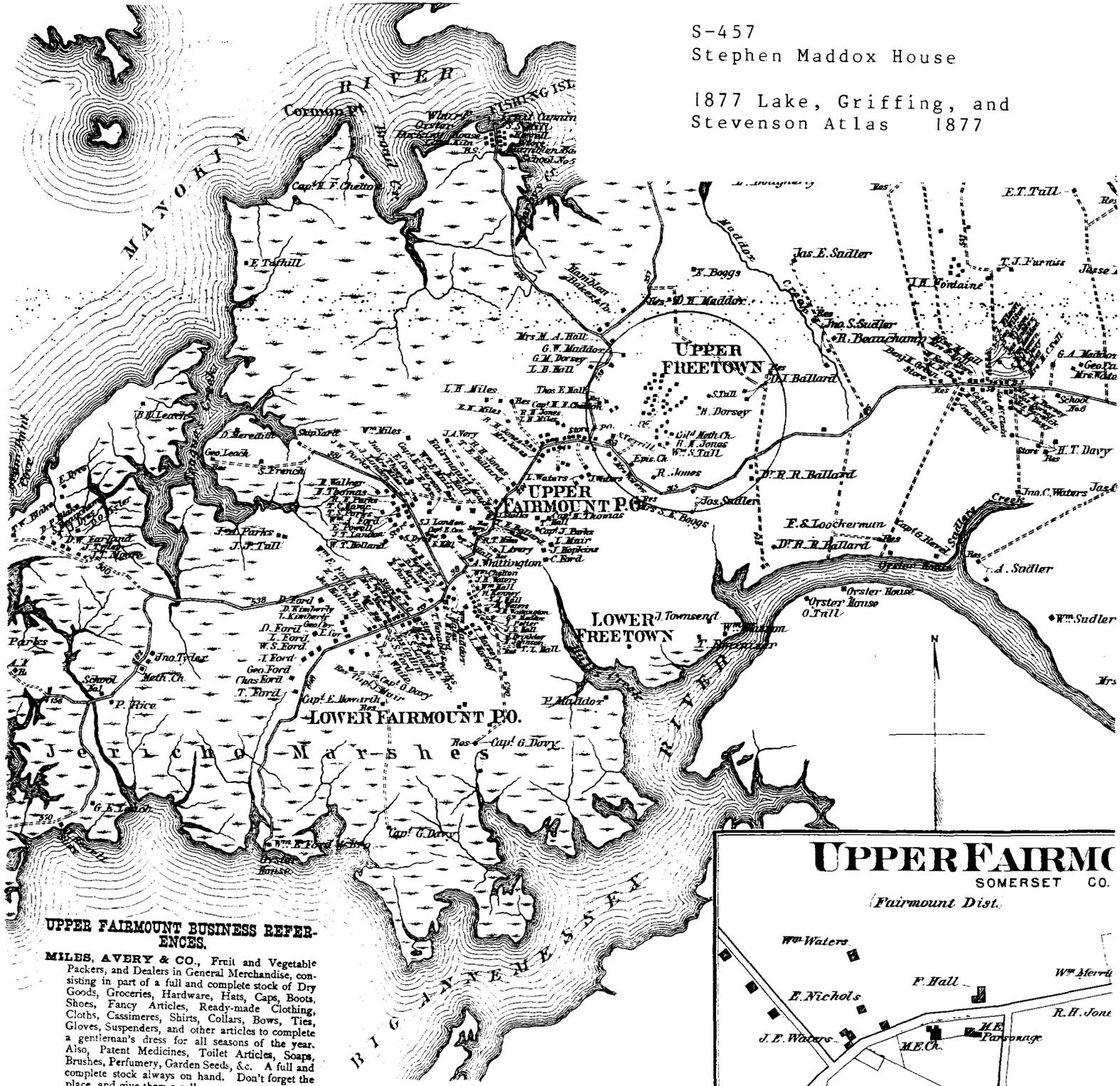


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Somerset County Tax Map 39
 Parcel 48

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1877 Lake, Griffing, and
 Stevenson Atlas 1877

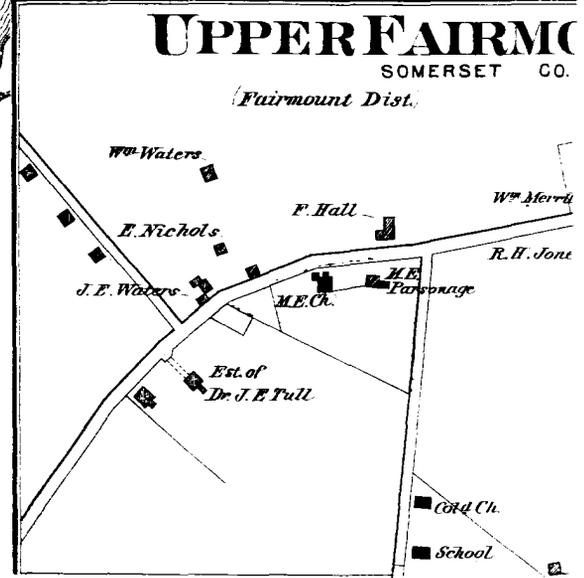


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Somerset County, Maryland

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Holland Point

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Noblez Creek

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EMENT AREA

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Gales Creek

Charles Pt

Horseshoe Pt



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STEPHEN MADDox House
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Southeast Elevation

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