

S-464
Rudolph Tilghman House
Upper Hill
Private

c. 1900

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: Rudolph Tilghman House

MHT Inventory Number: S-464

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-464
Magi No.
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1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common RUDOLPH TILGHMAN HOUSE

2. Location

street & number 27883 Jim Moore Road not for publication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 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 Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Tilghman, Sr.

street & number P. O. Box 294 telephone no.:

city, town Upper Hill state and zip code Maryland 21868

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset County Clerk of Court liber 323

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio 655

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

Survey No. S-464

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<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.

Standing at 27883 Jim Moore Road is a two-story, three-bay, single-pile frame dwelling currently known as the Rudolph Tilghman house, which faces west and the road. The gable roof of the main block is oriented on a north/south axis.

Estimated to date around 1900-1910, this two-story, three-bay frame structure is supported on a low brick pier foundation covered with tin sheeting. A uniform cladding of vinyl siding covers the main block and a steeply pitched gable roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the main house is a two-story kitchen wing.

The west (main) facade is a two-story, three-bay elevation with a center entrance and flanking single-pane sash windows. A shed roof porch, partially enclosed, shelters the first floor. The second floor is lighted by three evenly spaced single-pane sash windows. The base to the roof is finished with a boxed cornice. Piercing the roofline is a single brick stove chimney topped with a corbelled cap.

The north and south gable ends are alike with single one-over-one sash windows lighting the first and second floors, and a pointed arch window marks the upper gable end. The eaves are extended and the soffits are enclosed.

The east wall of the main block is largely covered by a two-story, two-bay by one room kitchen wing, which is extended farther east by a small single-story, gable roofed frame storage building. The kitchen wing is marked by a partially glazed side door on the south wall, which is joined by an adjacent two-over-two sash window. A single two-over-two sash window pierces the second floor. Rising through the gable end is an interior end brick stove chimney.

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**

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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27883 Jim Moore Road
Upper Hill, Somerset County, Maryland
Chain of title

323/655 Harold O. Waters
 Ella M. Waters

to

5/30/1980 Rudolph Melvin Tilghman, Sr.
 Virginia Laurena Tilghman

ITP 297/550 Bessie Moore, Laura Moore, Gertrude Moore,
 Sarah Horsey, Olivia Keith

to

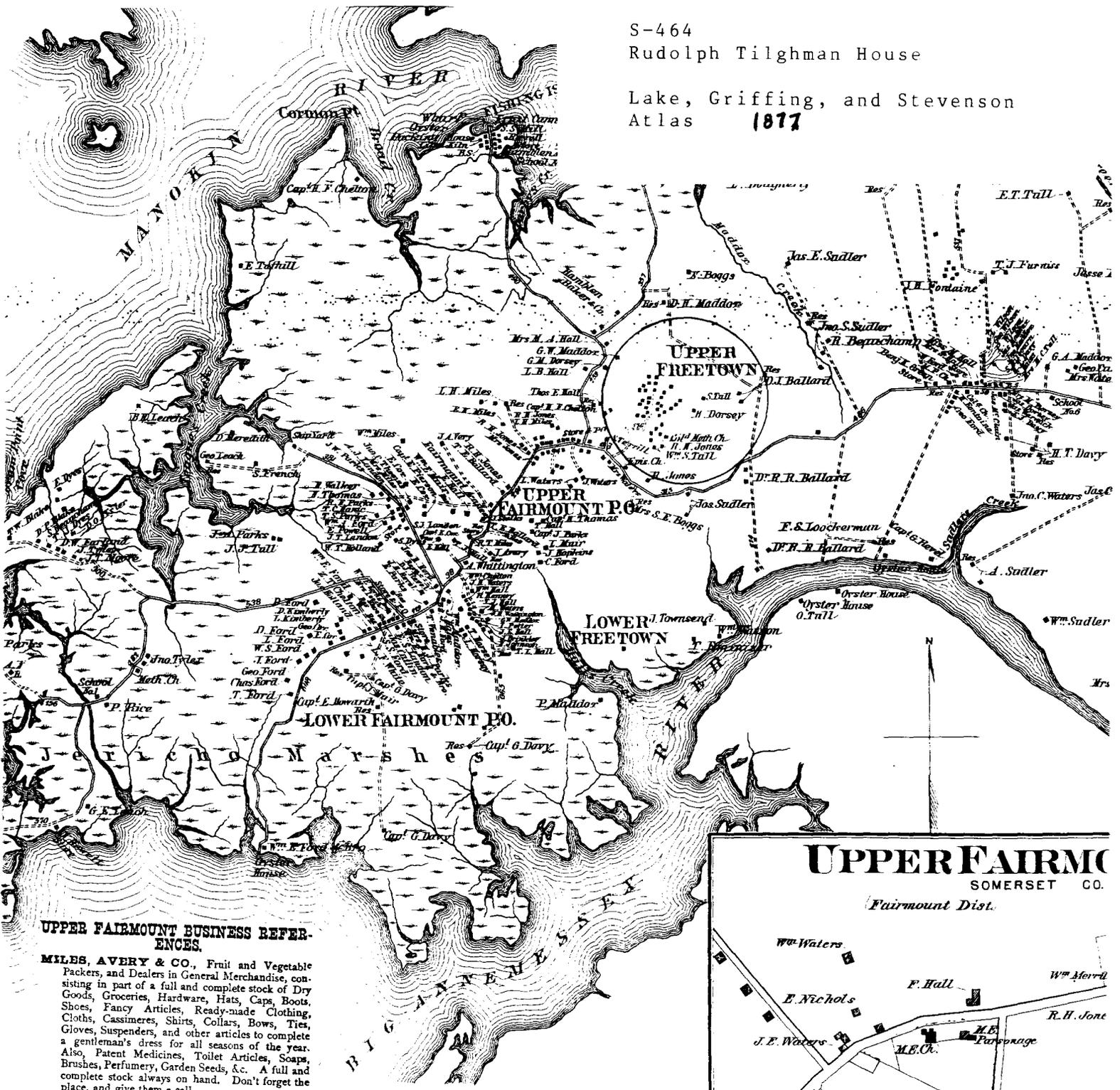
12/6/1976 Harold O. Waters
 Ella M. Waters

 (except so much as may have been conveyed by
 Emanuel J. Waters and Mollie Waters unto Sarah
 Sterling and Elberta Sterling 4/3/1940
 117/191)

SFD 59/172 George A. Cox
 Susie E. Cox

to

11/6/1911 Emanuel J. Waters
 ½ acre

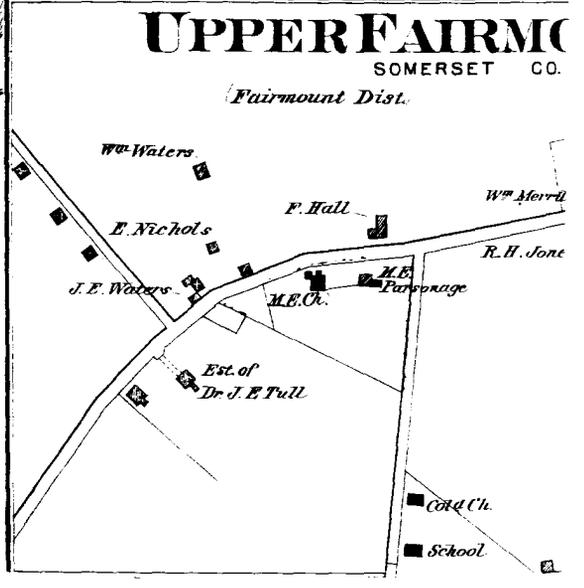


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Marion, Maryland Quadrangle
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Rudolph Tilghman House
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Southwest Elevation

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