

S-470  
John Washington House  
Lower Hill  
Private

c. 1870

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: JOHN WASHINGTON HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: S-470

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-470

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common JOHN WASHINGTON HOUSE

## 2. Location

street & number West side of Lower Hill Road  not for publication

city, town Lower 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 Shirley Washington Worthy  
Diane Washington White

street & number 30330 Bowland Hill Circle telephone no.:

city, town Princess Anne state and zip code Maryland 21853

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset County Clerk of Court liber No Deed

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio Reference

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

Survey No. S-470

<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 John Washington house stands on the west side of Lower Hill Road in the historic black community of Lower Hill, Somerset County, Maryland. The two-story, two-bay side hall/parlor frame house faces northeast with the gable roof oriented on a northwest/southeast axis.

Dating around 1870, this two-story, two-bay timber frame house is supported by a brick pier foundation, and the exterior is covered with plain weatherboards. The steeply pitched gable roof is covered with sheet tin over a old layer of wood shingles. Trimming the corners of the main block are long paneled pilasters. Attached to the south gable end of the main block is a single-story kitchen wing.

The northeast (main) elevation is a two-bay facade with a side entrance and a flanking two-over-two sash window to the south. The second floor is pierced by a pair of two-over-two sash windows. The paneled pilasters that trim the corners of the main block rise to a boxed cornice.

The northwest gable end is defined by a single two-over-two sash window on each floor, and a small pointed arch window marks the upper gable.

The rear (west) wall of the main block is somewhat deteriorated with a large opening piercing the first floor. Two-over-two sash windows fill the other openings.

The south gable end is partially covered by a single-story kitchen wing defined by a partially glazed front door on the north side.

The interior is plainly finished. A staircase rises against the north wall of the hallway and passes across the first floor window.

# 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"/> invention		

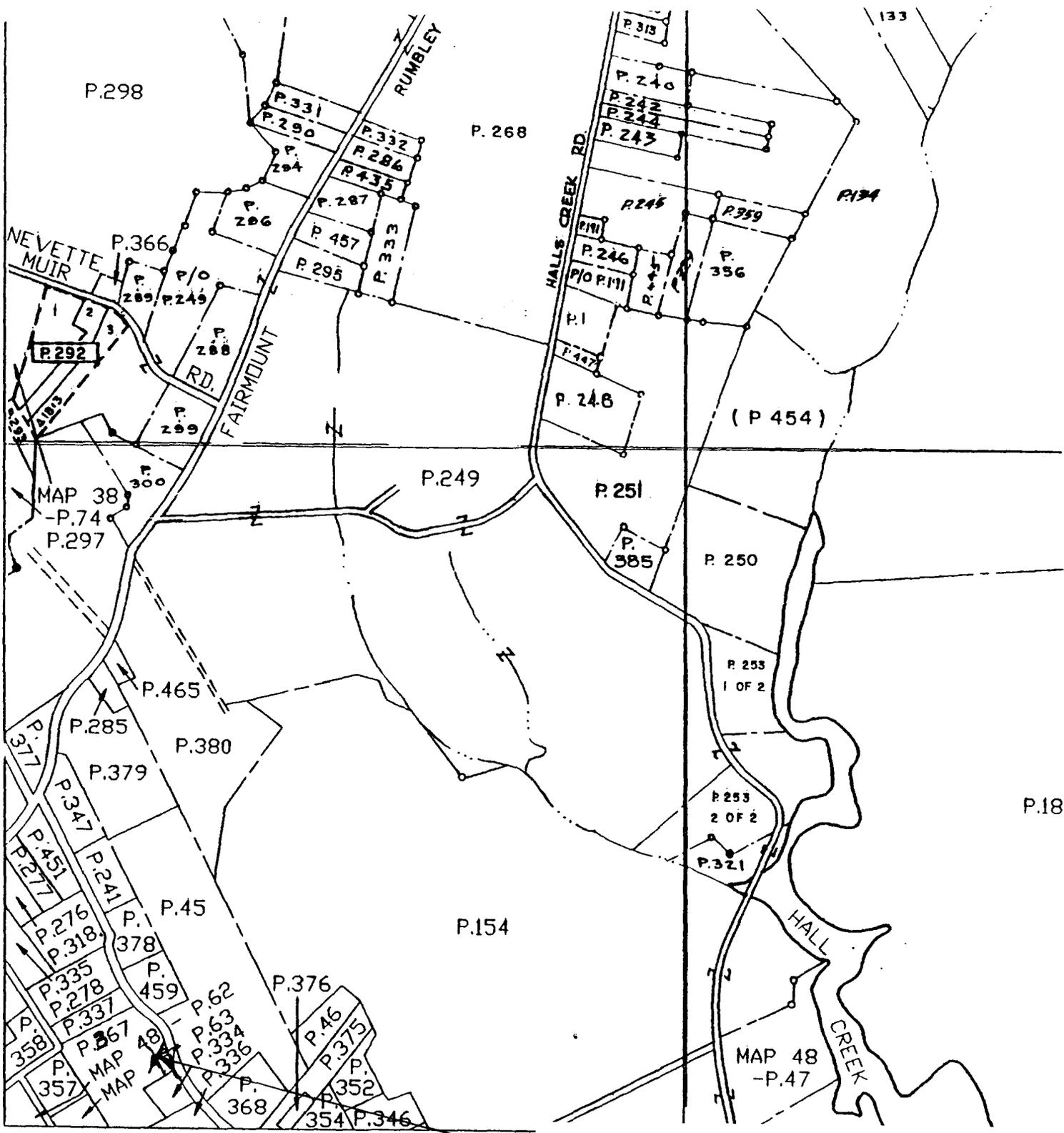
**Specific dates** **Builder/Architect**

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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Lower Hill, Somerset County, MD  
Somerset County Tax Map 39  
Parcel 367

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 JOHN WASHINGTON HOUSE  
 Lower Hill, Somerset County, MD

Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson  
 Atlas 1877



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 JOHN WASHINGTON HOUSE  
 Lower Hill, Somerset County, MD  
 Marion, Maryland Quadrangle  
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JOHN WASHINGTON HOUSE

LOWER HILL, SOMERSET COUNTY, MD.

NORTHEAST ELEVATION

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