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Ernest Maddox House

Architectural Survey File

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The Maddox house, located at 27958 Jones Factory Rd., Upper Fairmount, Somerset County, MD is not located in an historic district nor is it considered eligible for individual listing on the National Register of Historic Places. The Maddox House is a 2-1/2 story house built circa 1910-1930. The frame structure sits on a parged concrete foundation and is covered with a steep gable roof. The porch has a hipped roof and is enclosed. The windows are two over two sash. The dwelling is typical of the domestic architecture of the period and lacks the architectural distinctiveness to qualify for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C. The property is not known to have any associations with persons or events significant to our past and is thus not eligible under Criteria B or A.
MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

XX Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
____ Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
____ Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
____ Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

___ Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
___ Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
___ Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
___ Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
___ Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
___ Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
___ Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
___ Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
___ Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
___ Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
___ Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
XX Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
___ Unknown Period (___prehistoric ___historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

___ Subsistence 
___ Settlement 
___ Political 
___ Demographic 
___ Religion 
___ Technology 
___ Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

___ Agriculture 
XX Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
___ Economic (Commercial and Industrial) 
___ Government/Law 
___ Military 
___ Religion 
___ Social/Educational/Cultural 
___ Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Building
Historic Environment: Rural
Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single Family Dwelling

Known Design Source:
For your review,
your original response was not forwarded to me as received.

[Signature]

Jo Ellen Freese
Administrator
Project Review & Compliance
Maryland Historical Trust
Department of Housing and Community Development
100 Community Place
Crownsville, Maryland 21032-2023

Dear Ms. Freese:

Enclosed you will find the information needed for evaluation of a property located on Map #39 - Block 15 - Parcel 22, 27958 Jones Factory Rd. Upper Fairmount, MD 21867. Also enclosed is a copy of the tax map showing the parcel and its location along with a photograph of the house. The homeowners are Earnest and Evelyn Maddox.

If you should have any questions or need additional information, please give us a call.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

William E. Justice
Housing Rehabilitation Specialist

A review of MHT files and your submittal indicates that this project is unlikely to affect significant historic and archaeological properties.

Office of Preservation Services
Maryland Historical Trust

[Address]

[Signature] 8/7/97

Date

[Address]
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Resource Name: ERNEST MADDOX HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: S-432 S-481

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE
2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE
3) Chronological/Development Period(s): Urban/Industrial Dominance 1870-1930
4) Resource Type(s): Single-family dwelling
INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: 27958 Jones Factory Road
Survey Number: S-481

Project: CDBG--Rehab
Agency: Somerset County

Site visit by MHT Staff: X no __ yes Name _________________________ Date _____________

Eligibility recommended ___ Eligibility not recommended  X

Criteria: __A __B __C __D Considerations: __A __B __C __D __E __F __G __None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The Ernest Maddox House, a single-family dwelling at 27958 Jones Factory Road in Upper Fairmount, Somerset County, MD is not located within the Upper Fairmount Historic District and is not eligible for individual listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Ernest Maddox House stands on the north side of Jones Factory Road in the vicinity of the historic black community of Upper Hill. The house was erected in two distinct phases. The older western section is a late 19th-century, two-story, two-bay frame structure with a gable roof. In the 1950s, the dwelling was elongated by a two-story single-bay addition, making a three-bay wide dwelling. The oldest section of the house is lit by 2/2 windows. The dwelling follows a typical evolution from a two-bay structure to an enlarged three-bay structure and is representative of the domestic buildings of the period.

The building is located near Upper Hill, but is not within an historic district. Its association with the historic black community has not been researched and thus not evaluated for its eligibility under Criteria A and B.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Review and Compliance Files.

Prepared by: ___________________________

Kimberly Prothro Williams
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

July 2, 1997

Date

NR program concurrence: __ yes __ no __ not applicable

Reviewer, NR program: ___________________________ Date 7/15/97

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Known Design Source:
1. **Name**  
(indicate preferred name)

| historic and/or common | ERNEST MADDOX HOUSE |

2. **Location**

| street & number | 27958 Jones Factory Road |
| city, town      | Upper Fairmount  |
| state           | Maryland  |

3. **Classification**

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4. **Owner of Property**

| name          | Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Maddox |
| street & number | 27958 Jones Factory Road |
| city, town     | Upper Fairmount |
| state and zip code | MD 21867 |

5. **Location of Legal Description**

| courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. | Somerset County Clerk of Court liber 158 |
| street & number | Somerset County Courthouse folio 424 |
| city, town     | Princess Anne  |
| state          | MD 21853 |

6. **Representation in Existing Historical Surveys**
Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Ernest Maddox house, located at 27958 Jones Factory Road, is a two-story, three-bay frame dwelling that faces south with the principal gable roof oriented on an east/west axis. The house stands in the vicinity of Upper Fairmount, Somerset County, Maryland.

Built in two distinct stages, the two-story, three-bay front block is supported on a low masonry foundation, and the exterior is clad with vinyl siding. The steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The western two-bays of the three-bay dwelling, served by an interior brick stove chimney dates to the turn of the twentieth century, while a single-bay east end addition as well as the hip roofed front porch were added by the current owner, Ernest Maddox during his ownership.

The south (main) elevation is a three-bay facade with an enclosed hip roofed porch sheltering the center entrance. The first and second floors are lighted by two-over-two sash windows. The base of the steeply pitched gable roof is finished with a boxed cornice. Rising through the center of the oldest portion is a tall brick stove chimney finished with a corbeled cap.

The east and west gable ends are largely alike with single two-over-two sash windows on each floor, and a pointed arch attic window marks the upper gable.

Attached to the back of the main block is a two-story, two-bay by one-room kitchen wing served by an interior end brick stove chimney.

The interior was not seen.
Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. S-432-S-481

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property

Quadrangle name

Quadrangle scale

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state code county code

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11. Form Prepared By

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telephone: 410-651-1094

city or town: Westover state Maryland 21871

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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ERNEST MADDOX HOUSE
27958 Jones Factory Road
Upper Hill vicinity
Chain of title

158/424 William Avent, widower
to
3/2/1953 Ernest L. Maddox
Evelyn R. Maddox
1 acre

BLB 126/580 Nannie May Lankford
Charles A. Lankford
to
2/28/1944 William Avent

GWL 99/164 Nannie May Lankford
to
9/4/1929 Carlotta M. Cameron

Last will and testament Robert F. Leach
LRN 32/343
to
Nannie May Lankford

HFL 16/267 Oliver T. Beauchamp
to
2/20/1895 Robert F. Leach
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UPPER FAIRMOUNT BUSINESS REFERENCES.

LAKE, GRIFFING, AND STEVENSON
ATLAS, 1877
Fairmount District

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New, Md. Historical Trust
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