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S-59
Robert H. Jones House
Upper Fairmount
Private

c. 1825-1850
Remodeled c. 1870

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The main house was built in two sections, with the c. 1840 west portion predating Robert H. Jones' purchase of the property in 1862. In September of 1862, Thomas E. Ballard sold a twenty-acre lot, "beginning on the east side of of the County road leading from Jamestown to Jericho" (LW 7/480). The "homeplace of Robert H. Jones" remained in the family through the life times of his wife, Elizabeth, and son, Robert H. Jones, Jr., and not sold out of family ownership until 1973 (245/283).

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Robert H. Jones House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number South side of Maryland 361 (to intersection Rumble Rd) — not for publication

city, town Upper Fairmount — 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 Karl H. Zickrick

street & number Box 186 telephone no.: 651-3945

city, town Upper Fairmount state and zip code Maryland

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state Maryland 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Historical Trust Inventory

date 1967 federal state county local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Annapolis state Maryland

7. Description

Survey No. S-59

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.

The Robert H. Jones House is a two-story three-bay frame house standing in the center of Upper Fairmount on the south side of MD 361. The house faces north with the main roof axis running east/west.

The large center hall main block rests on a partially excavated basement with brick foundation and is covered by a medium sloped asphalt tile roof. A uniform sheathing of weatherboards covers the main block and disguises two periods of construction. The initial c. 1830-1850 house comprises the two bays to the right, while the left bay is a c. 1880 addition.

The north facade is three bays across with a center entrance and one-bay porch, which is flanked by 6/6 sash windows. A heavily molded four-panel front door is framed by an exuberant surround and bordered by etched-glass sidelights and transom. Covering the entrance bay is a single bay gabled porch which was built with materials taken from the previous stretched across the facade. A missing two-story porch is the reason for the abnormally large wall space between the second floor windows and bracketed eaves. In fact, the center second floor window once was a door that opened onto the porch. All the windows on the main facade as well as the rest of the house are flanked by louvered shutters.

Each gable end has two windows on each floor as well as an interior end brick chimney with dentiled cap. The bracketed eave extends around the gable ends along with the back of the house.

The two-story service wing was built in at least three stages; evidenced by several seams in the weatherboards. A brick chimney rises from the center of the wing, and a brick stove stack protrudes from the gable end. A two-story porch covers part of the west side of the service wing and is distinguished by sawn balusters. Located on the east side is a small c. 1900 hip roofed butler's pantry with access outside through a center double door. Multipane windows fill the top half of the walls to each side.

Inside the main house, a center hall divides two rooms. A heavily turned newel post and turned balusters support a continuous oval profiled handrail which continues to the third floor. The stair stringer is embellished with scrolled brackets.

The south room or parlor contains a Federal period mantel with reeded pilasters, gouge-work detail in the frieze and a stepped shelf. Apparently this room was remodeled along with the rest of the house with the addition of a molded plaster cornice.

The north room has been completely remodeled. A c. 1940 mantel has replaced the original and bookshelves have been added to the opposite wall.

The second floor of the main house is divided into three bedrooms; two to the south and one to the north of the center stair hall. These rooms are simply finished with mid 19th century woodwork.

The attic is finished on the south side with plastered walls. Four-panel doors survive with butt hinges on two door openings. An iron boxlock is fastened to the so room door and marked with Russell Erwin and Company, Manufacturers. In the northern portion of the attic, it is very obvious that old materials were reused to the north

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input 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 type="checkbox"/> local	

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

The Robert H. Jones house, standing in the middle of Upper Fairmount, is the largest and most architecturally distinctive dwelling to survive in this small rural village. Bracketed eaves, corbelled brick chimneys and an elaborate center entrance distinguish this frame house from the others in the village. In addition, a two-story porch formerly stretched across the main facade. A two-story service wing extends to the rear and is highlighted by a two-story porch on the west and a butler's pantry on the east side.

The main house was apparently built in two sections with the c. 1840 west portion predating Robert H. Jones purchase of the property in 1862. During the following 37 years, Robert H. Jones, renovated the house with popular Italianate detailing. Robert H. Jones, Sr. willed the village property to his wife, Elizabeth L. Jones, and then to his son, Robert H. Jones, Jr., in 1899. The Jones family retained ownership of the property until June of 1973.

The Robert Jones House, centered in the village of Upper Fairmount, is the most architecturally distinctive structure in size as well as detail. Bracketed eaves and corbelled brick chimneys enrich the imposing frame house. A uniform sheathing of weatherboarding disguises two periods of construction beginning with a c. 1830-1850 two-story two-bay frame house. A two-story porch formerly stretched across the front.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT

The lot on which this house stands in Upper Fairmount was bought by Robert H. Jones from Thomas E. Ballard in September of 1862, "... beginning on the East side of the County road leading from Jamestown to Jericho... to a stone placed at the corner of the lot of the Methodist Episcopal parsonage..."(LW 7/480). From architectural evidence it appears the west portion of the present house was included on the lot. The "Homeplace of Robert H. Jones" remained in the family through the lifetimes of his wife, Elizabeth, and son, Robert H. Jones, Jr. and not sold out of family ownership until 1973. (245/283)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. S-59

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A
 Zone Easting Northing

B
 Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

G

H

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Paul Touart - Architectural Historian

organization Somerset County Historical Trust date 12/13/83

street & number 424 North Somerset Avenue telephone 651-1094

city or town Princess Anne state Maryland 21853

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side of the house.

The rear wing has at least two periods of construction with the dining room appearing as the earliest section with a mid-19th century mantel. A stair rises to the second floor between the kitchen and the dining room. The kitchen is completely sheathed inside with narrow beaded boards.

The second floor is divided into three bedrooms with a narrow hall running along the north wall. Each room is plastered.

Standing behind the house are two 19th-century outbuildings; a weatherboard frame smoke house and an octagonal gazebo. The smoke house rests on a brick foundation and is covered with a medium sloped wood shingle roof. The front wall is pierced by a board and batten door with strap hinges. A louvered vent is located on each side wall. The interior is completely blackened.

The diagonal lattice gazebo stands next to the smoke house. The roof is covered with wood shingles and topped by a wooden spire. The base of the roof is trimmed with decorative sawn work.

CHAIN OF TITLE

Robert H. Jones House
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273/200

Bernard P. Mehlbaum Jr.

to

5/15/1973

Karl and Bette Zickrick
6 acres

245/283

Helen C. Jones

to

6/12/1973

Mehlbaum

B.L.B. 155/408

Somerset Packing Company

to

12/27/1951

William L. Jones

"Homeplace of Robert H. Jones"
20 acres

Will

H.H.D. 6/499

Robert H. Jones, Sr.

to

Feb. 25/1899

Robert H. Jones, Jr.

to wife Elizabeth L. Jones - "all that farm or tract of land situated in the village of Upper Fairmount, Somerset Co. Maryland 20 acres together with the dwelling house, barn, stable, and other improvements. - then after death of wife to Robert H. Jones, Jr.

LW 7/480

Thomas E. Ballard

9/8/1862

to

Robert H. Jones

\$4 a. "Potato Neck"

"Beginning at a locust post set up on the East side of the County road leading from James Town to Jerico at little A on plat thence running by and with said County road the two following courses North 30' East 12 perches thence North 42° 30' East 19 3/4 perches thence by and with a line of marked trees North 12" 30' West 11 1/4 perches to a large marked pine near the school house thence by and with a line of marked trees north 32° east 97 perches to a marked white gum standing on the eastward side of a private road and at the angle of Lucy Water's Lot, thence by and with the ditch on the eastward side of the said private road south 38° 45' east 13 1/4 perches to the County Road aforesaid thence up by and with said County Road North 68° 30' east 6 1/2 perches to a stone placed at the corner of the lot of the Methodist Episcopal parsonage thence by and with the line of the said parsonage lot south 61° 30' East 21 perches to a stone on the side of the County Road thence south 14° West 144 perches to a Locust Post

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Form 10-445
(5/62)

1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Somerset TOWN Upper Fairmount STREET NO. ORIGINAL OWNER Jones Family ORIGINAL USE Dwelling PRESENT OWNER for sale PRESENT USE Deserted WALL CONSTRUCTION clapboard NO. OF STORIES 2 1/2 w/attic above	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY 2. NAME Jones House S-59 DATE OR PERIOD c. 1840 STYLE Country Early Victorian ARCHITECT BUILDER 3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC no <p>This house is notable for its details in gingerbread and also for its unusual proportions. The first storey windows are practically on the ground and then there is a great distance between the first and second storey windows and an even greater distance between the tops of the 2nd storey windows and the roof line. A whole 3rd floor fits up under the roof with an attic above. The house is 3 bays wide and 2 deep with a gently pitched A-roof. All the windows are 6/6 and the door is centered in the front middle bay. A heavy Greek Revival cornice runs along the roof line. At the rear of the house a much lower 2 1/2 storey ell extends. A two storey porch runs the length of this ell. It is decorated with a cut gingerbread railing on both levels and elaborately cut brackets. The main house has an enclosed chimney at each end and this ell has an end one also.</p> <p>There are two outbuildings of note. One is delicate lattice work arbor covered with wisteria. The other is an eight-sided lattice work and gingerbread gazebo with a pyramidal roof. This gazebo is very delicate and unusual and is worthy of note.</p> <p>The interior of the house has molded plaster ceilings and Victorian fireplaces.</p> <p>This house is unusual and worthy of note. It also has lovely gardens now overgrown.</p>	
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior deteriorating	
 6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)	7. PHOTOGRAPH
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.	9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER Paul A. Brinkman DATE OF RECORD August 8, 1967

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE

50'

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5860 III NE
(MONIE)

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47'30"

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 Robert H. Jones House
 Marion Quadrangle, 1972



Robert H. Jones House
Upper Fairmount, Md. Somerset County
Butler's Pantry
East Elevation
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Robert H. Jones House
Upper Fairmount, Md. Somerset County
West Porch
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Upper Fairmount, Md. Somerset County
North Elevation
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Robert H. Jones House
Upper Fairmount, Somerset Co. Md.
Northwest Elevation
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Elevation of Smoke House

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Upper Fairmount, Md. Somerset County
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Robert H. Jones House
Upper Fairmount, Md. Somerset County
Smoke House

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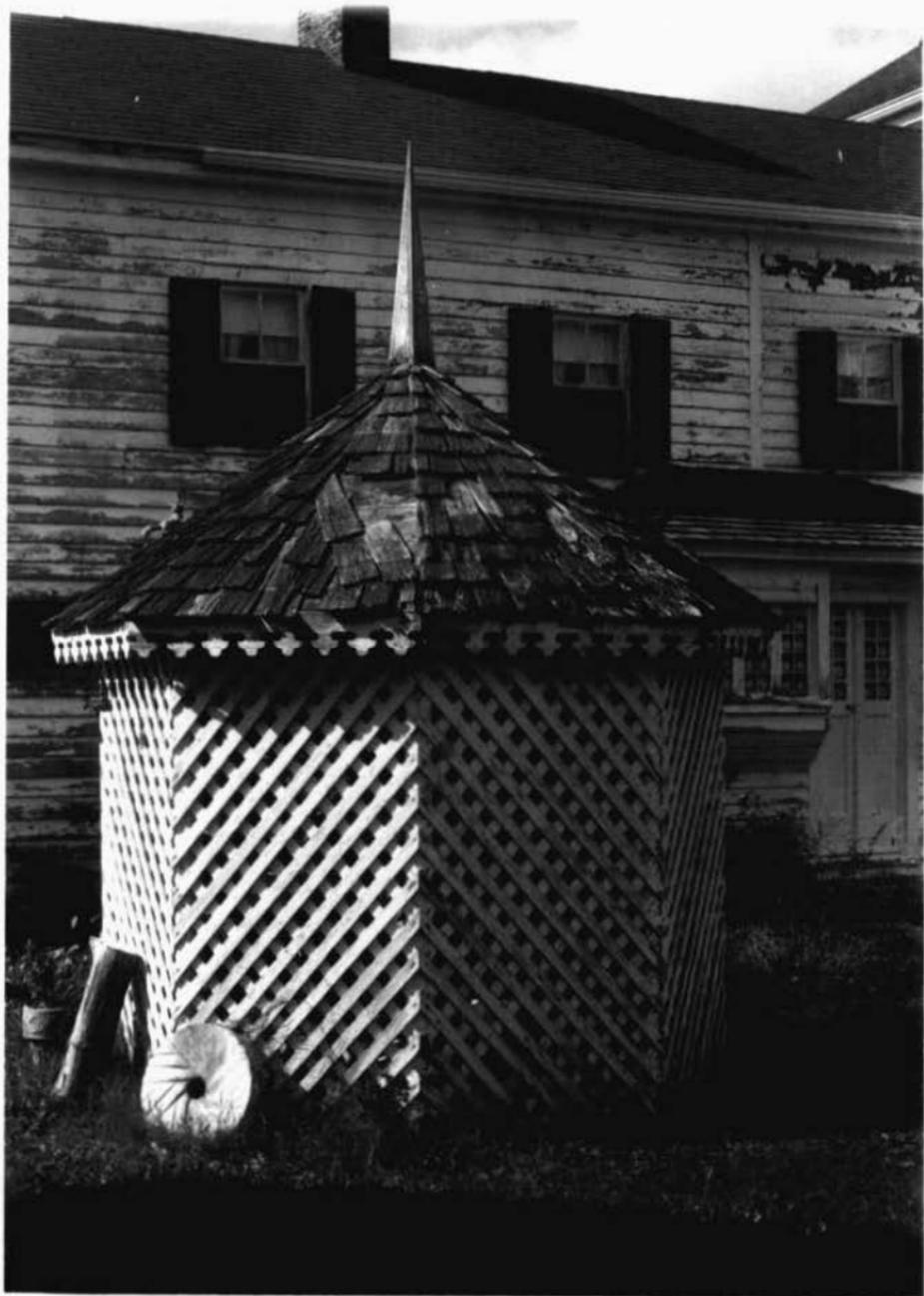
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Robert H. Jones House S-59
Upper Fairmount, Md. Somerset County
Gazebo and Smoke House - North Elevation
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Robert H. Jones House
Upper Fairmount, Somerset County
Entrance - North Elevation
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Jones House
Somerset leave 15 p.m. after -