

S-155  
Cecil Ford's Store  
Upper Fairmount  
Public

c. 1880-1890

Cecil Ford's Store in Upper Fairmount is not only significant as the only surviving 19th-century store in the Fairmount area, but, in addition, it is the site of "Maddox's Church," the first Methodist congregation to form in the vicinity. The original gable-front frame church was sold by the church trustees in 1874 to be used by the grantees as a store building under the name of Miles, Avery and Company (LW 15/217). The Greek Revival period church appears in a 19th-century letterhead engraving, immediately east of the store.

On November 10, 1874, Tubman W. Sudler, Tubman L. Hall, Robert H. Jones, Algie Whittington, Francis A. Hall, Daniel H. Maddox, Lazarus H. Miles, Daniel W. Miles and John H. Ford, trustees of Maddox's Church in Potatoe Neck, transferred the old church property to John H. Ford, Josiah Avery and Daniel W. Miles, partners trading as Miles, Avery and Company. Evidently the gable-front frame church dated from the mid 1820s, when the half-acre lot was bought from Lazarus Maddox and Tubman Mitchell for \$5 (GH 2/44). After fifty years of use, the church building and lot were evidently too small to accommodate a growing congregation. While the Methodists built an impressive Gothic Revival Church at the village's west end, the old church was converted to a store. Shortly after, the present two-story frame building was erected for an expanding mercantile business.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. S-155

Magi No. 2001554611

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Cecil Ford's Store

## 2. Location

street & number North side of Maryland 361 (Fairmount-Rumbley 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  not for publication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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input checked="" 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 Cecil and Bertha Ford

street & number telephone no.:

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

date  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<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.

Cecil Ford's Store is a c. 1880-1890 two-story gable-front frame commercial building standing in the center of Upper Fairmount, Maryland, on the north side of Maryland 361. A minimal brick foundation supports the wood shingled frame store while the roof is covered with sheet tin. A small brick stove stack is centrally located along the roof peak.

The south (main) facade is two bays across with a recessed commercial entrance flanked by glassed-in display areas. A shed-roofed porch covers the first floor of the store as well the shed-roofed addition to the west. A separate entrance into the side room was used as a millinery shop and shoe shop. The second floor of the store has two 2/2 sash windows while the attic is pierced by a 6/6 sash window. The eave to the roof is slightly extended beyond the wall surface.

The west side is covered on the first floor by the shed addition. The second floor is pierced by four evenly spaced 2/2 sash windows.

The north gable end is finished in a similar manner without unusual details. Located on the east side is an exterior stair to the second floor.

The interior of the store has retained its late 19th-century appearance with narrow beaded board sheathing and late 19th-century counters and shelving.

The second floor is used primarily as storage but in the past was used to show motion pictures for Fairmount area residents.

# 8. Significance

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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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<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:  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.

Cecil Ford's Store in Upper Fairmount is not only significant as the only surviving 19th-century store in the Fairmount area, but, in addition, the site of "Maddox's Church," the first Methodist congregation to form in the vicinity. A small cemetery is located between the store and the current post office. The original church was sold by the church trustees in 1874 to be used by the grantees as a store building under the name of Miles, Avery and Company, and later, Miles and Cox. (LW 15/217) The gable-front frame church building appears on 19th-century letterhead immediately east of the store.

### History and Support

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H.F.L. 7/552

1/4/1890

Daniel W. Miles

to

George A. Cox  
Daniel T. Miles

\$2,500 - "Old Methodist Church Property" - first conveyed by Lazarus Maddox and Tubman Mitchell in a deed March 1, 1824 to Daniel Ballard et. al. (GH 2/44) also described in a deed from Tubman L. Hall, R. H. Jones, et. al. to Daniel W. Miles, Josiah Avery and John T. Ford (LW 15/217 -218)

LW 15/217-218

11/10/1874

Tubman L. Hall  
R. H. Jones

to

Daniel W. Miles,  
Josiah Avery and John T. Ford

"to which reference is hereby made with all the improvements thereon, also a lot or parcel of land in said district with improvements thereon consisting of the store house formerly occupied by Miles, Avery, and Company and now occupied by Miles and Cox.

Tubman W. Sudler, Tubman L. Hall, Robert H. Jones, Algie Whittington, Francis A. Hall, Daniel H. Maddox, Lazarus H. Miles, Daniel W. Miles, John H. Ford - trustees of Maddox Church - Potato Neck, Somerset County - whereas the said trustees have sold the said church property to John H. Ford, Josiah Avery, and Daniel W. Miles, at the sum of \$500.00 (partners trading as Miles, Avery, and Company)

GH 2/44

3/1/1824

Lazarus Maddox  
Tubman Mitchell

to

Daniel Ballard, Robert E. Waters, John Hall, and William Maddox - Trustees of Maddox's Church - Potato Neck - (L 5 - 1/2 acre)

CHAIN OF TITLE

Cecil Ford's Store

I.T.P.  
280/352  
5/28/1974

Clinton K. Duncan  
to  
Cecil Ford  
Bertha Ford  
"Fairmount Department Store"

B.L.B. 116/474  
2/12/1940

Robert H. Jones  
Adele Jones  
to  
Clinton Duncan, Worcester Company

W.J.S. 77/352  
1/13/1919

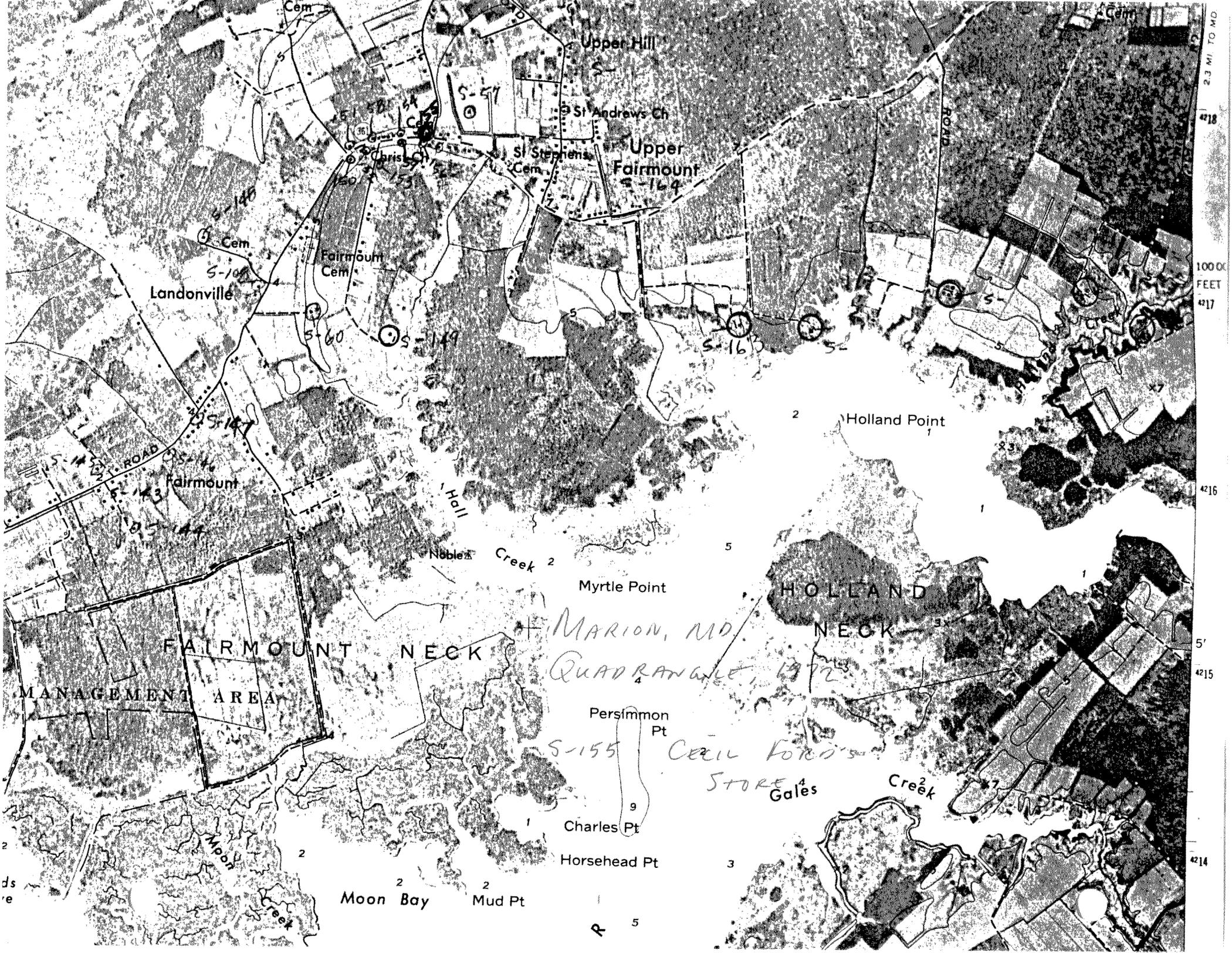
John W. Ennis  
to  
Robert H. Jones

W.J.S. 77/342  
10/9/1917

H. Fillmore Lankford, Trustee  
for the Fairmount Department Store, Incorp.  
to  
John W. Ennis  
Bankruptcy Docket No. 2978  
\$1,900.00  $\frac{1}{2}$  acre - subject to the tenancy  
of Dr. Edward Miles - of the ground on which  
his office stands

W.J.S. 68/475  
6/21/1915

Harry N. German  
to  
Fairmount Department Store



Upper Hill

St Andrews Ch

Upper Fairmount

St Stephens Cem

S-57

Christ Ch

Fairmount Cem

Landonville

S-108

S-148

S-60

S-149

S-163

Holland Point

Fairmount

S-147

S-143

S-144

Noble Creek

Myrtle Point

HOLLAND NECK

FAIRMOUNT NECK MANAGEMENT AREA

MARION, MD. QUADRANGLE, 1972

Persimmon Pt

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Cecil Ford's

STORE Gales

Creek

Charles Pt

Horsehead Pt

Moon Bay

Mud Pt

Moon Creek

2.3 MI TO MD

4218

1000 FEET 4217

4216

5'

4215

4214



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South Elevation  
11/83 Paul Touart  
Neg./Md. Historical Trust .

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South<sup>WEST</sup>~~east~~ Elevation  
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