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S-157  
Levin B. Hall House  
Near Upper Fairmount  
Private

c. 1820-1840

The Levin B. Hall House is a significant early 19th-century side hall/double pile dwelling with a mixture of late Federal, Greek Revival, and Victorian period trim. The c. 1820-1840 exterior details include an ovolo molded backband surround that frames a flush, six-panel door. Located under the extended eave is a boxed cornice with bed molding. Around 1850-1860, the house was apparently remodeled with the addition of paneled pilasters and a turned-post shed porch.

This farm, originally part of the holdings of Lazarus Maddox, was inherited by his two daughters, Kitty Ballard and Sarah Hall, through his will of 1841 (JP 5/117). His nearby "home farm" was bequeathed to another daughter, Milcah Ann and her husband, Daniel Miles. Levin B. Hall and his wife, Sarah F. Hall, acquired legal title to a portion of the Lazarus Maddox holdings from the heirs a few years later. The couple remained on the property until the late 19th-century and were probably responsible for most of the exterior changes.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Levin B. Hall House

## 2. Location

street & number West side of Miles Road  $\frac{1}{2}$  m N of MD 361  not for publicationcity, town Upper Fairmount  vicinity of congressional district 1

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	<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 Elizabeth Miles

street &amp; number Box 124 telephone no.:

city, town Upper Fairmount state and zip code Maryland 21867

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset County Register of Deeds liber

street &amp; number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne, state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

Survey No. S-157

<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.

The "Levin B. Hall House" stands on the west side of Miles Road one-half mile north of Maryland 361. The house faces east with the main gable running north/south.

The two-story side hall/double pile frame house dates to the second decade of the 19th century with its late Federal period detailing. Around the mid-19th century, the exterior was remodeled with the addition of a front porch and paneled pilasters. Presently, the house is sheathed with aluminum siding and covered by a steeply pitched asphalt tile roof.

The main facade is divided into three bays with the entrance occupying the left bay. Six over six sash fill the remaining openings. The six-panel front door consists of six flush panels which are bordered by a small beaded molding. The door is framed by an ovolo molded backband surround. Covering the first floor is a shed-roofed front porch with turned posts and sawn brackets. A boxed cornice stretches across the base of the roof and is detailed with a heavy bed molding. Paneled pilasters finish each corner.

The north and south sides are largely alike with six over six sash lighting each floor and two over two sash lighting the attic.

A shorter two-story two bay by one-room kitchen wing extends to the rear and has been enlarged by another single story addition.

# 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
<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 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: <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.

c. 1820 side hall/double pile house  
 Levin B. Hall - 1877

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This farm, originally owned by Lazarus Maddox, was inherited by his two daughters, Kitty Ballard and Sarah Hall, at his death in 1841. His "home farm" was bequeathed to his daughter Milcah Ann and her husband, Daniel Miles.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. S-157

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name Marion

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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 Zone Easting Northing

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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

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Paul Touart

organization Somerset County Historical Trust date 10/7/83

street & number 424 North Somerset Avenue telephone 651-1094 (Home)

city or town Princess Anne state Maryland 21853

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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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 21 State Circle  
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CHAIN OF TITLE

Levin B. Hall House

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243/397

Harry T. Phoebus Jr. Trustee

to

3/2/1968

Harry B. Miles  
Elizabeth T. Miles  
211 A

WJS 71/105

Ira B. Miles, et al.

to

3/31/1919

Harry B. Miles

W.J.S. 70/131

Robert F. Bratton, Trustee

to

7/7/1891

Daniel W. Miles  
Leahetta Miles  
\$3,300.00

Inherited

Sarah S. Hall (Sarah S. Maddox)

to

LW 13/439

Levin B. Hall  
Sarah F. Hall

WP 1/264

5 acres from Sarah S. Hall to Sarah F. Hall  
1846 - mentions property now occupied by  
Daniel Miles - (also land of Lazarus Maddox -  
to be divided between two daughters Kitty  
and Sarah)

Deed between Thomas E. Ballard  
Kitty Ballard

to

Tubman L. Hall  
Sarah Hall

JP 5/117

Will of Lazarus Maddox -

I give unto daughter Milcah Ann and her  
husband Daniel Miles during their natural  
lives and after their deaths to my grandson  
Lazarus H. Miles all my farm whereon I now live

I give and bequeath all my other lands except  
the home farm to my two daughters Kitty Ballard  
and Sarah Hall

Dated 1841

Daniel Miles Dec. 20, 1852

Executores Milcah and son Lazarus

Lazarus H. Miles





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East Elevation

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Front Entrance

East Elevation

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