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Westover Survey District

Architectural Survey File

This is the architectural survey file for this MIHP record. The survey file is organized reverse-chronological (that is, with the latest material on top). It contains all MIHP inventory forms, National Register nomination forms, determinations of eligibility (DOE) forms, and accompanying documentation such as photographs and maps.

Users should be aware that additional undigitized material about this property may be found in on-site architectural reports, copies of HABS/HAER or other documentation, drawings, and the “vertical files” at the MHT Library in Crownsville. The vertical files may include newspaper clippings, field notes, draft versions of forms and architectural reports, photographs, maps, and drawings. Researchers who need a thorough understanding of this property should plan to visit the MHT Library as part of their research project; look at the MHT web site (mht.maryland.gov) for details about how to make an appointment.

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**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes
no

Property Name: Westover Survey District Inventory Number: S-174
 Address: East and west sides of MD 413 City: Westover Zip Code: 21871
 County: Somerset USGS Topographic Map: Kingston and Princess Anne
 Owner: Various Is the property being evaluated a district? yes
 Tax Parcel Number: N/A Tax Map Number: 0040 Tax Account ID Number: N/A
 Project: Great Bay Wind Energy Center Agency: _____
 Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name: _____ Date: _____
 Is the property located within a historic district? yes no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: _____
 NR-listed district yes Eligible district yes District Name: _____
 Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource yes no Non-contributing but eligible in another context

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)
 Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible yes no

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None
 Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MHT Library – MIHP form S-174

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Westover Survey District is comprised of the remaining nineteenth-century structures in the village of Westover. The district is located along Crisfield Highway (Maryland State Route 413), roughly bounded by US Route 13 on the north and Fairmount Road (Maryland State Route 361) on the south. The village of Westover grew considerably following the Civil War with the construction of the Eastern Shore Railroad. The district was previously surveyed in 1984 (see MIHP form S-174 in MHT Library), and at that time was comprised of approximately twenty-five houses, three churches (two active), two industrial sites, a store, and a post office. Several of the houses in the survey district were also individually surveyed for the Maryland Inventory of Historic Places (see MIHP forms S-175, S-176, S-177, S-178, S-179, S-180, S-181, S-182, S-183, S-184, and S-191 in MHT Library), and have been individually evaluated for their eligibility for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

The remaining buildings in the village of Westover include residences that date to the late-nineteenth and early-twentieth centuries, a late-twentieth-century gas station and convenience store, a mid-twentieth-century post office, a late-twentieth century industrial facility, and two highly-altered late-nineteenth-century church buildings. The residences are in generally good condition though not all are currently occupied, and display alterations to their materials such as aluminum and vinyl siding, and vinyl windows.

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| Comments: _____ | |
| Reviewer: <u>Smith Sawyer</u> | Date: <u>4/9/14</u> |
| Office of Preservation Services | Date: <u>4/7/14</u> |
| Reviewer, NR Program | Date: _____ |

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Continuation Sheet No. 1

The previous survey noted two particularly significant buildings, the William T. Tull House (S-183) and the Ruark-Ritzel Mill (S-176). The Tull House has since been listed on the NRHP, and appears to be in good condition. The Ruark-Ritzel Mill is no longer standing, and a well-drilling company now occupies the site. Another building, St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal Church (see MIHP form S-182 in MHT Library), has been listed on the NRHP, though it is currently vacant and deteriorating. The Long Brothers Cannery that previously anchored the north end of the village has been replaced by a modern canning facility.

The Westover Survey District is located along one of the most active stretches of highway in Somerset County, and represents the remaining structures of a formerly thriving industrial community that was built up around the Eastern Shore Railroad. Following the removal of the railroad, the depot and ticket office (see MIHP form S-175) was moved to another site, and the industries of the town waned, resulting in the eventual closure and demolition of the prominent and historically significant Ruark-Ritzel Mill. The Westover Survey District may potentially be eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A for its associations with the development of towns along the Eastern Shore Railroad in the nineteenth century. However, the remaining buildings in the survey district do not convey or directly relate to the industrial and railroad history. Despite the presence of two NRHP-listed structures, the Westover Survey District is not eligible for listing on the NRHP under Criterion C, due to loss of structures from demolition, and alterations to the remaining historic buildings that compromise their integrity.

Prepared by: Grant Johnson (EDR)

Date Prepared: February 2014



Great Bay Wind Energy Center
 Somerset County - Maryland
Historic Resources Assessment
 February 2014

Notes: Basemap: ESRI USA Topomaps Online Map Service

- Demolished/Removed, Not Eligible
- EDR Recommends NRHP-Eligible
- EDR Recommends Not NRHP-Eligible
- Undetermined



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MIHP Number: S-174
Property Name: Westover Survey District
Ink Specifications: Epson UltraChrome HDR
Paper Specifications: Epson Ultra Premium Luster
DVD-R Gold Specifications: Verbatim Ultralife Archival Grade Gold DVD-R

| Photo Number | Image File Name | Description of view |
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| 1 | S-174_2013-08-27_01 | View NNW toward former St. Paul's Episcopal Church |
| 2 | S-174_2013-08-27_02 | View NW toward house in Westover Survey District |
| 3 | S-174_2013-08-27_03 | View W toward house in Westover Survey District |
| 4 | S-174_2013-08-27_04 | View WSW toward houses in Westover Survey District |
| 5 | S-174_2013-08-27_05 | View SW toward house in Westover Survey District |
| 6 | S-174_2013-08-27_06 | View NW toward modern fill station and post office in Westover Survey District |
| 7 | S-174_2013-08-27_07 | View W toward house in Westover Survey District |
| 8 | S-174_2013-08-27_08 | View NW toward house in Westover Survey District |
| 9 | S-174_2013-08-27_09 | View SW toward houses in Westover Survey District |
| 10 | S-174_2013-08-27_10 | View NW toward canning facility in Westover Survey District |
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VIEW NNW TOWARD FORMER ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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VIEW NW TOWARD HOUSE IN WESTOVER SURVEY DISTRICT.

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VIEW W TOWARDS HOUSE IN WESTOVER SURVEY DISTRICT

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VIEW WSW TOWARD HOUSES IN WESTOVER SURVEY DISTRICT

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Sign Post Rd →



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VIEW SW TOWARDS HOUSE IN WESTOVER SURVEY DISTRICT

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VIEW NW TOWARD MODERN FILL STATION & POST OFFICE IN
WESTOVER SURVEY DISTRICT

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VIEW W TOWARD HOUSE IN WESTOVER SURVEY DISTRICT.

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VIEW NW TOWARD HOUSE IN WESTOVER SURVEY DISTRICT.

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VIEW SW TOWARD HOUSES IN WESTOVER SURVEY DISTRICT

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VIEW NW TOWARD CANNING FACILITY IN WESTOVER SURVEY
DISTRICT

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Westover
public and private

Nineteenth and twentieth centuries

Westover, Maryland, is a small nineteenth and twentieth-century village located in central Somerset County between Princess Anne and Crisfield. After the Eastern Shore Railroad was stretched to Somers Cove in 1866, several railroad-oriented towns developed along its path and the Westover station was the first stop south of Princess Anne. By 1877, the county atlas recorded the location of the depot as well as three stores, a post office, and a steam saw mill. One store, operated by William T. Tull, was located in part of his well-built frame house that he erected around the time of the Civil War. Owned since the late nineteenth century by the Long family, the two-story, bracketed dwelling is perhaps the oldest structure to remain standing in Westover. The Long Brothers Cannery, located at the north end of the string of village houses, has processed locally grown tomatoes since the early twentieth century, and, unlike most of the other fruit packing concerns, continues to operate. Another village landmark is the old Ruark-Ritzel flour mill, which stands at the south end of Westover.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Westover

and/or common Westover Survey District

2. Location

street & number MD Route 413 not for publication

city, town Westover vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use | |
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| <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 type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied | <input type="checkbox"/> commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> both | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress | <input type="checkbox"/> educational | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence |
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| <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 Various owners

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Princess Anne state Maryland 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

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7. Description

Survey No. S-174

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| Condition | | Check one | Check one | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site | |
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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The small village of Westover is located along MD Route 413 which parallels the old Crisfield branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad, known previously as the Eastern Shore Railroad. Most houses face the road and stand on medium sized lots. The town limits stretch for about a mile and are visually anchored at the north end by the Long Brothers' Cannery and at the south end by William M. Ruark's old flour mill. A few roads that branch from Route 413 have provided additional street frontage for house lots. The village consists of approximately twenty-five houses; three churches, two of which are active; two industrial sites, one of which is still in operation; one store and one post office.

The most significant dwelling is the William T. Tull House (S-183) which has been owned by the Long Family since the 1890s. Centered in Westover, this c. 1860 two-story frame house is distinguished from the others in size as well as decorative detail. Twin corbelled chimneys pierce the roofline.

The other houses in Westover are more modest two-story cross-gabled houses or dwellings of irregular plans. Decorative trim is largely confined to a turned post front porch or simple sawn-work in the eaves. Aside from houses, the most significant industrial site is William M. Ruark's flour mill (S-176). This rambling three-story frame mill is the last rural steam-operated mill in Somerset County. Like nearby Upper Fairmount, Westover's development and growth waned in the Post World War I era and has decreased in activity and population since then. The railroad tracks were taken up several years ago, and the railroad freight station and ticket office were moved to new sites. The village store and the post office remain as the centers of activity.

8. Significance

Survey No. S-174

| Period | Areas of Significance—Check and justify below | | | |
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| <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"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |
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Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Westover, Maryland, is a rural 19th and early 20th-century village in central Somerset County, consisting of approximately twenty-five frame houses, three churches, a mill, a store and a post office. All buildings are of frame construction and were oriented to the Eastern Shore Railroad. These structures are entirely post-Civil War buildings dating from 1865 to the early 20th century. This sixty-year span comprises the period of major activity in the village with business tapering after the first World War. The Long Brothers' Canning factory still operates, but other small businesses, such as the old flour mill, have closed. The one country store and the Westover post office remain the center of activity. Similar to Upper Fairmount, Westover's housing stock consists of two-story three-bay houses with a minimum of decorative trim. A few irregular plan houses offer a touch of variety. Westover derives its name from the nearby plantation of "Westover," ^{ONCE} owned by the prominent Wilson family.

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Paul Touart - Architectural Historian

organization Somerset Co. Historical Trust date 4/27/84

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

city or town Princess Anne state Maryland 21853

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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S-174 Westover
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KINGSTON, MD 1972
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S-174 Westover Survey District 1972
 Princess Anne, MA. Quad
 (SEE OFFICE MAP)



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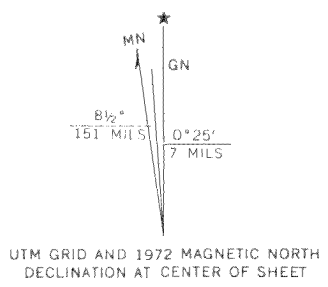
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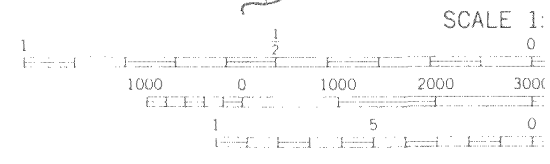
Projection and 10,000-foot grid ticks: Maryland coordinate system (Lambert conformal conic)

1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks, zone 18, shown in blue. 1927 North American datum

Only landmark buildings in urban areas



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