

**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.

<b>MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW</b>	
Eligibility recommended <input type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <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 <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments: _____	
Reviewer: <u>Smalley Sayer</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

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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

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**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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VIEW NNW TOWARD FORMER ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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Westover Survey District

SOMERSET COUNTY, MD

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8/27/2013

DIGITAL FILE # MD SHPO

VIEW NW TOWARD HOUSE IN WESTOVER SURVEY DISTRICT.

Photo #2/10

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WESTOVER, SURVEY DISTRICT

SOMERSET COUNTY, MD

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DIGITAL FILE AT MD SHPO

VIEW W TOWARDS HOUSE IN WESTOVER SURVEY DISTRICT

PHOTO #3 / 10

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WESTOVER SURVEY DISTRICT

SOMERSET COUNTY, MD

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8/27/2014

DIGITAL FILE AT MD SHPO

VIEW WSW TOWARD HOUSES IN WESTOVER SURVEY DISTRICT

PHOTO #4/10

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← Old Westover Rd  
Sign Post Rd →



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WESTOVER SURVEY DISTRICT

SOMERSET COUNTY, MD.

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VIEW SW TOWARDS HOUSE IN WESTOVER SURVEY DISTRICT

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Convenience Store

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Shell  
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WESTOVER SURVEY DISTRICT

SOMERSET COUNTY, MD.

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DIGITAL FILE AT MD SHPO

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

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WESTOVER SURVEY DISTRICT

SOMERSET COUNTY, MD.

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VIEW W TOWARD HOUSE IN WESTOVER SURVEY DISTRICT.

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WESTOVER SURVEY DISTRICT  
SOMERSET COUNTY, MD.

GRANT JOHNSON

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DIGITAL FILE AT MID SHAD

VIEW NW TOWARD HOUSE IN WESTOVER SURVEY DISTRICT.

PHOTO #8/10

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WESTOVER SURVEY DISTRICT  
SOMERSET COUNTY, MD.

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DIGITAL FILE AT MD SHPO

VIEW SW TOWARD HOUSES IN WESTOVER SURVEY DISTRICT

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WESTOVER SURVEY DISTRICT  
SOMERSET COUNTY, MD.  
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DIGITAL FILE AT MD SHPO  
VIEW NW TOWARD CANNING FACILITY IN WESTOVER SURVEY  
DISTRICT

PHOTO # 10/10

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S-174  
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	
<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
<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 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

date  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

Survey No. S-174

<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 type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" 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 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			
<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
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

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.

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," <sup>ONCE</sup> owned by the prominent Wilson family.

## 10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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

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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Paul Touart - Architectural Historian

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

street &amp; 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.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
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 21 State Circle  
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

S-174 Westover  
Survey District  
KINGSTON, MD 1972  
(SEE OTHER MAPS)

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



(MARION)  
 5860 III SE

Mapped, edited, and published by the Geological Survey

Control by USGS and USC&GS

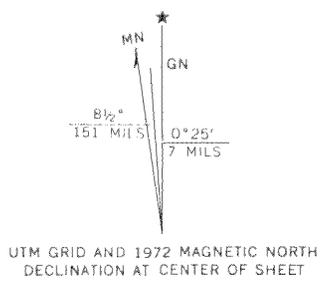
Orthophotomap prepared from aerial photograph taken April 5, 1972. Topography by photogrammetric methods from aerial photographs taken 1972. Field checked 1972. Supersedes Army Map Service map dated 1942

Selected hydrographic data from USC&GS Chart 555 (1973). This information is not intended for navigational purposes

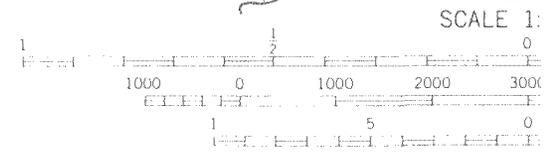
Projection and 10,000-foot grid ticks: Maryland coordinate system (Lambert conformal conic)

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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Westover, Somerset County  
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Westover, Somerset

East Elevation

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