

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ___
no ___

Property Name: Ritzel House Inventory Number: S-177
 Address: 8640 Crisfield Highway City: Westover Zip Code: 21871-0067
 County: Somerset USGS Topographic Map: Kingston
 Owner: T D & M Holding Co., LLC Is the property being evaluated a district? ___yes
 Tax Parcel Number: 0127 Tax Map Number: 0040 Tax Account ID Number: 13-004978
 Project: Great Bay Wind Energy Center Agency: _____
 Site visit by MHT Staff: X no ___yes Name: _____ Date: _____
 Is the property located within a historic district? ___yes X 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 X 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-177

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

The Ritzel House is a two-story, three-bay house located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Crisfield Highway and Fairmount Road in Westover. The house was constructed circa 1890, and is named for its resident at the time of a previous survey. The house was surveyed in 1984 (see MIHP form S-177 in MHT Library) and does not appear to have been altered since that time. The house retains its aluminum siding, asphalt tile roof, aluminum windows, and general form. The house currently appears vacant, and the frame outbuilding with pyramidal roof located immediately south of the house is leaning, and shows signs of deterioration.

The Ritzel House was noted by the previous survey to be significant primarily for its association with the Ruark-Ritzel flour mill, which formerly stood across from the house on the southwest corner of the intersection of Crisfield Highway and Fairmount Road. The flour mill has since been demolished. While it is an interesting example of a nineteenth century house with a projecting front bay, the Ritzel House is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places due to lack of integrity of materials or architectural significance resulting from unsympathetic alterations such as aluminum siding and replacement windows. The demolition of the flour mill also diminishes the integrity of setting and association for the house.

Prepared by: Grant Johnson (EDR) Date Prepared: February 2014

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW	
Eligibility recommended ___	Eligibility not recommended <u>X</u>
Criteria: ___A ___B ___C ___D	Considerations: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G ___None
Comments: _____	
<u>Grant Johnson</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>4/2/14</u> Date
<u>NA</u> Reviewer, NR Program	Date

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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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Ritzel House

SOMERSET COUNTY, MD.

GRANT JOHNSON

8/26/2013

DIGITAL FILE AT MD SHPO

VIEW SW TOWARDS NORTH FACADE OF HOUSE

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RITZEL HOUSE

SOMERSET COUNTY, MD.

GRANT JOHNSON

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VIEW WNW TOWARD EAST FACADE OF HOUSE

PHOTO #2/3

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Ritzel House

SOMERSET COUNTY, MD

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VIEW NW TOWARD SOUTH & EAST FRONTS OF HOUSE

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Ritzel House
Westover
Private

c. 1890-1900

The Ritzel House is a c. 1890-1900 two-story, three-bay frame dwelling which stands on the northwest corner of the intersection of MD 413 and MD 361 at the south end of Westover. It is one of two dozen late 19th-century houses which comprise the village. The projecting front bay provides the remodeled house with a slightly different appearance and its associations with the neighboring flour mill raises the significance of the structure.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Ritzel House

2. Location

street & number NW corner of MD 413 and MD 361 ___ not for publication

city, town Westover ___ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Lucille Ritzel (Mrs. James A.)

street & number telephone no.:

city, town Westover state and zip code Maryland 21871

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

Survey No. S-177

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 Ritzel House is a c. 1890-1900 two-story three-bay frame house which stands on the northwest corner of the intersection of MD 413 and MD 361 at the south end of Westover, Somerset County, Maryland. The house faces east with the main gable running north/south.

The two-story T-plan frame house is fully sheathed with aluminum and covered by an asphalt tile shingle roof. A minimal brick foundation supports the structure.

The east^{SIDE} is three bays across and highlighted by a projecting center bay. The three-sided bay is covered by a projecting gable-front roof and is pierced by single pane sash windows. The front door is covered by a single bay gable-front stoop supported by turned posts. Flanking the center bay on both floors are single pane sash windows with aluminum shutters. Twin corbelled brick chimneys rise from the center of the house and flank the hall.

The north and south gable ends are virtually the same with window openings on each floor a pointed arch window lights the attic.

Extending to the rear is a two-story service wing with single-story shed additions extending from each side. An interior end brick stack rises from the gable.

A small frame outbuilding with a pyramidal roof stands immediately south of the kitchen door. This building is also covered with aluminum siding.

8. Significance

Survey No. S-177

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: 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.

The Ritzel House is one of two-dozen late 19th-century dwellings which comprise the village of Westover. The projecting front bay provides the remodeled house with a slightly different appearance than others in the village.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. S-177

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

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 - Architectural Historian		
organization	Somerset County Historical Trust	date	5/29/84
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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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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