

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes
no

Property Name: William H. Ruark House Inventory Number: S-178
 Address: 8680 Crisfield Highway City: Westover Zip Code: 21871
 County: Somerset USGS Topographic Map: Kingston
 Owner: Emery & Mary Misencik Is the property being evaluated a district? yes
 Tax Parcel Number: 0182 Tax Map Number: 0040 Tax Account ID Number: 13-009872
 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-178

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

The William H. Ruark House is a two-story cruciform plan house located in the village of Westover. The house is two bays wide on the east (street) façade and four bays wide on the south (entry) façade. It was constructed circa 1880-1890, and is named for its builder and original owner, who also erected the Ruark flour mill (now demolished) just to the south. The house was previously surveyed in 1984 (see MIHP form S-178 in MHT Library). It is one of the larger nineteenth century houses remaining in the village of Westover and the only one built in this plan. The house does not appear to have been significantly altered since the previous survey, though some historic materials have been concealed or removed. The aluminum siding and asphalt shingle roof appear intact. The majority of the wood sash windows are still present though the windows on the western end of the house appear to have been replaced with vinyl windows. Wood shutters are still present around all windows visible from the public right-of-way, though some appear to have deteriorated. Paired wood eave brackets and wood eaves remain throughout the construction of the roof.

The William H. Ruark House is historically significant for its associations with the Ruark-Ritzel flour mill, a once prominent industrial facility located in Westover that has since been demolished. Due to the absence of the mill, as well as the removal or concealment of historic details on the house, the house is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places.

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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, Office of Preservation Services <i>Jonathan Buge</i>	Date 4/9/14
Reviewer, NR Program <i>[Signature]</i>	Date 4/7/14

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Continuation Sheet No. 1

Prepared by: Grant Johnson

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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WILLIAM H. QUARK HOUSE

SOMERSET COUNTY, MD.

GRANT JOHNSON

8/26/2013

DIGITAL FILE AT MD SHPO

VIEW NW TOWARD SOUTH FACADE OF HOUSE

PHOTO #112

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William H. Ruark House
Westover
Private

c. 1880-1883

Built between 1880 and 1883 for William Henry Ruark, this cruciform plan house is one of the more substantial dwellings remaining in Westover and the only one of this formal plan. After erecting this house and instituting a flour mill at the crossroads, William H. Ruark left Somerset County for Norfolk, Virginia, and sold the house to his brother, Lafayette Ruark, around 1897.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic William Henry Ruark House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number West Side of MD 413 (Crisfield Westover Road) 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 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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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 Daniel Mahan

street & number P.O. Box 187 telephone no.:

city, town Westover state and zip code MD 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-178

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 William H. Ruark House stands in the small village of Westover, Maryland, between Sign Post Road and MD 361. Facing east, the cruciform plan house has primary gables on an east/west and north/south axis.

The c. 1880-1883 two-story frame house rests on a brick pier foundation and is sheathed by a layer of aluminum over weatherboards. Paneled pilasters trim each major corner, and paired brackets decorate the extended eaves. Corbelled brick chimneys rise from the steeply pitched asphalt shingle roof.

The east (or front) gable end elevation has paired 2/2 sash windows which are accented by molded hoods. A pointed arch 2/2 sash window lights the attic.

The southeast corner of the house contains the primary four-panel door entrance with a two-light transom. Two over two sash windows occupy the adjacent bays as well as light the second floor. A shed roofed porch with replacement iron posts covers the first floor.

The south gable end is similar to the east end, except the paired window sash are not covered by a molded hood.

The southwest corner of the house is filled by an enclosed porch addition which extends around to the west side of the house. The second floor details remain the same on the west as well as the north sides. Paired or single 2/2 sash windows light each floor.

The interior has been partially remodeled but retains a large portion of its period woodwork. The hall runs the width of the front leg of the plan and retains its Victorian stair. A heavily turned newel post and turned balusters support an oval-profiled handrail. Four-panel doors open into adjacent rooms with Victorian period mantels.

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
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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)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1880, 1883 **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.

Built between 1880 and 1883 for William H. Ruark, this cruciform plan house is one of the more substantial dwellings remaining in Westover and the only one of this formal plan. Only a few houses in Westover carry as much decorative detail. William H. Ruark left Westover for Norfolk, Virginia, and sold the house to his brother, Lafayette Ruark, around 1897.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. S-178

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Kingston

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

Zone	Easting			Northing					

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Zone	Easting			Northing					

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Somerset County Historical Trust date 5/29/84

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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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East Elevation
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