

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes \_\_\_  
no \_\_\_

Property Name: King's Creek Canning Company Inventory Number: S-341  
 Address: 30723 Perry Road City: Princess Anne Zip Code: 21853  
 County: Somerset USGS Topographic Map: Princess Anne  
 Owner: Alvin & Cary Whiteside Is the property being evaluated a district? \_\_\_yes  
 Tax Parcel Number: 0069 Tax Map Number: 0023 Tax Account ID Number: 15-005084  
 Project: Great Bay Solar Project 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 (MHT form S-341)

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

The former King's Creek Canning Company warehouse is located on the south side of Perry Road near Princess Anne. The building previously served as a warehouse for one of the prominent tomato processing facilities located in Somerset County. The warehouse (built circa 1900) is a rectangular, two-story building with a shorter, one-story rear volume, all topped by a low-pitched gabled roof clad in aluminum. A one-story, shed-roofed addition is located on the east façade. Exterior walls are clad in vertical aluminum siding. A variety of window openings are present along the ground story on the north, east and west facades of the building, along with two upper story windows on the west façade. All windows appear to be vinyl replacement windows. A dual, aluminum entry door is located on the north façade of the main block of the warehouse. A metal structure possibly related to the canning industry history of the building is located east of the rear volume of the building.

The building was previously surveyed in 1986 (see MIHP form S-341 in MHT Library), which provided a description of the exterior of the building as well as the interior framing, and noted the presence of two gabled frame buildings with German siding located adjacent to the warehouse. The outbuildings noted in the previous survey are no longer extant. A one-story, flat-roofed outbuilding with corrugated metal siding and appearing to be of modern construction is located to the southeast of the warehouse. The previous survey indicated the warehouse had been abandoned by the canning company prior to the survey.

<b>MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW</b>	
Eligibility recommended ___	Eligibility not recommended <u>X</u>
Criteria: ___A ___B ___C ___D	Considerations: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G ___None
Comments: _____	
Reviewer, <u>Office of Preservation Services</u>	Date <u>9/25/15</u>
Reviewer, NR Program	Date <u>9/21/15</u>

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NR-ELIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Continuation Sheet No. 1

MIHP No: S-341

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Somerset County assessment records indicate the building was sold by the canning company in 1992. It served as an antique mall for several years, and is currently home to the King's Creek Life Center religious organization.

The former King's Creek Canning Company is a rare example of a building associated with the once burgeoning tomato canning industry of Somerset County. However, the building has undergone significant exterior alterations that have compromised its historic integrity, leading to the loss of any apparent historic significance or association to its origin as a canning facility. The former King's Creek Canning Company building does not satisfy the criteria for the National Register of Historic Places due to a lack of architectural significance.

Prepared by: Grant Johnson

Date Prepared: August 2015

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**Great Bay Solar Project**

Somerset County, Maryland

**King's Creek Canning Company (S-341)**

August 2015

Notes: Basemap: ESRI "USA Topomaps" Online Map Service

■ MIHP DOE Properties

Princess Anne Quad.



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KING'S CREEK CANNING COMPANY

SOMERSET COUNTY, MD

NICK FREELAND

6/10/2015

DIGITAL FILE AT MD SHPO: 06-10\_01

VIEW SSW TOWARD NORTH AND EAST FACADES OF BUILDING

PHOTO NO. 1 OF 8

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KING'S CREEK CANNING COMPANY

SOMERSET COUNTY, MD

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VIEW SSE TOWARD NORTH + WEST FACADES OF BUILDING

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KING'S CREEK CANNING COMPANY

SOMERSET COUNTY, MD

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VIEW SSW TOWARD REMAINS OF RESERVOIR

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KING'S CREEK CANNING COMPANY

SOMERSET COUNTY, MD

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VIEW NE TOWARD WEST AND SOUTH FACADES OF BUILDING

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KING'S CREEK CANNING COMPANY

SOMERSET COUNTY, MD

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VIEW E TOWARD MODERN OUTBUILDING

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KING'S CREEK CANNING COMPANY

SOMERSET, MD

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VIEW SW FROM OLD PRINCESS ANNE ROAD TOWARD BUILDING AND  
ADJACENT PARTICIPATING PARCEL

PHOTO NO. 6 OF 8

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KING'S CREEK CANNING COMPANY

SOMERSET, MD

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DIGITAL FILE AT MD SHPO

VIEW W FROM OLD PRINCESS ANNE ROAD TOWARD BUILDING  
AND ADJACENT PARTICIPATING PARCEL

PHOTO 7 OF 8

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KING'S CREEK CANNING COMPANY

SOMERSET, MD

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6/10/2015

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VIEW NW FROM OLD PRINCESS ANNE ROAD TOWARD BUILDING AND  
ADJACENT PARTICIPATING PARCEL

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King's Creek Canning Company Warehouse  
Princess Anne vicinity  
private

c. 1900

The King's Creek Canning Company warehouse stands on the east side of the old Pennsylvania railroad immediately south of the fork in the rail line. The rectangular utilitarian warehouse has three numbered sliding doors. Painted in white letters against a red background is, "KINGS CREEK CANNING COMPANY." This warehouse is one of two key canning plants operated by the Miller family through much of the twentieth century.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic King's Creek Canning Company

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number East side of U.S. 13 \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Princess Anne  vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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 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 checked="" 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 King's Creek Canning Company

street & number telephone no.:

city, town Princess Anne state and zip code Md. 21853

## 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 Md. 21853

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

Survey No. S-341

<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.

## King's Creek Canning Company

The King's Creek Canning Company is located on the east side of U.S. 13 three miles south of Princess Anne, Somerset County, Maryland. The bi-level frame warehouse is sited along the Pennsylvania railroad immediately south of the fork in the rail line.

Erected during the early twentieth century, the long rectangular warehouse is supported by a poured concrete foundation, and the walls are sheathed with plain weatherboard siding. A layer of corrugated tin covers the medium sloped gable roof. Formerly attached to the north gable end was a gable roofed section which has collapsed, part of which remains next to the extant warehouse. Two other gabled frame buildings covered with German siding and asphalt shingle roofs stand east of the warehouse.

The west side of the warehouse has three sliding door openings marked 2, 3, and 4. Piercing the wall above these sliding doors are three hinged doors that provide access to the upper portion of the structure. Painted between the upper door opening in white letters, against a red background is, "KINGS CREEK CANNING COMPANY."

The north gable end has a large scar of the shorter roofline of the collapsed warehouse. A sliding door opens into the end of the main building. The upper gable is marked by three closed-over openings.

The south gable end, on the other hand, is still covered by a shorter single story, three bay warehouse extension, and the side is characterized by a similar exterior treatment.

Inside, a heavy timber system supports the structure, and a stair rises against the north wall for access to the second floor.

# 8. Significance

Survey No. S-341

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"/> 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.

### SIGNIFICANCE

The Kings Creek Canning Company warehouse is one of a handful of tomato processing plants still standing in Somerset County. The other prominent plants includes the Long Brothers of Westover, and the Mathews Canning Company of Kingston. The canning industry in Somerset County has had a long and vital history until recent years when market tomatoes from other regions have discourgaged continued operations. Market produce has been a long-time business on the Eastern Shore, but very few processing plants in Somerset County will remain competitive in the near future. The Kings Creek Canning Company abandoned this structure several years ago, and during this past year it was decided to discontinue the business altogether.

## 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

state	code	county	code

## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Paul Touart Architectural Historian

organization Somerset County Historical Trust date 5/10/86

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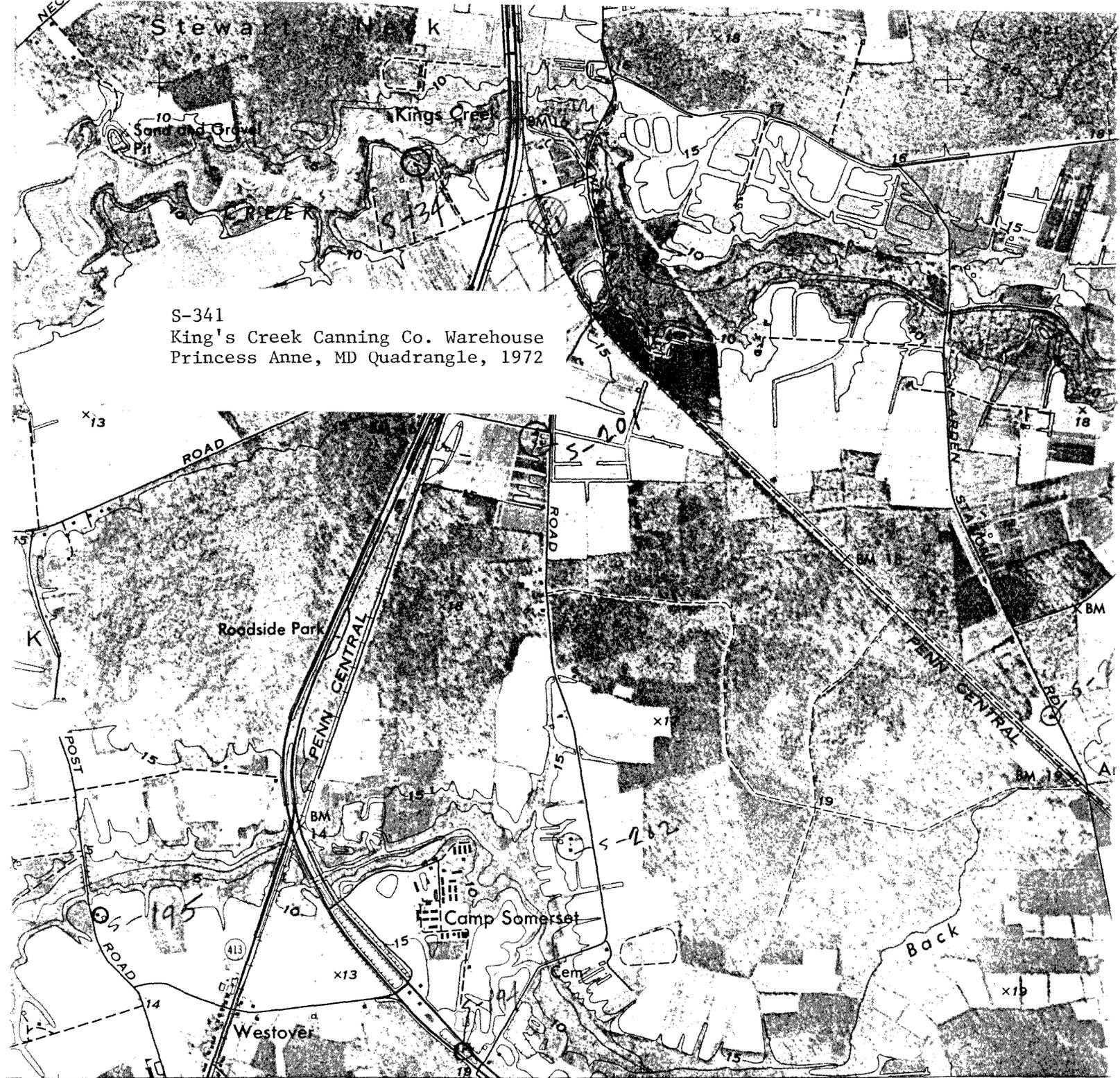
city or town Princess Anne state Maryland 21853

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.

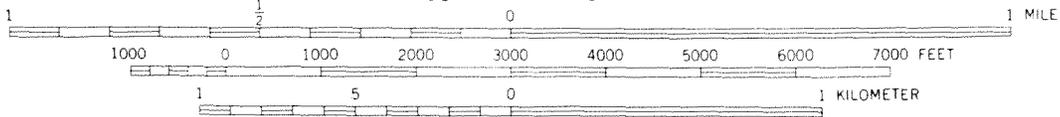
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 21 State Circle  
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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 King's Creek Canning Co. Warehouse  
 Princess Anne, MD Quadrangle, 1972



42°30' KINGSTON 3.6 MI. POCOMOKE CITY 8 MI. (KINGSTON) 440 441 40' 442

SCALE 1:24 000



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SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER  
 THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 2 FEET

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 7 MILS



MARYLAND

QUADRANGLE

1972 MAGNETIC NORTH  
 AT CENTER OF SHEET

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King's Creek Canning

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Princess Anne vicinity, Somerset Co., MD

West elevation

10/85, Paul Touart, Photographer

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