

WI-315
Phillips Brothers Canning Complex
Green Hill vicinity
Private

c. 1940

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Phillips Canning House Complex

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-315

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s):
Architecture
Agriculture

2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore

3. Chronological/Development Period(s):
Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930
Modern Period 1930-

4. Resource Type(s): Canning House complex

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MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-315

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Phillips Brothers Canning House Complex

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Whitehaven Road not for publication

city, town Green Hill vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

3. Classification

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

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

name H. Lay Phillips

street & number 5480 Catchpenny Road telephone no.:

city, town Quantico state and zip code Maryland 21856

5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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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	
<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 Phillips Brothers Canning Company complex is located on the north side of Whitehaven Road in the vicinity of Green Hill, Wicomico County, Maryland. The main canning house building faces southeast with the gable roof oriented on a northeast/southwest axis.

Built around 1940, the main canning house building is a two-part structure with an enclosed warehouse coupled with an open front, twenty-two bay wagon shed. The canning company warehouse is a six-bay frame structure sheathed with asbestos shingles and covered by a medium pitched gable roof of tin. A series of garage doors mark the front of the building along with paired or single six-over-six sash windows. A centrally positioned brick chimney pierces the roofline.

Standing northeast of the canning house shed is a story-and-a-half, three-bay by one-room frame tenant house sheathed with weatherboard siding and covered by a medium pitched gable roof. The first floor is lighted by six-over-six sash windows to each side of the front entrance. Small four-pane windows light the second floor. A single flue brick chimney rises through the roof. Attached to the back of the front block is a story-and-a-half kitchen wing.

Located southwest of the of the canning house building is another two-story, four-bay frame structure sited close to Whitehaven Road. Sheathed with asbestos shingles, the frame structure has a double door opening flanked by six-over-six sash windows. Six-over-six sash windows mark the gable ends.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" 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/humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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The canning house complex deserves listing under *Category B*, which identifies buildings of historic and/or architectural interest.

FOOTNOTES

1 Burton, R. Lee, Jr. *Canneries of the Eastern Shore*. Centreville, Maryland: Tidewater Publishers, 1986, p. 157.

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
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state	code	county	code
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