

WO-247
Old Corddry Company Warehouse
Snow Hill
private

1924

The old Corddry Company warehouse, now housing the Pocomoke River Canoe Company, is an interesting remnant of the frame industrial buildings that once lined the both sides of the Pocomoke River. The weatherboarded balloon frame structure is covered by a low pitched hip roof that rises to a monitor glazed by six- and eight-pane windows. Most notable inside is the old platform elevator and the date, October 14, 1924, that is scrawled on the inside face of a weatherboard.

HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: Old Corodry Company Warehouse
MHT Inventory Number: Wo-247

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

1) Historic Period Theme(s):

Architecture, Economic

2) Geographic Orientation:

Eastern Shore

3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

1890-1930 - Industrial Urban Dominance

4) Resource Type(s):

~~the~~ 1. Standing Structure
a. Warehouse

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic OLD CORDRAY COMPANY WAREHOUSE

and/or common POCOMOKE RIVER CANOE COMPANY

2. Location

street & number East side of Pocomoke River Bridge not for publication

city, town Snow Hill vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Worcester

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 checked="" 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	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 Barry Laws

street & number 104 Green Street telephone no.: 301-632-3971

city, town Snow Hill state and zip code MD 21863

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Courthouse liber

street & number Worcester County folio

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

Repository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. W0-247

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<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 old Corddy Company warehouse, now known as the Pocomoke River Company, is a two-story frame structure that stands on the edge of the Pocomoke River east of North Washington Street next to the Pocomoke River bridge. The building was erected between the river and the railroad; remnants of the track remain in the gravel driveway south of the structure.

Probably built in 1924, this two-story, three-bay balloon frame structure rests on a minimal masonry pier foundation, and it is sheathed with plain weatherboard siding. The low pitched hip roof is distinguished by a low, horizontal monitor of six and eight-pane windows. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

The southwest (main) elevation is a balanced three-bay facade with a center double-door entrance and flanking paired six-over-six sash windows. The horizontal five-panel doors are framed by a plain surround as are the sash windows. The second floor is lighted by paired six-over-six sash that align with the first floor windows. The eave is finished by a plain boxed cornice, and slender boards trim the outside corners of the building.

The southeast side is similarly detailed with a center double-door entrance and flanking six-over-six sash windows. Identical six-over-six sash windows light the second floor as well.

The northwest side is detailed in the same fashion without the double door entrance, while the northeast end is marked by single six-over-six sash windows along with a single, boarded over, door opening.

The exposed stud interior reveals circular sawn balloon frame construction held together with wire nails. A center open, ladder type stair provides access to the second floor, and directly adjacent to the stair is an old platform elevator operated on iron cables and a cast iron wheel. A date of October 14, 1924, is painted on the interior face of a weatherboard west of the south entrance, which suggests the construction date of the building.

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 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" 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: <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.

The old Corrdry Company warehouse is a prominent architectural fixture that marks the south side of the Pocomoke River on the edge of Snow Hill. The early twentieth-century balloon frame building is distinctive for its monitor roof and interior platform elevator, features that reflect the former industrial nature of this river side property. The building was actually erected between the water's edge and the railroad that serviced businesses south of the bridge. Although a structure appears in this location on the late nineteenth-century Sanborn Insurance maps, architectural features such as balloon frame and wire nail construction, paired window sash, and horizontal five-panel doors suggest that this structure was erected during the early twentieth century. The October 14, 1924 date that is painted on the interior surface of one weatherboard probably documents when the building was erected.

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1877 LACE, GRIFFING AND
STEVENS' ATLAS

WORCESTER CO.

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OLD CORDDRY COMPANY WAREHOUSE
Snow Hill, MD Quadrangle, 1966

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