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INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: Snow Hill Passenger Station Survey Number: WO-348

202 Belt St., Snow Hill

Project: Enhancement-Snow Hill-Greenbackville Trail Agency: FHWA/SHA ISTE

Site visit by MHT Staff:  no  yes Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended  Eligibility not recommended

Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The Snow Hill Passenger Station is significant on a local level under Criteria A and C for transportation and architecture. It was identified as individually eligible in the 1990 final report for the Worcester County survey conducted by Paul Touart. It is the best preserved of the early 20th century brick passenger stations in Worcester County. The station was built in 1916 by the Pennsylvania Railroad. The station's construction and original appearance is well documented by a 2/5/16 article in the Democratic Messenger. The station is representative of the importance of the railroad to the small towns of the Eastern Shore.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MHT Inventory Form #WO-348 and

project file

Prepared by: Paul Touart

Elizabeth Hannold May 2, 1994  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable

R. Anderson 5.2.94  
Reviewer, NR program Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (  prehistoric  historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaption

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Town

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):  
Transportation

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Known Design Source: \_\_\_\_\_

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1915-1916

Snow Hill Passenger Station  
Snow Hill  
Private

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: SNOW HILL PASSENGER STATION

MHT Inventory Number: WO-348

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE  
TRANSPORTATION
- 2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):  
URBAN/INDUSTRIAL DOMINANCE  
1870-1930
- 4) Resource Type(s):  
Railroad passenger station

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic SNOW HILL PASSENGER STATION

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number Belt Street \_\_\_ 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 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 type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: storage

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

name

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

## 5. Location of Legal Description

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

street & number Worcester County Courthouse folio

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date \_\_\_ federal \_\_\_ state \_\_\_ county \_\_\_ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

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<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 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 Snow Hill passenger station is a single-story brick depot that stands on the west side of the Conrail track and east of Belt Street on the southeast side of Snow Hill, Worcester County, Maryland. The brick station faces east with the hip roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built in 1915-1916, the single story partly stuccoed brick station rests on a partially excavated cellar, and the building is sheltered by a broad slate-covered hip roof. The walls consist of a low Flemish bond brick knee wall and a stuccoed upper wall surface. The ticket office projects on the track (east) side.

The west (main) facade is an uneven four-bay elevation with an asymmetrical fenestration of partially glazed doors and nine-over-one sash windows. The south end of the building, comprising a waiting room, is marked by a glazed door, a three-light transom, and flanking nine-over-one sash windows. The second bay from the south is defined by a combination of paired windows and door openings. A second partially glazed door with transom is flanked by a single nine-over-one sash window. A paired set of nine-over-one sash windows is located directly south of the paired door and window. A third entrance with flanking nine-over-one sash windows fills the third bay from the south, whereas a freight door opening is located in the fourth bay. The broad eave of the roof is supported by heavy timber brackets. Rising through the roof is a brick chimney. The roof is also distinguished by a built in copper gutter.

The south end of the station is marked by three nine-over-one sash joined as a three-part window composition.

The east or track side is dominated by the projecting ticket office that has a tripartite window in the east wall. Narrow sash windows, now boarded over, pierce the side walls of the ticket office. Flanking the ticket office to the south is a partially glazed door with flanking nine-over-one sash windows. A freight door and loading platform are fixed on the north side of the ticket office for access into the baggage room.

The building is currently used for storage, however built-in seats remain in the south end waiting room. The rest of the interior was not seen.

# 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates** 1915-1916 **Builder/Architect** Contractor, the Cordrey Company

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.

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**10. Geographical Data**

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

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

state	code	county	code

**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian

organization Worcester County Commissioners date 3/10/90

street & number Worcester County Courthouse telephone 301-632-1194

city or town Snow Hill state MD 21863

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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 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
 (301) 269-2438

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Two toilet rooms, modernly equipped, are located at the rear of the ticket office.

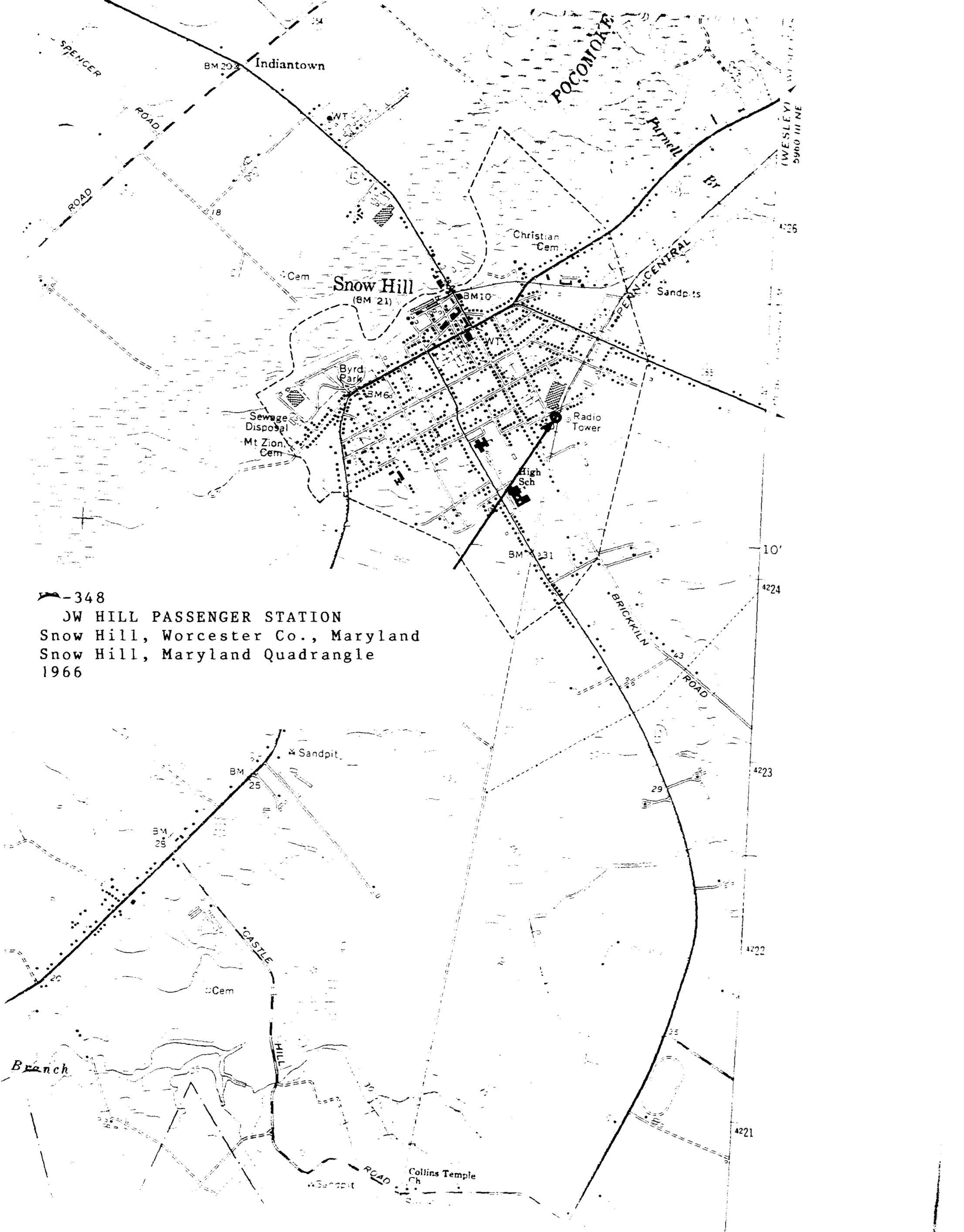
The foundation walls up to the platform line are of concrete, 16 inches thick and above the platform a brick base laid in Flemish bond extends to the window sills. The remainder of the exterior walls is of white cement stucco with a pebble dash finish.

The roof extends four feet over the platform, and is covered with black slate. The floors of the waiting rooms and toilets are of concrete, colored red, and laid off in 12 inch squares. A circular radiator with marble top is placed in the center of each of the waiting rooms. Each waiting room has a sanitary fountain, supplying ice water cooled in the basement. The ticket office is equipped with the necessary ticket windows, and has a cabinet with rolling doors for station and other supplies.

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The train platform extends 100 feet north and 400 feet south of the building, is of macadam construction with concrete curbing and is lighted by a row of standard lights.

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JW HILL PASSENGER STATION  
 Snow Hill, Worcester Co., Maryland  
 Snow Hill, Maryland Quadrangle  
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