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S-175  
Westover Ticket Office  
Near Westover  
Private

c. 1880-1900

The Old Westover Ticket Office stands on a new site behind the house of the late Jennings Richards. Mr. Richards was the last ticket agent for the Penn Central rail line. When railroad service was discontinued to Westover, he moved the small Victorian structure to his back yard. The simply detailed building is typical of ticket offices built in these small rural villages. The Victorian period woodwork is limited to c-shaped brackets under the eaves and colored-glass windows in each gable.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Westover Ticket Office

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number South side of Md. 361 (Famous Road) not for publication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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input 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	<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 type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Heirs of Jennings Richards

street & number telephone no.:

city, town Westover 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

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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			1970s

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The "Old Westover Ticket Office" stands on a new site behind Jennings Richards two-story frame house on the south side of MD 361 immediately west of the MD 413 intersection at Westover. Jennings Richards, the last ticket agent for the railroad, moved the building behind the house when the railroad was abandoned. The c. 1880-1900 single-story three-bay building rests on a cinder block foundation and is sheathed with narrow weatherboards. The medium pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The eaves are extended and visually supported by c-shaped brackets. Cross-gables are found on both front and back.

The north (main) facade is three bays across with a projecting center bay with paired 2/2 sash windows. Five-panel doors topped with single-pane transoms flank the center bay. Located within the center cross-gable is a colored glass window.

The gable ends have a single 2/2 sash window, which lights the office, and a colored-glass window in the gable.

The back side of the office is three bays across without the projecting bay. A center block stack rises from the structure.

The interior is simply finished with beaded board walls.

# 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input 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** \_\_\_\_\_ **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.

The Old Westover Ticket Office is a well-preserved late 19th-century structure moved to a new site when the railroad to Crisfield was abandoned. The freight office was moved to Princess Anne. <sup>Most</sup> small train stations have ~~all~~ been lost since the passenger service to these rural villages was discontinued.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

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# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A              
 Zone Easting Northing

B              
 Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

G

H

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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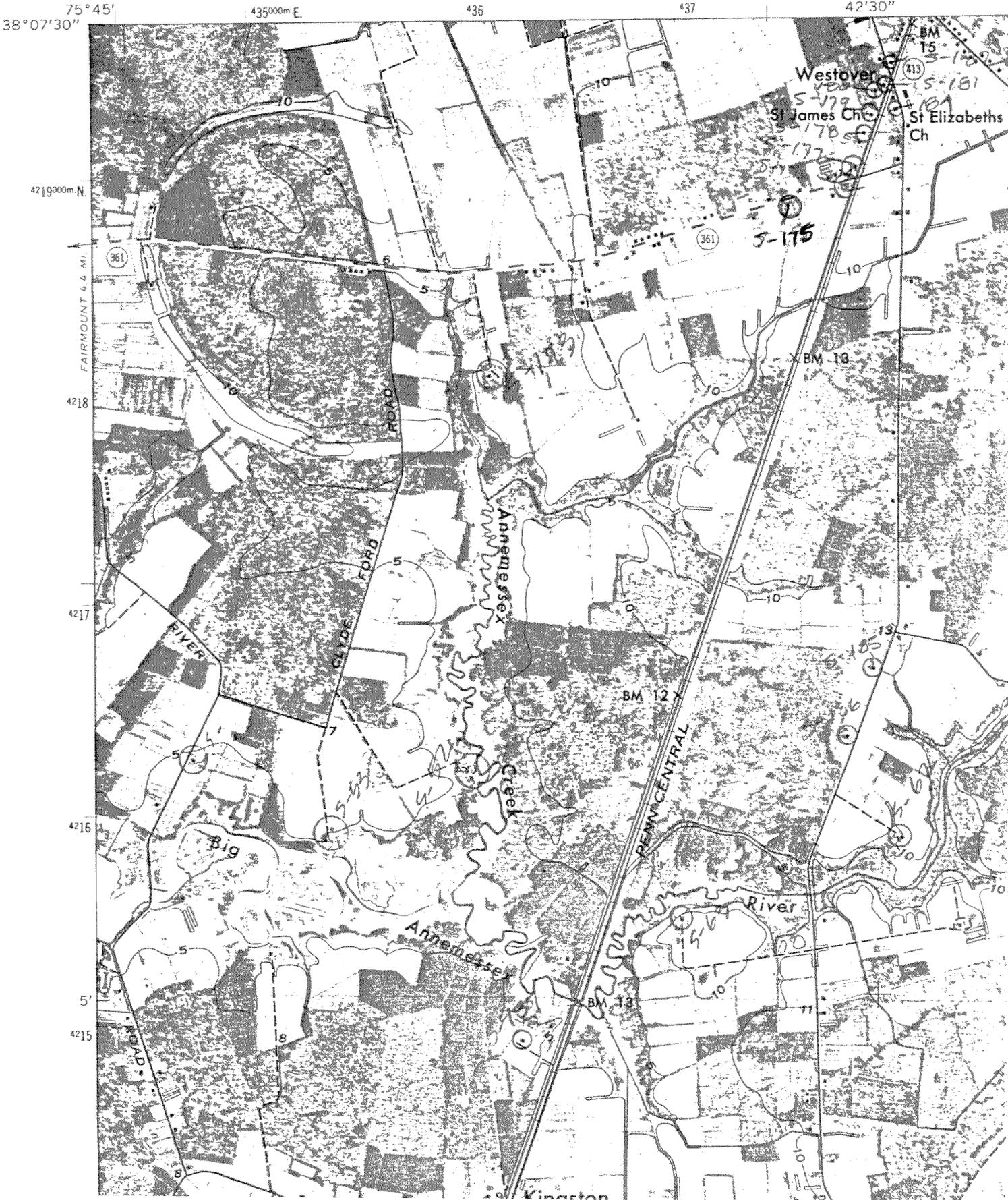
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Westover vicinity, Somerset Co., MD.

Northeast elevation

3/84, Paul Touart, Photographer

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