

S-194
Richards' Store
Near Westover
Private

c. 1940

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Melvin Ward and Tip Dorsey are given credit for the construction of this store building that now stands between the north and southbound lanes of US Route 13. The old Westover Road formerly passed directly in front of this structure. Ward and Dorsey operated the business as partners until the property was purchased by Donald and Nyssa Richards in 1946. The Richards managed the store until 1971-1972, while their son, Charles, operated an Exxon Station next door.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Richards' Store

and/or common

2. Location

street & number U.S. 13 (Ocean Highway) not for publication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 type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input checked="" 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 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 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 Charles 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 County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio

city, town Westover state MD 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

Survey No. S-194

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 Richards' Store stands between the north and southbound lanes of U.S. 13 near Westover, Somerset County, Maryland. Richards' Exxon Station stands directly south of this building which is now used as storage space.

Facing northeast, this single-story frame store has a false-front which covers the simple gable roof. A minimal brick pier foundation supports this weatherboarded frame structure, while the roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

The northeast (main) facade is covered on the first floor by a single story hip-roofed front additon which covers the recessed glazed store entrance bay. The parapet wall above the shed is pierced by a 6/6 sash window.

To the northwest and southeast sides are two window openings with barred shutters. Rising from the back portion of the store is a narrow brick stove stack.

The interior has been filled with storage racks for tires, and the store fixtures have been removed.

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 1940 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or
Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

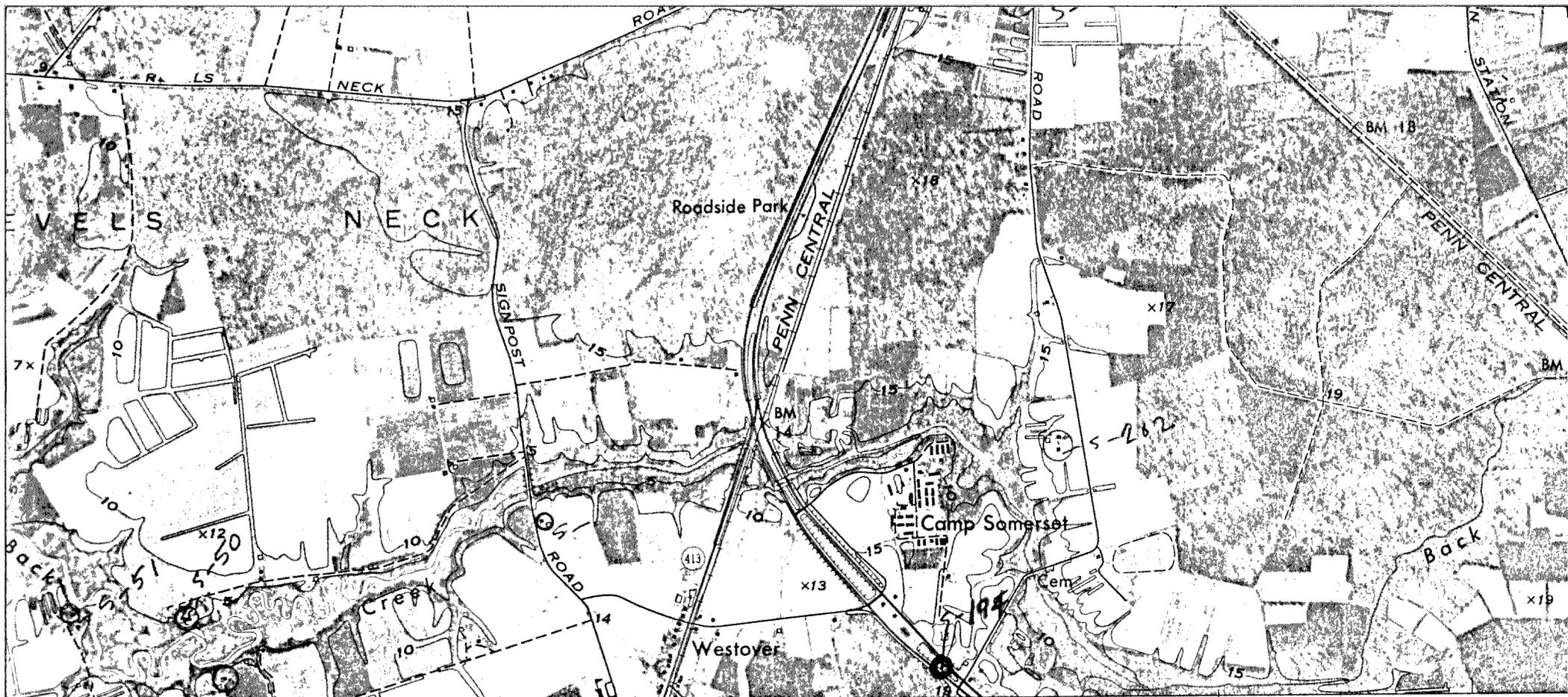
Level of Significance: national state local

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

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History

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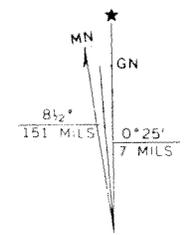
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erial photograph taken
 Photogrammetric methods from
 Field checked 1972
 dated 1942

USGS Chart 555 (1973)
 for navigational purposes
 ticks: Maryland coordinate

Mercator grid ticks,
 North American datum
 areas



UTM GRID AND 1972 MAGNETIC NORTH
 DECLINATION AT CENTER OF SHEET



SCALE 1:24 000
 CONTOUR INTERVAL 5 FEET
 DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL
 SOUNDINGS IN FEET—DATUM IS MEAN LOW WATER
 THE MEAN RANGE OF TIDE IS APPROXIMATELY 2 FEET

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