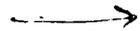


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Whittington Grain Elevator
Marion
private

Early Twentieth
Century

The Whittington Grain Elevator and storage silos are a visually dominant and once vital business located at the southwest end of town. These silos offered grain processing as well as safe storage of the crop before export on the railroad. However, the Crisfield branch of the railroad has been unused since the early 1970^s, therefore rendering these massive silos useless. Nevertheless, this agriculturally-oriented industrial site is a significant visual landmark for this flat rural landscape. It also documents the important role of shipping grain by rail during the early twentieth century.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Whittington Grain Elevator

and/or common

2. Location

street & number NW side of MD 667, Crisfield-Marion Road not for publication

city, town Marion 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 Tom Whittington

street & number telephone no.:

city, town Marion state and zip code Maryland 21838

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 Maryland 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. S-269

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" 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 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 Whittington grain elevator and storage silos constitute a large industrial complex at the southwest end of Marion between MD 667 and the old track bed of the Philadelphia, New York and Baltimore Railroad. The grain elevator is a massive asbestos clad frame structure that dominates the complex at the north end.

The center, main portion of the mill that rises above the rest of the structure is a rectangular frame structure topped by a gable-roofed penthouse which contains pulley and belt systems. Underneath the asbestos shingles is a layer of weatherboards which covers diagonal plank construction. The medium pitched gable and shed roofs have a layer of asphalt shingles.

Attached to the north side is a bi-level squarish frame section topped with a variety of machinery and hardware. Extending to the southwest of the center portion is a single-story gable roofed warehouse type of structure with an irregular fenestration. One service door pierces the southeast side.

At the south end of the complex is a series of seven corrugated iron round silos as well as a loading bay for grain cars. A spur of the rail line enters into a bi-level frame loading bay with shutes entering through the roof. A complex system of pipe lines and grain shutes runs along the top and bottom of the six silos. A plaque with "Public Warehouses, Douglas-Guardian Warehouse Corp." is riveted to the exterior of the bins.

8. Significance

Survey No. S-269

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

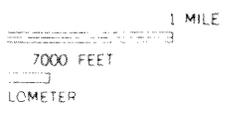
Level of Significance: national state local

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

The ^{business}Whittington grain elevator and storage silos are a visually dominant and once vital ^Aoperated for Marion and all of southern Somerset County. These silos undoubtedly offered processing as well as safe storage of grain harvests before export on the railroad. However, the Crisfield branch of the railroad has been unused since the early 1970s, therefore extinguishing a need for these massive silos. Nevertheless, the agriculturally-oriented industrial site is a significant visual landmark on this flat rural landscape, while it documents the important role shipment by rail played during the first half of the 20th century. Railroads replaced grain transport by ship, a labor-intensive and costly method of transport in contrast. In turn, truck farming has largely outdated shipment of agricultural products by rail on the lower Eastern Shore of Maryland.



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 Marion, MD Quadrangle, 1972



ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Primary highway, hard surface
- Secondary highway, hard surface
- Trails
- Light-duty road, hard or improved surface
- Unimproved road

- Interstate Route
- U. S. Route
- State Route

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Marion, Somerset County
South Elevation
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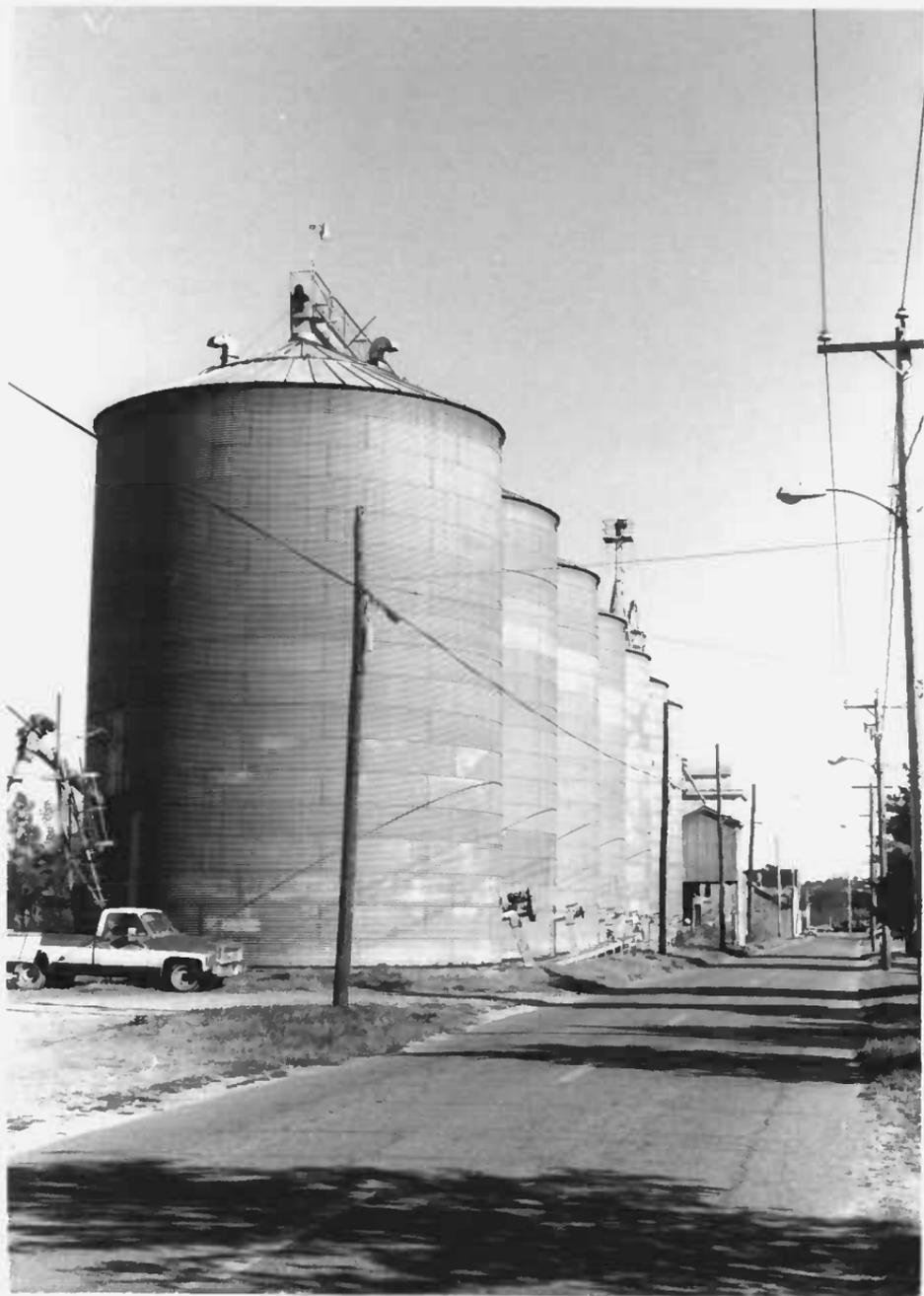
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