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King's Creek Canning Company Warehouse  
Princess Anne vicinity  
private

c. 1900

The King's Creek Canning Company warehouse stands on the east side of the old Pennsylvania railroad immediately south of the fork in the rail line. The rectangular utilitarian warehouse has three numbered sliding doors. Painted in white letters against a red background is, "KINGS CREEK CANNING COMPANY." This warehouse is one of two key canning plants operated by the Miller family through much of the twentieth century.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. S-341

Magi No. 2003415611

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic King's Creek Canning Company

and/or common

## 2. Location

street &amp; number East side of U.S. 13

 not for publication

city, town Princess Anne

 vicinity of

congressional district

First

state Maryland

county

Somerset

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 King's Creek Canning Company

street &amp; number

telephone no.:

city, town Princess Anne

state and zip code Md. 21853

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court

liber

street &amp; 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 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.

## King's Creek Canning Company

The King's Creek Canning Company is located on the east side of U.S.13 three miles south of Princess Anne, Somerset County, Maryland. The bi-level frame warehouse is sited along the Pennsylvania railroad immediately south of the fork in the rail line.

Erected during the early twentieth century, the long rectangular warehouse is supported by a poured concrete foundation, and the walls are sheathed with plain weatherboard siding. A layer of corrugated tin covers the medium sloped gable roof. Formerly attached to the north gable end was a gable roofed section which has collapsed, part of which remains next to the extant warehouse. Two other gabled frame buildings covered with German siding and asphalt shingle roofs stand east of the warehouse.

The west side of the warehouse has three sliding door openings marked 2, 3, and 4. Piercing the wall above these sliding doors are three hinged doors that provide access to the upper portion of the structure. Painted between the upper door opening in white letters, against a red background is, "KINGS CREEK CANNING COMPANY."

The north gable end has a large scar of the shorter roofline of the collapsed warehouse. A sliding door opens into the end of the main building. The upper gable is marked by three closed-over openings.

The south gable end, on the other hand, is still covered by a shorter single story, three bay warehouse extension, and the side is characterized by a similar exterior treatment.

Inside, a heavy timber system supports the structure, and a stair rises against the north wall for access to the second floor.

# 8. Significance

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

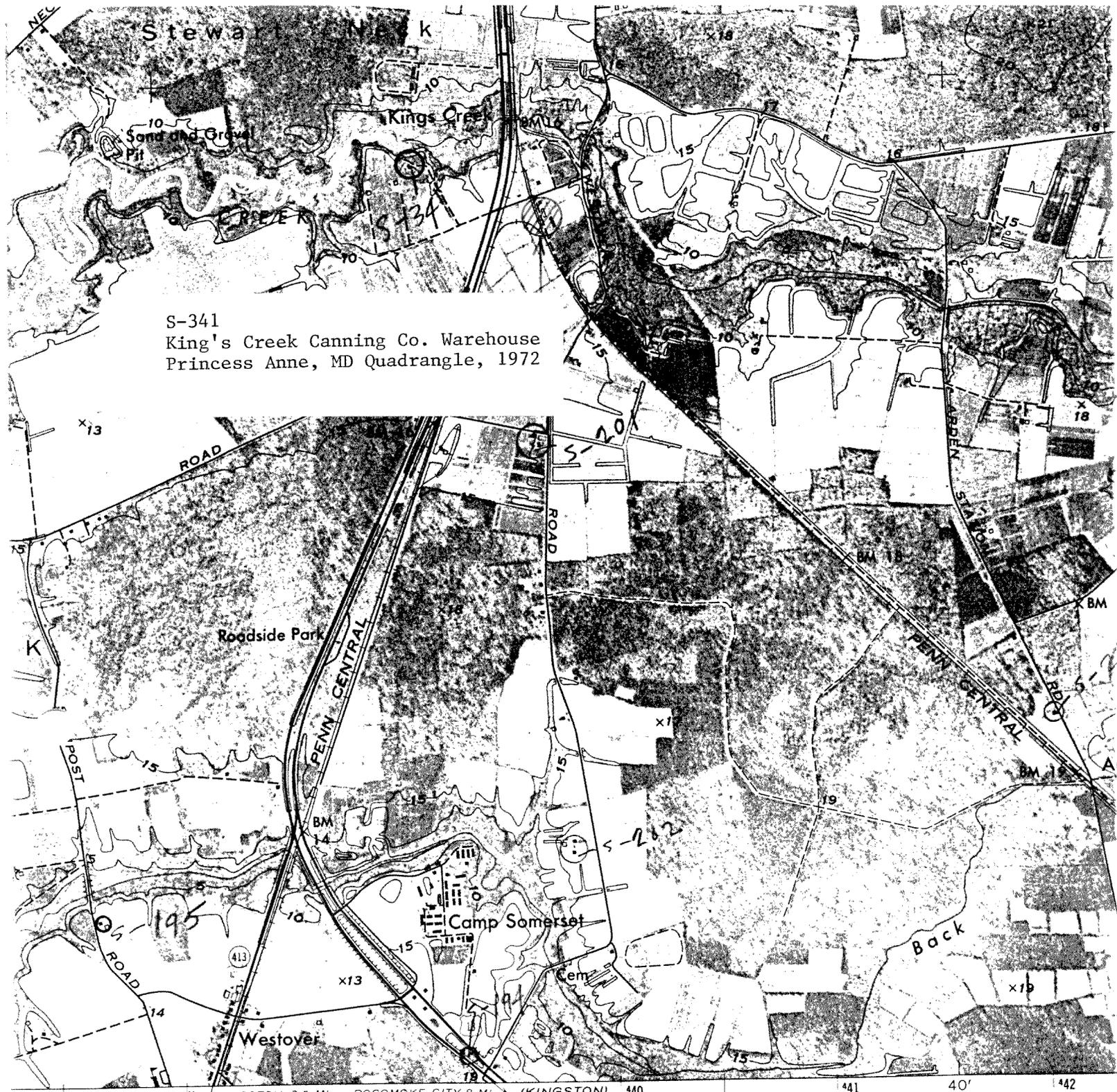
Specific dates	Builder/Architect
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Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local	

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

### SIGNIFICANCE

The Kings Creek Canning Company warehouse is one of a handful of tomato processing plants still standing in Somerset County. The other prominent plants includes the Long Brothers of Westover, and the Mathews Canning Company of Kingston. The canning industry in Somerset County has had a long and vital history until recent years when market tomatoes from other regions have discouragaged continued operations. Market produce has been a long-time business on the Eastern Shore, but very few processing plants in Somerset County will remain competitive in the near future. The Kings Creek Canning Company abandoned this structure several years ago, and during this past year it was decided to discontinue the business altogether.

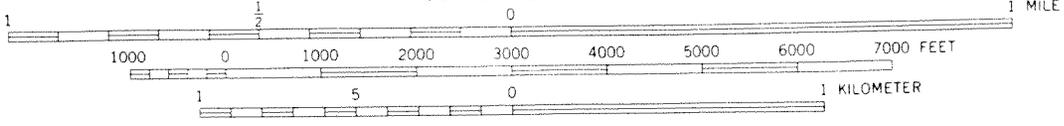




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 King's Creek Canning Co. Warehouse  
 Princess Anne, MD Quadrangle, 1972

42°30" KINGSTON 3.6 MI. POCOMOKE CITY 8 MI. (KINGSTON) 440 5860 II SW 441 40' 442

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

1972 MAGNETIC NORTH  
 AT CENTER OF SHEET

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West elevation

10/85, Paul Touart, Photographer

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