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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

NR Eligible: yes ___
no ___

Property Name: Pocomoke City Historic District Inventory Number: WO-187

Address: Various City: Pocomoke Zip Code: 21851

County: Worcester USGS Topographic Map: Pocomoke City

Owner: Various

Tax Parcel Number: _____ Tax Map Number: _____ Tax Account ID Number: _____

Project: River Front Museum Agency: USDA RD

Site visit by MHT Staff: ___no ___yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Eligibility recommended X Eligibility not recommended ___

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

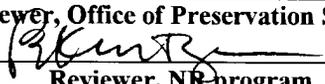
Is the property located within a historic district? ___no ___yes Name of district: _____

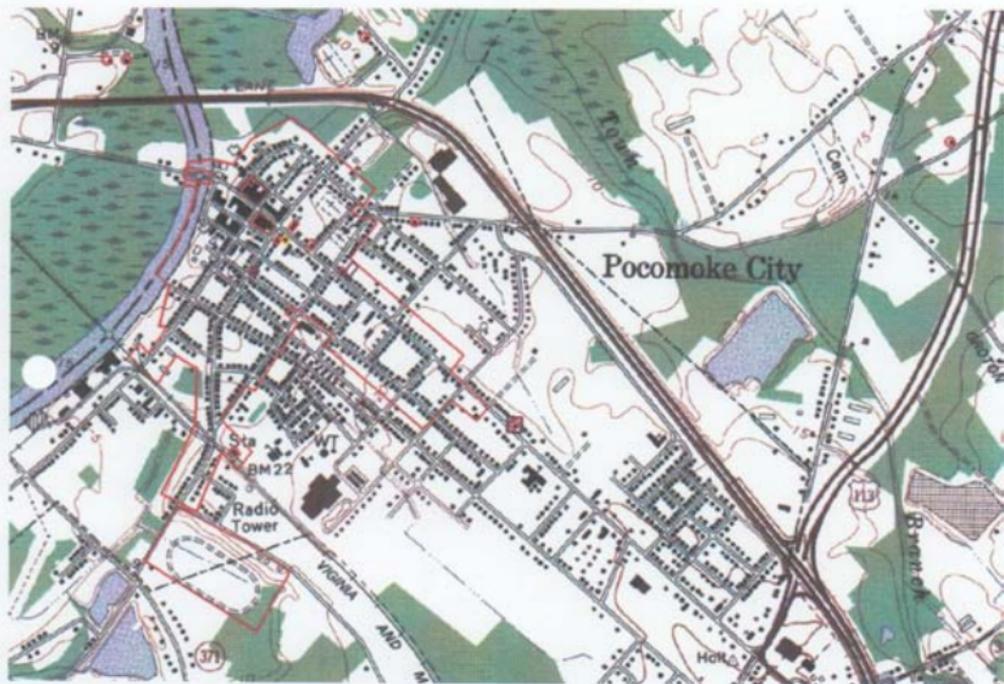
Is district listed? ___no ___yes Determined eligible? ___no ___yes District Inventory Number: _____

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: MIHP Records, *Along the Seaboard Side* by Paul Touart

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*
Pocomoke City is a typical small town on Maryland's Eastern Shore. It grew to importance during the nineteenth century as an agricultural center and shipping point on the Pocomoke River. Most of the houses were built during the late nineteenth or early twentieth century and show the normal range of style from gingerbread Victorian, Italianate, Second Empire, Queen Anne, to Bungalow. Many are vernacular. Most of the business district is characteristic of the early twentieth century. Pocomoke city is significant because of its past progressive role in the development of the surrounding Del-Mar-Va Peninsula and because most of the buildings have not been altered to a significant degree, leaving much of the town's late nineteenth/early twentieth century character intact.

Prepared by: George Andreve, MIHP Form Date Prepared: _____

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| MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW | |
| Eligibility recommended <u>X</u> | Eligibility not recommended ___ |
| Criteria: <u>X</u> A ___ B <u>X</u> C ___ D | Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G ___ None |
| Comments: _____ | |
| Patricia M. Blick | February 9, 2001 |
| Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services | Date |
|  | <u>2/15/01</u> |
| Reviewer, NR program | Date |



Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic POCOMOKE CITY SURVEY DISTRICT (DOE)

and/or common

2. Location

street & number Various Streets not for publication

city, town Pocomoke City vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Worcester

3. Classification

| Category | Ownership | Status | Present Use | |
|--|--|---|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district | <input type="checkbox"/> public | <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial | <input type="checkbox"/> park |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> both | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress | <input type="checkbox"/> educational | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site | Public Acquisition | Accessible | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object | <input type="checkbox"/> in process | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government | <input type="checkbox"/> scientific |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> being considered | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted | <input type="checkbox"/> industrial | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> other: |

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

name Various

street & number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Courthouse liber

street & number folio

city, town Snow Hill state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. WO-187

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| Condition | | Check one | Check one | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated | <input type="checkbox"/> unaltered | <input type="checkbox"/> original site | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins | <input 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 Pocomoke City Survey District is a collection of primarily late nineteenth and early twentieth century buildings within the town of Pocomoke City on the Pocomoke River in Worcester County.

Documentation for the survey form was prepared for a Determination of Eligibility. Further information on the district is available in the files of the Compliance Office at the Maryland Historical Trust.

Buildings in Pocomoke City already listed on the Maryland Historical Trust Inventory of Historic Sites in Worcester County include:

- W-64 Hearn House
- W-128 Crockett House
- W-129 St. Mary the Virgin P. E. Church
- W-130 Vestry, St. Mary the Virgin P. E. Church
- W-131 Pitts Creek Presbyterian Church
- W-132 206 Market Street
- W-133 403 Market Street
- W-183 Costen House

8. Significance

Survey No. WO-187

| 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 type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> education | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> art | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> music | <input type="checkbox"/> theater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900- | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | | |

| Specific dates | Builder/Architect |
|---|-------------------|
| check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G | |
| 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

Pocomoke City is a typical small town on Maryland's Eastern Shore. It grew to importance during the nineteenth century as an agricultural center and shipping point on the Pocomoke River. Most of the houses were built during the late nineteenth or early twentieth century and show the normal range of style from gingerbread Victorian, Italianate, Second Empire, Queen Anne, to Bungalow. Many are vernacular. Most of the business district is characteristic of the early twentieth century, and there is an exceptional 1920's theater interior. Pocomoke City is significant because of its past progressive role in the development of the surrounding Del-Mar-Va Peninsula and because most of the buildings have not been altered to a significant degree, leaving much of the town's late nineteenth/early twentieth century character intact.

HISTORY

Pocomoke City, Maryland, is now Worcester County's largest and most industrially developed town. Though initially called Meeting House Landing (1683-4) because of the Presbyterian House of Worship built at the foot of Willow Street in 1682, the name was changed to Warehouse Landing (c. 1700) when a tobacco warehouse was built. By about 1780, it was called New Town, but there is no record of the reason. Then, in 1878 with a population of 1500, the General Assembly of Maryland named the town Pocomoke City as a result of the efforts of Rev. T. O. Ayers.

Since Pocomoke City is located inland between the Chesapeake Bay and the Atlantic Ocean but on the Pocomoke River with access to the bay, it became an important shipping point for produce and other goods early in the nineteenth century.

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