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Dr. James T. Nock House
Pocomoke City
Private

c. 1860, c. 1890

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: DR. JAMES T. NOCK HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: NO-351

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE
- 2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SITE
- 3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):
INDUSTRIAL / URBAN TRANSITION
1870-1930
- 4) Resource Type(s):
SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic DR. JAMES T. NOCK HOUSE

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 205 Second Street not for publication

city, town Pocomoke City vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Worcester

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" 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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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 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 Glen and Teresa Hammerbacher

street & number 205 Second Street telephone no.:

city, town Pocomoke City state and zip code MD 21851

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court liber WCL 850

street & number Worcester County Courthouse folio 355

city, town Snow Hill state MD 21863

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. W0-351

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 Dr. James T. Nock house is located at 205 Second Street in the center of Pocomoke City, Worcester County, Maryland. Facing north, the two-story, tee-shaped frame dwelling is oriented on an north/south axis.

Built in two principal stages, the earliest section, a c. 1860 two-story gable front frame structure, was extensively reworked with Victorian style additions during the late nineteenth century. Located to the west side, the mid nineteenth century structure was extended with a five-sided bay pavilion to the north, a two-story wing to the east that incorporated a new entrance, and a kitchen wing to the south. Resting on an in-filled brick pier foundation, the frame house is sheathed with plain weatherboards, and it is covered by a steeply pitched asphalt shingle gable roof. The house is accompanied on the lot by a single-story turn of the century office. (see W0-352)

The north (main) facade of the house follows an asymmetrical elevation with a recessed entrance sheltered by a turned post, hip roofed porch. Partially glazed double front doors are topped by a single pane transom. Fixed to the east of the entrance is a single two-over-two sash window. The front porch is decorated with a turned baluster handrail and a decorative spindle row under the eave. The second floor is lighted by a single two-over-two sash window. West of the entrance bay is a projecting two-story gable-front pavilion pierced by two-over-two sash windows on each floor. A smaller two-over-two sash window pierces the upper gable. Rising through the center of the house is an interior brick chimney finished with a corbelled cap. The east gable end of the house is a pedimented elevation with two-over-two sash windows lighting each floor. The west side, on the other hand

The first floor interior finishes largely date from the late nineteenth century reworking of the house. A late nineteenth century stair with a heavily turned newel post rises in the southeast corner of the hall. Molded corner block surrounds frame the various door openings. Fixed in the southwest corner of the kitchen is an enclosed stair with a narrow beaded board partition. The second floor of the west section contains a wide pine floor and a few mid nineteenth century four-panel doors. However, the most conclusive proof of the building history of the house is located in the attic where shifts in construction indicate the original building was enlarged to the north and south. In the oldest section riven oak lath is fastened with cut nails, whereas sawn lath is found in the balance of the house.

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
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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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

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

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205 Second Street
Pocomoke City, Maryland 21851
Chain of title

WCL 850/355 Virginia Nock Hague

to

12/11/1982 Teresa W. Holloway

WCL 835/499 Virginia Nock Hague
Personal Representative

to

9/16/1982 Virginia Nock Hague

JEB 2/53 Louise V. Powell

to

3/24/1939 James T. Nock
Maud W. Nock

JEB 2/51 James T. Nock
Maud W. Nock

to

3/23/1939 Louise V. Powell

ODC 14/430 Alexander H. Stevens
Stella V. Stevens

to

9/1/1913 James T. Nock
\$3000.00

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Chain of title

Chancery 9/141

William S. Dickinson vs. Joseph L. Mills, Marietta Mills, Granville Dickinson, Henry Dickinson, Mary Dickinson, Annie Dickinson

7/9/1867

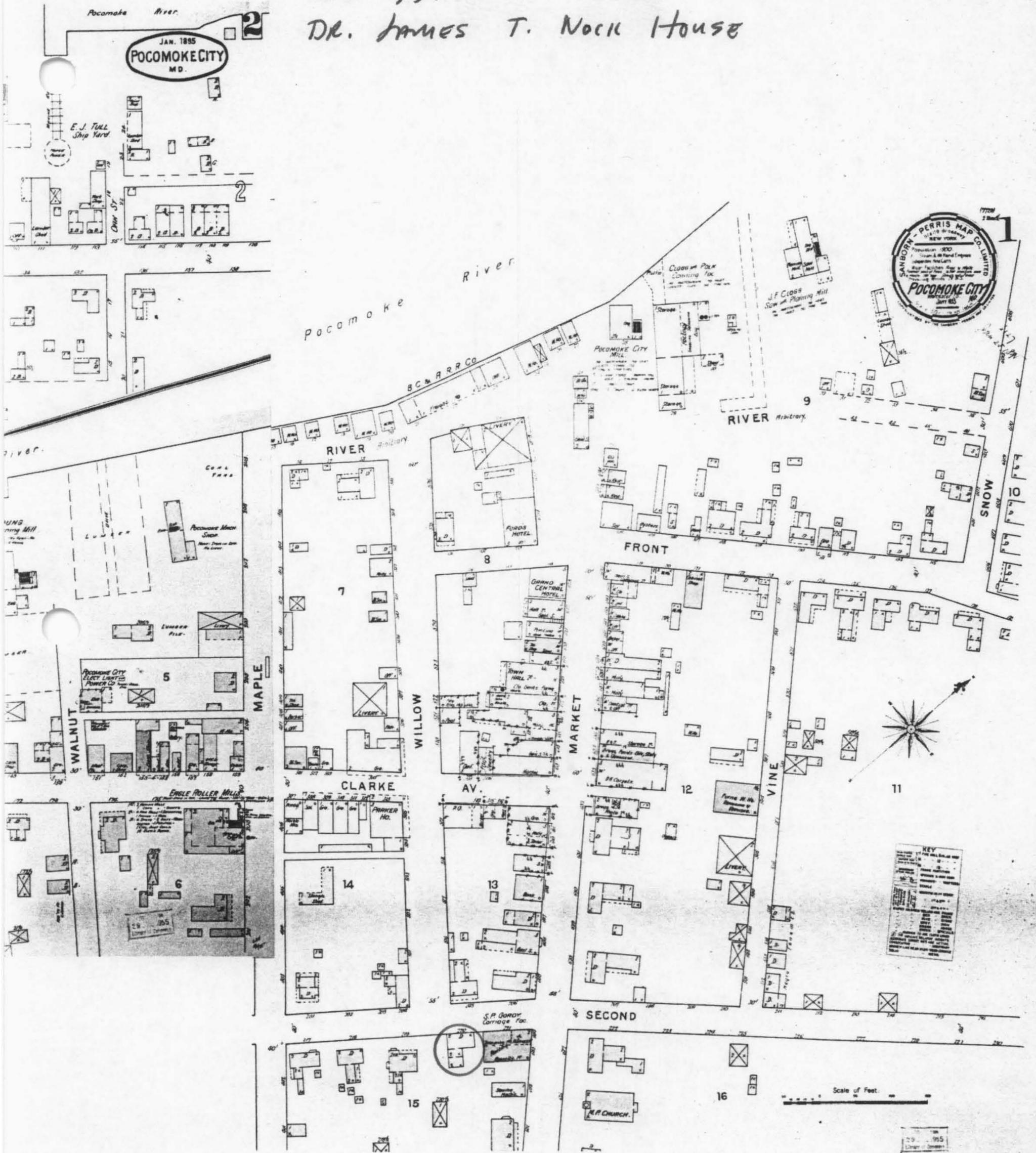
William S. Dickinson of Worcester County humbly shows that a certain James T. Dickinson late of said County, deceased by his last will and testament, bearing date 10/18/1866 devised the real estate as follows

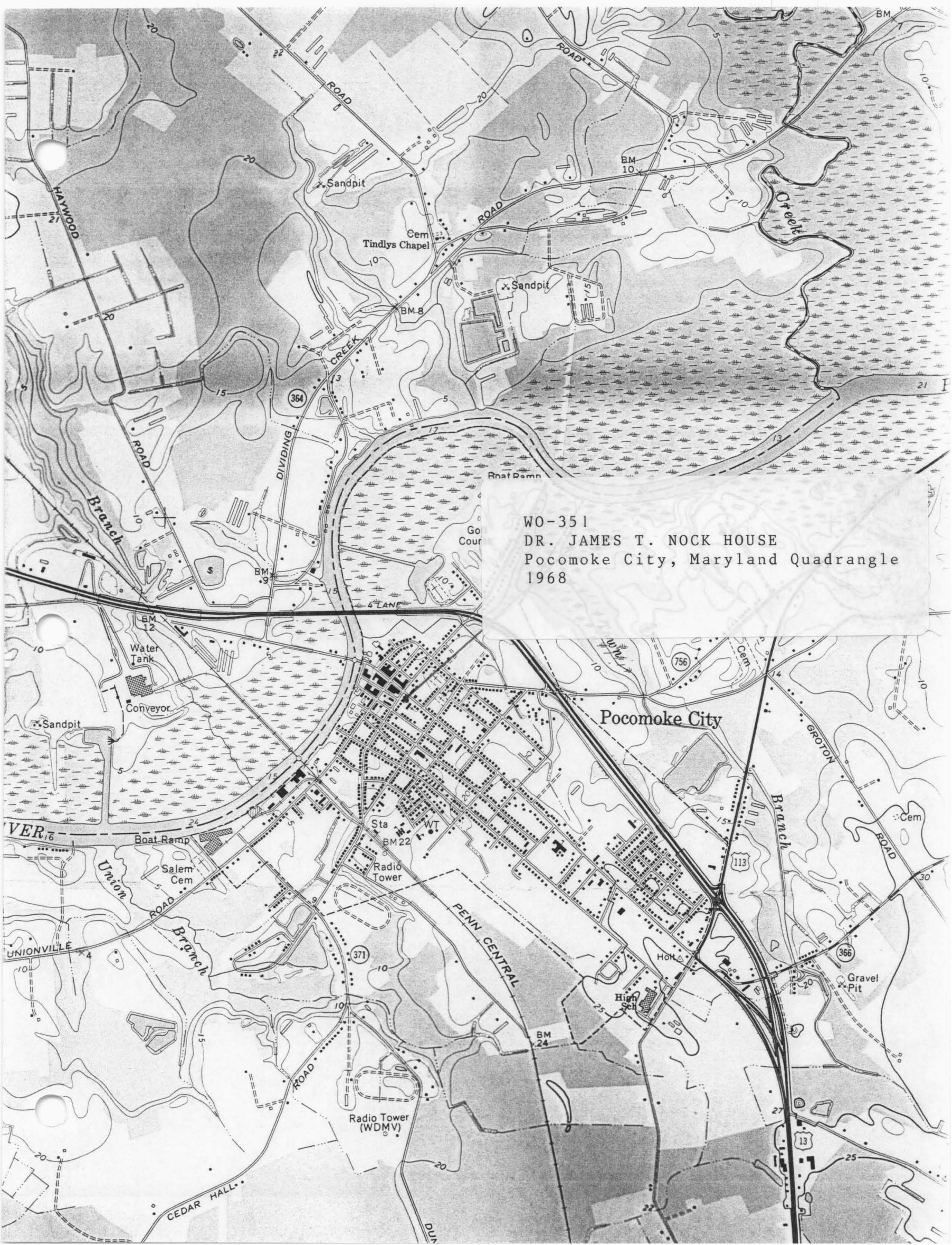
1. one-third-to William S. Dickinson
2. one-third to Matilda Mills, wife of Joseph Mills
3. one-third to his grandchildren, Granville, Henry, Mary and Annie all children of his deceased son, Henry J. P. Dickinson

Real estate—a house and lot in Newtown, a shop and lot in Newtown, a vacant lot containing 16 acres, a farm known as the Costen farm, 120 acres

1895 SANBORN INSURANCE MAP

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Pocomoke City, Maryland Quadrangle
1968