

WO-352
Dr. Nock's Office
Pocomoke City
Private

c. 1900

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Although a firm date of construction has not surfaced for this office building, construction features and architectural details place it in the period surrounding the turn of the twentieth century. Single-pane sash windows, tiled walls, and a Colonial Revival columned mantel with a beveled glass overmantel are common features for late nineteenth or early twentieth century buildings. James T. Nock purchased this Second Street property in 1913 for \$3000; suggesting the lot was improved by substantial buildings. The office along with the house remained in Nock family hands until the early 1980s.

HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: DR. NOCK'S OFFICE

MHT Inventory Number: WU-352

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

1) Historic Period Theme(s):

ARCHITECTURE
COMMENCE

2) Geographic Orientation:

EASTERN SHORE

3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):

INDUSTRIAL/URBAN DOMINANCE

4) Resource Type(s):

(1870-1930)

STANDING STRUCTURE
1. OFFICE

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic DR. NOCK'S OFFICE

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 203 Second Street ___ not for publication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 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 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. W0-352

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.

Dr. Nock's office stands at 203 Second Street in the center of Pocomoke City, Worcester County, Maryland. The single story flat-roofed office faces north.

Built around 1900, the single-story, four-room office is supported on a low brick pier foundation, and the exterior is clad with a uniform layer of weatherboard siding. The flat roof is disguised by a parapet wall decorated with rows of modillion and dentil blocks. Rising through the center of the building is a narrow brick stove stack.

The north (main) facade is a two-bay elevation with a side entrance and adjacent paired single-pane sash windows. The door is partially glazed, and it is topped by a large single-pane transom. The modillion block cornice is also trimmed with a small row of dentils under the fascia board.

Piercing the west side are two large-size single pane sash windows, while a smaller modern window has been introduced into the east wall next to the original large size single-pane sash. A door in the back wall has been blocked over, however a large single-pane sash window pierces the south wall as well.

The office is divided into four rooms with a small tiled vestibule opening into three rooms surviving with pressed metal ceilings. The most elaborately finished space is the front room with a columned mantel and beveled glass overmantel. ♣

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
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<input checked="" 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: 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 AND SUPPORT

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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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	Zone	Easting	Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Paul Touart, Architectural Historian

organization Worcester County date 8/30/89

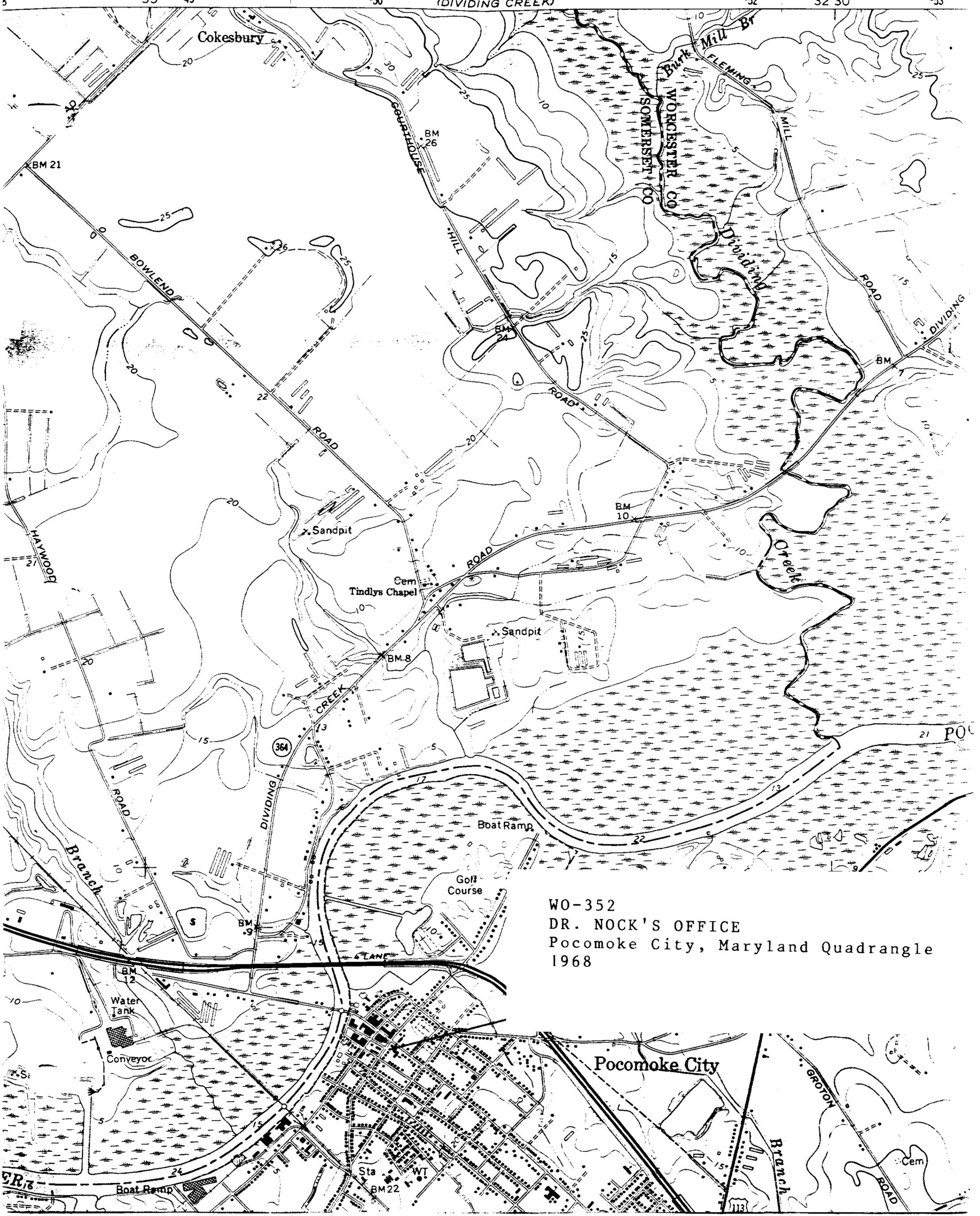
street & number Worcester County Courthouse telephone 632-1194

city or town Snow Hill state MD 21863

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Pocomoke City, Maryland Quadrangle
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