

WO-370  
Jane Jones House  
Pocomoke City  
Private

c. 1865

The Jane Jones house, also known as the Mary A. Dryden house, stands on the northeast corner of the intersection of Market and Third streets in the center of Pocomoke City, Maryland. The two-story, side hall/parlor frame dwelling belongs to a small group of mid nineteenth century houses that represent Pocomoke City's oldest housing stock. The side hall/parlor plan with a two-story dining room/kitchen wing was a modest house type built repeatedly on narrow town lots. The architectural features coupled with the chain of title research suggest that this house was erected during the ownership of Miss Jane M. Jones, which began in June 1863. She purchased a corner lot of a subdivided property from Zadok J. and J. and Araminta Hall for \$100, and subsequently financed the construction of this dwelling. Eight years later, in April 1871, she transferred ownership of the house and lot to Francis H. Dryden for \$600, a sum that reasonably represents the value of a house of this kind for the time. Within the same year Francis Dryden conveyed the property to Mary A. Dryden, wife of William Sidney Dryden, who is designated on the 1877 Newtown map of the Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson atlas.

Survey No. WO-370

Magi No.

DOE \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic JANE JONES HOUSE

and/or common MARY A. DRYDEN HOUSE

## 2. Location

street & number 217 Market Street \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Pocomoke City \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ congressional district First

state Maryland \_\_\_\_\_ county Worcester

## 3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	
<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	<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 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 Mr. Jerry Tiller

street & number 217 Market Street telephone no.:

city, town Pocomoke City state and zip code Maryland 21851

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court liber 956

street & number Worcester County Courthouse folio 494

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

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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 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.

Historically identified as the Jane Jones house, this two-story, side hall/parlor frame dwelling stands at 217 Market Street in the center of Pocomoke City, Worcester County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay frame dwelling faces west with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1865, this two-story side hall/parlor frame dwelling rests on a brick pier foundation, and the building is sheathed with asbestos shingles. Covering the medium pitched roof is a layer of asphalt shingles. Extending to the rear is a two-story dining room/kitchen wing, and attached to the north side is a single-story commercial office now used by an optician.

The west (main) elevation is an asymmetrical three-bay facade with a side entrance and flanking six-over-six sash windows. The front door, topped by a three-light transom, is sheltered by a gabled hood supported on simple brackets. The adjacent windows have nailed on shutters. Lighting the second floor are three evenly spaced six-over-six sash windows also flanked by later shutters. The base to the roof is finished with a boxed cornice.

The south gable end is marked by an off-center two-over-two sash window, and a centered second floor six-over-six sash window. Piercing the upper gable is a round arched louvered attic vent. The eaves to the roof are extended and finished with returns at the base.

The north gable end is largely covered by the north end wing. An interior brick stack rises through the roof.

The rear two-story, two-room plan service wing is finished with similar features. A center brick chimney protrudes through the roof.

The interior is finished with third quarter of the nineteenth century woodwork. A slender turned newel post recalls stair proportions of the second quarter of the nineteenth century.

# 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input 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

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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JANE JONES HOUSE  
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Chain of title

956/494                      Jessie R. Selby

to

3/8/1976                     Jerry E. Tiller

FWH 546/458                 G. Russell Carter, Bert Cannon Carter,  
his wife

to

7/15/1976                     Jessie R. Selby

BB 31/576                     Elwood E. Matthews, Louise Matthews

to

4/25/1937                     G. Russell Carter

BB 31/160                     Pocomoke City National Bank

to

1/1/1937                     Elwood E. Matthews

BB 21/96                     James M. Crockett, trustee power of attorney  
for Cornelia Davis, Isaac S. Davis, trustee

to

4/12/1934                     Pocomoke City National Bank

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FHP 1/601

Major T. Hall, et al.

to

7/13/1891

Cornelia Davis  
house and lot

FHP 1/318

George M. Upshur, et al. trustees of  
mortgage W. S. Dryden and Mary A. Dryden  
his wife to William Dale

to

1/31/1891

Major T. Hall, et al.

JWS 3/337

Eugene W. Veasey & wife

to

5/18/1889

Mary A. Dryden  
\$1300

JWS 1/8

Jennie Wilkerson

to

4/19/1886

Eugene W. Veasey  
\$1300

ITM 10/525

W. Sidney Dryden and Mary A. Dryden

to

9/1/1884

Jennie Wilkerson  
\$1200

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ITM 1/567	Francis H. Dryden
	to
11/13/1871	Mary A. Dryden
	\$800
ITM 1/450	Miss Jane Jones
	to
4/26/1871	Francis H. Dryden
	\$600
WET 3/409	Zadok J. Hall and Araminta Hall
	to
6/23/1863	Jane M. Jones
	\$100 beginning at the corner of the street leading by the Episcopalians Church and Protestant Methodist Church and the street or county road leading to Virginia
WET 2/39	Jerome B. Hall and wife Julia C. Hall
	to
12/29/1859	Zadok J. Hall and wife
EDM 7/349	James Stevenson and wife Elizabeth
	to
3/6/1856	Jerome B. Hall

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part of Cowley lying in the village of  
New Town beginning at the corner of the street  
or road leading through New Town to Virginia  
and the street called Church Street or road  
leading to Snow Hill

**NEWTOWN BUSINESS REFERENCES.**

J. H. WHITE, Constable.  
 Dr. S. B. QUINN, Physician.  
 W. T. FULL, Dealer in Foreign and Domestic Dry Goods, Groceries, Crockery, Hardware, Hats, Caps, Boots, Shoes, Drugs, Medicines, &c. Cheap for cash.  
 TWILLEY & BRO., (W. B. Twilley & S. J. Twilley.) Proprietors of Livery, Sale and Exchange Stables. Passengers conveyed to any part of the Peninsula. Stables connected with the Clark House.  
 JAMES L. NOCK, Magistrate.



**NEWTOWN**  
 (Worcester County)

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1877 LAKE, GRIFFING, AND STEVENSON ATLAS

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JANE JONES HOUSE  
Pocomoke City, Maryland Quadrangle  
1968

