

WO-376
Dr. John T. Parker House
Stockton
Private

c. 1873

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: DR. JOHN T. PARKER HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: WO-376

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): ARCHITECTURE
- 2) Geographic Orientation: EASTERN SHORE
- 3) Chronological/Developmental Period(s):
INDUSTRIAL/URBAN DOMINANCE
1870-1930
- 4) Resource Type(s):
Single-family dwelling

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. W0-376

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic DR. JOHN T. PARKER HOUSE

and/or common

2. Location

street & number North side of MD Route 366 not for publicationcity, town Stockton 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 Arthur and Dorothy Payne

street & number telephone no.:

city, town Stockton state and zip code MD 2121864

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Worcester County Clerk of Court liber WCL 1020

street & number Worcester County Courthouse folio 524

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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|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------|
| 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. John T. Parker house is located on the north side of the Pocomoke/Stockton Road (MD Route 366) in the small village of Stockton, Worcester County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story, three-bay frame dwelling faces south with the main gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Built around 1873, this two-and-a-half story, center hall frame dwelling, supported on a raised common bond brick foundation, is sheathed uniformly with aluminum siding, and the steeply pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. A two-story service wing extends to the rear.

The south (main) elevation is a basically symmetrical three-bay facade with a center entrance and flanking two-over-two sash windows. The heavily molded four-panel front door is flanked by two-light sidelights and a two-light transom. Sheltering the entrance is a single-bay gabled stoop. The flanking sash windows have decorated lintels and louvered shutters. Lighting the second floor are three evenly spaced two-over-two sash windows also hung with louvered shutters and trimmed with decorated lintels. In contrast to the first floor windows, the second floor openings have slightly arched headers as well. Framing the corners of the house are narrow pilasters. Centered on the steeply pitched roof is a center cross gable pierced by a round arched two-over-two sash window. The extended eaves to the house are decorated by brackets. Piercing the roof is a pair of interior brick chimneys that flank the center hall.

The east gable end is enhanced by a single story five-sided bay window pierced by segmental arched single-pane sash window openings. The cornice is decorated with brackets and Victorian trim. A single two-over-two sash window retaining louvered shutters marks the second floor, and a round arched window illuminates the attic.

The west gable end is treated in a plainer manner with pairs of two-over-two sash windows lighting each floor, and a rounded arched window pierces the gable end.

The interior was not seen.

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: <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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DR. JOHN T. PARKER HOUSE
Stockton, Maryland
Chain of title continued

O.D.C. 20/353

John T. Parker

to

10/26/1915

Maud deWaal Parker
upon the death of the said Maud
deWaal Parker in the year 1923
intestate the property descended by
operation of law unto the said Mary
Parker Dryden as her only her at law

ITM 2/220

Samuel Q. Collins
Octavia M. Collins

to

6/20/1872

John T. Parker
\$715.00 ...in the town of Sandy Hill
or Stockton...

ITM 2/57

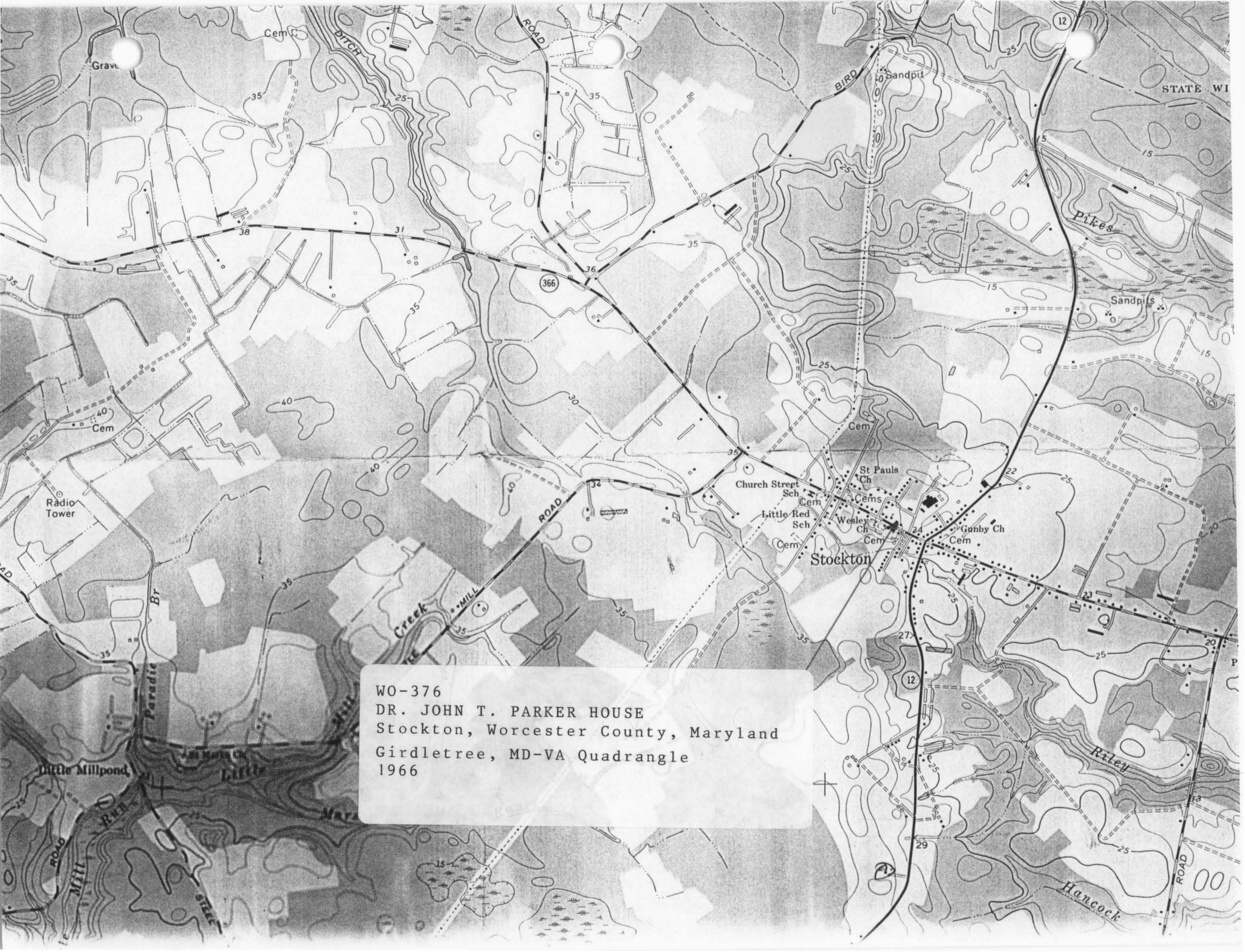
George W. Covington
Sallie B. Covington
and George W. Bishop

to

1/26/1872

Samuel Q. Collins

1 acre--being part of the farm devised
to said Sallie B. Covington by last will
and testament of George Bishop, deceased



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DR. JOHN T. PARKER HOUSE
Stockton, Worcester County, Maryland
Girdletree, MD-VA Quadrangle
1966