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Stephen H. Long House

Architectural Survey File

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Pocomoke City
Private

c. 1900

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In honor of Stephen H. Long, relatives, friends, and graduates of his namesake school established a non-profit organization, The Stephen Long Guild, Inc., in an effort to raise scholarship monies for deserving black students living in and around Pocomoke City.

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WO-445

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic STEPHEN H. LONG HOUSE

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 414 Linden Avenue not for publication

city, town Pocomoke City vicinity of First congressional district

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Pauline Waters

street & number 414 Linden Avenue 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 FWH 262

street & number Worcester County Courthouse folio 388

city, town Snow Hill state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input 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 Stephen H. Long house is located at 414 Linden Avenue in Pocomoke City, Worcester County, Maryland. The two-story, ell-shaped frame house faces north with the principal gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Built around 1900, the two-story, ell-shaped frame house, supported on a low brick foundation, is sheathed with asbestos shingles, and the house is covered by a steeply pitched asphalt shingle roof. The eaves are extended and the rafter feet exposed. Attached to the back of the ell-shaped main block is a single-story kitchen.

The front (north) wall is an uneven elevation as a result of the ell-shaped plan. A single-story front porch shelters a double-door entrance. The doors are glazed above the lock rail and paneled below. Two-over-two sash windows light the first and second floors. The projecting leg of the ell-plan is finished with a three-sided bay pavilion filled with two-over-two sash windows on each floor. The face of the gable front is covered with shingles, and the eaves are trimmed with sawn decoration in the shape of a star. The bottom edge of the gable roof is decorated with sawnwork as well. Rising through the center of the house are narrow, single-flue brick stove chimneys.

The west gable end is finished in a like manner with two-over-two sash windows on each floor and fishscale shingles covering the gable end. Decorative sawnwork remains in the eave as well.

The east side of the house is marked by two-over-two sash windows on each floor. Extending from the back (south) side of the house is a single-story one-room plan kitchen.

The interior retains much of its turn-of-the-century Victorian woodwork.

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 checked="" 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
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		<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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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A
 Zone Easting Northing

B
 Zone Easting Northing

C

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E

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H

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Westover state MD 21871

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HISTORIC CONTENT INFORMATION

Resource Name: STEPHEN H. LONG HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: WO-445

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

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

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Pocomoke City
Chain of title continued

11/17/1920

Stephen H. Long
Victoria Long
\$1,000.00

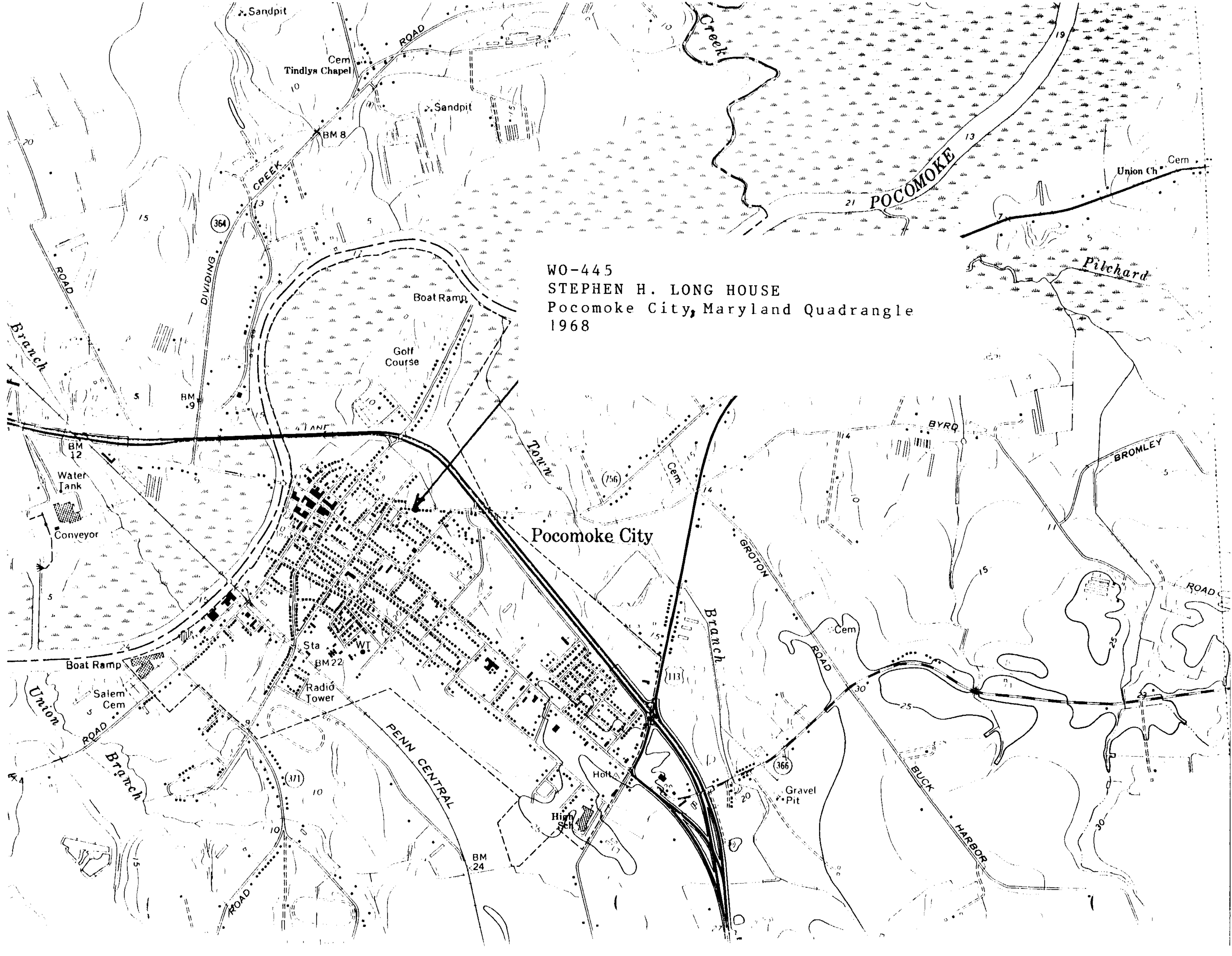
ITM 7/9

William H. Henderson
Caroline Henderson

to

3/3/1879

John J. Henson
\$350 39 square perches



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STEPHEN H. LONG HOUSE
Pocomoke City, Maryland Quadrangle
1968

Pocomoke City