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To all my fellow-townsmen who feel an interest  
in Pocomoke City, is this History  
respectfully dedicated by the  
AUTHOR.

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## PREFACE.

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In writing a history of Poconoke City, formerly New Town, I will say, the subject never presented itself to my mind until recently, and then I only contemplated a brief sketch of some of the early inhabitants together with their business life, the habits, customs and social bearing of society in "*ye olden times*." But as the subject loomed up before me into greater proportions, and as there never had been written a history of the place, only in scraps for newspaper publication, and as I have been repeatedly solicited to write such a history, I have submitted to undertake the arduous task.

The subjects comprised in this history will, therefore, be the geographical position or town limits of the place together with a description of its Houses, Streets, County Wharf and Public Square. The Mercantile, Shipping, Manufacturing, Steam Milling, Hotel and Livery Stable Business. The Practice of Medicine and Law. The Post-Office, Press, Social Life, Moral Outlook, Temperance, Schools, Churches and a brief sketch of the lives of its leading business and professional men.

In writing this history I have not aimed at literary display, if I had, the book itself would expose my weakness. But I have simply aimed at giving a statement of facts, and chief among my aspirations has been the rescuing from oblivion, the names and history of persons living in New Town in the days of yore, names precious and dear to many who are still living in Poconoke City, together with incidents of Social Life that will be of interest to read. The whole history covering a period of over two hundred years.