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The Scott Log House  
Port Tobacco Vicinity  
Private

c. 1900

This one story, three bay log house was built rather late in time for a log house in the region by a family of black landowners, the Scotts. It followed the traditional plan of one room downstairs, and one up.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

CH-327  
 MAGI # 0908295664

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC The Scott Log House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

North side of Rt. 6, 0.5 miles west of its jct. with  
 Street & Number Poor House Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Port Tobacco  VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
2

STATE

Md.

COUNTY  
Charles

**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 type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME George Jamieson, and Vincent and Barbara Jamieson  
 Telephone #: 301-934-8534

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Marshall's Corner  VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Md.

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Registry of Deeds

Liber #: 253  
 Folio #: 539

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

La Plata

STATE  
Md.

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

**CONDITION**

- EXCELLENT
- DETERIORATED
- GOOD
- RUINS
- FAIR
- UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

- UNALTERED
- ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

- ORIGINAL SITE
- MOVED
- DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This one story house, in rather shabby condition, consists of three sections; an original and principal log block; an added frame shed room in a lean-to design; and a recent one story cinder block section added to the opposite gable end. The house is plain to an extreme. It is surrounded by fields, with no signs of gardens for plants or vegetables around the house. In front of the shed lean-to is a well. The principal block has no porch. The log walls were sheathed with weatherboards, and are now covered with tar paper siding. The original wood shingle roof is covered with tin. On each gable end ascends a brick chimney.

The interior of the log block consists of one room downstairs, and presumably another upstairs. Permission was not granted by the tenant occupants to enter the house.

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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 checked="" 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
	<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

Black History

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SPECIFIC DATES C. 1900 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to Mrs. Margaret Jamieson, the mother of the two male owners of the house, this dwelling was built by Reginald Scott for his family a few years before her birth in 1910. They were a family of black landowners.

It is unique that this landowning family chose to build a log house rather than a frame one, like so many other black landowners of the period were constructing. No other oral informants have been found to substantiate her account, even the children of the Scotts had only heard that their parents had built the house, but could not remember specific accounts. One may surmise that the Scotts built a log house in order to cut the costs of house-building and because log houses were the types of house with which they both were familiar. To give the exterior of the house the appearance of the more stylish frame house, the logs were covered with weatherboards.

The interior also followed the traditional plan of one room down and one up.

According to all informants, when the house was occupied by its owners, it did not appear nearly so bleak.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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CITY OR TOWN STATE  
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CH 327

PORT TOBACCO, Md.

SOUTH facade

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