

Capsule Summary  
SM-648  
Scotland Post Office  
Scotland  
Private

c. 1946

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St. Mary's County  
Maryland Comprehensive State Historic Preservation Data

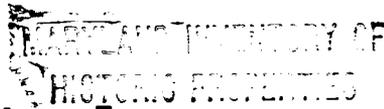
Historic Context

Geographic Organization:	Western Shore
Chronological/Developmental Period:	Modern Period, 1930-period
Historic Period Theme:	Architecture Economic

Resource Type

Category:	Building
Historic Environment:	Rural
Historic Function and Use:	Post Office
Known Design Source:	None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form



## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Scotland Post Office

## 2. Location

street & number E side of Md. Rt. 5, 2.5 miles S of int. of Rts. 235 & 5  not for publicationcity, town Scotland  vicinity of congressional district 1

state Maryland county St. Mary's TM-73, G-2, P-82

## 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 checked="" 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 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 Magdalene Cecelia Bradburn

street &amp; number 45821 J D Ct. telephone no.: 301-872-5530

city, town Lexington Park state and zip code Md 20653

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. St. Mary's County Courthouse liber EWA 601

street &amp; number folio 274

city, town Leonardtown state Md

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

Survey No. SM-648

<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.

Contributing Resource Count: 1

The Scotland Post Office is located on the east side of Maryland Route 5 approximately two-and-a-half miles south of the intersection of Maryland Routes 235 and 5. The building is situated in Scotland, a rural community in southern St. Mary's County, Maryland. The post office is situated close to the road and is oriented on a north/south axis. A one-and-a-half story bungalow bounds the building to the north, while open fields border the south and east sides. The building remains occupied by the United States Postal Service.

The Scotland Post Office, constructed c. 1947, is a diminutive one story, two bay, frame building with a gable roof. While the foundation is obscured, the walls are sheathed with circular sawn horizontal clapboard attached to the frame with wire nails. An open cornice reveals a series of exposed rafter tails. The roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

The primary or north elevation consists of a door and six-over-six, double-hung sash window with a pair of louvered shutters. The door can either be approached via a pair of stairs or a handicapped accessible ramp. The east elevation is pierced by two six-over-six windows. The south elevation does not feature any openings, but it does have an exterior end, brick flue. The west elevation exhibits two six-over-six windows -- each with louvered shutters.

The interior is divided into two spaces or rooms. The front room provides access to post office boxes and the rear room accommodates the sorting of mail. A small counter allows the postal employee to conduct business transactions with customers.

# 8. Significance

Survey No. SM-648

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/ 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<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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See Significance 8.0.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 7 acres

Quadrangle name Point Lookout

Quadrangle scale 1:24 000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

C	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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D	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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E	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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F	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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G	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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H	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Same as per deed description.

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

state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Kirk E. Ranzetta, Historic Sites Surveyor		
organization	St. Mary's County Dept. of Planning and Zoning	date	8-17-98
street & number	22740 Washington Street	telephone	301-475-4662
city or town	Leonardtown	state	Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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8.1 Significance

Chain-of-Title

(All deeds are located at the Land Records Office, St. Mary's County Courthouse, Leonardtown, Maryland unless otherwise noted.)

Reference: Liber EWA 601, Folio 274

Grantee: Magdelene Cecelia Bradburn

Grantor: Magdelene Cecelia Bradburn, personal representative Queenie Victoria Willis

Date: June 7, 1991

Notes: After Ms. Willis died on June 26, 1989, Ms. Bradburn transferred title to the property to herself. The deed also notes that a portion of the Willis estate was subdivided. The plat can be found at Liber EWA 34, Folio 82. The tract is referred to as Part of Scotland or the "Nettie I Gray Place."

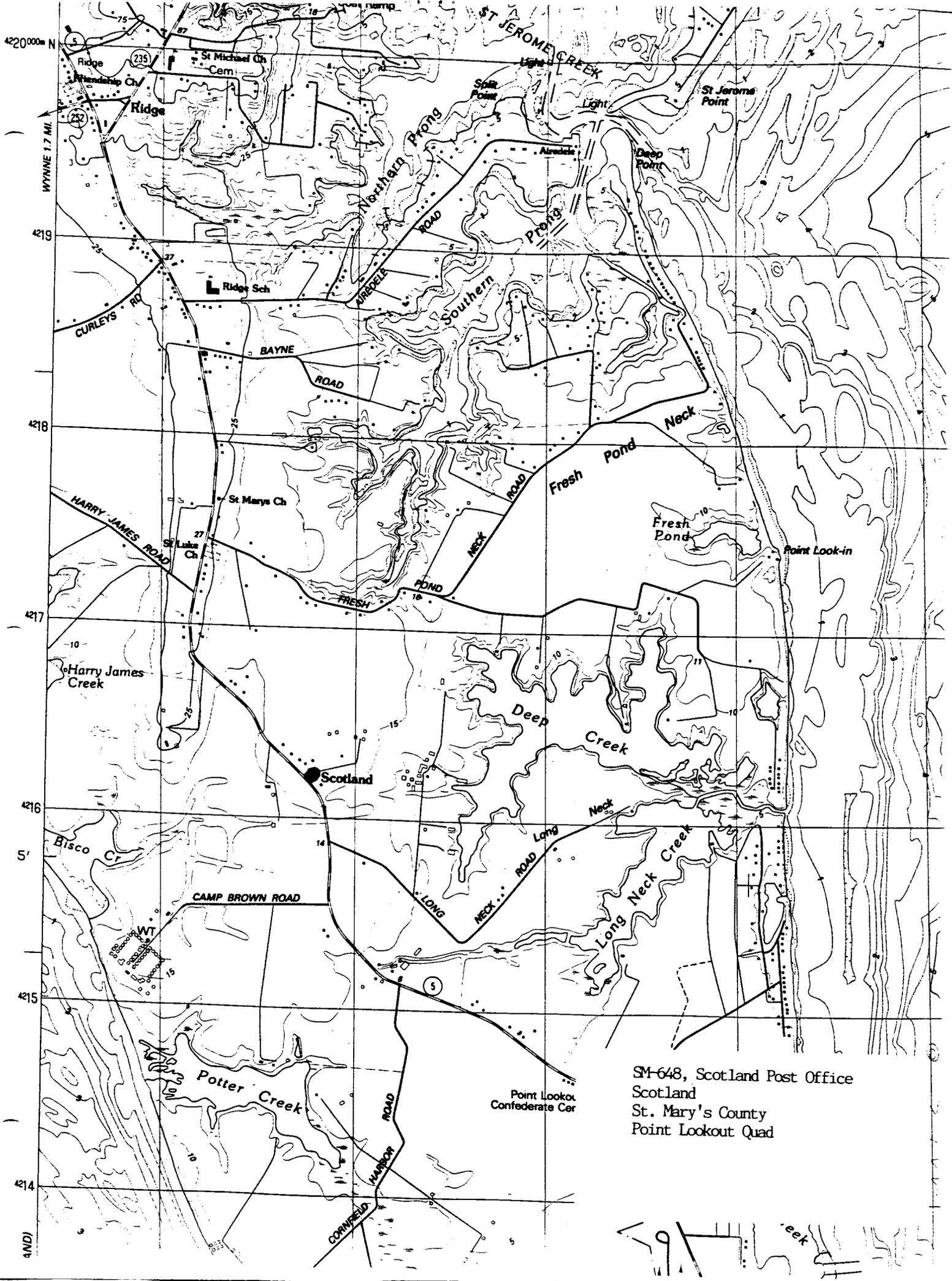
Reference: Liber JMM 11, Folio 258

Grantee: Queenie Victoria Willis

Grantor: George M. Willis

Date: September 8, 1938

Notes: Soon after the tract is conveyed, George M. Willis dies on October 1, 1944 and Ms. Willis retains sole ownership.



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