

Capsule Summary

Scurlock House  
1311 Douglass Veenue  
Highland Beach, Maryland

C. 1899

Private Residence

The Scurlock House is a two storey, gable roofed cottage with a large enclosed porch in the historically black town of Highland Beach. It is one of the set of original houses that have retained their turn of the century style and architectural elements. It is a fine example of physical planning and design as demonstrated by African American developers in that era.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Scurlock House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER 1311 Douglass Avenue 1

CITY, TOWN Highland Beach CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF Annapolis

STATE Maryland COUNTY Anne Arundel

**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 Herbert A. Scurlock Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER 1707 Reynolds St.

CITY, TOWN Crofton STATE, zip code

VICINITY OF Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Land Records Room

Liber #: 2833  
Folio #: 370

STREET & NUMBER Anne Arundel County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN Annapolis Maryland STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

AA-829

 EXCELLENT  
 GOOD  
 FAIR

**CONDITION**  
 DETERIORATED  
 RUINS  
 UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**  
 UNALTERED  
 ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**  
 ORIGINAL SITE  
 MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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

The Scurlock House is a tow storey gable roofed, frame dwelling with an enclosed porch that encircles three views. The house is finished with shingles and rests on a pier foundation.

Highland Beach , Maryland is located about ten miles south of Annapolis on the Chesapeake Bay. The Scurlock House is located on the block which is bounded by Douglass Avenue on the north, Wilders Avenue on the east, the Corporate Limits of Highland Beach on the south and Walnut Drive on the west. The lot is situated in a wooded area of the beach oommunity where vegetation is quite dense. The land gently slopes **towards** the Chesapeake Bay and is between two large creeks.

The house is supported by a pier foundation which is covered with a lattice finish constructed of wooden boards. On the northern view, which is the fron of the house, an eight bay porch which is enclosed with screening, can be observed. The original windows have been replaced with dougle hung, single pane windows throughout the house. A shed roof dormer extends from the second storey of the eastern view.

**CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY**

<p>PERIOD</p> <p>REHISTORIC</p> <p>—1400-1499</p> <p>—1500-1599</p> <p>—1600-1699</p> <p>—1700-1799</p> <p>—1800-1899</p> <p>✓1900-</p>	<p>—ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC</p> <p>—ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC</p> <p>—AGRICULTURE</p> <p>—ARCHITECTURE</p> <p>—ART</p> <p>—COMMERCE</p> <p>—COMMUNICATIONS</p>	<p>AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW</p> <p>✓COMMUNITY PLANNING</p> <p>—CONSERVATION</p> <p>—ECONOMICS</p> <p>—EDUCATION</p> <p>—ENGINEERING</p> <p>—EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT</p> <p>—INDUSTRY</p> <p>—INVENTION</p>	<p>—LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE</p> <p>—LAW</p> <p>—LITERATURE</p> <p>—MILITARY</p> <p>—MUSIC</p> <p>—PHILOSOPHY</p> <p>—POLITICS/GOVERNMENT</p>	<p>—RELIGION</p> <p>—SCIENCE</p> <p>—SCULPTURE</p> <p>—SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN</p> <p>—THEATER</p> <p>—TRANSPORTATION</p> <p>—OTHER (SPECIFY)</p>
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SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Highland Beach, Maryland is a historic black town that was founded by the son of Frederick Douglass. The town was conceived by Haley R. Douglass in the late nineteenth century to be a resort community for prominent blacks. Highland Beach is a unique existing reminder of town planning and architectural history as it relates to vernacular and high style design as exhibited by black people. Most of the architecture in Highland Beach is located on the original sites and building expansions were performed within a ten to fifteen year time frame. This provides us with a concise history of design, space planning, and architecture in a homogeneous, extant community.

All of the cottages that were constructed prior to 1930 are important elements related to town planning and design. It is important that these houses retain their originality in terms of plan design, lot orientation, interior decoration, and architectural aesthetics in order to preserve the concept of space and the dynamics of community development in this historic black town.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

(Please see gener "Highland Beach Settlement" Survey Form").

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Block 5, Lot 20, Highland Beach

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Morgan State University

444-3225

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Baltimore, Maryland 21239

STATE

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.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

TITLE ABSTRACT  
1311 Douglass Avenue

AA-829

From the Will of  
Charles Douglas

To

61 255  
8/6/23

Haley Douglas (Wife Evelyn)

To

89 499  
12/29/23

M. Grant Lucas

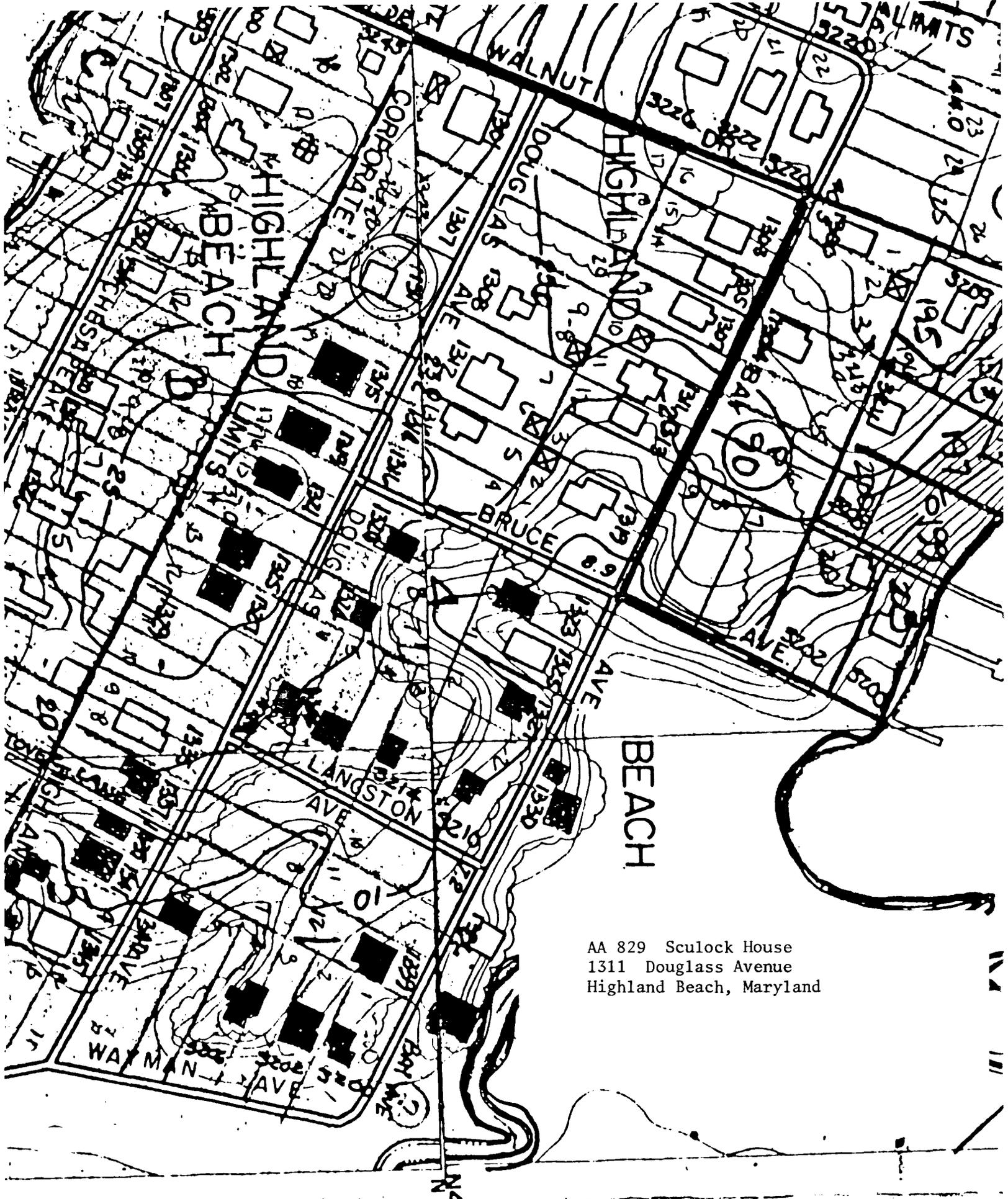
To

2056 129  
3/2/67

Thelma M. Lucas

To

Peggy L. Jackson



AA 829 Sculock House  
1311 Douglass Avenue  
Highland Beach, Maryland



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1311 Douglass Avenue  
Highland Beach, Maryland  
General View  
Fern Eisner, Phogtographer  
March 1982