

Regulation
South side of Western Run Rd.
near Gerber Lane
Not accessible
Before 1798

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A Pennsylvania Quaker, Abraham Scott II, erected the original portion of this rubble stone house on a tract of land called Regulation which he had patented in 1787. The ruins of the grist mill which Scott also built before 1798, are still visible on the property.

Since this vernacular house was the dwelling of an early mill owner, it reflects the philosophy of its industrious, thrifty but prosperous builder. It is one of the earliest dwellings in the region and its traditional additions reflect the growing needs of its owners through the years.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME
 HISTORIC Regulation
 AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION
 STREET & NUMBER South side of Western Run Road near Gerber Lane
 CITY, TOWN Cockeysville VICINITY OF COUNTY 8
 STATE Maryland COUNTY Baltimore

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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input 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"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY
 NAME Frank L. LaMotte, Jr. Telephone #: 771-4545
 STREET & NUMBER Western Run Road
 CITY, TOWN Cockeysville VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Md. 21030

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
 COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Baltimore County Courthouse Liber #: 5447 Folio #: 350
 STREET & NUMBER Washington Avenue
 CITY, TOWN Towson STATE Md.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
 TITLE Baltimore County Landmarks
 DATE 1971 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Baltimore County Historical Society
 CITY, TOWN Cockeysville STATE Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

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"/> MOVED	DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED			
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED				

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Regulation is a rubble stone house of three sections:

1. The two storey middle section, which is the earliest, its length expressed as three bays in the south front, first storey, and as two elsewhere, approximately 25 feet square, probably dating from the late eighteenth century.
2. The two and one-half storey west section, which is now the main portion of the house, three bays in length, dating from the second quarter of the nineteenth century.
3. The east wing, expressed as one and one-half storeys on its north front and two storeys on its south, two bays in length, dating from the twentieth century

The Original Section

The principal entrance to the original section of this house is through the center bay of the south facade; it is sheltered by a simple cantilevered gable hood, but the ends of all the second floor joists extend to the face of the wall, suggesting an original pent roof supported by (now missing) cantilevered ends of these joists. The 6/6 windows throughout retain wide frames with an applied back-band; the paneled shutters are modern replacements. A stone chimney rises flush with the original west end.

Internally, the two rooms of each storey are divided by a partition parallel to the south and north walls, slightly north of center. The second and attic floor joists are mortised into a large girder above

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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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES	Unknown	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	Unknown
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Regulation, located on the south side of Western Run Road west of Gerber Lane, is one of the earliest dwellings in the district. Abraham Scott II, a Quaker, came to Baltimore County from Pennsylvania and established a grist mill (known as Hebron Mill) near where this house now stands. He patented the tract called Regulation in 1787 and was well established in the milling business by 1798 when his Federal Tax Assessment listed a stone mill house and a barn. He also had two other stone dwellings. Physical examination of Regulation suggests that it may have been one of the structures, although it is impossible to state this with certainty.

By 1818, Thomas Scott was taxed for the mill and a dwelling at this location. He continued to operate the grist mill throughout his lifetime, according to the 1850 Products of Industry in Maryland census. Both the mill and the farm were left to his wife, Elizabeth Matthews Scott, and after her death to their son, John.

The mill continued in operation at least until 1879 when an article in the Maryland Journal stated that it was destroyed by fire with all its contents. Ruins of the mill were recently uncovered

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview with John W. McGrain on Hebron Mill. August, 1976.

Patent to Regulation: Liber IC #3 folio 699. Hall of Records, Annapolis, Md.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 29 A more or less

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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DATE

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CITY OR TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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Continuation Sheet #1

Question #7 Description Continued

the partition, which is of vertical boards in the second storey. The enclosed stair formerly rose against the east end of the partition, within the northerly room; it has been removed. Fireplaces serving each room are side-by-side in the corners at the west end wall; northerly fireplaces are slightly askew across the corner. Fireplace openings are semi-elliptical in shape, and have no wood mantels or surrounds. A quarry-tile floor on a concrete slab has replaced the original wood system in the south room of the first floor. In the unfinished attic, the sawn oak rafters are half-lapped and pegged at the ridge, with similar joints at collar beams. The east gable is of frame construction, its studs fastened with wrought-iron nails. A hoist beam is modern, but it may replace an original counterpart.

The West Section

The easterly bay of this section forms the main entrance and stair hall for the house. The south entrance void of porch shelter, includes narrow 4/4 sidelights and a transom. In the north facade, a window at mid-storey height lighting the staircase within is above a low north entrance door. The 6/6 windows are flanked by modern paneled shutters; cut granite lintels support the masonry above windows, and sills are of marble. A single dormer on the south front, and two on the north, light the attic storey. A stone chimney rises flush with the west gable end. Stone walls sheltered by a framed roof, its tympanum cut to a semi-elliptical arch, enclose a cellar entrance through the west end wall, near the southwest corner.

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Question #7 Description Continued

Internally, the principal staircase rises in a continuous semi-ellipse at the north end of the hall. Its round cherry rail is supported by slim turned newels and tapered round balusters of tiger maple; step ends are scrolled. A single room is west of the hall in each storey, each with a Colonial-revival mantel. The splayed window jambs are paneled and first storey window reveals extend to the floor, with a panel beneath each window. The entire first floor system has been replaced by a concrete slab supported on modern wooden joists, finished with quarry tile in the hall and flagstone in the parlor.

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Continuation Sheet #3

Question #8 Significance Continued

during a storm and are still visible.

The house remained in the Scott family until mid-twentieth century. Its several additions reflect the growing needs of its owners through the years.

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Continuation Sheet #4

Question #9 Bibliography Continued

1798 Federal Direct Tax.

Baltimore County Tax Assessments: 1818, 1823

Products of Industry in Maryland. Year ending 1850

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(New York, 1956).