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Dorsey-Scott house  
Martinsburg Vicinity  
Private

c. 1900

This two story frame house was built as the residence of a black landowning family in c. 1900. Its facade consists of three bays exhibiting bilateral symmetry, and its line is accented with a cross gable pediment. This is a design that was popular throughout the state and the nation in that era.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Dorsey-Scott House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

South Side of Club Hollow Rd, opposite its jct w/ TRUNCE Rd

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Martinsburg

X VICINITY OF

8

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

Montgomery

**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 Henry Scott

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

22520 Club Hollow Road

CITY, TOWN

Dickerson

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland 20753

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Court House

Liber #: 1095

Folio #: 458

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

NONE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED    DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This once handsome two story frame house stands on the south side of Club Hollow Road, about fifteen yards from the road. Its facade is oriented towards the road, and the axis of its gable root line runs east-west. The site is no longer maintained, and the house looks abandoned, though it is still occupied.

The facade consists of three bays: a door centrally located flanked by two double hung sash windows with four over four lights and with louvered shutters. Above the two windows on the ground floor are similar ones above. The results is a symmetrical arrangement quite popular in the Martinsburg area and elsewhere in Maryland and the nation near the turn of the 19th century. The house today is unpainted, but in earlier years the house was whitewashed, if not painted.

The house is frame, as seen between the broken weatherboards, and presumably it is balloon frame, though a close investigation was not possible without the occupant/owner's permission. In plan, the house appears to be similar to others in the area: a central hallway with two rooms one either side with matching rooms above.

A cross gable pediment gives accent to the facade. Stove flues ascend inside each gable end. The smoke rising from the west chimney, even during warm weather, indicates that at least one stove is still in use.

No examination of the interior was possible, and the exterior was seen only from the road.

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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 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		<i>Black History</i>

SPECIFIC DATES *c. 1900* BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The primary importance of this house is that it stands as another example of the type built by Black landowners near the turn of the 19th century. It should be seen in the context of the other houses in Martinsburg community, and should be compared to the smaller log houses of the landless farmers and to the first houses of small Black landowners, such as the log houses of the Fairfax family or Thompson family in Martinsburg.

Deeds in the County Courthouse in Rockville show that the property was sold by Eugene Hughes to Patrick Dorsey in 1887 (L/F: J.A. 9/71) (2 acres). Eugene Hughes is not shown on the 1879 Hopkins map, nor is this tract. According to local oral informant, Lemuel Graham who was born just a short distance down the road in 1894, this house was built by the Dorsey family when he was "about five or six years old", i.e., c. 1900.

In 1946 the property was sold by the McPherson family to Henry Scott, in whose name the title still remains (L/F: 1095/458).

If possible, the construction of this house warrants further study since it has been reliably dated and could tell us the types of construction methods and materials used to build Black landowners' houses of the turn of the century. Such information would provide insights into their economic condition.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Land Records of Montgomery County, County Courthouse, Rockville, Md.  
Deeds: JA 9/71; 1095/458.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2 acres

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

6/78

STREET & NUMBER

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STATE

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Dorsey - Scott House

#1 - facade (north) length  
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West Gable End

Martinsburg Vicinity

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