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JAMES SCRIBBER'S HOUSE
Hollywood
Private

2nd quarter 19th century

This 1 1/2-story house was originally a one-room log cabin inhabited by white families until its purchase in the 1950's by James Scribber, a Negro farmer born in St. Mary's County in 1878. Scribber remembers ^{just} only the downstairs room ^{was} ~~being~~ used by the families until the 20th century when the house was enlarged. According to ^{J. M.} ~~Scribber~~, the original log house was representative of the type of house commonly occupied by poor farming families of both races in the 19th century. Since his purchase, colorful objects and family mementoes have been placed around and inside the house by his daughter, Neddie Stevens.

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Inventory Caption

According to the present owner and occupant, James Scribber, who is 99 years old in 1977, this two story dwelling began its history as a small one story ~~log~~^{frame} house. It was an "old house" when he was a boy in the 1880's and had always been inhabited by white families until his purchase of it in the 1950's. In the 20th century the house was enlarged and during his ownership has been further improved. Near the house are the homes of his children and the outbuildings which together with his house formed the farmstead.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC James Scriber's House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

At the end of a dirt drive, 0.25 mile east of Hollywood School on east side of Rt. 235 (Three Notch Road).

CITY, TOWN

Hollywood VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Md.

COUNTY

St. Mary's

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES - RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES - UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME James Scriber

Telephone #: 301-373-5657

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Hollywood VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Md. 20636

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. St. Mary's County Courthouse

Liber #: Map 27

Folio #: P. 476

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Leonardtwn

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
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

new frame

This one and a half story, ~~log~~ house stands at the end of a dirt drive winding behind the Hollywood School. It faces north. Located close to the house are work sheds ~~XXX~~, a chicken house, a wood pile, and other work areas. At a further distance stand the modern bungalow style house of Scribber's son's family, and the mobile home of his son's stepson's family. In front of Scribber's house and in the side yards are several colorful ceramic animal figures and other objects placed by Scribber's daughter, Neddie Stevens, who lives with her father, to enliven the grounds around the house.

According to James Scribber, who was 99 years old in March, 1977, and who was raised in this area of St. Mary's County, this house was much smaller when he knew it as a boy in the 1880's. At that time, it consisted of only one story with one room downstairs with a small shed kitchen attached to the eastern gable end. The ~~log walls~~ ^{new frame} were sheathed with overlapping weatherboards and the roof with wood shingles. A brick chimney ascended the exterior of the eastern gable end. The joists were exposed in the interior. At that time the families occupied the downstairs exclusively, not the upstairs, according to Scribber, because he said "people didn't want alot of room back then". In the early 20th century one of the families who lived here raised the roof of the house by a half story, and made the upstairs habitable. The small boxed staircase in the northwestern corner was added at that time, and is made of plain planks. The small kitchen was removed and the larger one presently in use built. A stove flue replaced the larger brick chimney. A bedroom was added to the southern length, and the windows and door openings were enlarged to their present size, and surrounded by their present trim boards of rounded edges. The house has always, Scribber said, had some sort of front porch, though the earlier ones were smaller and cruder than the present one.

The Scribbers have improved the house considerably over the years, and Neddie Stevens, in addition to adding personal touches to the yards, has filled the interior of the house with colorful curios and family mementos. Some of these things placed outside may be seen in the photographs of the exterior.

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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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			Folk History +

SPECIFIC DATES	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	CULTURE
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

According to Scribber, this small ^{frame} log house was always occupied by white families since the early 1880's when he first knew it (he was born in 1878). This house represents, he said, the type of house occupied by many poor white and black farming families at that time. 20th century improvements have completely masked the original structural materials so that a date of construction could not be determined. Based on Scribber's clear memory that this house was known as an "old house" in the 1880's, it dates from at least the second quarter of the 19th century.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

Hollywood Ave

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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Hollywood, Md.
North facade
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James SCRIBBER'S HOUSE

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James SCRIBBERS house
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South ~~front~~ View
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