

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM**

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SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN *HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS*  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

"Pebble Hill" - Scott House

AND/OR COMMON

Scott-Yarbrough House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

101 DeBardleben

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Auburn

VICINITY OF

Third

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Alabama 36830

CODE

01

COUNTY

Lee

CODE

081

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: vacant

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Auburn Heritage Association

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 2248

CITY, TOWN

Auburn

VICINITY OF

STATE

Alabama

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Lee County Courthouse and Macon County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Eighth Street

Tuskegee

CITY, TOWN

Opelika

STATE

Alabama

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

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

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

The Scott-Yarbrough House is a small Greek Revival cottage which reflects local traditions by its use of a pyramidal roof and square columns. Situated on a rise at the rear of a two acre lot, the structure faces directly west down Magnolia Avenue to the center of the town.

The house is of frame construction with overlapping white pine boards six inches wide, and rests on a six foot high brick foundation. The main block of the house is nearly square, measuring 46' by 40' and is symmetrically divided by an interior central hall. Two bedrooms attached to the southeast corner of the structure appear to have been added not long after the house was completed.

A central portico, now enclosed with screens, is raised on brick piers and originally had curving double entry stairs. Two square columns support a simple entablature. The well-proportioned central double doors are pine with two long vertical inset panels each. They are framed with lights, five on either side and three above. The framing has been grooved and the vertical sections are topped with stylized capitals. The effect is that of attenuated pilasters. The windows on the front and sides of the house have two sashes, with six panes per sash.

The interior walls are plaster over lathes, the floors are of heart pine with six inch wide boards running the entire length of the room. With the exception of a few replacements, all doors have two long vertical inset panels on each side. The four main rooms have simple wooden mantels of similar design and the two interior chimneys are flanked by fireside closets which are unusual for this period in Alabama but are found in several small houses in the vicinity. The closet on the northern side of the house has a window matching those in the rest of the house.

With the exception of the room on the northeast all ceilings are faced with 12 inch wide boards with battens. The hall and the two rear rooms open onto a 12 foot wide gallery which has been enclosed. The two rooms on the southeast corner of the house have similar door and window treatment and similar ceiling. The flooring closely matches that of the rest of the house. Access to these rooms is by a door opening from the gallery and by two exterior doors.

A stair to the rear of the central hall leads to the attic which in recent years was expanded with dormer windows which will be removed during restoration.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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

SPECIFIC DATES      1847

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Scott-Yarbrough House is one of the oldest houses in Auburn and has served as the residence of two men who played important roles in the history of the town and Auburn University; Colonel Nathaniel J. Scott and Dr. Ceil Yarbrough. Additionally the house with its pyrimidal roof, square columns and use of fireside closets is typical of the smaller cottages built in Auburn during this period.

Colonel Nathaniel J. Scott, who owned land in the area, was one of four commissioners selected by the state when the city was incorporated in 1839. In 1841 he entered the state legislature and was re-elected in 1844. He was elected to the state senate in 1847 and in that year constructed the house which he called Pebble Hill. During his terms as a legislator he became a close friend of William Lowndes Yancey, the secessionist, who along with his family spent several summers in the Scott residence.

In 1847 Scott organized the East Alabama Masonic Female College and later in 1856 he and other citizens raised \$10,000 and persuaded the Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church to start the East Alabama Male College, now Auburn University. Scott served as a member of the board of that school until his death in 1863.

In 1871 Mrs. Scott sold the home and its original 100 acres to William C. Ray and the house changed hands several times until it was purchased by Dr. C. S. Yarbrough in 1912. Yarbrough served as a member of the state legislature in the 1920's, as college physician during World War II, and as mayor of Auburn three times.

The house has been recently acquired by the Auburn Heritage Association which plans to restore it for public use.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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Owen, T. M., History of Alabama and Dictionary of Alabama Biography. Chicago: S. J. Clarke Publishing Co., 1921.

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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UTM REFERENCES

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C							D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

W. Warner Floyd, Executive Director

ORGANIZATION

Alabama Historical Commission

DATE

March 14, 1975

STREET & NUMBER

725 Monroe Street

TELEPHONE

832-6621

CITY OR TOWN

Montgomery

STATE

Alabama

**12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION**

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL  STATE  LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVE SIGNATURE

*W. Warner Floyd*

TITLE

SHPO

DATE

March 19, 1975

FOR NPS USE ONLY

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

*W. Warner Floyd*

DATE

4/16/75

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAELOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

*W. Warner Floyd*

DATE

APR 8 1975

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