

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Maine	
COUNTY: Lincoln	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	FEB 23 1972

1. NAME

COMMON:
(The Octagon) or "Collar Box" House.

AND/OR HISTORIC:
* The Captain George Scott House.

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Federal Street 1st District Hon. Peter N. Kyros

CITY OR TOWN:
Wiscasset

STATE Maine	CODE 23	COUNTY: Lincoln	CODE 015
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ _____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Hildreth G. and Jean A. Hawes

STREET AND NUMBER:
3 Middle Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Hallowell

STATE: Maine	CODE 23
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5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Registry of Deeds, Lincoln County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Wiscasset

STATE Maine	CODE 23
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6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Historic American Buildings Survey, (Maine Mid-Coast 1960)

DATE OF SURVEY: 1960 Federal State County Local

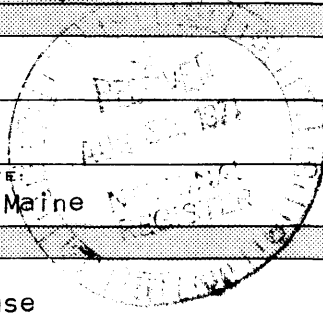
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Library of Congress (Ref.: ME 85)

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Washington

STATE: D. C.	CODE 11
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

LOCATION, SETTING, AND GROUNDS. The Capt. George Scott House sits on a hedge- and tree-bordered lot of approximately three acres on the west bank of the Sheepscot River. In a strictly residential area, the site is only one third of a mile from the town center, where the Atlantic Highway crosses the Sheepscot.

BASIC STRUCTURE AND MATERIALS. Built for Capt. Scott in 1855 of red brick with sandstone and granite lintels and sills, it is a two-and-one-half story bracketed octagon following plans in Orson Squire Fowler's "A House for All," etc., 2nd edition, 1854. Its walls are 16 feet, 6½ inches long, of cavity wall construction (11 inches thick, 3½ inch bricks, 4 inch cavity), with brick courses laid at intervals in Flemish bond. Each of four walls have one window on each story, first and second floor windows being double-hung six-light sash 3½ feet wide. The attic windows are of the porthole type, rectangular with rounded corners. The main entrance, facing Federal Street on the northwest, has a doorway with louvered shutters and an open porch of the period, its post and other trim in a sand-mixed paint of off-white color. A second entrance, with a small, uncovered porch, is on the northeast. A sunporch, 11 feet, 1½ inches by 6 feet, 8 inches, is located on the south wall, facing down the river. Windows as described above are used on the second and attic floors of the entrance and sunporch walls, but on the eighth wall section, that to the southwest, the second floor window is trimmed, shuttered and bricked in, apparently at time of construction.

The Capt. Scott octagon has two brick chimneys serving eight "Stove-places" and one fire place, the former with marble mantels and, in four rooms, marble surrounds, apparently original. The working fireplace is in the cellar and was a part of a cooking arrangement including a beehive oven.

The house, which has a standard low-pitched roof of octagonal and open eaves with exposed outriggers, has an eight-sided cupola with eight six-over-six windows. It is reached by a combination of closed and open stairway from the second floor hall.

Except for an open attic, each floor of the Capt. Scott house, including the cellar, has four main rooms, approximately 14 by 16 feet in size, and four triangular rooms, about 14 by 10 by 10 feet. The latter are used on the first and second floors for entrance halls, a winding backstairs, bathrooms, closets, a butler's pantry and an open alcove connecting the dining rooms and parlor. In the cellar, which has both inside and outside entrances, the triangular rooms were storage rooms for food, ice and cooking utensils, and one was a cistern supplied with water from the gutter system.

One of the four rectangular rooms in the cellar was used for cooking, containing the fireplace unit with oven and ashpit. A faucet permitted the drawing of water directly from the cistern in an adjacent triangular room, which has provision for draining into a system under the cellar floors connecting with a dry well, 100 feet from the house. The cellar kitchen still contains part of a dumb waiter used to move food to the kitchen above.

There were two conventional entrances to the cellar, a brick, wood and granite bulkhead from the outside, and a stairway from the first floor's central hall.

The main staircase of the house winds up in a centered hall open to the floors and cupola above. The second floor plan differs from the plans of the other floors in that it adds a passageway connecting the center hall and backstairs, and from which a closed stairway rises to the attic.

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5. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian | 16th Century | 18th Century | 20th Century
 15th Century | 17th Century | 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) Built 1855

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

BACKGROUND FOR WISCASSET: (Alt. 50', population 1970 2000). The Lincoln County's shire town, long known as one of the most beautiful on the coast, maintains its Nineteenth century serenity and charm chiefly through the attitude and effort of its citizens. Its many fine homes built during the prosperous days of a seafaring economy, have been preserved along the tree-lined streets.

While its early prosperity ended when the 1807 Embargo Act closed the port, Wiscasset (Ind. place where three waters meet) retained its stability and has seen industrial revival in the second half of the Twentieth century.

The English began settling in 1645 and fled during King Philip's War. After 1730, the seaport grew and prospered.

In 1791 there were 35 square riggers owned here and often a man could walk across the harbor on decks of ships lying at anchor. A handsome town was built during this era; some of the houses of those days are still in use. Wiscasset, soon after the Revolution, was the busiest port east of Boston.

Forest and river carried Wiscasset through the days of sail despite the disastrous effects of the Embargo Act, the War of 1812 and a spotted fever (spinal meningitis) epidemic. Thousand-ton clippers were launched here shortly before the Civil War. The advancing machine age ended the opulent shipbuilding era and fires in 1866 and 1870 destroyed wharves and homes along the waterfront. The population shrank and Wiscasset became a very quiet town.

THE ROLE OF CAPTAIN SCOTT AND HIS HOME IN THE HISTORY OF WISCASSET:

The Capt. George Scott House derives significance as a specimen of an octagonal house, following closely, plans developed by Orson Squire Fowler (1809-1887) and published in the second edition of "A Home for All," 1854. It appears to be a nearly perfect brick example built at the time of the types first nationwide popularity in an area which resisted the trend.

Capt. Scott, 35 years old at the time of the house's building, was already a famous ship's master. He had married in 1849 and taken his bride to Madeira on a honeymoon on his command, the ship Smyrna. Before the year was out, the Scotts continued their voyage to California. Other ships he sailed included the Glengarry, J. S. Parsons, Adrian and, during the Civil War, the gunboat Estrella. Capt. Scott made two voyages around the Horn. His last command was the Emily McNear, wrecked in the Straits of Sunda in 1871. A letter exists detailing his days on a traditional cannibal isle and a timely escape.

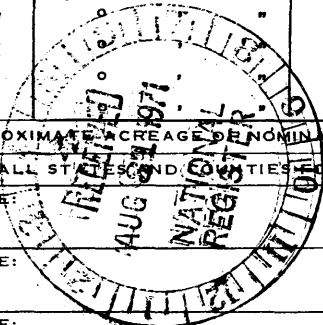
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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1. Chase, Fannie S., Wiscasset in Pownalborough, 1937.
2. Patterson, William Davis, Old Wiscasset, 1951
3. Fowler, Orson Squire, A Home for All (Second Edition), 1854

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "	44 °	0 ' 27 "	69 ° 39 ' 35 "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "				
SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 3 acres						
LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES						
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE			
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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: John W. Briggs, Historian and Hildreth G. Hawes, Owner

ORGANIZATION: State Park & Recreation Comm. DATE: May 20, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER: State Office Building 3 Middle Street

CITY OR TOWN: Augusta, Maine 04330 STATE: Hallowell, Maine CODE: 23

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Lawrence Stuart
 Title Director
 Date Aug 23, 1971

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Ernest A. Connolly
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date FEB 23 1972

ATTEST:
[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register
 Date Jan. 17, 1972

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CONTINUATION OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Capt. Scott House is in its original design and condition but a one-story wooden ell, not original, runs from the kitchen on the east, or river side, connecting with a two-story barn, which is believed to have been built by Capt. Scott as five-eighths of an octagon. Research remains to be done as to the time of an alteration which added a second carriage door and required the rebuilding of one wall of the original design, which was of board and batten construction.

POTENTIAL THREAT. The Maine State Highway Commission has asked the Planning Board and Selectmen of the Town of Wiscasset to consider three alternate "by-pass" plans for the Atlantic Highway, about which the town center has grown. One route proposed would cut through the residential section and cross the Sheepscot River on a bridge to be constructed with its western approach just south of the Capt. George Scott House property. The other routes proposed are true by-passes of the town. Although the land take would not include this house the aesthetics of this residential section could be impaired.

CONTINUATION OF BACKGROUND

Edith Augusta Sawyer, the author of several children's books, a novel and non-fiction on Japan, was the daughter of the second owner of the Scott House, George B. Sawyer, a leading Wiscasset business man at the turn of the century. Miss Sawyer, educated at Wiscasset and Wellesley College, where she became a member of the faculty, wrote The Way of Ume and The Abiding of Ume, dealing with the Japanese culture, which were published in Braille by the Red Cross.

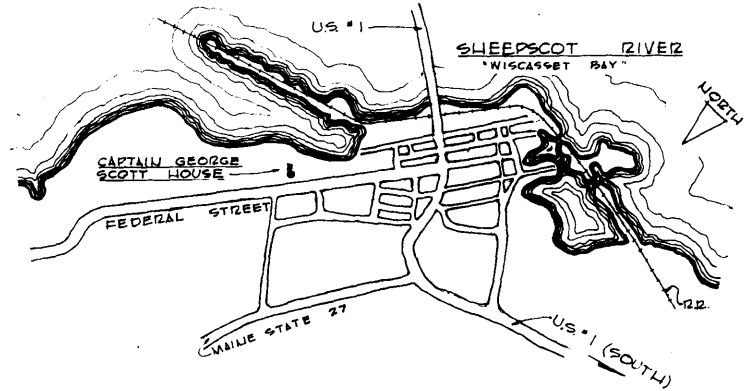


CAPTAIN GEORGE SCOTT HOUSE

WISCASSET LINCOLN COUNTY MAINE

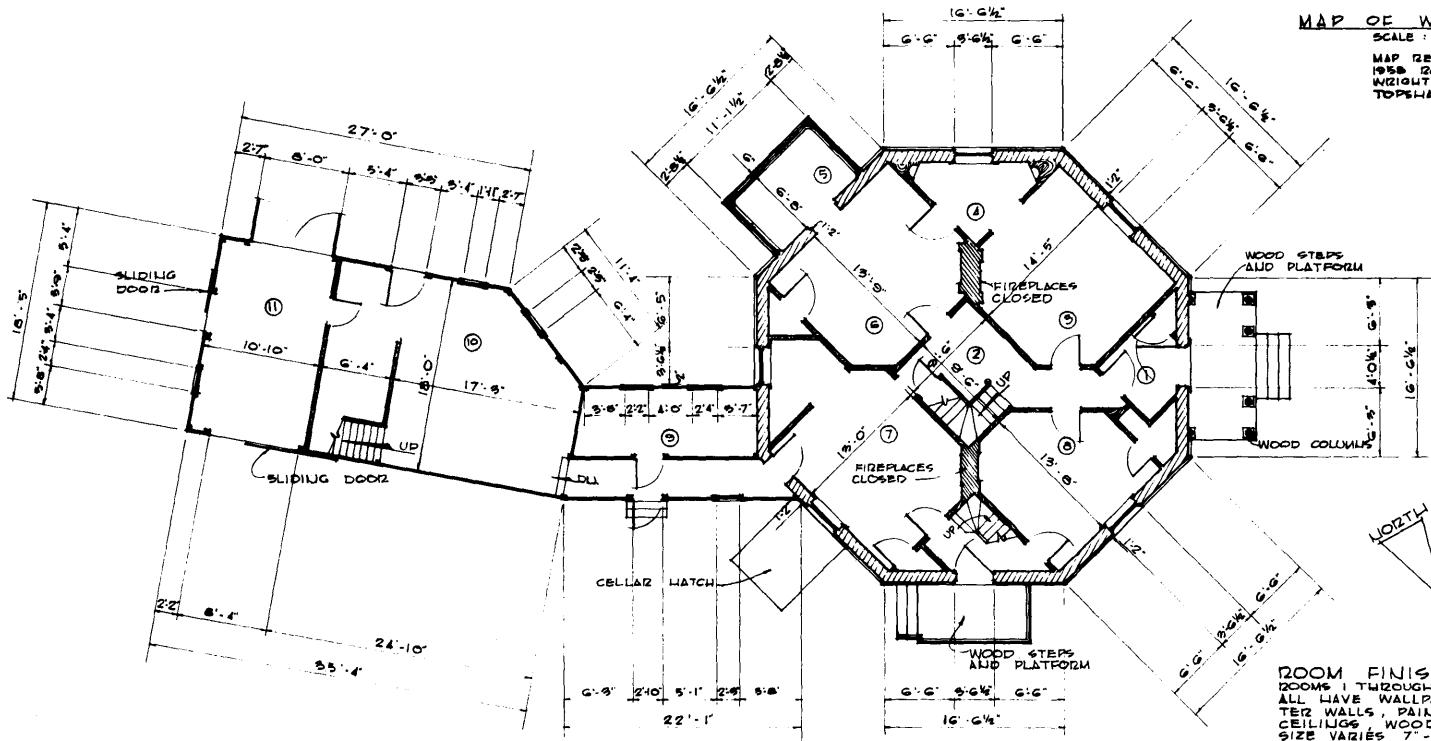
THIS PECULIAR STRUCTURE, LOCALLY REFERRED TO AS THE "COLLAR BOX" HOUSE, WAS BUILT BY CAPTAIN GEORGE SCOTT IN 1865. IT IS TYPICAL OF THE OCTAGONAL TYPE OF HOUSE BUILT IN NEW ENGLAND AT THIS TIME.

THIS PROJECT WAS FINANCED BY FUNDS OF THE "MISSION 60" PROGRAM OF THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, MEASURED AND DRAWN AUGUST 1960 UNDER THE DIRECTION OF CHARLES E. PETERSON, SUPERVISING ARCHITECT, FLORIDA; AND STUDENT ASSISTANT ARCHITECTS RUSSELL V. KEUUE, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS; JAMES M. DELOGLIO, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY; ROBERT H. SWILLEY, UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA.



MAP OF WISCASSET
SCALE: 1" = 1000'

MAP REFERENCE
1958, ROADS AND HIGHWAYS
WEIGHT AND BIRGE
TOPSHAM, MAINE



ROOM FINISHES:
ROOMS 1 THROUGH 9 INCLUSIVE
ALL HAVE WALLPAPER OVER PLASTER WALLS, PAINTED PLASTER CEILING, WOOD PLANK FLOORS, SIZE VARIES 7'-17" CEILING HEIGHT 9'-2"
ROOMS 10, 11 ARE UNFINISHED WITH ROUGH WOOD PLANK FLOORS

FIRST FLOOR PLAN
SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

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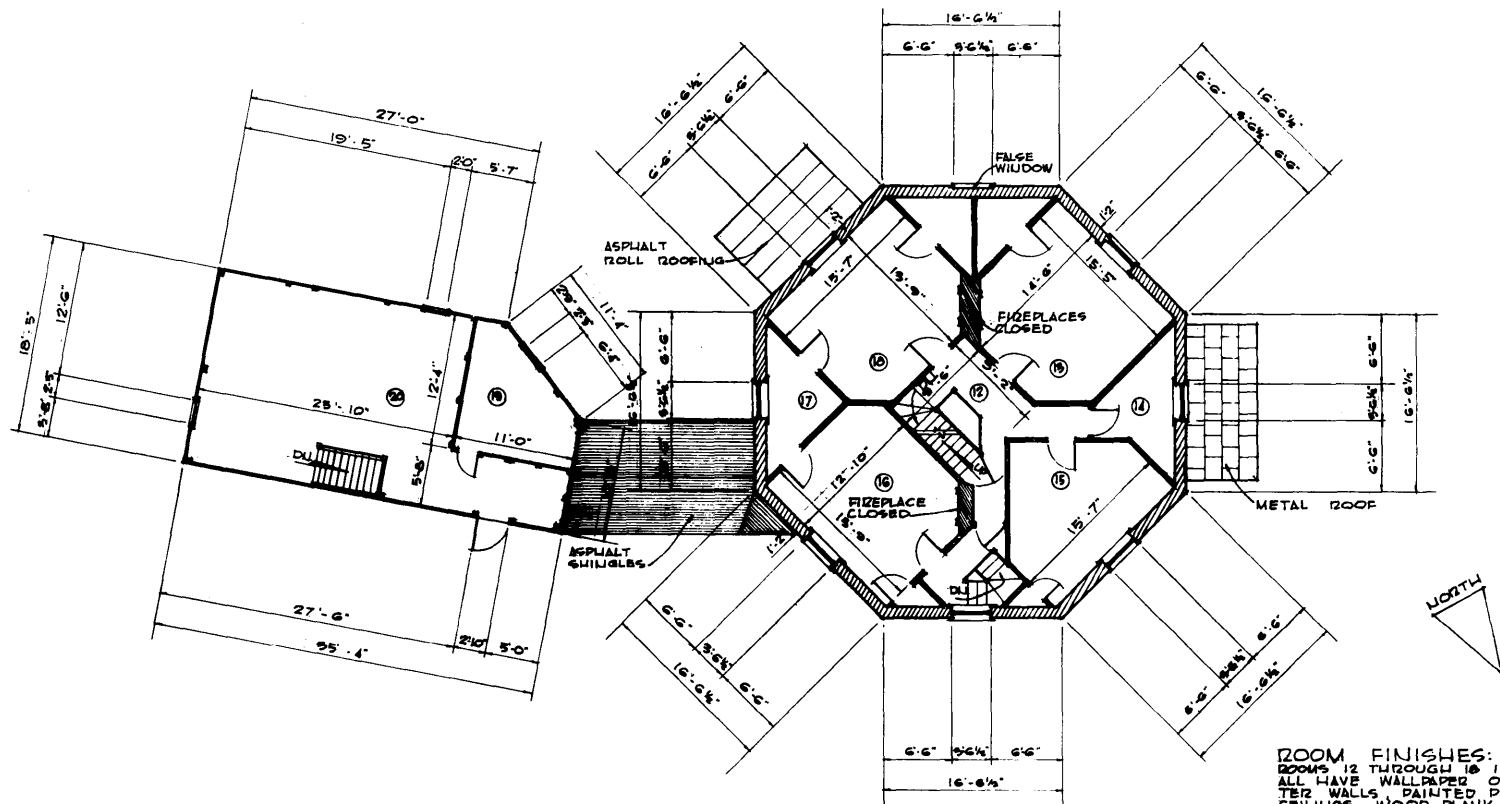
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MAINE MID-COAST SURVEY 1960
UNDER DIRECTION OF UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, BRANCH OF PLANS AND DESIGN

NAME OF STRUCTURE
CAPTAIN GEORGE SCOTT HOUSE
FEDERAL STREET WISCASSET LINCOLN COUNTY MAINE

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BUILDINGS SURVEY
SHEET 1 OF 2 SHEETS

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SECOND FLOOR PLAN
SCALE: 1/8" = 1'-0"

ROOM FINISHES:
ROOMS 12 THROUGH 18 INCLUSIVE
ALL HAVE WALLPAPER OVER PLASTER
WALLS PAINTED PLASTER
CEILINGS, WOOD PLANK FLOORS
SIZE VARIES 7'-17", CEILING
HEIGHT 8'-0"
ROOMS 19 AND 20 ARE UNFINISHED
WITH ROUGH WOOD PLANK
FLOORS.

GENERAL NOTES:
STAIR (RM. 12) DESIGNATED "UP"
LEADS TO OCTAGONAL CUPOLA.

DEL. ROBT. H. SWILLEY

ROCKLAND WARS FIELD OFFICE
MAINE MID-COAST SURVEY, 1960
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Captain Scott House
3 Acres

Latitude 44° 0' 27"
Longitude 69° 39' 35"

WISCASSET, MAINE
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