

Scott House

Location: 51 Goderich St West, Seaforth, Ontario
Year built: c. 1865

DR. JAMES G. SCOTT was an early medical practitioner in Seaforth. He was born February 18, 1842 at Galt, Waterloo County, a son of Frank Scott, one of the pioneer residents of Huron County whose farm adjoined Seaforth on the west. He graduated from Victoria Medical College in Toronto in 1870, and in that same year graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons. He began practice in Bluevale before coming to Seaforth in 1874. He joined in partnership with Dr. Charles Mackay in 1891.



For many years Dr. Scott owned a farm in Harpurhey where he had a deer park, kept excellent livestock, and bred imported Shetland ponies and thoroughbred poultry. He took great interest in horticulture, keeping beautiful gardens, in his later years, at his home at 131 Goderich St. West, now a designated heritage property owned by Paul Carroll. The Scott estate extended to the old fair grounds and the family kept a stable.

Dr. Scott had his offices next door, in the Harry Scott house pictured here. Four small rooms facing the street were used as the waiting room, an examination room, the surgery, and an office.

The house was given to Dr. Scott's son and daughter-in-law as a wedding present. It is now owned by Dr. Scott's grandson, Harry Scott, who is a former principal of Seaforth District High School.
