

AL-III-B-137
Davis House
Cresap Mill Road
Oldtown, Maryland
1903

The Davis House is a large white "L" shaped farm house in the rural Oldtown area of the County. Thomas P. Davis bought this farm property in 1885, and the Davis family owned it until 1978, for 92 years. The house was built in 1903, and the Davis family was part of the continuing participation in farming in the Oldtown region of Allegany County into the 20th Century. The Davis farmhouse has retained its original appearance, and has as one of its most interesting features a two-tiered veranda on the inside of the "L" shape of the house.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Davis House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Cresap Mill Road

CITY, TOWN

Oldtown

-X VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input 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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" 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

Jeffrey A. Dolan and Priscilla Johnson

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route 1, Mill Run Road

CITY, TOWN

Oldtown,

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21555

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 502

Folio #: 58

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Davis House is located on the east side of Cresap Mill Road.

This farmhouse is a two-story, three bay wide rectangular "L" shaped structure. Wall construction is of German siding.

The building rests on a high foundation of coursed rock-faced ashlar stone with a plain water table. The gable flank roof is of corrugated tin. The eaves consist of a box cornice with a soffit, frieze, and returns.

Wall features include corner boards and circular ventilators on the gable ends. There are three chimneys. Two of them are original brick on the inside end. The other is cement, replaced, and is located on the interior.

The main entrance is in the center of the western facade and is pedimented with a twelve-light door and a one light transom. Two other entrances are also pedimented with one light transoms.

The windows are pedimented with one over one lights pegged and have wooden slip sills.

The house has a front porch with a hip roof and decoratively-cut posts. There is also a two-tiered veranda on the inside of the "L." Decoratively-cut plywood has been added to the top and bottom of the western front porch and to the top of the lower veranda located on the inside of the "L" in the back of the house.

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

SPECIFIC DATES

1903

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Davis House is a large white farm house in the rural Oldtown area of the County. A cornerstone of the house's foundation has inscribed on it the year "1903," which is probably its date of construction. Thomas P. Davis bought this farm property in 1885; it was part of the Samuel Stallings farm lands.⁽¹⁾ The Davis family owned the property until 1978, for 92 years.⁽²⁾

In Allegany County, farming continued to maintain its 19th Century level of importance into the 20th century. According to the 1878-79 County directory, there had been thirty-eight farmers in Oldtown, which continued to be a distinctly rural community with agriculture as its only industry.⁽³⁾

The Davis Farm House has retained its original appearance. One of its most interesting features is a two-tiered veranda on the inside of the "L" shape of the house.

(1) Allegany County Land Records, Liber 63, Folio 180.

(2) Land Records, Liber 500, Folio 541

(3) Harry I. Stegmaier, Jr. et al., Allegany County, A History (Parsons, W.Va.: McClain Printing Company), P. 213

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Stegmaier, Harry Jr. et al. Allegany County, A History. Parsons, West Va.:
McLain Printing Company, 1976.

Allegany County Land Records

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2.75 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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ORGANIZATION Allegany County Historic Sites Survey DATE March 12, 1979

STREET & NUMBER County Office Building TELEPHONE
3-33 Pershing Street

CITY OR TOWN Cumberland. STATE Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

TITLE SEARCH

Davis House, Cresap Mill Road
AL-III-B-137

Allegany County Deed: Liber 502, Folio 58
Grantee: Jeffrey A. Dolan & Priscilla Johnson Date: June 30, 1978
Grantor: Robert L. Youngblood

Allegany County Deed: Liber 500, Folio 541
Grantee: Robert L. Youngblood Date: April 29, 1978
Grantor: Clysta L. Davis

Allegany County Deed: Liber 198, Folio 454
Grantee: Ernest L. and Clysta L. Davis Date: February 8, 1944
Grantor: F. Brooke Whiting, Trustee Consideration: \$2,050

Allegany County Deed: Liber 63, Folio 180
Grantee: Thomas P. Davis Date: September 2, 1886
Grantor: Josiah H. Gordon, Trustee Consideration: \$1,000
Note: No. 826 Equity
Davis bought the property on April 7, 1885,
which was Lot No. 2 of the Stallings Lands.

INVENTORY NO: AL-III-B-137

DATE: 9/1/78

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Davis Frame House

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Mill Run Rd. East side

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: West

NAME OF OWNER: _____

ADDRESS: _____

STORIES: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5() 6() 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular) L

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

perman siding

- () FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- () BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
- () STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- () LOG
- () OTHER: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others cornerboards - circular vents

FOUNDATIONS: High Low, Brick, Stone coursed rock faced ashlar

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other() slipsills
pegged() nailed() wide() narrow() mitred() pediment()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: center w ped. 12 light
HARDWARE: original() replaced()
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN) light
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards

Box
CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed) Returns
original() replaced() rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave

ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers # _____
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; original() replaced()
corrugated

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip() gable() deco. cut posts

CHIMNEYS: Number: 3 Brick() Stone() Corbeled() original() replaced()
Location: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior()
Cement

ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS: 2 tiered veranda

USE: _____
SIGNIFICANCE: _____

PATTERSON CREEK QUADRANG
MARYLAND-WEST VIRGINIA
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
SW/4 FLINTSTONE 15' QUADRANGLE



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DAVIS HOUSE
MILL RUN RD. OLD TOWN
USGS PATTERSON CREEK QUAD

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DAVIS HOUSE

MILL RUN RD. ODTOWN

David A. Dorsey

9/1/78

Southeast



AL-111-B-137

DAVIS House

MILK RUN RD. OLDTOWN

David A. Dorsey

9/1/78

Northwest