

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

"THE LES DAVIS HOUSE"

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

493 Paradise Road

First

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Aberdeen

VICINITY OF

Harford

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland 21001

**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 type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input checked="" 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	<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 type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mrs. W. Lester Davis

Telephone #: 272-3393

STREET & NUMBER

3714 Churchville Road

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

Aberdeen, Md. 21001

VICINITY OF

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

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

Liber #: G.H.G. No. 351

Folio #: 133

STREET & NUMBER

Liber 1041/753

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air,

STATE

Maryland 21014

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

NONE KNOWN EXCEPT AS LISTED IN SUPRA 5

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

**CHECK ONE**

**CHECK ONE**

EXCELLENT       DETERIORATED  
 GOOD             RUINS  
 FAIR              UNEXPOSED

UNALTERED       ORIGINAL SITE  
 ALTERED           MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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

**RESUME OF REGISTRY DEEDS:**

DEED dated 20 Sept 1977 by Helene P. Parrish (widow) of Harford County, Md. Said Helene Parrish granted to W. Lestee Davis II and his wife land described in a deed from Tate H. Sale and wife Martha, recorded in Land Records of Harford County in Liber GRG No. 351, Folio 133.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**PERIOD**

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW**

<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 100-1499	<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 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		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

493 Paradise Road is one of the oldest dwellings in Aberdeen, a one and a half story house probaby dates from the mid 19th century. It is reputed to be of log construction, an early and basic American building technique which played an important role in Harford County's and Maryland's architectural history.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

- "HISTORY OF ABERDEEN, MARYLAND" by Richard F. Crenin, publ. Bicentennial Comm., Aberdeen, 1976.
- "OUR HARFORD HERITAGE" by C. Milton Wright, publ. French Bay Printing Co., 1980.
- "HARFORD COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY BULLETIN" No. 8, Spring Edition, 1983.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 4.0 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

*[Faint, illegible text describing the boundary description]*

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

STATE	COUNTY
Maryland	Harford

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE	July 12, 1983
ABERDEEN HISTORIC SURVEY/RESTORATION COMMITTEE	DATE
ORGANIZATION	TELEPHONE
ABERDEEN TOWN COUNCIL	
STREET & NUMBER	STATE
ABERDEEN, MD. 21001	
CITY OR TOWN	

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

MD. HISTORICAL TRUST  
BOX 1704  
ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

**1. NAME**

COMMON: Frances Parriz' log house

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: East side of Paradise Road (Md 462) opposite the east

CITY OR TOWN: near Aberdeen end of Beard's Hill Road

STATE: Maryland CODE: COUNTY: Harford CODE:

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

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

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNERS NAME: Mrs Frances H. Parriz

STREET AND NUMBER: Paradise Road (Md 462)

CITY OR TOWN: Aberdeen STATE: Md 21001 CODE:

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

STREET AND NUMBER: HARFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE 40 S. MAIN ST.

CITY OR TOWN: BEL AIR STATE: MARYLAND CODE:

ACREAGE

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

STATE:  
COUNTY:

ENTRY NUMBER  
DATE

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## 7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Log house covered with stucco <sup>and shingles</sup> with a frame asphalt shingle extension. Oblong, 1 1/2 stories, 3 bays x 2, the extension under the same roofline is 2 stories with very low ceilings, 2 bays x 2.

The low pitched A roof <sup>ridgeline runs north-south</sup> has two chimneys, one at the north end, the other <sup>at the south end</sup> between the main house and the southern extension, <sup>with ~~and~~ obsolete,</sup> the north fireplace is removed, the middle one closed off.

Two dormers are in the south roof slope, two small windows in the north gable. Windows throughout are 6 light over 6.

A porch shelters the main section on the west.

8. 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)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |   |                                       |  |  |
|---|---------------------------------------|--|--|
| Aboriginal  | 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 type="checkbox"/>             | <u>Suburbanization</u>                   |
| Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/>                    | Invention <input type="checkbox"/>    | Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>           |  |
| Art <input type="checkbox"/>                            | Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>    | Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/> |  |
| Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>                       | Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> | Theater <input type="checkbox"/>             |  |
| Communications <input type="checkbox"/>                 | Literature <input type="checkbox"/>   | Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>      |  |
| Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>                   | Military <input type="checkbox"/>     |  |  |
| <u>Architecture</u> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Music <input type="checkbox"/>        |  |  |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

The early history of this log house is unknown to the present owner, who has traced the deed to 1878.

Threatened by a widening of Route 462, Paradise Road, the house is only a few feet from the present curb. Worth relocating and restoring?

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview with Frances H. Parrish at her home June 71 JSE.  
 Deed copied, transfer in fee sample from Henry and Elizabeth Courtney of Baltimore to George A. Wilkinson  
 29 March 1878.

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 ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **JEAN S. EWING**

ORGANIZATION: **MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST** DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET AND NUMBER: **50 STATE CIRCLE**

CITY OR TOWN: **ANNAPOLIS** STATE: **MARYLAND** CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_



Survey # HA-718

493 Paradise Rd.

Back and Side

South West

Gloria Kaminski

May 1983



Survey # HA-718

493 Paradise Rd.

Front and Side

North East

Gloria Kaminski

May 1983