

S-37
Davis Farm
Princess Anne vicinity
private

1802

The Davis farm, currently known as "Arbor Acres," occupies a prominent site along the Manokin River on Stewart Neck. Built of Flemish bond brick, the two-story, three-bay brick house is supported by a raised common bond brick foundation. The expertly laid brick walls are pierced by segmental arched window and door openings on each elevation. Rising from the gable ends are tall brick chimneys. The southwest end chimney is inscribed with the date "1802." Early twentieth-century alterations have included a completely new roof, two-story porches on both elevations, and a Colonial Revival interior. The two-story frame service wing appears to date from the late nineteenth century. Located between the house and the river are a pair of table stones marking the burials of John Davis (1789-1835), and his wife Mary Elizabeth Ann (1787-1837).

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. S-37

Magi No. 2000375335

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic "Davis Farm," "Wilson's Purchase"

and/or common Arbor Acres

2. Location

street & number End of Farm Lane off Stewart Neck Road not for publicationcity, town Princess Anne vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Henry Saglio and W.B. Dixon Stroud

street & number T.I.A. D.H. Farms telephone no.:

city, town West Grove state and zip code PA 19390

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset Clerk of Court liber²²⁶

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio 340

city, town Princess Anne state MD 21401

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Maryland Historic Sites Inventory

date 1969 federal state county local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Annapolis state MD 21401

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Davis farm (currently known as Arbor Acres) is situated on the southeast side of the Manokin River approximately two miles southwest of Princess Anne, Somerset County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay brick house faces southeast with the principal gable oriented on a northeast/southwest axis.

Built in 1802, this two-story, three-bay Flemish bond brick house is supported by a raised three-course common bond brick foundation. A stepped watertable distinguishes the foundation wall. Neatly laid Flemish bond brick walls rise on four sides and are covered by a rebuilt gabled roof. The eaves have been extended and short returns finish the base of the roof on each corner. Interior end chimneys rise from each gable and the south chimney is dated "1802". Attached to the north end is a shorter two-story four-bay frame service wing.

The southeast (main) elevation is three bays across with a center entrance and flanking six-over-six sash windows. Small cellar windows with segmental arches pierce the foundation wall below the watertable. A two-story square columned portico with a gabled roof covers the center bay. Two six-over-six sash to each side have segmental brick arches and louvered shutters. Double door entrances with replacement doors mark both floors and provide access to the porch. The cornice carries a dentil bed molding.

The southwest gable end is a symmetrical elevation with two window openings on each floor. The cellar, first and second floor windows are identical to those on the front of the house, and nine-pane windows topped with segmental arches light the attic.

The northwest or river elevation is partially covered by a single-story early twentieth-century screened-in porch. The balance of detail follows in the same manner as the other sides. Three six-over-six sash windows light the second floor and each is topped by a segmental arch.

The northeast gable end is almost fully covered by the two-story frame service wing. A second floor window and an attic window on the northeast corner of the brick house are exposed.

Supported by a continuous common bond brick foundation, the two-story service wing is four bays across by one-room deep. The southeast elevation is an asymmetrical facade with a central door and flanking six-over-six sash windows. The second floor is lighted by four unevenly spaced six-over six sash windows. Attached to the northeast gable end is a single-story frame addition also covered with weatherboards.

The interior of the brick house has been thoroughly reworked with early twentieth-century revival woodwork. The rebuilt stair rises in the northeast corner of the wide corner stair hall. A wide double door opening, framed by a fluted surround, opens into the large room behind the stair hall. All of the woodwork follows early twentieth-century colonial revival designs.

A small Davis family cemetery is located southwest of house near the river. Two table stones, one for John I. Davis and another for Mary Elizabeth Ann, wife

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 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 1802 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or
Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Davis farm contains a prominent early nineteenth-century brick house dating to 1802. Built of Flemish bond brick on a common bond raised foundation, the two-story house is lighted by six-over-six sash topped by segmental arches. Early twentieth-century alterations have included a completely new roof, porches on both elevations, and a fully new interior. The two-story service wing appears to date from the late nineteenth century.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A
 Zone Easting Northing

B
 Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

G

H

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Somerset County Historical Trust date 6/24/86

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city or town Princess Anne state MD 21853

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DESCRIPTION (continued)

of John Davis, remain next to each other. John Davis was born in 1789 and he died on January 11, 1835. His wife, Mary Elizabeth Ann was born March 25, 1797, and she died on September 27, 1837.

Henry Saglio and W.B. Dixon Stroud
TIA D.H. Farms
West Grove, PA 19390

226/340 Gedler Farm
226/340 Custis Farm

226/340 International Genetics Corporation
Formerly Known as Chas. Vantress Farm

to

4/1/1965 Henry Saglio - Arbor Acres
Glastonburg, Connecticut
W.B. Stroud, West Grove, PA

Item One:

G.J.B. 203/99 Harold F. Merritt, Et ux

to

3/13/1963 Charles Vantress Farm

B.L.B. 145/12 George Chandler, Et ux

to

6/11/1948 Harold F. Merritt

B.L.B. 127/243 Lamar Corporation

to

5/26/1944 George P. Chandler, Et ux
450 acres

B.L.B. 127/242 Thomas R. Macy
Ingrid G. Macy

to

5/24/1944 Lamar Corporation

J.M.T. 106/167 Bank of Somerset

to

9/24/1934 Thomas R. Macy
Ingrid G. Macy
450 Acres

J.M.T. 106/92 H.F. Lankford, Assignee

to

5/9/1934 Bank of Somerset
450 A.

S.F.D. 49/292 Philip C. Metz and wife
to

9/16/1908 Newton A. Partridge
and subsequently conveyed by the said Newton A.
Partridge to Charles C. Gelder by deed date
November 15, 1911 and recorded S.F.D. 58/370.
"all that farm known as the 'Ned Pusey Farm'
"500 acres"

O.T.B. 39/589 William E. Bowman
to

11/26/1904 Philip C. Metz

O.T.B. 34/547 Francis J. Barnes
to

1/2/1903 William E. Bowman

O.T.B. 28/577 William S. McMaster
to

10/13/1900 Francis J. Barnes

O.T.B. 28/571 Francis J. Barnes --- Trustees
Henry L.D. Stanford
to

10/30/1900 William S. McMaster
"Being the same land formerly belonging to Isaac
Pusey" 500 acres - formerly known as "Wilson's
Conclusion," "Wilson's Purchase," and "Granville
Loft" being the same lands described in a deed
from Theodore W. Pusey to said Edwin Pusey

L.W. 6/434 Theodore W. Pusey
to

1/10/1860 Edwin Pusey \$2,000 which
Isaac purchased of John W. Crisfield and William S.
Waters

L.W. 7/3 Levin Pusey
to

1/29/1861 Edwin Pusey

L.W. 7/72 Levin Pusey
to

3/30/1861 Edwin Pusey

L.W. 2/504

John W. Crisfield ----- Trustees
William S. Waters

to

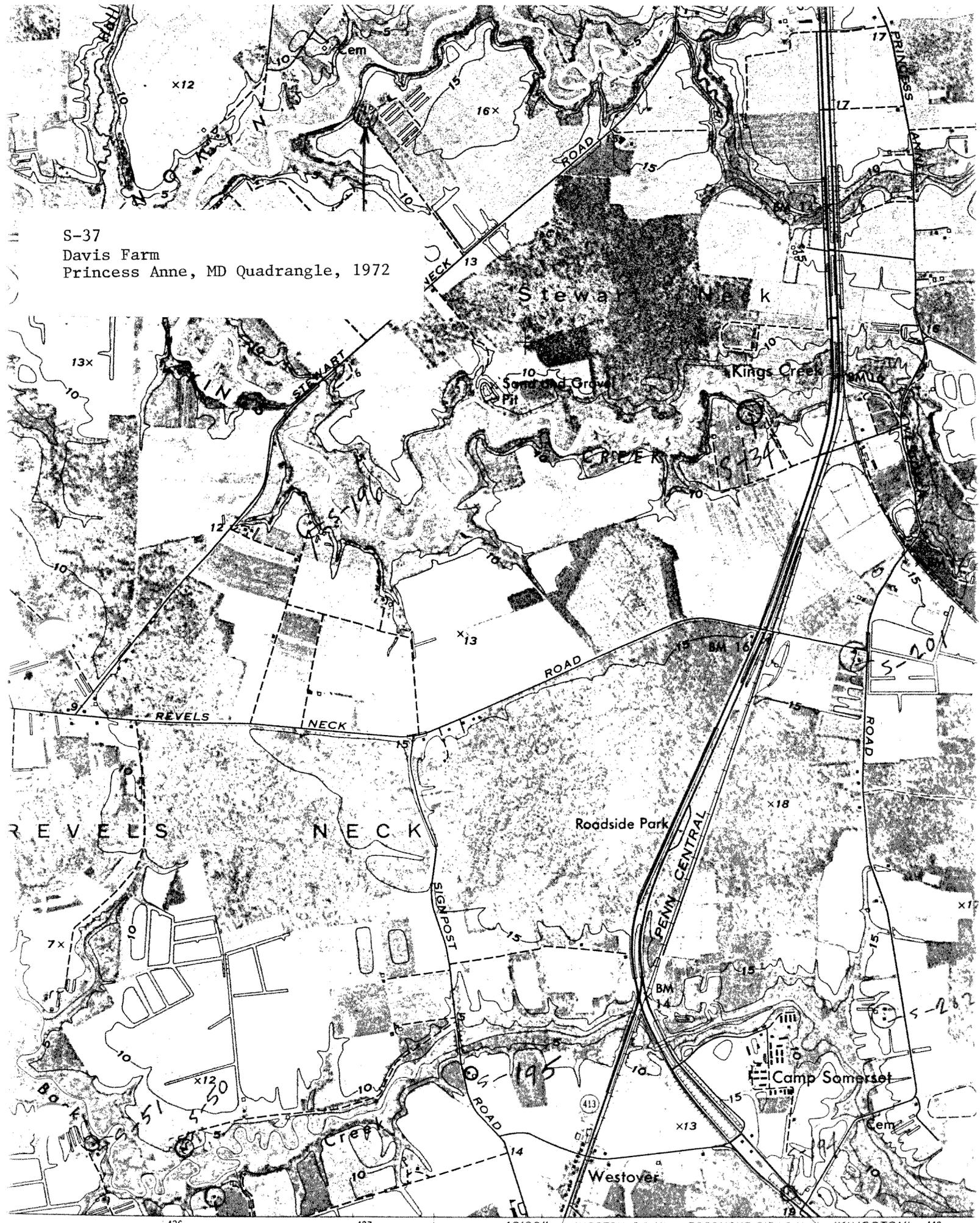
1/11/1854

Isaac Pusey
John W. Davis ----- Complainants
Aden Davis

Martha Davis - Defendants
Decree of Circuit Court 9/13/1851

"Wilson's Purchase" better known as the "Davis
Farm" 447 7/8

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 Davis Farm
 Princess Anne, MD Quadrangle, 1972



1. STATE COUNTY Somerset TOWN Stewart Neck VICINITY STREET NO. ORIGINAL OWNER Davis Family ORIGINAL USE Dwelling PRESENT OWNER --- PRESENT USE Dwelling WALL CONSTRUCTION Flemish Bond Brick NO. OF STORIES 2½		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY 2. NAME Cedar Lane Farm S-37 DATE OR PERIOD c. 1760 STYLE County Georgian ARCHITECT BUILDER	
		3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION		OPEN TO PUBLIC NO	
<p>This house is similar in size to Holly Hurst. Again, it is good simple Georgian brick house. It is 3 bays wide and is almost as deep. It has a rather steeply pitched A-roof. There is one enclosed chimney on the left end of the house. All of the windows are 6/6 and the sashes appear to be new. The central door is a double door and is very tall and old. All of the windows are capped by segmental arches. All through the walls there are random glazed headers and stretchers of a deep blue color. The house sits on a high basement with a step water table composed of two rows of square bricks. A c. 1920 2-storey porch has been applied over the central bay of the house along with a roof cornice and a 5 bay 2-storey addition on the right of the house. There are two Davis Family tombstones at the rear of the house dated 1835 and 1837.</p> <p>This house because of the glazed bricks used in its construction and because of the size of the windows and the general scale of the windows appears to be quite old. Even c. 1760 may be too conservative. It sits right on the banks of the Manokin and has beautiful old boxwood. It is approached by a long alley of cedars.</p>			
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE		Endangered	Interior
			Exterior
Added to but well maintained.			
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER Paul A. Brinkman	
		DATE OF RECORD 2/8/67	

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE ADDED ON SHEET OF SAME SIZE



Davis Plantation
(Arbor Acres)

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Princess Anne, Somerset Co., Md.
Southeast Elevation
5/86, Paul Touart, Photographer
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Window-South Gable End

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Cedar Lane Farm
Somerset

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DANIEL C. CHURCH