

VIKGINIA DIVISION 'F HISTORIC LANDMA KS

File no. 76-221/76-153 Negative no(s). 8817

1840's - 1850's - possibly earlier

SURVEY FORM

Common name Davis House & Cemetery

County/Town/City prince William County

Street address or route number 8000 Linton Hall Rd.

Gainesville Quad. (F-3)

Original owner Original use

Historic name

farm/residence Mr. Edward Davis

Present owner Present owner address 8000 Linton Hall Rd.

Gainesville, VA

Present use Acreage

140 acres

residence

Source of name Source of date

Date or period

Stories

Architect/builder/craftsmen

Foundation and wall const'n stone, log

owner

Estimate

Rooftype gable, tar paper

State condition of structure and environs

poor

State potential threats to structure Note any archaeological interest

extensive remodeling, aluminum siding

Should be investigated for possible register potential? yes □ no √□

Architectural description (Note significant features of plan, structural system and interior and exterior decoration, taking care to point out aspects not visible or clear from photographs. Explain nature and period of all alterations and additions. List any outbuildings and their approximate ages, cemeteries, etc.)

The Davis house is a two story log structure set on a low rubblestone cellar. The interior and exterior have been extensively remodeled making it difficult to evaluate the age and evolution of the structure. The exterior is sheathed with plywood, covering earlier, plain weatherboards. The east and west porches, 1930's additions, are now enclosed. The 6/6 windows of these additions appear to be old and were possibly reused from the earlier part of the house. Single pane lights pierce the south gable wall on each side of the coursed stone chimney.

Entry to the house is now off the enclosed east porch. The simple Greek mantle with a carved date "1853" on the front frieze, located on the west wall of this addition was moved from the parlor. This could be the construction date or the date of an early remodeling. The original part of the house has a parlor with a side hall. A closed string stair with a turned newel leads to the two bedchambers with sloped ceilings. Floors throughout are carpeted and paneling covers much of the original fabric making an accurate evaluation of the interior almost impossible.

The basement, originally entered from a stair (now sealed off) underneath the main stair is now entered from the exterior through a low door in the west wall. The original entrance in the thick rubblestone walls is now covered by the west porch. The basement room was once used as a dining room and retains early plaster over sawn lathe with cut rails. The whitewashed ceiling joists suggests that the plaster was the result of an early remodeling. A simple Greek mantle is on the south wall but is now partially covered by shelving. The vertically sawn random pine floors can be seen through the holes in the ceiling. The dining room now has dirt floors but possibly had wood floors which have deteriorated.

A cemetery with an ornamental iron fence is located to the north of the house and contains graves from the Davis and the Brady families. Most of the outbuildings appear to be 20th century additions.

Interior inspected?

Historical significance (Chain of title; individuals, families, events, etc., associated with the property.)

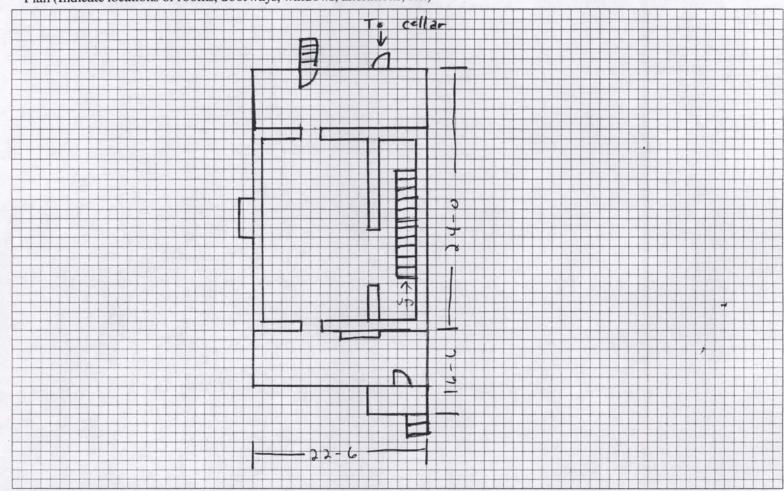
The property has been in the Davis family since the 18th century and once extended to the Warrenton Turnpike. The Davis family intermarried with the Brady family, thus explaining the Brady gravesites in the cemetery. Matthew Davis (1833-1908) and Anna Davis (1836-1917) could possibly be the family members who built the house.

Sources and bibliography Published sources (Books, articles, etc. 'th bibliographic data.) Names and addresses of persons interviewed

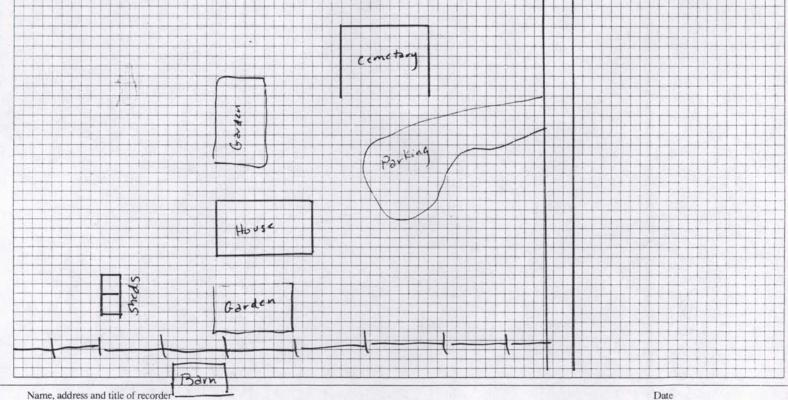
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Primary sources (Manuscript documentary or graphic materials; give location.)

Plan (Indicate locations of rooms, doorways, windows, alterations, etc.)



Site plan (Locate and identify outbuildings, dependencies and significant topographical features.)



Date

