Survey No. AA-862

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Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic DAVIDSON NEALL HOUSE

and/or common DAVIDSON-NEALL HOUSE

2. Location

street & number WEST CENTRAL AVE ___ not for publication

city, town DAVIDSONVILLE ___ vicinity of congressional district

state MARYLAND 21035 county ANNE ARUNDEL

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	x occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
x building(s)	x private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	x private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	___ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	___ not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

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

name WILLIAM W & DORIS NEALL

street & number 829 WEST CENTRAL AVENUE telephone no.: 956-2591

city, town DAVIDSONVILLE MD state and zip code 21035

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY COURTHOUSE liber 1089

street & number SOUTH STREET folio 500

city, town ANNAPOLIS state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
X excellent	___ deteriorated	X unaltered	X original site
___ good	___ ruins	___ altered	___ moved date of move _____
___ fair	___ unexposed		

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

EXTERIOR DESCRIPTION:

The Davidson-Neall house is located on the south side of Route 214, approximately 1,000 yards west of the intersection of Routes 424 and 214. The original house consists of two two-and-one-half story wings of similar proportions. These wings have steeply gabled shingle roofs which have wide overhangs with returns. These extensions are supported by paired scrolled and pendented brackets. There are bands of gingerbread on the roof boards. Through the years the original German siding was covered with asbestos siding and, recently, vinyl siding. This necessitated the removal of the original working louvered shutters and there are now merely decorative black vinyl shutters. The original foundations were constructed with brick.

The wing on the western side has its gable end facing the street. Centered on the first and second floors are six-over-six windows. In the gable is a semi-circular, three-light window. On the eastern side of the exposed area of this wing is a later entrance. It has rather plain trim. The door is six-paneled with applied molding.

The east wing is set off-center and towards the rear of the west wing and has three bays on each level, uniformly spaced. These have the same six-over-six windows. The lower right-hand bay is the main entrance. This has side lights, three of glass over three solid panels. The transom has four lights, the center two being wider than the outside two.

There is a gabled dormer centered over the middle windows. It is trimmed with a scalloped band.

The east end of this wing has no windows. An inside chimney is centered in the gable.

The front area between the two wings has a shed roof screened porch. The porch has a door opposite the main entrance. In later years this porch was extended around the end of the wing. A second door was then added to the right end side of the porch. The area below the porch is screened by lattice work.

The rear of the house has bays that mirror the base of the front of the house; however, in the gable there is a six-over-six window, and the window over the rear door is lower to accommodate the inside stairway. Since the terrain slopes rather steeply away in the rear, it was possible to make a virtually ground-level entrance to a cellar below the west wing. There is no cellar below the east wing. A second chimney is located where the roofs of both wings intersect.

Recently, the east wing was altered by enclosing the left-hand

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion
___ 1400–1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	___ science
___ 1500–1599	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture
___ 1600–1699	X architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/ humanitarian
___ 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ theater
X 1800–1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation
___ 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ other (specify)
		___ invention		

Specific dates **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.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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DEED-GTC 1089-500
DEED -FSR 111-23
DEED WNW 33-272
DEED GW 6-234
EQUITY 1344, DKT 3, 83
DEED GW 55-322
DEED SH 9 314
DEED JHN 1-327
WILL _TTS 1-355

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____ **Quadrangle scale** _____

UTM **References** do NOT complete UTM references

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A				B			
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
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

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city or town	DAVIDSONVILLE	**state**	MD

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two bays with a one-story addition. The door to this newer room has three wide panes of glass over three horizontal solid panels. An open deck now extends across the rear of this new room and over behind the western wing. The foundation of this later construction is made of cinder block.

The western side of the first wing has three evenly-spaced windows on each floor level.

INTERIOR DESCRIPTION:

The entrance to the main hallway of the house is through a heavily molded paneled door. The transom and the side panels contain etched, frosted glass (sunburst pattern). The flooring in the hallway is random-width pine, running the length of the hallway. The stairway ascends up the left side of the hall. There is a closet under the stairs and the partition is covered with a grooved "boxcar" siding.

The basic floor plan of the house is a center-hall configuration with two identical rooms on either side in the front and two smaller rooms to the back, one on each side of the hallway. The original house consisted of only three rooms on this floor.

The room to the left of the hallway is the dining room (parlor). The door to this room has six grooved panels and is heavily molded. The doorknob on this door and others in the house is brown mineral on a box lock. The floorboard molding is nine inches wide and plain. The fireplace on the east wall of the room consists of plain square pilasters supporting the mantle which has a heavy bow-shaped shelf. The hearth is brick and the chimney breast extends into the room. There are three windows in the room, two on the front wall and one on the rear wall. The flooring in the room is the same random-width pine, running the width of the house. Etched on the glass of the front windows is the date "1884-1888" and the name "Thomas Davidson."

The room to the right of the main hall now serves as the living room. There is a door from the front porch into this room with a box lock and a wide porcelain knob. This is an identical room otherwise to the one on the front, east side of the house. The fireplace, also identical, is on the rear (interior) wall of the room. To the right of the fireplace is a narrow, deep closet--believed to have contained a dumbwaiter at one time. The lock on this closet door has a small vertical box lock. The other locks throughout the house are horizontally installed on the doors. There are pintle hinges on all of the doors of the house. They are made of molded brass (now painted over in many cases). Etched in the glass of one of the side (west) windows of this room is the name "Alice Davidson."

To the rear of this room is a doorway into a smaller room with a

plain fireplace. There is a doorway to the kitchen. This door is smaller and appears to have been added later. The room behind the dining room is now the kitchen and is a later addition.

The staircase rises three levels, with a small landing between each floor. There is a turned, carved molding over the outside stringboard. The outer stringboard of the open-string stairway curves as it follows the stairway up to each level. The newel post, banister, and balusters are most likely black walnut. The balusters are turned and every other one matches all the way up. The scrolled brackets going up the outside of the staircase are very decorative.

The second floor contains the three original rooms. One is now smaller to accommodate a modern bath and closet. The baseboards on this floor are very plain, six inches wide. The flooring in the upstairs front room (west side) is new oak.

The third floor contains three small rooms as well. The flooring has been feather-grained. The upstairs doors are butt-hinged.

The basement of the house, accessible only from the outside, is believed to have housed the original kitchen. It has brick walls and a fireplace. The evidence of the dumbwaiter noted earlier is seen here as well. A shower room has been added.

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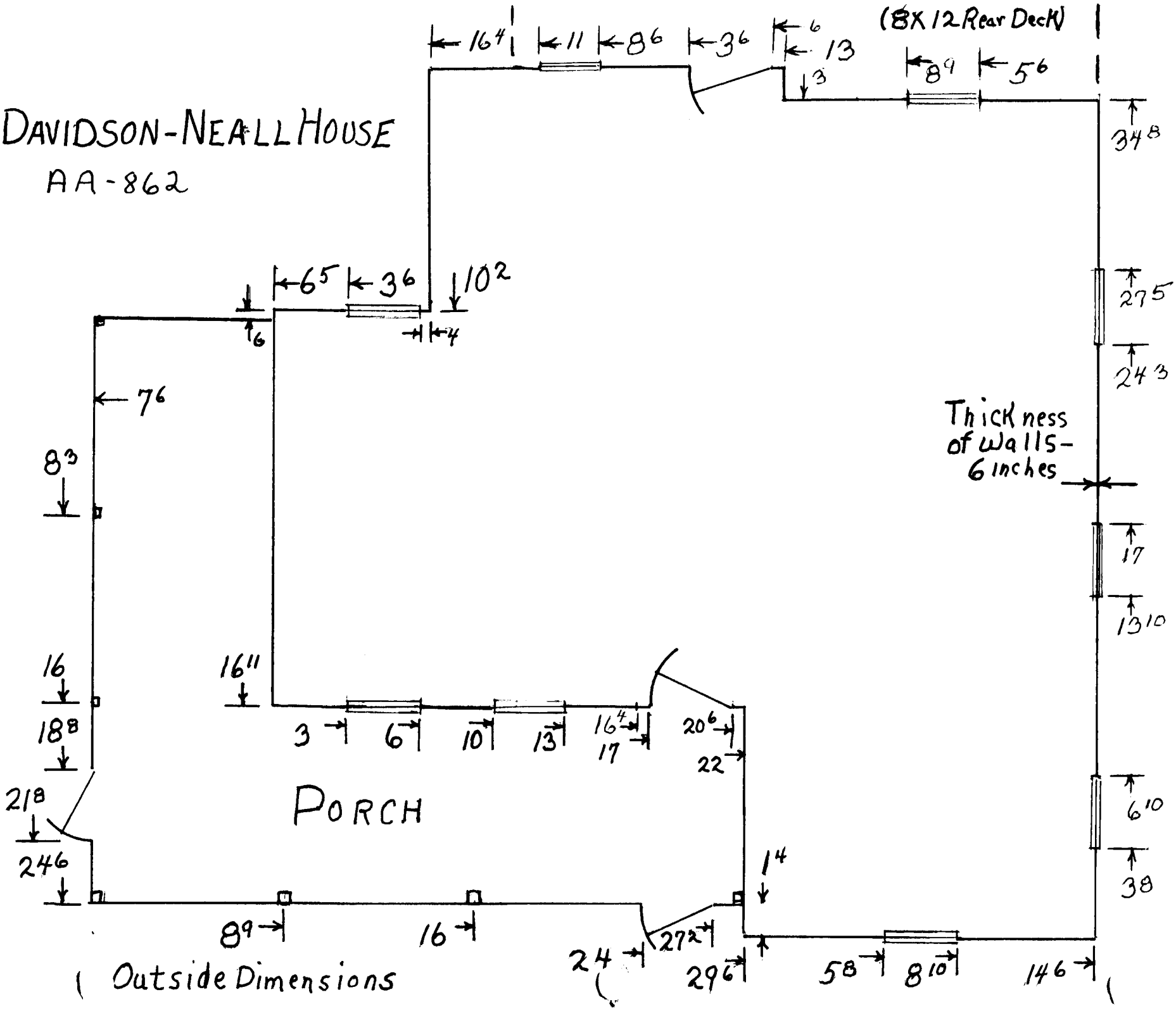

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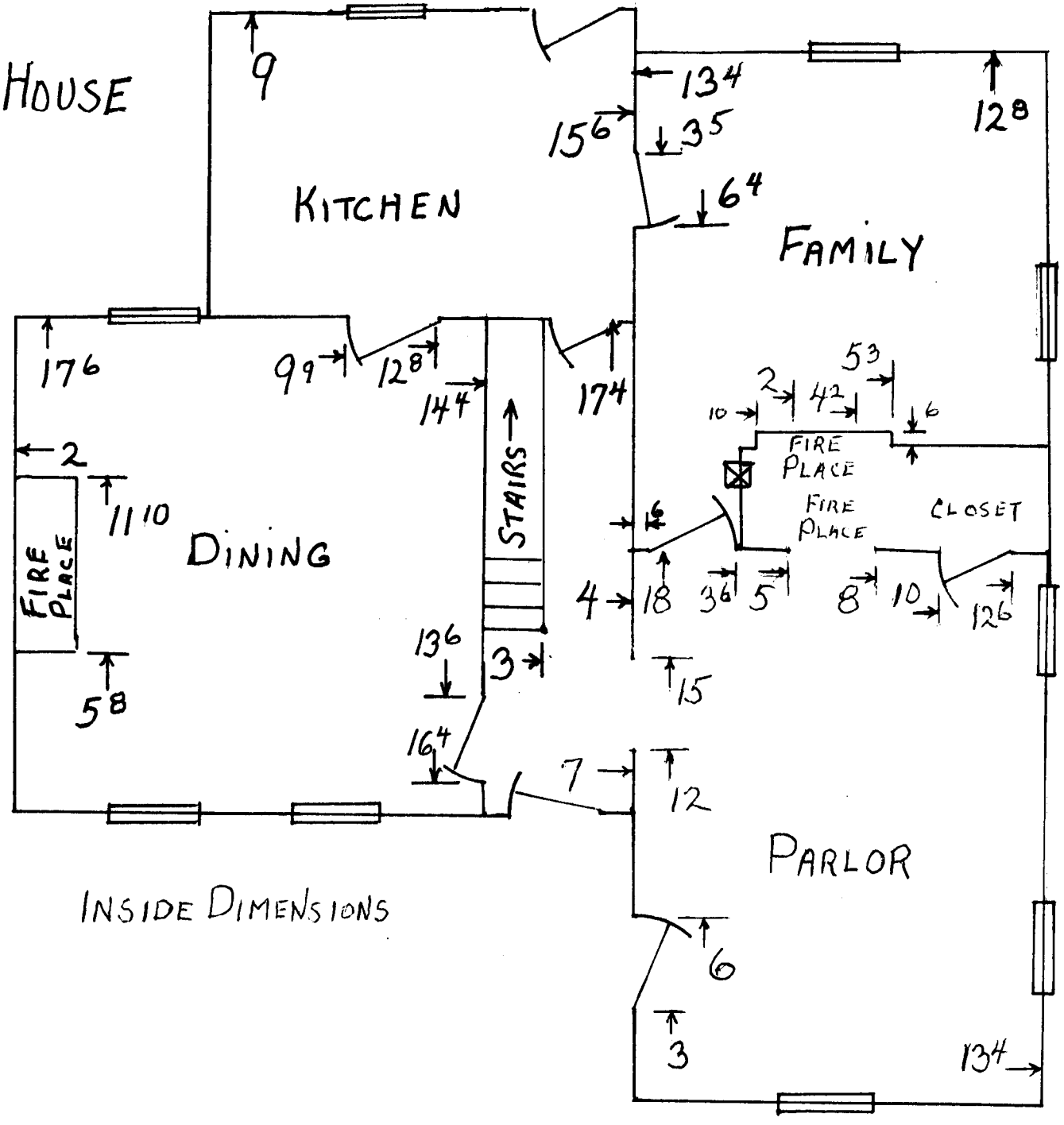

INSIDE DIMENSIONS

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See vertical file for additional information.