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Davis Tenant House

C. 1875

The Davis tenant house is a plain two story four bay by one room frame house with additions. The structure seems to have been part of J. W. Davis's land holdings in 1877. He owned nearby Ward's Knowledge. (CE-57)

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Davis Tenant House  
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Wards Hill Road just east of intersection with Md. 282  
CITY, TOWN

Warwick X VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE Maryland COUNTY 1  
Cecil

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER: Hunting Lodge

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Markus Von Schnurbein  
STREET & NUMBER

Telephone #:

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: WAS 351  
Folio #: 16

STREET & NUMBER Clerk of the Circuit Court

CITY, TOWN Cecil County Courthouse

STATE

Elkton

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 type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input 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 Tenant House c. 1875 is a 2 story 4 bays by 1 room frame house north of Wards Hill Road and just east of the Cecilton-Warwick Road. The house faces south with the main gable running east/west.

The structure rests on a brick foundation above ground level and is totally sheathed with composition tile shingles. The comp. tile roof has medium pitch. It seems as if a 2 story 2 bay by 1 room frame addition was attached to the east end and set perpendicularly to the main roof axis. Later single story gabled and shed additions extend from it. The additions are covered in the same manner as the main block.

What seems to be the main facade (south) is 4 bay across with a shed porch extending across three. Bays, two central doors and an eastern 6/6 sash. The shed roof is supported by late 19th century turned posts with decorative corner brackets. The 4 panel door have typical interior locks. A boxed cornice stretches across at eave level.

The west gable end is basically plain with 2 four pane attic sash that flank the interior end brick stove stack. The end eaves extend with short returns.

The north side is basically the same as the main facade with the exception of only one door in the eastern central bay and no shed porch. All the 6/6 sash remain with plain trim.

The east end is totally covered with the addition but a stove stack does protrude out of the east gable end of the main block.

The east end addition is primarily the same as the main block with 6/6 sash and extended eaves.

The interior of the main block was not entered directly but two rooms are visible of the first floor with a winder stair and closet in the northeastern corner and enclosed with beaded boards. A plain mantel shelf is found over the fireplace opening. The western room mantel however, has elaborate applied ornament on side pilasters, and the central frieze. There is a thick and slightly molded mantel shelf.

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# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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## PERIOD

- PREHISTORIC
- 1400-1499
- 1500-1599
- 1600-1699
- 1700-1799
- 1800-1899
- 1900-

- ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC
- ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC
- AGRICULTURE
- ARCHITECTURE
- ART
- COMMERCE
- COMMUNICATIONS

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

- COMMUNITY PLANNING
- CONSERVATION
- ECONOMICS
- EDUCATION
- ENGINEERING
- EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT
- INDUSTRY
- INVENTION

- LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE
- LAW
- LITERATURE
- MILITARY
- MUSIC
- PHILOSOPHY
- POLITICS/GOVERNMENT

- RELIGION
- SCIENCE
- SCULPTURE
- SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
- THEATER
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER (SPECIFY)

## SPECIFIC DATES

## BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Davis Tenant House is not particularly significant architecturally since it is a rather plain structure with expected interior detail. The exact construction sequence could not be determined ~~directly~~ with an exterior investigation but ~~it~~ is not particularly important. The house seems to have been part of J.W. Davis's Land Holdings in 1877, *WHO OWNED NEARBY FARMS*  
*KNOWLEDGE - CE -*

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# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paul B. Touart Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Cecil County Committee

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

DATE

10-16-79

TELEPHONE

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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.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

Cecilton, MO.  
Quarry

4365  
4364  
25'  
4363  
4361  
4359

SASSAFRAS

BIDDLE

NE

Cecilton  
(BM 79)

APPROX

BDY

BM 75

BDY

APPROX

570 000 FEET  
(M.D.)

BM 68

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WARD

BUDD LANDING ROAD

39°22'30"

75°52'30"

425

1 120 000 FEET (M.D.)

426

427

428 50'



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NR

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