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S-37 1802
Davis Farm
Princess Anne vicinity
private

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).

Survey No. S-37

Magi No. 2000375335

DOE __yes __no

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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street & number End of Farm Lane off Stewart Neck Road ___ not for publication

city, town Princess Anne x vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

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	x yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	x being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	___ not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ 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 liber 226

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 x 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
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	_x_ original site
_x_ good	___ ruins	_x_ 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.

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

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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 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-centruy 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

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
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Paul Touart - Architectural Historian

organization Somerset County Historical Trust date 6/24/86

street & number 424 N. Somerset Avenue telephone 651-0077

city or town Princess Anne state MD 21853

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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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.

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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 Henry L.D. Stanford --- Trustees
	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 William S. Waters ----- Trustees
	to
1/11/1854	Isaac Pusey John W. Davis Aden Davis ----- Complainants
	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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Form 10-445 (5/62)

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

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 theleft 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.

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.

5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior

Added to but well maintained.

6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)

7. PHOTOGRAPH

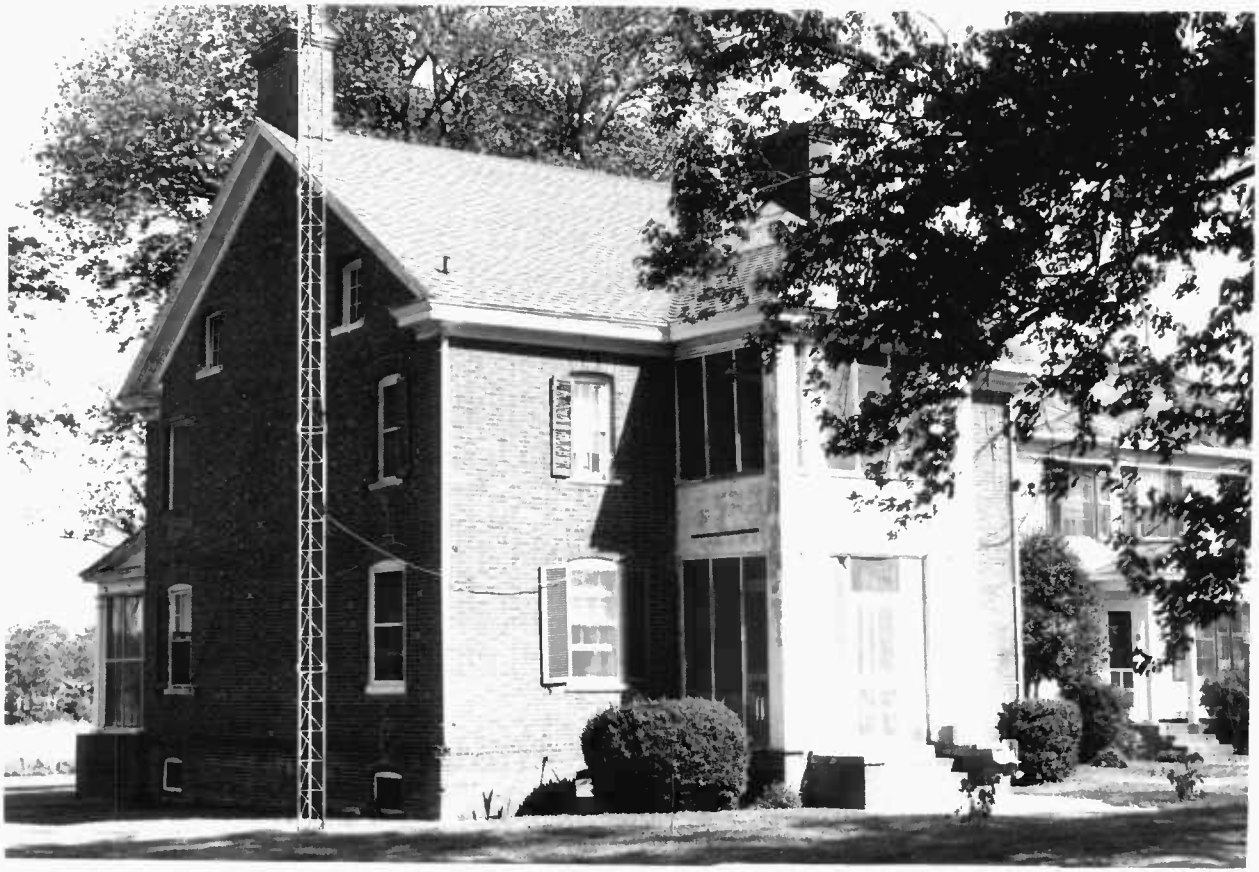
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages)
INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.

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 S-37
(Arbor Acres)
Princess Anne, Somerset Co., Md.
Southeast Elevation
5/86, Paul Touart, Photographer
Neg./Md. Historical Trust



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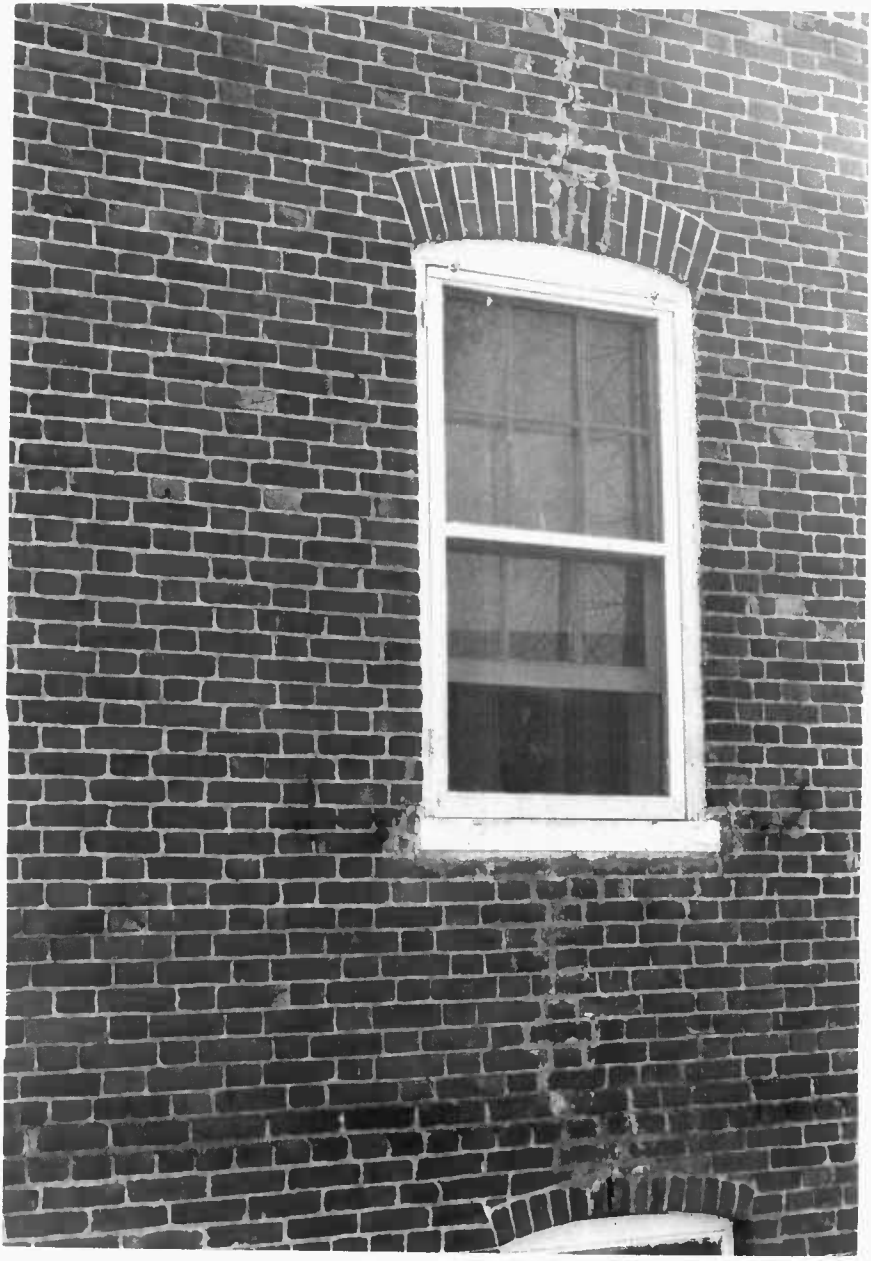

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Window-South Gable End
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Cedar Lane Farm
Somerset

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