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WRITTEN DESCRIPTIVE AND HISTORICAL INFORMATION

ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE MARYLAND	COUNTY ANNE ARUNDEL	TOWN OR VICINITY ANNAPOLIS
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Davis House		HABS NO. MD-258
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE (Tydings House) (Charles Carroll, the Barrister, House) (Blue Bell Tavern)		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) King George Street (moved from Main and Conduit)		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) c.1722(Deering Davis, Annapolis Houses, 1700-1775)	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE)	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE)		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Colonial		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) The foundations (modern) are of brick, approximately 2 feet high. The side walls are frame with clapboards and the end walls are brick. The framing is of heavy timber; first floor joists are 3"x7"		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) The house is two and one-half stories high, is T-shaped in plan and measures approximately 16'x42' (main bar of house) and 16'x28' (ell). Plans of the first and second floors are		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE similar: two rooms of unequal size in front and a stair hall and one room in the ell. A gable roof of slate and simple wooden cornice.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) First floor; 1) Front southeast room: All four walls have a paneled wood wainscot and tall wooden panels above. The paneling is molded, with raised fields. A wooden cornice consists of cyma reversa, ovolo, corona, cyma reversa and cyma recta. The base (cont'd on page 2)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES 1957 moved to this site from Main and Conduit Streets		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE St. John's College, Offices		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Built by Dr. Charles Carroll and birthplace of his son Charles Carroll, the Barrister, noted lawyer and patriot, who may have been the author of the Maryland Declaration of Rights, Nov. 3, 1776.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Papenfuse, Edward. (ed.) Maryland, A New Guide To The Old Line State, Balt: Johns Hopkins U. Press, 1976, p335.		
COMPILER, AFFILIATION Eleni Silverman, HABS, Historian and Harley McKee, Architect N.P.S. (report made 8/64)		DATE 3/16/84

INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (CONT'D):

is plain. The dado rail is a characteristic bolection molding. The chimney projects into the room. The fireplace opening has a segmental arch with two $\frac{1}{2}$ "x2" wrought iron straps under the intrados. Except for a brick surround about 2" wide, the remainder of the chimney piece is wooden. A wide corner bead follows the shape of the opening. A large panel is set into the over-mantel.

2) Front northwest room: The walls are plaster, with a wide wooden base, dado rail, and small cornice. Two framing posts project from the wall and are cased. A small molded strip marks one joint between brick and frame walls. The fireplace opening is like that of the southeast room, except that there are no iron straps. It is framed with a similar bead and fascia, beyond which is an architrave molding of a rather complex profile. Above the architrave, stepping in at each side, are a frieze, and a cornice without a soffit. Over the mantel are two panels.

3) Room in the ell: This room has plaster walls above a wide, simple base. The projecting fireplace has a larger opening than those of the other first floor rooms. There are iron straps at the intrados of the arch. The heavy mantel shelf and brackets appear to have been added at a late date. The door and window openings have architrave trim. A cabinet in the north corner is triangular: its upper section has a fluted Doric pilaster at each side, spanned by a high segmental arch with molded archivolts and ornamental key block. A decorative motif resembling a stair bracket fills each spandrel. Outside the pilastered arch is a pair of glazed doors hung on wrought-iron HL hinges. The lower section contains a pair of doors with molded panels, raised fields, and HL hinges.

Second floor:

1) Front southeast room: The walls are plastered above a high, plain wooden base. The gabled end wall is paneled wainscot with tall panels above the wainscoting and a small cornice. The fireplace opening has a segmental arch, a brick surround, and a wooden architrave. On each side of the fireplace is a shallow closet with a double door. Each closet has a hook strip with wooden pegs mounted on the unplastered brick inner wall.

2) Front northeast room: This room is similar to the room below it, but is simpler in that it has no cornice and the fireplace is very plain.

3) Room in the ell: The decorative trim is similar to that in the front northeast room, except for the paneling on the chimney breast. The fireplace opening has a segmental arch, with a brick surround, a wooden architrave and wooden spandrels. The surface above the trim has two tiers of wooden panels, three panels in each.

Attic:

The space under the roof is finished with plain plaster walls and ceiling. The bases of the wall are wooden, 6' high, and beaded at the upper edge. The doors are modern and have a wooden architrave trim. Two partitions in the front section are of vertical board paneling; the boards are 11" to 13" wide with a narrow bead at the joints.