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This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuation sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

1. Name of Property

historic name 116 West Davis Boulevard  
other names/site number N/A / 8 Hi 724

2. Location

street & number 116 West Davis Boulevard N/A  not for publication  
city, town Tampa N/A  vicinity  
state Florida code FL county Hillborough code 057 zip code 33606

3. Classification

Ownership of Property	Category of Property	Number of Resources within Property	
		Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> public-local	<input type="checkbox"/> district	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> public-State	<input type="checkbox"/> site	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> public-Federal	<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<u>    </u>	<u>    </u> objects
	<input type="checkbox"/> object	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing: Mediterranean Revival Style Buildings of Davis Islands Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

*[Signature]* June 16, 1989  
Signature of certifying official Date  
State Historic Preservation Officer  
State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

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Signature of commenting or other official Date  
\_\_\_\_\_  
State or Federal agency and bureau

5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register.  See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register.  See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:)

*[Signature]* Entered in the National Register 8/3/89  
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Signature of the Keeper Date of Action

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**6. Function or Use**

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Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Single Dwelling

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Current Functions (enter categories from instructions)

Domestic/Single Dwelling

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**7. Description**

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Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

Mediterranean Revival

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Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation Concretewalls Hollow Clay TileStuccoroof Terra Cottaother Concrete: ReliefworkMetal: Balcony

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Describe present and historic physical appearance.

See Continuation Sheet

**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally  statewide  locally

Applicable National Register Criteria  A  B  C  D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Period of Significance

1925-1932

Significant Dates

1925

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Adams, Franklin O., Jr.

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

See Continuation Sheet

See continuation sheet

**9. Major Bibliographical References**

City of Tampa. Division of Inspectional Services. Building Permit Ledgers, 1925-1932, Permit #26986

Polk's Tampa City Directory. New York, R.L. Polk Publishing Co., 1925-1986.

Sanborn Insurance Maps of Tampa, Florida. New York, Sanborn Map Co., 1915-1931.

Tampa Tribune 23 May 1926.

N/A  See continuation sheet

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository: \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographical Data**

Acreeage of property Less than one

UTM References

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Zone				Easting				Northing						

B 

Zone				Easting				Northing						

C 

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D 

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N/A  See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

Lots 22 & 23, Block 17, Bay Circle Section of Davis Islands

N/A  See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

All of the historic elements of this property are confined to the above described boundaries.

N/A  See continuation sheet

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Continuation SheetSection number 7 Page 1Description

The house at 116 West Davis Boulevard is a two-story, irregular plan house constructed of stuccoed hollow tile. It rests on a continuous poured concrete foundation and sits on two corner lots landscaped with a variety of mature tropical trees, shrubs, and other plantings. A staggered chimney stack and Baroque cast stone main entrance frontispiece with a wrought iron balcony above dominates the north half of the principal elevation of the house. The house is covered by a low pitched gable roof with narrow eaves that is surfaced with clay tile.

The fenestration of the structure is irregular and sparse on the east elevation. A focal group of three French doors with fanlight transoms and cast stone pilasters are the principal openings. A secondary south wing, like the remaining elevations, makes more extensive use of windows and is fitted with its original wood casements. Fine, if limited, detailing distinguished the house from its smaller immediate neighbors. The main entrance features a refined sculptured recess, with a paneled cypress door and a correspondingly shaped screen door. The north elevation is equally elaborated with a stair tower and windows framed in Moorish frontons.

Tiles, both embossed and colorfully glazed, and wrought iron details embellish the house both inside and out. Window grills, balconies, gates, and stair balusters incorporate flat scrolls and full relief spirals. In the garden, a hexagonal fountain and wall shelf are covered in glazed tiles, while inside the house, matte finish embossed squares of tile border the stairs, the entry hall, and the solarium floor. Few alterations have been made to the exterior or interior of the house. The dining room, breakfast room, kitchen, and butler's pantry occupy the north half of the house, while a bedroom, bath, and solarium are located in the south portion. To the west of the central living room, a vaulted loggia once served as an exterior passage between the two areas. The present owner enlarged and enclosed the loggia in 1980. This constitutes the only significant alteration to the house.

As in many of the larger houses on Davis Islands, a monumental fireplace in cast stone dominates the living room, and French doors provide access to the exterior on three of the four elevations. A two-story garage apartment of stuccoed hollow tile contributes to the site. Access to the apartment is gained by a partially roofed staircase.

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Statement of Significance

This large residence is architecturally significant for demonstrating the great variety of architectural types and details within the Mediterranean Revival vocabulary employed within the context of the development of Davis Islands. Like the other major architects who contributed to the original building fabric of the subdivision, Tampa architect Franklin O. Adams, Jr created an eclectic and romantic vision of the Mediterranean villa rather than employing historically correct architectural forms.

The building permit for this \$40,000 residence on Lots 22 and 23 in Block 17 of the development's Bay Circle Section was issued to D.P. Davis in August, 1925. At that time Davis was living at 32 Aegean Avenue across from the project's sales headquarters and administration building. Construction took less than a year, and the home appeared as complete in the April, 1926, edition of the Sanborn Maps. The Tampa Tribune reported the house ready for occupancy in a May 23, 1926 article. By that time Davis had moved from the house at 32 Aegean Avenue to the one at 116 West Davis Boulevard. He vacated the residence after selling his interest in the subdivision to Stone and Webster, and it is fairly clear that he never intended to make the house his permanent home.

After Davis was lost at sea on his voyage to Europe in October, 1926, the house became the residence of Howard Philbrook, president of Davis Islands, Inc., the post boom successor to D.P. Davis Properties, Inc. Philbrook's tenancy was short lived as well. In 1930 Augustus van Epoel purchased the house and he and his family lived there until 1947. The house had a number of tenants until 1973 when it was purchased by its present inhabitant.

Photographs

1. 116 West Davis Boulevard, Mediterranean Revival Style Buildings of Davis Islands
2. Tampa (Hillsborough County), Florida
3. Donna Hole
4. 1988
5. Historic Tampa/Hillsborough County Preservation Board
6. East Elevation, Looking West
7. Photo No. 1 of 2

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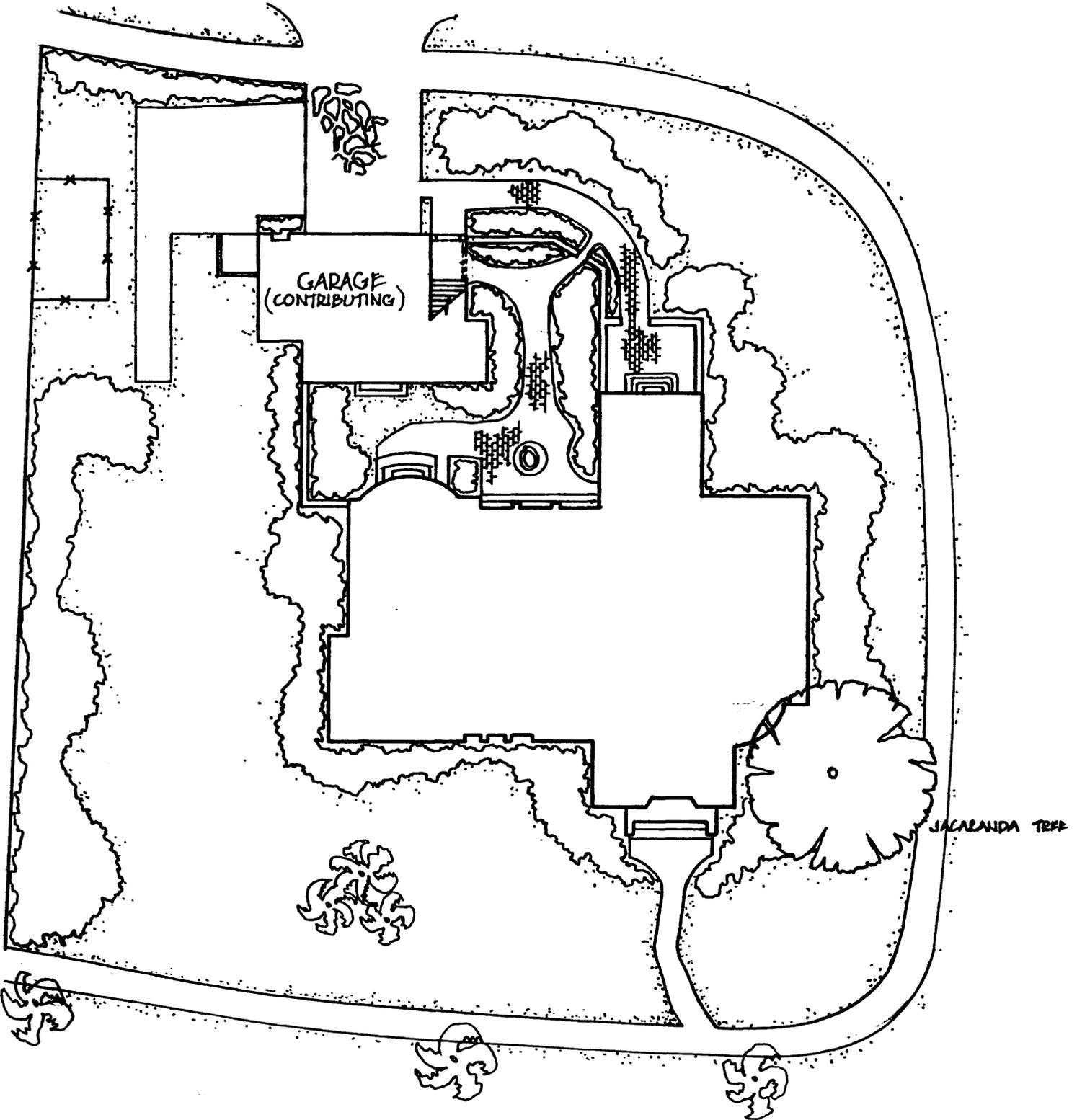
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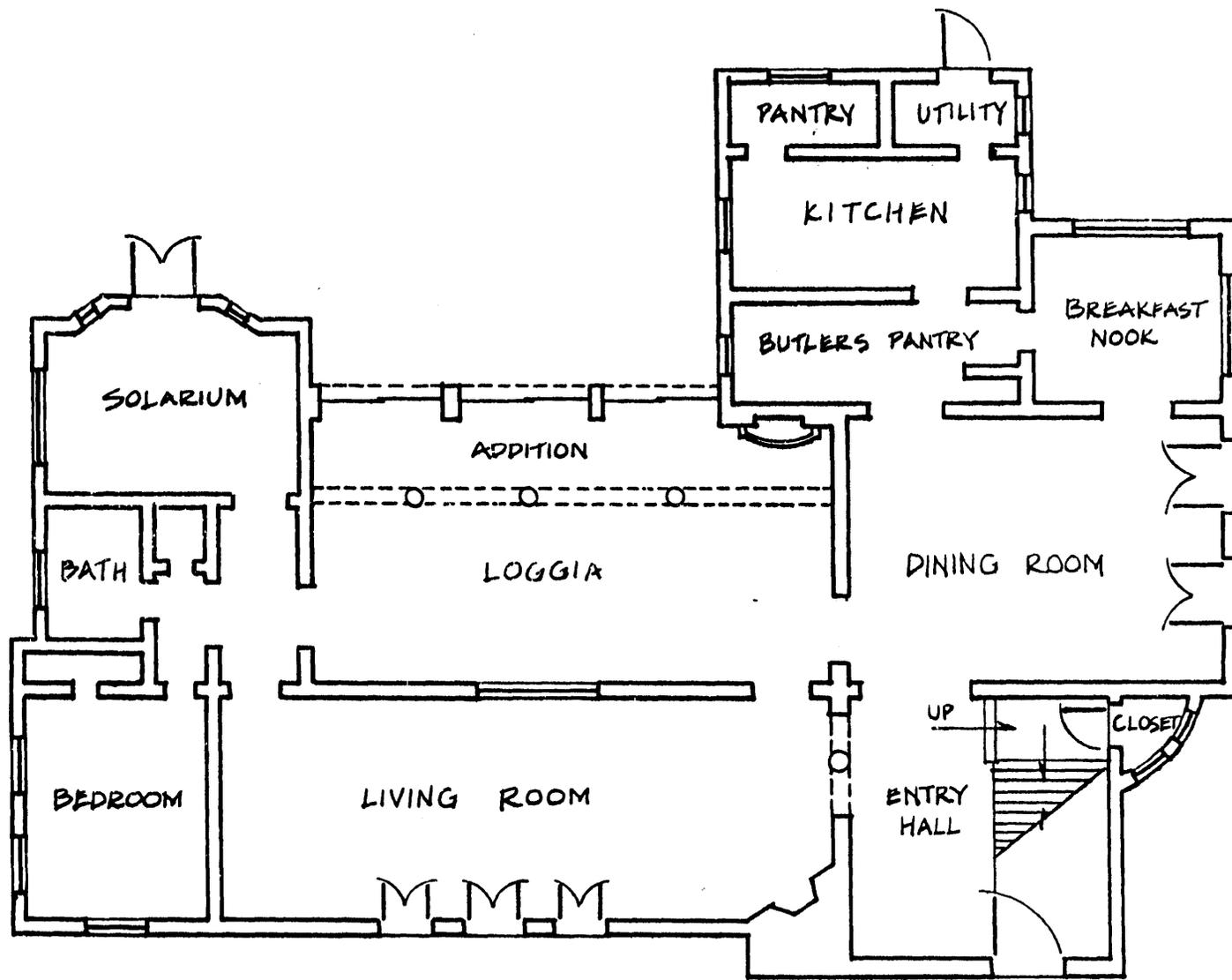
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6. Garage, West Elevation, Looking East

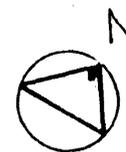


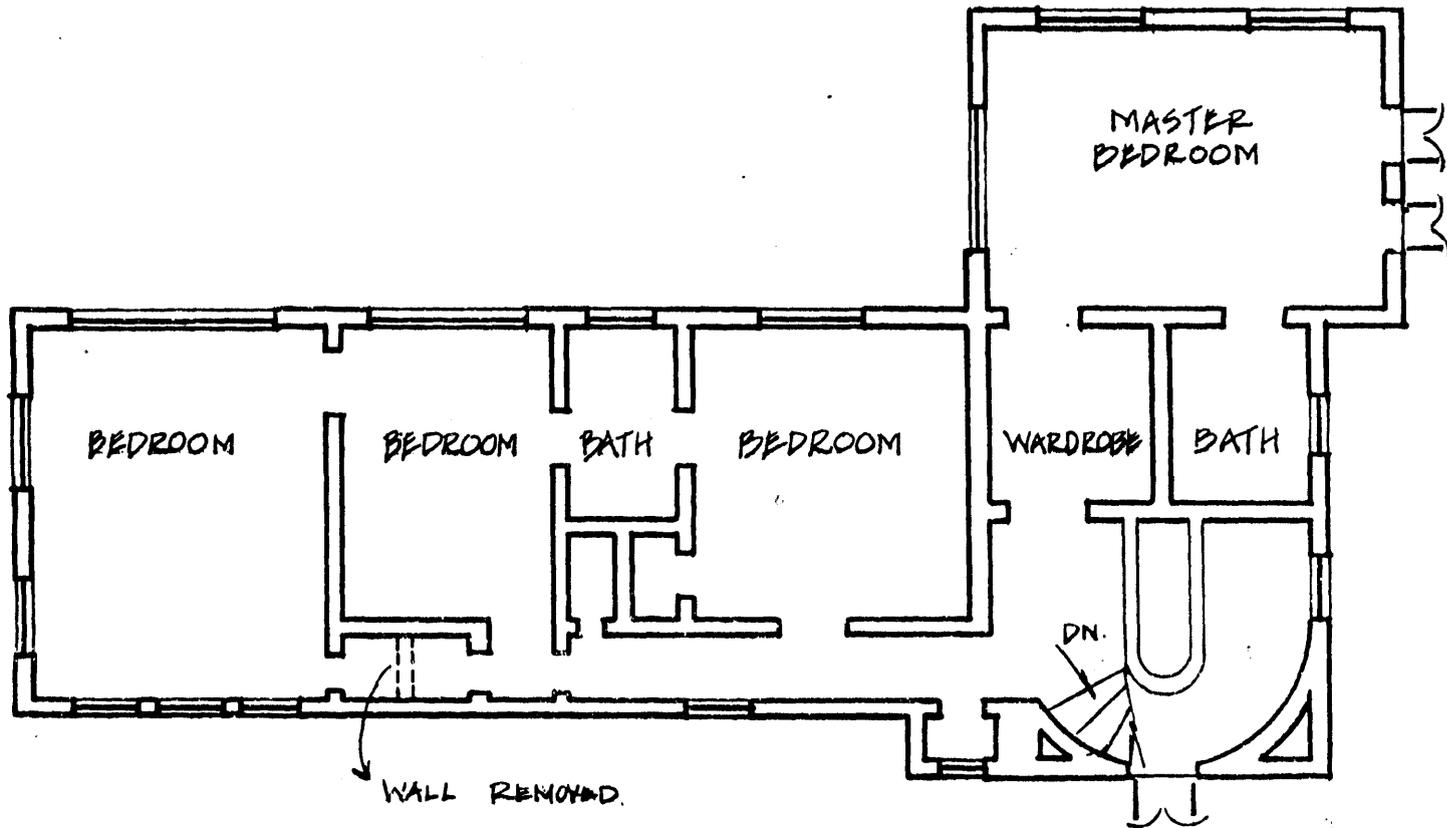
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 NOT TO SCALE





116 W. DAVIS BOULEVARD : SECOND FLOOR PLAN  
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