

STATE:
Kentucky

COUNTY:
Johnson

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ENTRY DATE
OCT 9 1974

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

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1. NAME

COMMON:
Daniel, Davis, Home

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Same

2. LOCATION

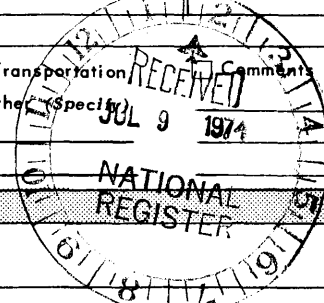
STREET AND NUMBER: **NW**
Two miles west of Paintsville on U.S. Highway 460

CITY OR TOWN: **Near Paintsville vicinity** CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: **07**

STATE: **Kentucky** CODE: **021** COUNTY: **Johnson** CODE: **115**

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)



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4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Mrs. Harry Davis

STREET AND NUMBER:
Two miles west of Paintsville on U. S. Highway 460

CITY OR TOWN: **Paintsville** STATE: **Kentucky** CODE: **021**

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Deed - Johnson County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
Court Street

CITY OR TOWN: **Paintsville** STATE: **Kentucky** CODE: **021**

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky

DATE OF SURVEY: **1971** Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Kentucky Heritage Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:
401 Wapping Street

CITY OR TOWN: **Frankfort** STATE: **Kentucky** CODE: **021**

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

(Check One)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
		<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
(Check One)		(Check One)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Altered		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is built on a modified "T" plan and has two and one-half stories. The delicate rhythm of the lathe-turned railing and spindles of the many porches relieve the austerity of the bare red-brick walls broken only by the smooth stone lintels and sills. The walls are topped by a corbelled cornice which is returned under the gable with its latticework infill over the upper story's triple windows. The roof has metal shingles. The overall effect of the exterior is one of austere rectitude.

The main entrance, living room, parlor and stairway front the west side and face the Jennie's Creek Road which goes off to the south of U.S. 460.

The stem of the "T" extending easterly from the above-mentioned portion contains two kitchens and the dining room. There is one large fireplace in each of the ten 15' x 18' rooms, with a total of four chimneys. Ceilings are ten feet high, walls are wainscot of three feet high with the upper seven feet plaster. Woodwork is dark oak.

The Davis house has a commanding location on a hillside. For years it was the first large brick house seen by travelers approaching Paintsville.



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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) **1888**

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Daniel Davis House is located on ground where a Civil War battle occurred. On January 7, 1862, Colonel James D. Garfield sent his union troops to displace the Confederate Cavalry who were stationed at the mouth of Jennie's Creek. The Confederates retreated in defeat. This skirmish was a prelude to the January 10, 1862, Battle of Middle Creek.

Daniel Davis first occupied the house that was built on this site on April 6, 1889.

The Daniel Davis Home was the equivalent of a community center from its occupancy in 1889 until the death of its owner in 1919. The builder, Daniel Davis (1844-1919), was a large landowner, an operator of a tannery and shoe factory, a leading merchant and banker--serving as the first and only President of the Paintsville National Bank (now the First National Bank) from 1902 until his death. Davis was also the producer and manufacturer of tobacco.

The Davis House was a community center largely owing to its location on a widely traveled route. It served as commercial, cultural, political, news, and information center because of the traffic movement from Jennie's Creek and Paint Creek to other parts of the state and region.

Davis was also active in political affairs and although he never ran for an office, he was an important figure in the power structure of the Republican Party in eastern Kentucky. He served many times as a delegate to Republican National Conventions.

Although not elaborate by the standards of many communities, the house itself has a severe dignity that, combined with the prominent site, makes it outstanding among the "Mountain Mansions" of Eastern Kentucky.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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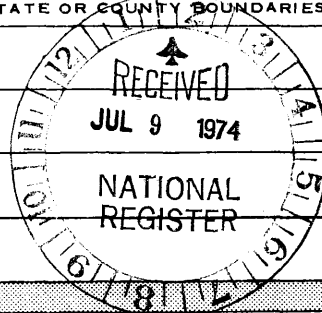
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 5 acres

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 AND TITLE:
Edward R. Hazelett

ORGANIZATION: **Johnson County Historical Society** DATE: **12/3/73**

STREET AND NUMBER:
1215 Stafford Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: **Paintsville** STATE: **Kentucky** CODE: **021**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Edward W. Hazelett

Title State Liaison Officer

Date 7-3-74

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

A. P. Worsham
 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date 10/9/74

ATTEST:

Charles O. Humphreys
 Keeper of The National Register

Date 10.8.74

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