

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

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: West Virginia	
COUNTY: Randolph	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 70.9.47.0013	DATE 9/17

1. NAME

COMMON:
Graceland

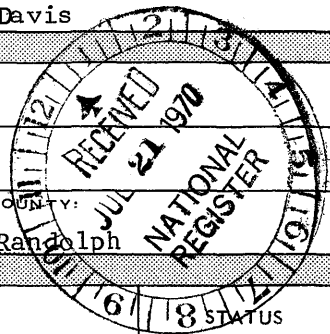
AND/OR HISTORIC:
Mansion of Senator Henry Gassaway Davis

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Davis & Elkins College

CITY OR TOWN:
Elkins

STATE: West Virginia CODE: 47 COUNTY: Randolph CODE: 083



3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
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 type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <u>College dormitory but will be unoccupied pending restoration.</u>

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
Davis and Elkins College board of Trustees

STREET AND NUMBER:
Davis and Elkins College

CITY OR TOWN: Elkins STATE: West Virginia CODE: 26241 47

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Randolph County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:
Randolph Street

CITY OR TOWN: Elkins STATE: West Virginia CODE: 47

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Graceland Hall is constructed of West Virginia granite, in Norman French style, with many of West Virginia's native timbers used throughout the inside.

Stonework, used even in the towering chimneys, gives the building an appearance of great strength and solidity. Windows were made by a workman from Tiffany's.

A dominant feature on the first floor is a tiled fireplace surmounted by a wooden mantle held up by wooden Corinthian columns. The staircase harmonizes in style with the fireplace. A feature in the library is a Biblical scene depicted in Dutch tiles.

The interior is basically unchanged except for modern lighting and heating facilities and the furniture and interior decor. The building is essentially the same as it was when occupied by Senator Davis.

A few of the original pieces of furniture are retained, with the possibility of many more being returned to Graceland by Mrs. Bruce Lee Kennedy, contingent upon certain plans for the future use of the building.

A stone gatehouse with simple, attractive style complemented the house, but it was recently dismantled to widen a road.

Graceland and Halliehurst are further described in a recent issue of the Preservation News, organ of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

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1. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1892

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Graceland Hall was built at Elkins, West Virginia, around the beginning of the present century by U. S. Senator Henry Gassaway Davis (1823-1916). It was first occupied by the Senator in 1892.

On the national scene, Davis is best known as the Democratic candidate for Vice-President of the United States in 1904, at the age of 80, when he and Parker were defeated by Roosevelt and Fairbanks.

Davis' second claim to fame was his status as United States Senator from 1871 to 1883. In this undertaking he was doubtless motivated by the example of his cousin, Senator Arthur P. Gorman, long a dominant figure in Maryland Democratic politics.

Born in Baltimore, 1823, he began life as a working man and served as brakeman, conductor, and station agent on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, an association which doubtless led to his life-long interest in railroads. With capital accumulated during Civil War days, he began construction of a network of railroads in northern, central, and eastern West Virginia, thus being more than anyone else responsible for the coal and lumber industries of this part of the State. With his son-in-law, Stephen B. Elkins, he started the development of western Maryland and eastern West Virginia by the extension of the West Virginia Central and Pittsburgh Railway to Elkins which it reached in 1889. In 1902 this became the Western Maryland Railroad when they sold it to the Gould interests. Davis' success as a railroad builder was recognized by his appointment in 1890 to membership on the Intercontinental Railway Commission and soon thereafter to the chairmanship of the Pan-American Railway Committee.

Davis is considered to be co-founder with Elkins of the City of Elkins and Davis and Elkins College, being on the original board of trustees.

Graceland Hall enjoyed the visits of many prominent national figures in the days when this type of entertainment was popular. It now serves as a residence hall for 40 students, but this occupancy will be terminated with completion of residence halls now under construction.

Davis' daughter Hallie is perhaps the only woman who was the mother, wife, and daughter of a United States Senator. She married Senator Elkins, who served as Secretary of War, while her son Davis served a brief term in the Senate also. She donated her home, Halliehurst, next door to Graceland, to form the nucleus of a new campus for Davis and Elkins College.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

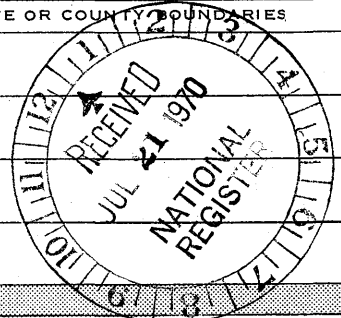
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1

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: Clifford M. Lewis, S.J., acting for State Liaison Officer

ORGANIZATION: West Virginia Antiquities Commission DATE: July 8, 1970

STREET AND NUMBER: Old Mountain Lair, Room 39, WVU, Morgantown, W. Va.

CITY OR TOWN: Morgantown STATE: West Virginia CODE: 47

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 Clifford M. Lewis, S.J.

Title Acting for State Liaison Officer

Date July 8, 1970

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

Ernest Allen Crumley
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date SEP 17 1970

ATTEST:

William J. Sturtevant
 Keeper of The National Register

Date AUG 19 1970

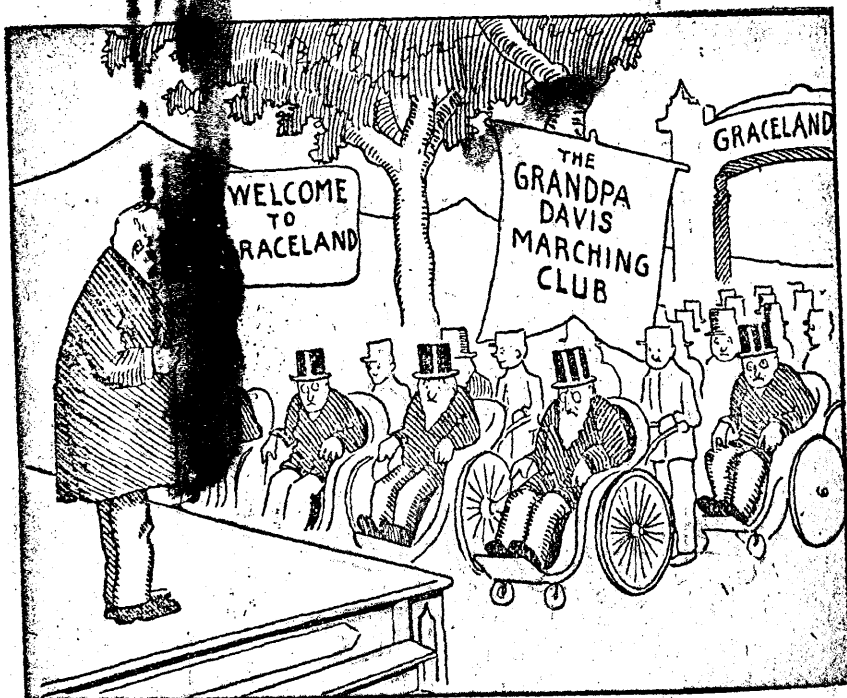
The Democrats have in Mr. Davis, *Mr. Davis, of West Virginia.* of West Virginia, a candidate for the Vice-Presidency who also possesses an agreeable and interesting personality. Mr. Davis is now an octogenarian, but of rugged strength and self-reliant qualities. He is one of the self-made business men that constitute a typically American class. He is a cousin of Senator Gorman, the Democratic leader of Maryland, and is the father-in-law of a prominent Republican Senator, Mr. Elkins, of West Virginia, who was considerably talked of for the second place on the Chicago ticket. Mr. Davis has been long identified, in his business affairs, with his prosperous son-in-law and a group of well-known men, some of them Republicans and some of them Democrats, and it might be rather hard to make shrewd and closely observant men in this country believe that there is any real difference of opinion among the members of this successful group,—whether known as

Newspaper clippings reflecting Davis' candidacy for vice-president of the United States.

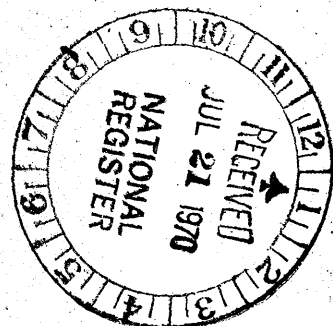
The cartoon on this page refers to constituents' visits to Graceland.

The photograph on the last page shows the relation of Graceland to Halliehurst, Senator Elkins' home, at an early date.

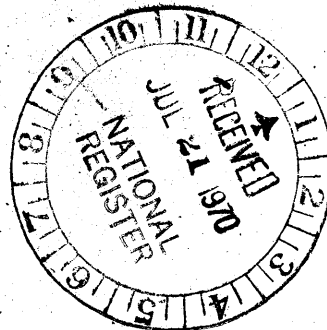
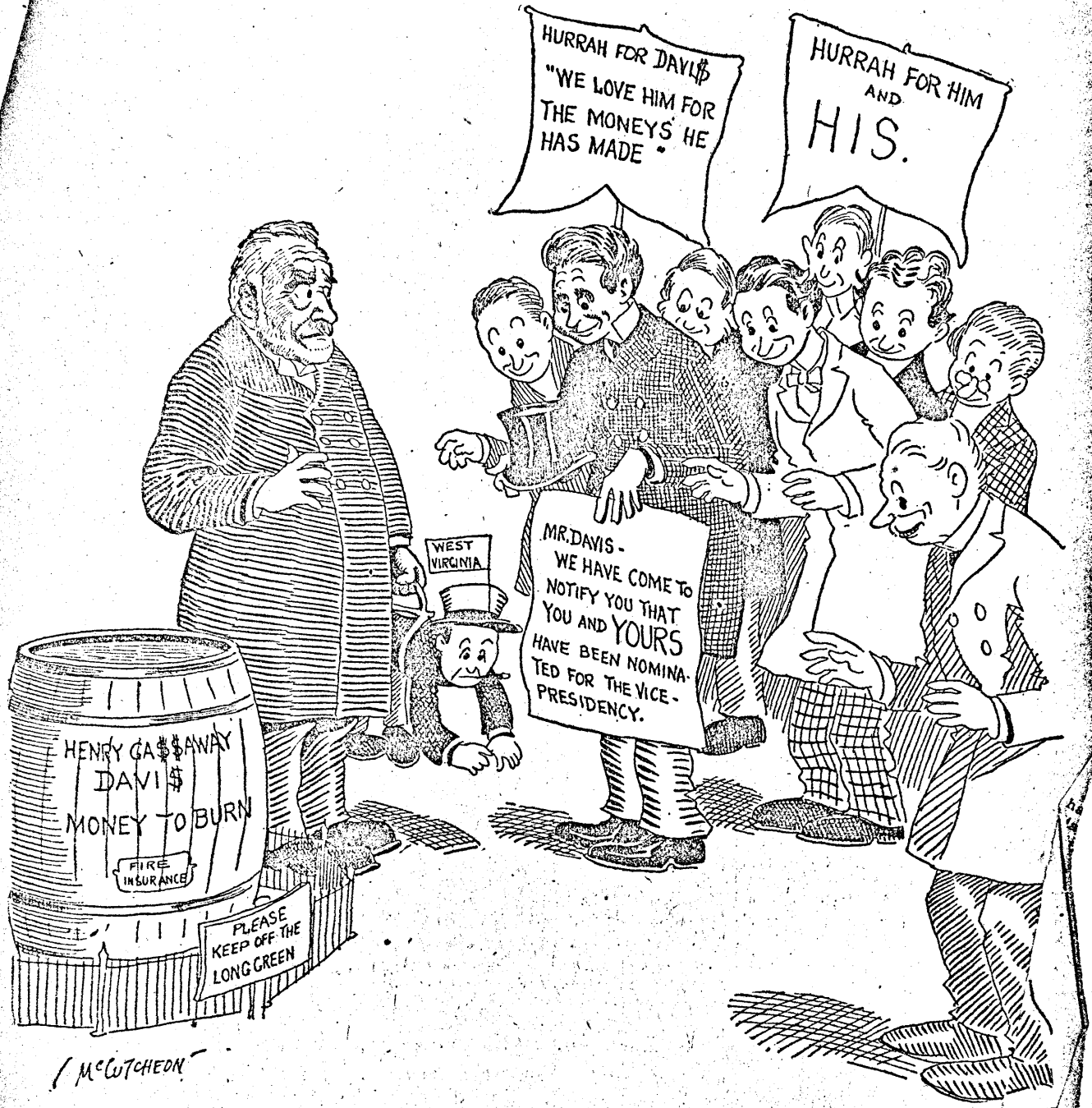
CAMPAIGN OF GRANDPA DAVIS.



He welcomes a delegation of constituents. —Chicago Tribune.



THEY ARE GOING TO NOTIFY MR. DAVIS TODAY.



WAITING TO BE NOTIFIED.

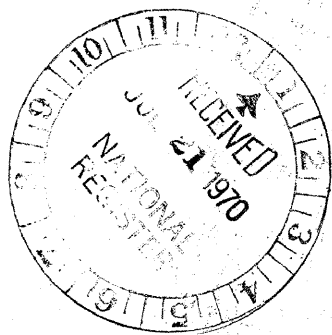


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WAITING FOR THE WHISTLE TO BLOW.

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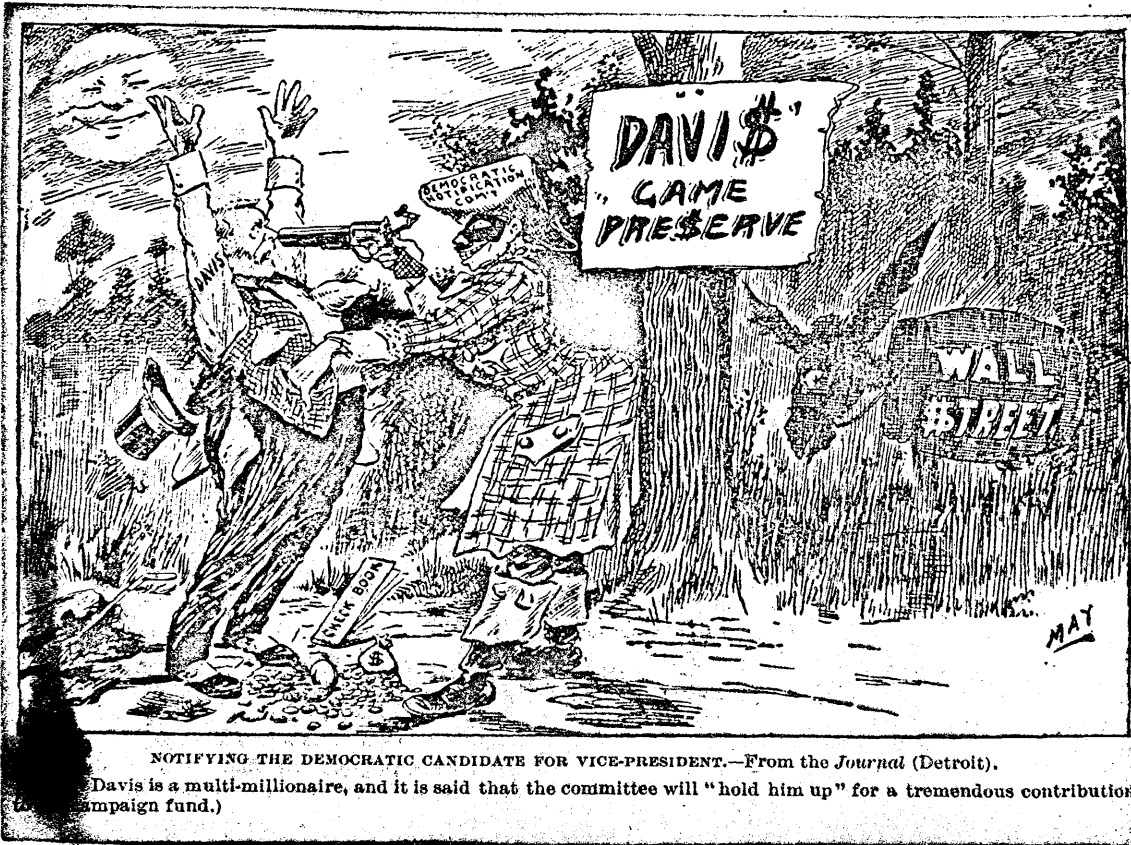




Ex-Senator Henry G. Davis' residence.

Senator Stephen B. Elkins' residence.

WHERE TWO WEST VIRGINIA STATESMEN AND MAGNATES DWELL TOGETHER IN AMITY.



NOTIFYING THE DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR VICE-PRESIDENT.—From the *Journal* (Detroit).

Davis is a multi-millionaire, and it is said that the committee will "hold him up" for a tremendous contribution (campaign fund.)