

**DATA SHEET**

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

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Langston-Daniel House

AND/OR COMMON  
Amaziah Daniel Place

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Athens-Lexington Highway (U.S. 78)

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN (5 mi. w. of Crawford)

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Arnoldsville

X VICINITY OF

10th - Robert G. Stephens, Jr.

STATE

CODE

COUNTY

CODE

Georgia

13

Oglethorpe

221

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
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			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Mrs. Hugh H. Hardin

STREET & NUMBER

P.O. Box 390 (500 S. Lee St.)

CITY, TOWN

Forsyth

VICINITY OF

STATE

Georgia 31029

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Oglethorpe County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Lexington

STATE

Georgia 30648

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE Historic American Buildings Survey. Listed as Daniel House, vicinity of Arnoldsville.

DATE

1936

X FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

Library of Congress

CITY, TOWN

Washington

STATE

D.C.

## 7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Plan. The house faces south. It is sited well back from U.S. 78, perhaps 300 feet, on the north side. It has two stories, an attic with full length window at each end, and a basement with low windows. There are two interior chimneys at each end. Each floor has four rooms and broad central hall. In addition to the front stair, there is a stair from the right rear room to the room above, a very narrow stair from the left rear room to the attic, and formerly a stair to the basement, now disused, below the main stair. The halls had a door at each end, once opening onto porticos at both levels, it seems; but the downstairs back door is now blocked by a bathroom and the upper one nailed shut since that portico is gone. In addition, there is a door from the large east room onto the side porch and originally, the left rear room, which was the dining room, had an outside door too. This door too is now blocked and a new back door was cut at a window opening in the right rear room when it was made the third and present kitchen.

The left, or west, front room was the parlor and as noted, the room behind it, the original dining room, according to local tradition, though small for such use. The original detached kitchen must have been on that side of the yard and a later kitchen was built close to the house also behind that room. The east front room was apparently a bedroom.

The rooms are of unequal size, the front rooms being much larger than the rear rooms and the west rooms slightly larger than the east.

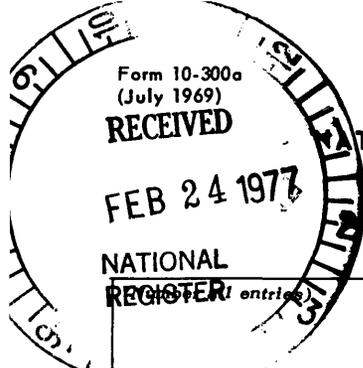
Ceilings are 11' high downstairs, 10' upstairs. Exterior walls are about 15" thick, interior about 12". However, the partition between the east rooms upstairs is of vertical boards instead of brick.

Replacing the original detached kitchen, a frame kitchen with pantry was built a couple of yards behind the house on the west end, probably in the late 19th c., to judge from the woodwork. It seems that a rear two-story portico was torn away and replaced by a one-story veranda running the full length of the house with an ell along the side of the kitchen. Thus covered passages ran from the kitchen to the dining room (as perhaps also with the original kitchen.) A well with concrete casting is on the porch near the second kitchen, and the other end of the porch has been made into a utility room.

The basement has three rooms with headspace, all plastered and floored in brick, one with a fireplace. The other chimney stacks are supported by brick arches. There is an outside entrance on the west side.

Exterior. Old trees surround the house. It is of brick and forms a deep rectangle since it has a double range of rooms. The gable roof is bounded by a parapet at each end which continues between the chimneys. The brick is laid in Flemish bond on the facade only, American bond elsewhere. The east end is stuccoed above the side porch. Front and end windows are 9 over 9 lights downstairs, 9 over 6 upstairs; but there the rear windows are slightly shorter and wider, having 12 over 12 smaller lights. The house once had blinds. Window openings

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Description

have flat brick arches.

The present central two-story front portico with hip roof presents a mid-19th c. appearance, with large, square, hollow columns in Greek Revival mode, further altered by brick bases. However, the portico preserves its original cornice, and appears to be original save for pillars, balustrade and floor. The original pilasters have survived beside the doors, and are slender, square and tapered. The upper pair are slenderer than the lower pair, a nice refinement. The side porch has round pillars, whether original is unknown, and the back porch has chamfered posts, late 19th c.

The front door and the door above it both have 10 sidelights on each side, but no transom lights, while the two rear hall doors have transom lights instead.

The wooden cornice has a mousetooth design where one would expect dentils.

Two outbuildings survive, a frame smokehouse and a small barn of hewn logs.

Interior. Walls are plastered to the baseboard, though there is a chair rail, height 30-31 1/2". All doors are six-paneled; one side is completely flush, with beaded stiles; the other, "good" side has recessed flat panels and applied molding nailed to the stiles. The original doorknobs and locks have been replaced. The stair is very simple: no decoration on the string, square post with cap, large round banister rail over pickets. The mantels in most rooms are of handsome but simple Federal design with fluted pilasters, but the parlor mantel has three sunbursts and a row of uneven "teeth" under the mantelshelf. The mantels, of much finer workmanship than the rest of the woodwork, may have been bought ready made. Structurally the window sills are interesting, as they are of one piece with the chair rail. The reveals and door moldings are paneled in hall and parlor, plain elsewhere. There is a ceiling medallion of concrete circles in hall and parlor. Floors are original, of pine 5"-6" wide.

In the attic a sort of queen post arrangement is used to support the rafters because of the deep roof span.

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES Late 1820's

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Langston-Daniel House is seen daily by thousands since it fronts a major highway, U.S. 78. The motorist glimpses a handsome brick house with an air of great dignity and solidity. The house also occupies a special niche locally as the only old brick house in the county.

In addition to its local and touristic importance, the house possesses a two-fold architectural interest. First of all because, as noted, antebellum brick houses were always uncommon, especially in the country. The house is one of only three surviving brick houses from before 1830 in the area comprising Oglethorpe and all the surrounding counties, which have a period of settlement from the 1770's to the 1820's. Despite good Piedmont clay for bricks, such houses were rare due to the time lag in making and building with brick, and to the abundance of pine, a superlative building material which had to be cleared away in any case. Too, the size of the house--a double range of rooms--is unusual for a fairly early house.

The second point of interest lies in the rare use of a parapet at the gable ends and between the double chimneys. This feature, as much as its size, gives the house its monumental character. The style was popular in England in the 17th c. (not necessarily with end chimneys) and was used too in the colonies, but, according to Fiske Kimball, was already old-fashioned in the early 18th century. Its use in the 19th c. is highly archaic and illustrates an extreme time lag between high-style and more vernacular architecture. Of course, 18th c. examples survived into the 19th and even into our time, e.g., Massachusetts Hall at Harvard, the McPhedris house at Portsmouth, N.H. One wonders what model was in the mind of Langston, whose origins are so far unknown, or of his unknown mason. (A still later Georgia example is the White County courthouse.) A lesser anachronism is the use of Flemish bond in the facade, as earlier houses had already used American bond throughout.

The mousetooth detail in the cornice is a very folksy touch in an otherwise formal house. Perhaps the best features are the paneled reveals in the hall and parlor, the pilasters of the portico, and the generous dimensions of the doors, in keeping with the size of the rooms.

The house is dated c. 1805 by Nichols in The Early Architecture of Georgia and c. 1816-20 by Rodgers in The Housing of Oglethorpe County. The writer finds neither date supported by architectural nor documentary evidence, though the latter

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Kimball, Fiske, Domestic Architecture of the American Colonies and of the Early Republic, New York, 1966 (original edition 1922), pp. 83-84; pp. 39, 62.

Nichols, Frederick Doveton, Early Architecture of Georgia, Chapel Hill, 1957, p. 135.  
 Smith, Florrie C., History of Oglethorpe County, Georgia, Washington, Ga. 1973, p. 285.

Rodgers, Ava, Housing of Oglethorpe County, Georgia, 1790-1860, Tallahassee, 1971, p. 7

Mrs. Pearl (W.W.) Baker, Thomson, Georgia - Information on Langston Marriage.

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 191 Acres

E. 1 7 2 9 5 9 0 0 3 7 5 2 4 6 0

\* UTM REFERENCES - See map dated 12-27

F. 1 7 2 9 5 0 2 5 3 7 5 2 2 2 0

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## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

"all that tract. . . bounded North by the right of way of the Georgia Railroad and Banking Company, east by the right of way of the Georgia Railroad and Banking Company and lands of Mrs. W.M. Pope, south by lands of Mrs. A.M. Pope and west by lot no. 5 of the Mary E. Daniel lands and lands of T.H. Hawkings. . ."

(from deed book TT 581; also see XX 483.)

## 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

Mrs. Patricia Irvin Cooper, Researcher

August, 1976

ORGANIZATION

Historic Preservation Section, Dept. of Natural Resources

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Atlanta

STATE

Georgia 30334

# 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL X

STATE     

LOCAL     

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

DAVID M. SHERMAN

DATE

2-16-77

TITLE

Chief, Historic Preservation Section

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

ATTEST:

DATE

1-31-78

DATE

1-25-78

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Significance

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date is closer. The documentary material gives a broad span of between 1816 and 1829; the interior details fix the date late in this period, close to 1829.

The details which lead the writer to thus date the house are, first, the doors have applied molding on the edges of flat panels; in early houses (before c. 1820) the molding is planed on the stiles themselves, and the panels are thick and beveled. Second, in an early house we should expect a wooden dado below the chair rail, instead of plaster, as here. Third, the house has a ridgepole, whereas in early houses the rafters are halved and pegged together with no ridgepole. In sum, the house presents a very late Federal interior, consistent with its documentation, while the parapeted gable ends recall a style of much earlier times.

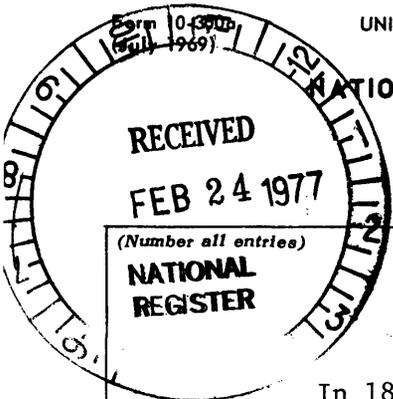
The chain of title follows. In 1816 David Langston of Columbia County bought 172 acres on the headwaters of Big Creek from Alexander Lester for \$1200 (Oglethorpe Co. deed book I 346.) The price shows an improved tract-frame house, outbuildings-but does not begin to represent the value of an eight-room brick house. In 1820, now living in Oglethorpe county, Langston bought another tract on the waters of Big Creek (L 148). In his will dated July 30, 1829 (probated in 1839), Langston leaves to his wife Martha "the two rooms below in the east end of the house" and 146 acres "called the old place" (Will Book D 58). (David Langston married Martha Pittman in Columbia Co. in 1791.) The only other beneficiaries named by Langston are his sons Etheldred and Isaac and his granddaughter Mary Francis Gildersleeve. The whole tract is to go to Etheldred upon his mother's death. A codicil adds that since Mary Francis has died, her portion is to be divided among the two sons.

"The two rooms below in the east end of the house" so exactly fit this four-rooms-over-four brick house that it seems certain Langston was referring to it. Thus the documentary time span of 1816-29.

Etheldred and Isaac both died a few years after their father. The first appraisalment of Isaac's estate was made Jan. 4, 1844 (returns book F 394), while the administrator of Etheldred's estate commenced publication in May, 1844 of intent to settle that estate (deed book BB 481). In January, 1847, the administrator of Isaac's estate sold the land "known as the Brick Tract" to the trustees of "Mrs. Urania Smith, formerly Urania Langston," for \$3900 (R 144).

On Dec. 1, 1844, George E. Smythe had married Urania L. Langston in Oglethorpe County. Since David Langston's will shows that Urania can be neither his wife, daughter nor granddaughter, it appears she must be the widow of one of his sons. It appears, too, that the sons left no children.

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Significance

In 1849 Urania sold part of the "Brick tract" to Joseph B. Dillard and in an unrecorded deed sold the house itself and adjacent acreage to Henderson Willingham before 1855. In that year Willingham sold to Dillard for \$3625 a total of 461 acres, including the "Brick tract" of 300 acres (BB 101). In 1878 Dillard, for the "love and affection" he had for his daughter, Mary Elizabeth Daniel, and for \$1000 paid by her husband Amaziah Daniel, sold her the "Brick House place", 350 acres (X 492). It remained the Daniel house till 1917 when with 200 acres it passed by bequest to Mrs. Daniel's nephew, S.H. Dillard, who sold it in 1925 to Mrs. Katie Mae Hardin, the present owner. (XX 483).

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Langston-Daniel House, Oglethorpe County, Georgia  
Revised Boundaries

Acreage: 4 acres  
Quadrangle Name: Crawford, Georgia  
Quadrangle Scale: 1:24000

UTM References:

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D B 17/294880/3752720  
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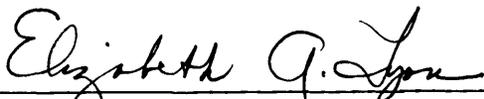
Verbal Boundary Description: Beginning at a point on the north side of U. S. 78 facing the front entrance of the house and running westerly approximately 210 feet to a point; thence running perpendicular to U. S. 78 approximately 420 feet northeasterly to a point; thence running perpendicular to the previous boundary line 420 feet southeasterly to a point; thence running on a perpendicular line 420 feet southwesterly to an intersection with U. S. 78; thence running westerly along U. S. 78 210 feet to the point of beginning.

Justification: This revised acreage to be nominated includes the house and surrounding land on which the outbuildings are located.

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Revised Verbal Boundary Description  
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Beginning at a point on Highway 78 directly opposite the central entrance to the Langston-Daniel House running in a generally easterly direction along the north right-of-way line of this highway 400'; Thence 800' in a generally northerly direction; Thence 800' in a generally westerly direction; Thence 800' in a generally southerly direction to the highway; and Thence 400' in a generally easterly direction along the highway right-of-way to the point of beginning.

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1. Front facade, looking north.
2. West facade.
3. Rear facade, looking southwest.
4. Main hall and stairway.
5. Parlor mantel and windows.
6. Arch in basement supporting chimney stack in S.E. Room.
7. Log barn, west facade.