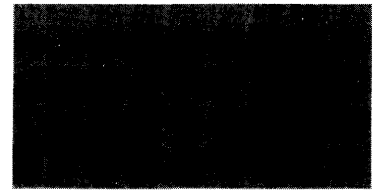


**United States Department of the Interior  
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**



**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

**1. Name**

historic Dr. James W. Daniel House

and/or common same

**2. Location**

street & number 102 North Newton Street N/A not for publication

city, town Claxton N/A vicinity of ~~congressional district~~ N/A

state Georgia code 013 county Evans code 109

**3. Classification**

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> n/a in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name Dr. Paul J. LaSala

street & number 102 North Newton Street

city, town Claxton N/A vicinity of state Georgia 30417

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Superior Court

street & number Evans County Courthouse

city, town Claxton state Georgia

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

Historic Structures Field Survey:  
title Evans County, Georgia has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date 1982  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Section  
Georgia Department of Natural Resources

city, town Atlanta state Georgia

# 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

## Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Dr. James W. Daniel House is a one-and-one-half story Georgian Revival cottage with Craftsman influence built in 1910. It has a central hall with rooms on either side and an added dining room at the rear. There is a wrap-around porch on the front, south, and north sides with a carport also on the north side. The house is situated on a rise so that the brick pier foundation on the rear reaches five feet high. The exterior is covered in heart pine weatherboarding and there is an asbestos shingle roof. The porch has a tongue and groove wooden ceiling and rests on a brick pier foundation with lattices between the piers. The porch has square wooden columns and a Craftsman-inspired balustrade. The windows have double hung sash with decoratively designed glass. The front entrance extends onto the porch. It contains double doors with oval beveled glass lights.

The central hall nearly bisects the house, leaving three bedrooms and a bathroom on the south side of the hall and the other living spaces including a parlor, family room, utility room and kitchen on the north side. A dining room created by enclosing the original back porch is located at the end or rear of the central hall. The interior floors are heart pine and the original plaster walls are covered with sheetrock. One original oak mantel and one original walnut mantel remain as do original wooden paneled doors, two French doors, and wooden picture rails. The central hall features paneled wainscoting and crown molding. The plastered ceilings in the parlor and family room are set off by finished wooden beams. There are brass door handles throughout.

The house is built with balloon frame construction and had indoor plumbing and running water from the start. It was originally heated by four fireplaces with ventilation through the transoms over the interior doors. The house was also originally wired for limited electricity.

The house is elevated so that in front it sits only six inches above ground level while at the rear it is five feet above ground level. Landscaping includes indigenous oak and pecan trees as well as azaleas, camellias, dogwood, red bud, and pine trees. There are also two pear trees, a magnolia and a mimosa tree.

There are no surviving outbuildings although there were originally two fields to the rear of the house as well as a servant's house combined with a smokehouse, a barn that included a corn and feed crib, a cow stall, a garage and a pig pen. There was also a kitchen garden.

The house is situated in a residential area surrounded by homes of various vintages and is only a short distance from U.S. Highway 301 and the commercial area of town.



# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Draft National Register Nomination prepared by the owner based on interviews with descendants of Dr. Daniel and family memorabilia; the Claxton Enterprise Bicentennial Edition, 1976; and Lucille Hodges, A History of Our Locale: Mainly Evans County, Georgia (1965).

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property less than one acre

Quadrangle name Claxton, Georgia

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UMT References

A 

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Zone		Easting				Northing								

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F 

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G 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

H 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

**Verbal boundary description and justification** The nominated property is marked with a heavy black line on the enclosed Evans County, Georgia Tax Map C-23 and the enclosed plat. It is all that the current owner owns at this location.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
N/A			

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Kenneth H. Thomas, Jr., Historian

organization Historic Preservation Section  
Georgia Department of Natural Resources date February 14, 1983

street & number 270 Washington Street, S.W. telephone (404) 656-2840

city or town Atlanta state Georgia 30334

# 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

*Elizabeth A. Lyon*  
Elizabeth A. Lyon

title State Historic Preservation Officer

date 2/25/83

For HCRS use only

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

*for Melissa Byers*  
Keeper of the National Register

Entered in the  
National Register

date 4/7/83

Attest:

date

Chief of Registration

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Dr. James Wallace Daniel of Claxton, Georgia was the son of Dr. Abram Bird Daniel (M.D.) of Liberty County, Taylors Creek Section. Dr. A.B. Daniel (1834-1916) was granted a diploma to practice medicine by the Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Afterwards, he went home to Liberty County to engage in his profession. He later moved his practice to Reidsville and then to Claxton, where he remained until his death in 1916, having practiced medicine for sixty years.

Dr. James W. Daniel graduated from his father's alma mater, Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia. In 1909, he married Miss Possie B. Callaway and came to Claxton, where he served as a general practitioner, throat specialist, selective service doctor, and public health doctor. Miss Possie was a native of Gordon Springs, Georgia, and she attended Cox College and The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary where she was studying to become a missionary to China. She later went to the University of Tennessee and to Teachers' College in Statesboro, and it was while she was teaching school in Glennville that she met Dr. Daniel. She came to Claxton as his bride, and they lived with Dr. Daniel's parents (across the street from their 102 Newton Street residence) while their home was being constructed.

Dr. and Mrs. Daniel were very active in professional, civic, and religious organizations in Claxton and Evans County. As a throat specialist, Dr. Daniel invented an instrument to aide in the removal of tonsils. He used it successfully in his medical practice. He was so successful, in fact, that he opened a clinic, designed to specifically to handle tonsillectomies. Dr. Daniel never got a patent on the instrument, however. Mrs. Daniel helped him in his profession, and they are especially remembered for taking babies who need special attention into their 102 North Newton residence. In 1942, when the Ellis Health Law became effective in Evans County, the Grand Jury set up the Board of Health, on which Dr. Daniel Served until his death. For acting as the Selective Service Examining Physician in Evans County during World War II, Dr. Daniel received the President's plaque of commendation.

In the religious community, Dr. Daniel was the Chairman of the Board of Stewards of the Methodist Church, and he was one of the fourteen men who petitioned the incorporation of Brewton's Cemetery in 1917. Mrs. Daniel was likewise active in church work. She was an officer in the Women's Work of the South Georgia Conference of the Methodist Church, was President of the Women's Society of Christian Service (WSCS), taught an adult class at church school, and served eight years as Secretary of Missionary Education and Service for the South Georgia WSCS.

The Daniels also enjoyed a very respected position for all the civic responsibilities which they shouldered. Mrs. Daniel, in particular, was the investigator of many of Evans County's service organizations which are still active today. In 1941, she was elected as the first chairman of the Evans County Red Cross Chapter of the American National Red Cross. During World War II (while her four sons were active in the military) Mrs. Daniel was active in the fight against another enemy, cancer. She served as captain of the Evans County Field Army Against Cancer since the national drive was started in the mid 1930's. Dr. and Mrs. Daniel were named as Evans County's first "Four Star Parents" in 1942 for their record of four sons in the military and for their active participation at home. In 1948, Dr. Daniel was elected as the State Senator from the 49th Senatorial District. In 1950, Senator Daniel is shown to have been a supporter

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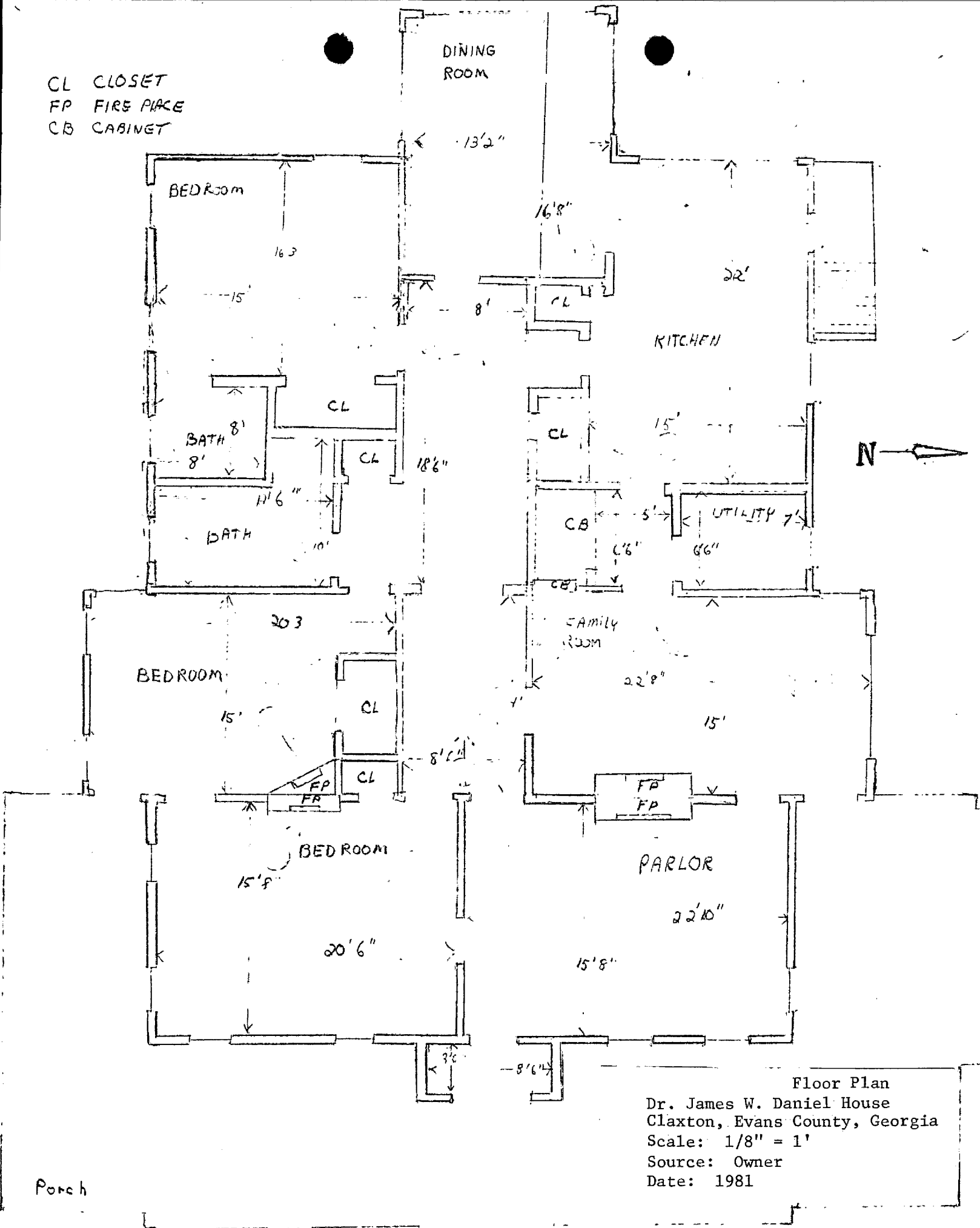
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of the "anti-mask bill" which sought to put effective controls on the Ku Klux Klan.

Dr. and Mrs. Daniel's 102 Newton residence reflects all their contributions to Evans County and Claxton. It was the site of many meetings of church organizations, the Red Cross, and the Fight Against Cancer group. It was also the place where Dr. Daniel brought patients who needed special attention from him and his wife. In 1924, the Daniels added a screened "sleeping room" to the southeast corner of the home. This was because the medical community then believed that sleeping in fresh air kept one healthy. Likewise, the house reflects Dr. Daniel's medical profession as the carport on the north side of it kept the county's first automobile, and replaced Dr. Daniel's need for two teams of horses to make the rounds as the only practicing physician in an area quite larger than that contained in Evans County today.

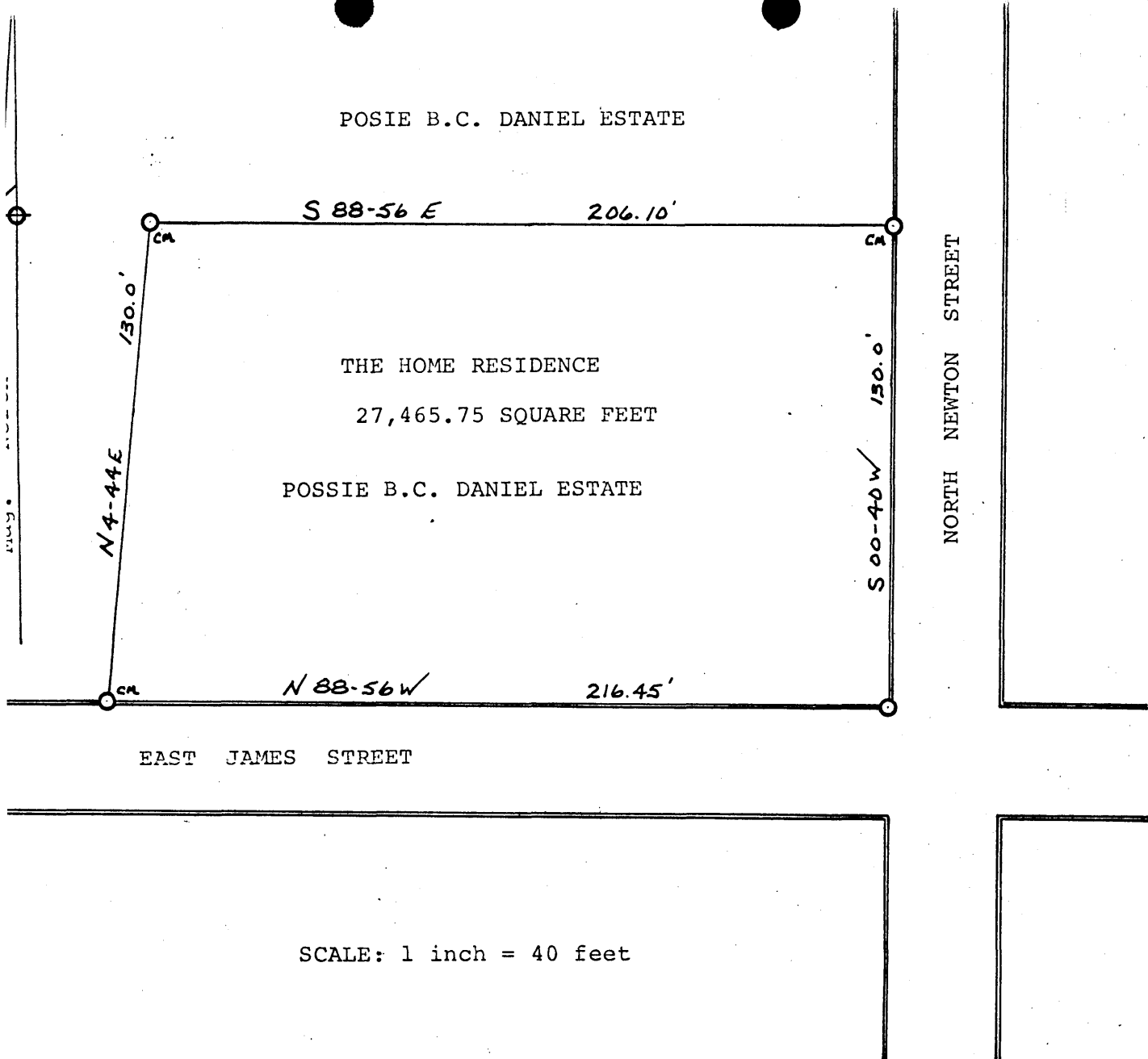
After Mrs. Daniel died in 1977, the 102 Newton residence was sold to Dr. Paul J. LaSala and still serves as a home for him and his family.

CL CLOSET  
 FP FIRE PLACE  
 CB CABINET



Floor Plan  
 Dr. James W. Daniel House  
 Claxton, Evans County, Georgia  
 Scale: 1/8" = 1'  
 Source: Owner  
 Date: 1981

POSIE B.C. DANIEL ESTATE



THE HOME RESIDENCE  
27,465.75 SQUARE FEET

POSIE B.C. DANIEL ESTATE

EAST JAMES STREET

NORTH NEWTON STREET

SCALE: 1 inch = 40 feet

GEORGIA  
EVANS COUNTY  
1607 G.M. DISTRICT  
APRIL 26, 1977

THE ABOVE DRAWING CORRECTLY REPRESENTS  
AN IMPROVED LOT IN THE CITY OF CLAXTON.  
CONTAINING 27,465.75 SQUARE FEET OF LAND  
SURVEYED FOR THE POSSIE B.C. DANIEL ESTATE  
BY,

*C. Paul Eason*  
C. PAUL EASON

*A. D. Eason*  
A.D. EASON GEORGIA  
LICENSE # 348

Plat Map

Dr. James W. Daniel House  
Claxton, Evans County, Georgia  
Scale: not to scale due to reduction  
Source: Survey drawn for Possie B.  
Daniel Estate  
Date: 1977  
Key: The nominated property is all that  
is drawn off on the plat.