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Fall 2005

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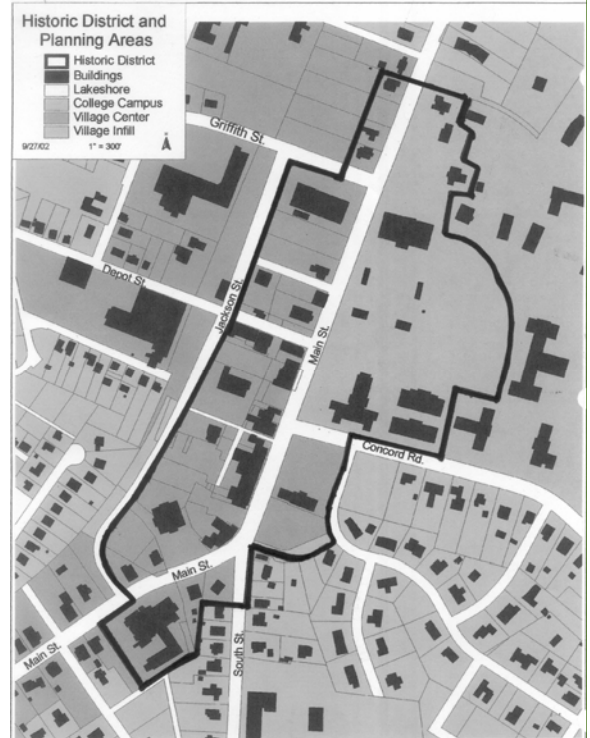
Bill Vinson

History Is All Around Us....

The September 2005 program of the Davidson Historical Society was presented by town Planning Director Kris Krider and Planner Lindsey Hobbs. They discussed Davidson's current local historic district and the town's future plans. Davidson is beginning an inventory of historic properties and considering nominating the town to the National Register as a Historic District. This process is expected to take up to two years. The town is also considering expanding the local historic district. Local districts are the only way to prevent unwanted demolition of historic buildings in a time when teardowns are becoming more prevalent.

The National Register of Historic Places is the nation's official list of cultural resources worthy of preservation.

Authorized under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the National Register is part of a national program to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect our historic and archeological resources.



Davidson's Local Historic District

Properties listed in the Register include districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that are significant in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture. The National Register is administered by the National Park Service, which is part of the U.S. Department of the Interior.



*Eumenean Hall,
Davidson College Campus*

Our Purpose

The Davidson Historical Society promotes an understanding and appreciation of the history of Davidson, North Carolina and its surrounding area.

The National Register of Historic Places includes nearly 79,000 listings. Did you know that there are more than twenty-five sites in and around the Davidson area that are on the register? Some of them are listed here. How many of the places listed on page 3 have you seen?

...see Sites on page 3

Events Calendar 2005-2006

Programs are at 4 p.m. at Davidson Town Hall unless otherwise noted.

Sunday, November 20, 2005 Woodlawn School Tour *Special Members-only program*



*Woodlawn House,
Circa 1836*

Dwayne Bowman, Director of the Woodlawn School, will lead a tour of the Woodlawn plantation house located in the historic Mt. Mourne community. Now part of the Woodlawn School campus, this home was built around 1836 by Dr. George Stinson, a planter and early trustee of Davidson College. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Come learn about the history of this lovely home and find out why it was so popular with the Davidson students!

Meet at 3:30 at Davidson Town Hall to carpool.

December 1, 2 & 3, 2005 Christmas in Davidson

Look for something special from us!



Sunday, January 15, 2006 The Morrison Family

Kathy Neill Herran, author of *They Married Confederate Officers*, will discuss the family of Mary Graham Morrison, daughter of General Joseph Graham, and Robert Hall Morrison, Presbyterian minister and founding President of Davidson College. The couple had four sons and six daughters, including Anna Morrison Jackson, wife of Confederate General "Stonewall" Jackson. We will learn about this prominent North Carolina family and their ties to the Davidson area. *Copies of the book will be available for purchase.*

Sunday, March 19, 2006 The Making of Period Clothing

Local history buff Sarah Sue Hardinger creates authentic period clothing for historical re-enactments and local theater productions. She produces clothes that are faithful to the time period in style, material and method. This means she hand sews garments if sewing machines did not exist at the time! Join us as she talks of her experiences and displays some of her period clothes on DHS models.

Have you picked up a copy of the new pictorial walking tour published by the Davidson Historical Society?

This is a great activity for children and adults alike. You can pick up a free copy at many businesses in downtown Davidson. Can *you* identify all the photos?

A Davidson Historical Society
Walking Tour Activity

Can you locate these...
De**t**ails of
Downtown
Davidson?

Take a walk through time in Davidson's local historic district!
The Davidson Historical Society has compiled these photos of architectural features of houses, public buildings and stores to see how many you can find! This exploration of downtown Davidson takes a brisk walk about 15 minutes. But, please, take your time and have fun. We've even included a spot you can sit and rest!

Sites *continued from page 1*Davidson:

- ◇ Beaver Dam (Davidson-Concord Rd)
- ◇ Chairman Blake House (Chairman Blake Lane - behind CVS)
- ◇ Eumenean Hall, Davidson College Campus
- ◇ Philanthropic Hall, Davidson College Campus

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- ◇ Potts Plantation (Smith Road, off of NC 115)

Mt. Mourne:

- ◇ Centre Presbyterian Church (Centre Church Rd)
- ◇ Houston House (NC 115)
- ◇ Mount Mourne Plantation (Leslie Loop and NC 115)
- ◇ Woodlawn (Presbyterian Road)



Ramah Presbyterian Church

 Mooresville:

- ◇ Espy Watts Brawley House, 601 William Street (off of NC 115, north of Mooresville)
- ◇ Hargrave House (NC 150 and NC 152)
- ◇ Johnson-Neel House (NC 150, approx. 1.5 miles west of I-77)
- ◇ Mooresville Historic District (Downtown Mooresville)
- ◇ South Broad Street Row (Downtown Mooresville)
- ◇ Coddle Creek Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (NC 3)

Huntersville:

- ◇ Benjamin W. Davidson House, Oak Lawn (off McCoy Road in the Cedarfield development)
- ◇ Cedar Grove (Gilead Road)
- ◇ John F. Ewart Farm (12920 Huntersville-Concord Road)
- ◇ Holly Bend (Neck Road)
- ◇ Albert McCoy Farm (10401 McCoy Road)
- ◇ Ramah Presbyterian Church and Cemetery (Ramah Church Road)

Source: National Register of Historic Places Website at www.NationalRegisterOfHistoricPlaces.com

A Note from the President...

The Davidson Historical Society is enthusiastic about the 2005-2006 year! Through docents, the Society is offering walking tours to groups using its new Photo Walking Tour guide and updated Walking Tour brochure. Historically significant homes along Main Street will receive plaques beginning this fall. Exciting programs are planned for November, January and March.

You may notice one important change on this year's membership form. The Davidson Historical Society has maintained the same membership levels since its inception more than 15 years ago. This year we have restructured our membership levels to provide an opportunity for more generous contributions. These additional funds will help us offer more opportunities for education in local history. Some of the projects currently in the works are: establishing a downtown presence for the DHS, placing plaques on historic homes and buildings in town, participating in a proposed mini-park downtown and developing materials for guided walking tours of town and campus. We welcome your input for other worthy projects.

We hope you will join our society today.

Brenda Barger



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A page from history...

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*We don't just talk about Davidson's past...
We are working to preserve it.*

The Davidson Historical Society was founded in the late 1980's by a group of concerned citizens led by Taylor and Irene Blackwell. Over the years DHS has presented programs by outstanding local and regional personalities on varying topics, toured historically significant sites in the area, and financed projects which promote the history of the area.