

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Scudder, Dr. John A., House

other names/site number 027-663-32141

2. Location

street & number 612 E. Main Street N/A not for publication

city or town Washington N/A vicinity

state Indiana code IN county Daviess code 027 zip code 47501

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended, I hereby certify that this nomination request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant nationally statewide locally. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Patrick R. Roberts

8/11/95

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

Indiana Department of Natural Resources
State of Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property meets does not meet the National Register criteria. (See continuation sheet for additional comments.)

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that the property is:

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

- entered in the National Register.
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register
 See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain): _____

| |
|-------|
| _____ |
| _____ |
| _____ |
| _____ |
| _____ |

Scudder, Dr. John A., House
Name of Property

Daviess, Indiana
County and State

5. Classification

Ownership of Property
(Check as many boxes as apply)

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

Category of Property
(Check only one box)

- building(s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

Number of Resources within Property
(Do not include previously listed resources in the count.)

| Contributing | Noncontributing | |
|--------------|-----------------|------------|
| 1 | 0 | buildings |
| 0 | 0 | sites |
| 0 | 0 | structures |
| 0 | 0 | objects |
| 1 | 0 | Total |

Name of related multiple property listing
(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing.)

N/A

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use

Historic Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: Single Dwelling
DOMESTIC: Multiple Dwelling

Current Functions
(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC: Multiple Dwelling

7. Description

Architectural Classification
(Enter categories from instructions)

LATE VICTORIAN: Second Empire

Materials
(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation BRICK, CONCRETE

walls WOOD: Weatherboard

roof STONE: Slate

other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

8. Statement of Significance

Applicable National Register Criteria

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing.)

- A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply.)

Property is:

- A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- B removed from its original location.
- C a birthplace or grave.
- D a cemetery.
- E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- F a commemorative property.
- G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets.)

9. Major Bibliographical References

Bibliography

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets.)

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey # _____
- recorded by Historic American Engineering Record # _____

Areas of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

Period of Significance

1860

Significant Dates

1860

1922

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

N/A

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown

Primary location of additional data:

- State Historic Preservation Office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Name of repository:

Owner's collection

Scudder, Dr. John A., House

Daviess, Indiana

Name of Property

County and State

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of Property less than one acre

UTM References

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet.)

UTM grid 1: Zone 16, Easting 485380, Northing 4278540

UTM grid 3: Zone, Easting, Northing

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet.)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet.)

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Margaret Brennan Dant Suzanne Fischer

organization date 3-20-95

street & number 612 E. Main Street telephone 812/254-5416

city or town Washington state IN zip code 47501

Additional Documentation

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets

Maps

A USGS map (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.

A Sketch map for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.

Photographs

Representative black and white photographs of the property.

Additional items

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO.)

name Margaret Brennan Dant

street & number 612 E. Main Street telephone 812/254-5416

city or town Washington state IN zip code 47501

Paperwork Reduction Act Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 et seq.).

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Projects (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number 7 Page 1

Scudder, Dr. John A., House
Davies, Indiana

Architectural Description

The Dr. John A. Scudder House is a one-story Second Empire residence with a mansard roof, located in the Washington Residential Historic District. The house sits on a 60' by 120' lot on a tree-lined street, facing south. The house is on a slight rise, with four concrete steps that lead from street level up to the sidewalk that runs to the front porch. A large evergreen tree separates this house from another Second Empire residence, built c. 1878. The building is built on a roughly L-shaped plan. The original house was built c. 1861 and was remodeled c. 1922 to add a front porch and sunroom, and a second story onto the rear portion of the building. The house is now divided into four apartments. A modern carport takes up most of the rear of the lot.

The Scudder House is clad with narrow weatherboard siding painted white. Its mansard roof is covered with gray fish-scale slates. The foundation of the original section, the porch, and the lower walls of the sunporch are brick. The foundations of the c.1922 section are also of brick, except for the foundation of the northeast corner addition, which is of concrete block.

The main facade is three bays wide. The main entrance is in the center and consists of a double wooden door with beveled glass in the upper two-thirds of each side. The bottom panels of the door are decorated with carved flowers. The door panels are edged with elaborate moldings with corner blocks. The tops of the door panels have applied flat scrollwork. The left side contains a square bay window that originally had a flat roof. This side is now sheltered by an open porch. The windows in the bay are all one-over-one sash windows. The right side originally contained two windows, but these were removed during the addition of the c. 1922 sunporch. All of the windows, including the bay, had louvered shutters. The sunporch has a Craftsman-style ribbon window of five sections, with three small square panes over one long, narrow one. Glass from the original windows now forms some of the replacement ones. Above each of the five sections are six-light transoms. The original windows had louvered shutters which are now absent. Doors and ground-floor windows are surrounded with simple architrave trim and flat lintels.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number 7 Page 2

Scudder, Dr. John A., House
Davies, Indiana

The c. 1922 front porch extends from the house below the mansard roof. Its slightly-sloped roof is supported by simple Doric columns made of white-painted wood. One column supports the left front corner, while L-shaped clusters of three columns support an entry portico that protrudes approximately 3' from the rest of the porch. Another column is set into the southeast corner of the sunporch for symmetry. The portico has a round-arched roof and pediment that echoes the shape of the dormers on the mansard roof. The tympanum is plain, with just a slightly-raised band of wide, flat trim around it.

The three, evenly-spaced dormers on the mansard roof have round-arched, metal-covered roofs with wide overhangs. Round moldings follow the arch and are inset slightly. The outer ends of the moldings have small, decorative pendants. The dormers have two-over-two sash windows. The eaves troughs are incorporated into the lower roof curbs.

The east elevation shows several later additions to the original house. The side of the sunporch contains a ribbon window of three sections that are identical to the five-section window on the main facade. The section containing the mansard roof has one dormer and one long, narrow window offset toward the rear of that section. Originally, a one-story wing extended from the rear of the mansard-roofed main house and contained two paired windows. Today, the leftmost window has been replaced by a very small (bathroom?) window. A second story was added to this wing in 1922, which conceals the rear of the mansard roof. From the photos, the roof appears to be flat, but is probably slightly hipped. The eastern third of the second story is a sleeping porch, which contains 10 ribbon windows like those on the sunporch. The windows are arranged in two groups of three sections and one of four sections. A small, shed-roofed, one-story entry addition built in 1922 extends from the rear of this rear wing and probably contains a kitchen for one of the apartments. There are no openings on the east elevation of this entry addition.

The rear elevation shows another small, one-story entry wing on the right side. This wing has a hipped roof and is original to the house. The 1922 entry has a slightly higher roof line than does the 1861 entry. The 1922 entry has a

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number 7 Page 3

Scudder, Dr. John A., House
Daviness, Indiana

modern wooden door with a diamond-shaped pane of glass, and a modern aluminum screen door. It contains a double awning window on the rear and west sides. The 1861 entry contains one-over-one sash windows on all three sides and a paneled wooden door at the rear. The siding below window level appears to be made of vertical boards. There is a gap between the entries that contains a modern sash window. The rear of the second story has a three-section ribbon window on the left, a paired one-over-one window in the center, and a single one-over-one window on the right. Two plain brick inside chimneys are visible from the rear on the east and west sides of the house at the point where the second story joins the mansard roof.

The west elevation reveals one side of the 1861 entry, similar to the other sides. The two-story portion has three one-over-one sash windows on the second story and three windows on the first floor: a paired one-over-one sash window on the left, a triple-hung sash window in the center, and a single one-over-one sash window on the right. A narrow, V-shaped addition connects this wing to the mansard roof. The main portion of the house extends approximately 10' beyond the two-story wing. It has no openings at the rear, but has one window on the west side and one dormer, whose placement matches those on the east elevation. A large evergreen tree shades most of this side of the house.

The interior is divided into four apartments, two on each floor. The 1922 remodeling created two apartments and the other two were added more recently. Only one short wall was added since 1922 to create the additional apartments.

The first floor is divided into a left and right side. Each apartment contains four rooms and a fireplace. The second floor is divided into a front and a rear apartment. Each of these contains three rooms. The front apartment contains the three bedrooms from the original 1860 house, while the rear apartment contains the 1922 sleeping porch and two other rooms. Two stairways lead from the first floor to the second floor. The 1860 stairs are located just inside the front entry and branch left and right from a landing. Both second-floor apartments are accessible from this stairway. A 1922 stairway located directly behind the original stairway leads to the rear apartment on the second floor, but is no longer used. The kitchen in the first-

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

**National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet**

Section number 7 Page 4

Scudder, Dr. John A., House
Daviness, Indiana

floor left apartment was installed in the 1922 remodeling and appears to retain the cabinets and sink from that time. Most of the other rooms have been carpeted and panelled, but traces of the old walls and floors are visible. The interior woodwork from both 1860 and 1922 remains in good condition. Most of the interior doors have transoms and some have multi-pane glazing in the doors themselves. The lower floor has two fireplaces: one dates from the 1860s and is made of cast iron, the other dates from 1922 and is made of wood with neoclassical decoration.

The basement is made of brick with limestone slab flooring. The supporting beams are hand-hewn, but the joists are machine-sawn. Differences in the brickwork indicate the location of a former cellar door.

The original 1860 construction and 1922 remodeling show how the Scudder House grew to accomodate additional family members. The house retains much of its integrity from both periods of construction and is a fine example of vernacular Second Empire architecture.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number 8 Page 5

Scudder, Dr. John A., House
Daviness, Indiana

Statement of Significance

The Dr. John A. Scudder House is significant in the area of architecture as the earliest Second Empire house in Daviess County. It is also significant as one of the few existing residential buildings in this style. Both this house and its next-door neighbor, also a Second Empire house, were rated "outstanding" in the Daviess County Interim Report.

The town of Washington grew rapidly during the 1850s because of its proximity to the Wabash and Erie Canal, which reached Washington in the mid-1850s, and to the Ohio and Mississippi Railroad, which was completed in 1857. Coal, necessary to power steam locomotives, was discovered in the area during this period. Washington became an important center for commerce. It had the only roundhouse on the Cincinnati-St. Louis portion of the railroad, so engines could turn around only at this point. Both the canal and the railroad contributed to Washington's pre-Civil War prosperity, and enabled the construction of many significant Greek Revival, Gothic Revival, Italianate, and Second Empire buildings.

The town of Washington was platted in 1817 by Emanuel VanTrees. The neighboring town of Liverpool joined Washington to form the current town. Emanuel's son, Col. John VanTrees, owned one of the blocks of land between Main Street and VanTrees Avenue, and built a Greek Revival house on the west corner of it c. 1843. The VanTrees had at least two daughters, and gave a parcel of land on this block to each of them on the occasion of their marriages. One daughter (Helen) married Dr. John Scudder in 1859 and the couple began building a Second Empire house on their lot. A second daughter married Hiram Hyatt and lived in another Second Empire house built in 1879. The Hyatt house sits between the VanTrees house and the Scudder house; all three face Main Street and all are rated "outstanding" in the Daviess County Interim Report. There is another Greek Revival house (c. 1850) to the east of the Scudder house, but it is only rated as contributing, due to alterations made in the 1950s. It is possible that this house also belonged to a daughter of the VanTrees.

Of the only three Second Empire buildings listed in the Daviess County Interim report, the Scudder house pre-dates the others by nearly twenty years. The Scudders' eldest

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section number 8 Page 6

Scudder, Dr. John A., House
Daviness, Indiana

daughter was born in the house in 1861 and lived there her entire life. Dr. Scudder, an army surgeon in the Civil War, wrote letters to his wife indicating that the house was occupied but not completely finished in 1863. As the only pre-Civil War Second Empire building in Daviness County, the Scudder house is an excellent early example of this style. The 1922 remodeling does not obscure the simple lines of the mansard roof, dormers, and bay window.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number 9 Page 7

Scudder, Dr. John A., House
Daviess, Indiana

BIBLIOGRAPHY

Fulkerson, A.O. (ed.). History of Daviess County, Indiana. Indianapolis:
B.F. Bowne & Co., 1915.

History of Knox and Daviess Counties, Indiana. Chicago: Goodspeed Publishing
Co., 1886.

Indiana Historic Sites and Structures Inventory. Daviess County Interim Report.
Indianapolis: 1987.

Myers, Rex. Daviess County, Indiana History. [n.p.]

Scudder, John A. Correspondence to Helen VanTrees Scudder, 1863.

Washington Daily Times. Obituaries of John A. Scudder and Matilda Scudder Boyd,
no dates or page numbers given.

**United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet**

Section number 10 Page 8

Scudder, Dr. John A., House
Daviness, Indiana

Verbal Boundary Description

A part of Location Number 135, Township 3 North, Range 7 West, being a certain lot or parcel of ground sixty (60) feet wide and one hundred twenty (120) feet long, lying between East Main and VanTrees Streets in that part of the City of Washington, formerly called Liverpool, the lot hereby described fronting on Main Street and running North to the South line of a lot conveyed to Louise J. Scudder, wife of Dr. Charles F. Scudder by deed dated February 1, 1899, and bounded on the East by a lot owned by heirs of Richard A. Clements, Jr. and on the west by a lot formerly owned and occupied by Emma Hyatt; and commonly known as 612 East Main Street, Washington, Indiana.

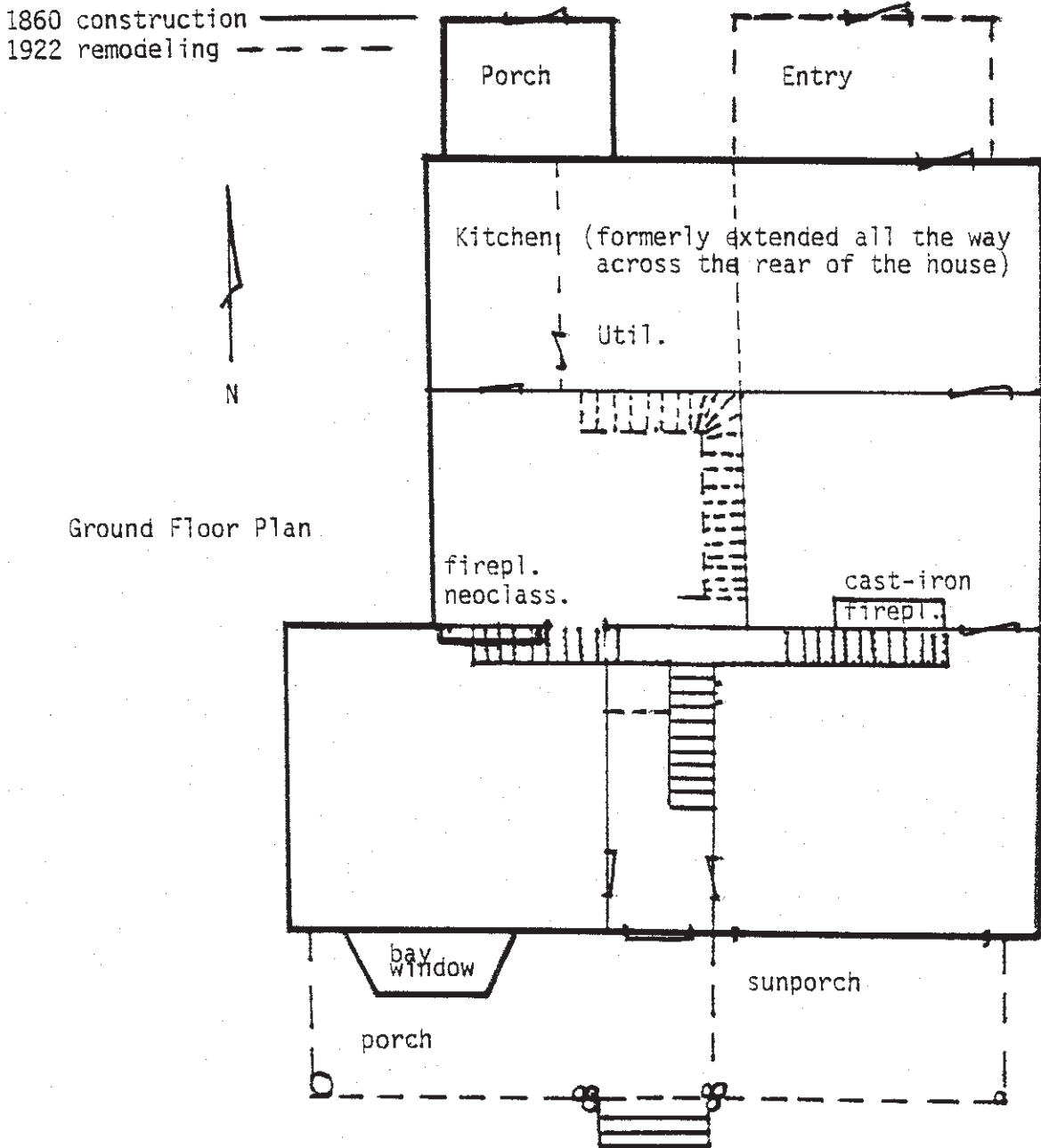
Boundary Justification

This is the original boundary of the property.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places
Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page 9 Scudder, Dr. John A., House
Davies, Indiana

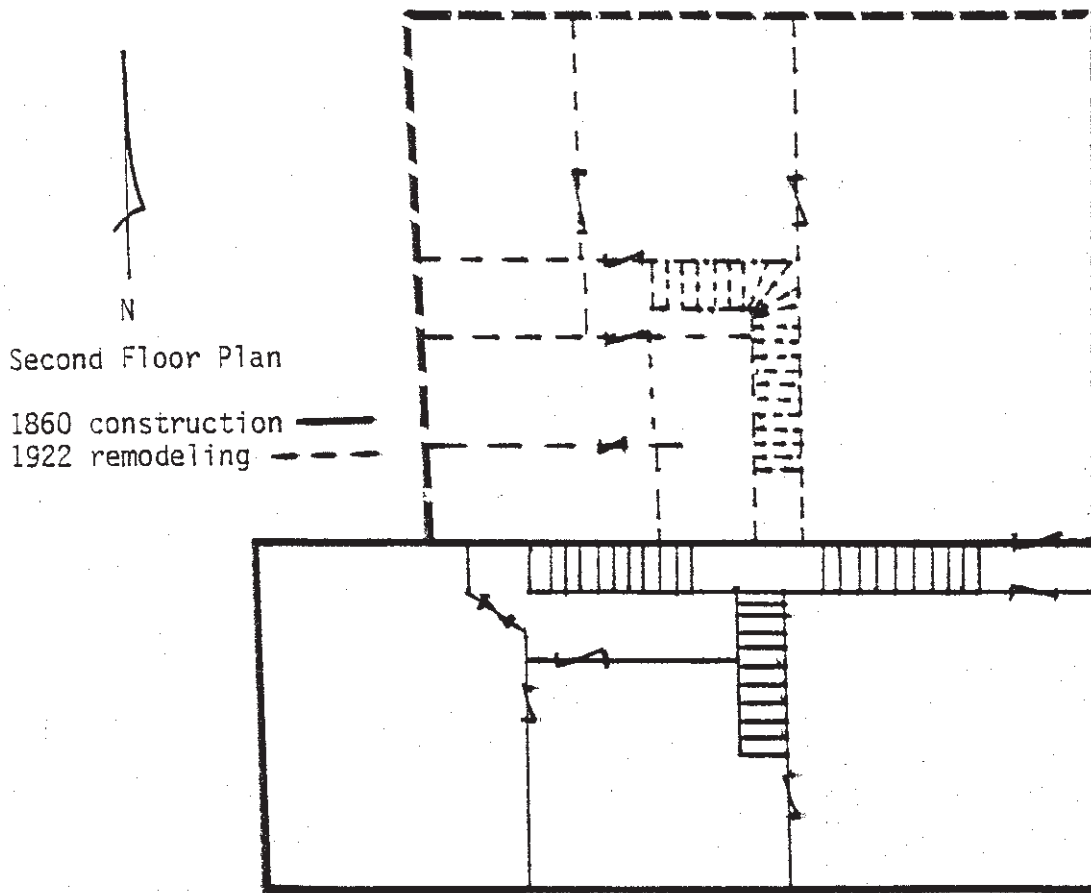


United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section number _____ Page 10

Scudder, Dr. John A., House
Davies, Indiana



Surveyed by JOHN A
DAVIS
Zone 16
485330
EN 4278540

MONTGOMERY 4.5 MI.
LOGGOTEE 12 MI.

