

02. 600 6th Street The Smalley Home

compiled by John Lofland



**600 6th, Williams-
Smalley Home**

- Built 1932-3, termed by experts “a very simple concept, almost vernacular.”
- Built by Faye & William Williams, relatives and friends over '32 & '33. The couple & their two year old son lived in a tent next to the house while they built it.
- Faye proudly recalled that only \$8.50 was paid for labor. All the rest was that of the couple or of their relatives and friends, who worked for no pay.
- Mr. Williams died and Mrs. Williams married Roland Smalley, who was one of the two first home delivery mail carriers in Davis.
- Owned by Nancy Beland, 11037 Kenebee River Ct. Rancho Cordova, CA 94570

- Faye Smalley (formerly Williams) reported in a 1996 interview with Marie LaCroix that the couple paid \$750 for the lot and had to purchase the construction materials. But they spent only \$8.50 for labor. All the rest of the work was done by Faye or William or by their relatives and friends, who worked for no pay. (One might remark that this took the concept of “sweat equity” to entirely new levels of meaning.) (I have the tape recording of the LaCroix-Smalley interview. JL)

- Perhaps more amazingly, Mrs. Williams (later Smalley), her husband, and their two year old son lived in a tent beside the house during its construction. The pace of the construction was determined by how much income they could afford to use to buy new construction materials.

- '55 phone book listing: WO William, 600 6th

- '26-'29 Property owner: Maybell Alter

- '33 property owner: W. O. Williams

- '36 & '42 voter Registration: Fay V. Williams, Republican, housewife, William O. Williams, Republican, technician.

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- William Williams died and Faye married Roland Smalley (January 1, 1958?), who worked for the Post Office and had the distinction of being one of the first two home delivery mail carriers in Davis, a practice that began in 1939.
- New Roof 1999.
- Currently owned by Nancy Beland, 11037 Kenebee River Ct. Rancho Cordova, CA 94570



2003 Historic Survey photo

<p>State of California — The Resources Agency DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION PRIMARY RECORD</p>	Primary #: _____ HRI # _____ Trinomial _____ NRHP Status Code: <u>3D/3CD</u> Other Listings _____ Review Code _____ Reviewer _____ Date _____
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***Resource Name or Address** 600 6th Street

P1. Other Identifier: None

***P2. Location:** *a. County Yolo

b. Address 600 6th G Street

*c. City Davis Zip 95616

d. UTM: N/A

e. USGS Quad: Davis Quadrangle

*f. Other Locational Data (APN #): 070-183-001

***P3a. Description:**
 This rectangular plan house was constructed in 1932. It is very simple in concept, almost vernacular. It has a low side gable roof, with small eave and gable overhangs. Fenestration consists of wooden casements. A stoop porch leads to an entry which is covered by a shed porch roof, supported on brackets. The entry is partially obscured by a lattice work screen that is loosely connected to the building. Cladding is clapboard. The house retains its integrity of design, workmanship, setting, location, feeling and association. It contributes to a district eligible for the California Register, but further alteration could easily render it non-contributing.

***P3b. Resource Attributes:** HP2

***P4. Resources Present:** Building Structure Object Site District Element of District

P5b. Description of Photo:
 View South east

***P6. Date Constructed/Age:**
 1932 71 years old documented
 Prehistoric Historic
 Both

P5. Photograph or Drawing (Photograph required for buildings, structures, and objects.)



***P7. Owner and Address:**
 Nancy Beland
 5220 Dredger Way
 Orangevale, CA 95662

***P8. Recorded by:**
 Carol Roland
 Roland-Nawi Associates
 4829 Crestwood Way
 Sacramento, CA 95822

***P9. Date Recorded:** 04/07-10/2003

***P10. Type of Survey:** Intensive
 Reconnaissance Other
 Describe: Determination of Local District Eligibility

***P11. Report Citation:** none

***Attachments:** NONE Map Sheet Continuation Sheet Building, Structure, and Object Record
 Linear Resource Record Archaeological Record District Record Milling Station Record Rock Art Record
 Artifact Record Photograph Record Other (List):

2003 Historical survey write up.

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Mid-1990s photo of 600 6th by John Lofland

OBITUARIES

Fay Vance Williams Smalley

Fay Vance Williams Smalley died on Feb. 25, 1998, in Citrus Heights. Born on Dec. 21, 1905, in Forrest Green, Mo., she was 92.

She graduated from high school in Phoenix, Ariz., and received her bachelor's degree from UC Berkeley. She came to Davis in 1931 and resided here until her passing. She was a teacher, associated with the UC Davis Veterinary Medicine Parasitology Department.

She spent many hours teaching and helping foreign exchange students. She is remembered fondly for always reminding others that "if you do the best you can, that is all anyone can do." She taught us unconditional love. She was described by her family as "Jesus with her skin on."

She was a member of the Helen Matthewson Club at UCLA when it was known as the UC Southern California Branch.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, William O. Williams, and her second husband, Rolland Smalley, and daughter, Joy Williams Yates. She is survived by her son, Winston Williams of San Pedro; and two step-daughters, Alice Jansen of Salina, Kansas and June Feather of Crescent Creek. She will be missed by 13 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren; and her brother, Gordon Vance of Leaburg, Ore.

Private burial was held on Friday, Feb. 27, at the Davis Cemetery. Friends are invited to attend a graveside memorial service at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 21, at the Davis Cemetery, 820 Pole Line Road, Davis. There will be a reception immediately following at the University Covenant Church, 1715 Anderson Road, Davis. Remembrances may be made in her name to the American Cancer Society. The Davis Funeral Chapel is handling the arrangements.



**FAY VANCE
WILLIAMS SMALLEY**
Longtime Davis educator

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