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Dr. Kirk House

Architectural Survey File

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Users should be aware that additional undigitized material about this property may be found in on-site architectural reports, copies of HABS/HAER or other documentation, drawings, and the “vertical files” at the MHT Library in Crownsville. The vertical files may include newspaper clippings, field notes, draft versions of forms and architectural reports, photographs, maps, and drawings. Researchers who need a thorough understanding of this property should plan to visit the MHT Library as part of their research project; look at the MHT web site (mht.maryland.gov) for details about how to make an appointment.

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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: 1	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME	
COMMON: Dr. Kirk house	
AND/OR HISTORIC:	

2. LOCATION			
STREET AND NUMBER: West side of Darlington Road (Rte 161) at the end of Stafford Road			
CITY OR TOWN: Darlington			
STATE: Maryland	CODE:	COUNTY: Harford	CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION			
CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	
Comments <input type="checkbox"/>			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY			
OWNERS NAME: Mr & Mrs David Leroy Scarborough			
STREET AND NUMBER: Della and Lee "Chuck" Cillo			
CITY OR TOWN: Darlington	STATE: Maryland	CODE:	STATE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION			
COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Clerk of the Circuit Court			
STREET AND NUMBER: Harpre County Court house 40 S. Main St			
CITY OR TOWN: Bel Air	STATE: Md	CODE:	COUNTY:
APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:			

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS			
TITLE OF SURVEY:			
DATE OF SURVEY: Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input type="checkbox"/>			
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:			
STREET AND NUMBER:			
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE:	FOR NPS USE ONLY
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Good <input type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Gray granite, cut stone, 5 bays by 3
 2 stories, a long wing runs behind the house
 once used as a store, and later as the
 branch of the Harford County Library.
 This house faces east, the ridge line runs N-S.

"Long wing" running behind the house is the attachment of a kitchen to the main house. This was done, according to the owner, in the 1840s. The owner maintains that the house was built in 1745, as that is how far the Chain of Title can be traced.

There are chimneys on either side of the house. The southern one is functioning, but the northern fireplaces have been blocked up. The owners would like to open these, particularly as they have recently been causing water damage in the wall of the upstairs room.

The basement is the full size of the original house. The northern third of the basement is a separate room with shelving along the north wall. This room also has, in the east wall, a doorway, now sealed up with more granite, which is, according to local legend, part of the Underground Railroad. The other room of the basement has steps in the south wall leading to an outside cellar door. The furnace and water heaters are on that side of the room, and in the southwest corner, about four or five feet off the dirt floor, is an opening, possibly a coal chute or dumb waiter (the dining room is directly above).

The old kitchen, now attached to the main house, is also two stories, and also made of granite.

There is another stone building, in the northwest corner of the yard, adjacent to the road, which was probably a carriage house.

The barn for the property lies to the west, but is currently owned by someone else. The owners of the house are trying to regain it, however.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐16th Century ☐18th Century ☐20th Century ☐15th Century ☐17th Century ☐19th Century ☒

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) Owners claim 1745, addition in 1840s.

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐Education ☐Political ☐Urban Planning ☐Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☐Historic ☐Industry ☐losophy ☐Agriculture ☐Invention ☐Science ☐ArchitecturalArt ☐Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☐

Social/Human-

Communications ☐Literature ☐itarian ☐Conservation ☐Military ☐Theater ☐Music ☐Transportation ☐

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

This spacious granite house was the home of two generations of family doctors, Dr Walter Kirk and Dr Walter Kirk II.

Now owned by a young couple whose income comes from his job at the Aberdeen Proving Ground, a careful job of restoration is taking place - opening up a sealed-off fireplace here, a doorway there.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

No known reference

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE			
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE			
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	
NW	°	'	"		°	'	"	
NE	°	'	"		°	'	"	
SE	°	'	"		°	'	"	
SW	°	'	"		°	'	"	

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 AND TITLE: <i>Sean S. Purvis</i>		
ORGANIZATION: <i>Maryland Historic Trust</i>	DATE: <i>Nov 69</i>	
STREET AND NUMBER: <i>50 State Circle</i>		
CITY OR TOWN: <i>Annapolis</i>	STATE: <i>Maryland</i>	CODE

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

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

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

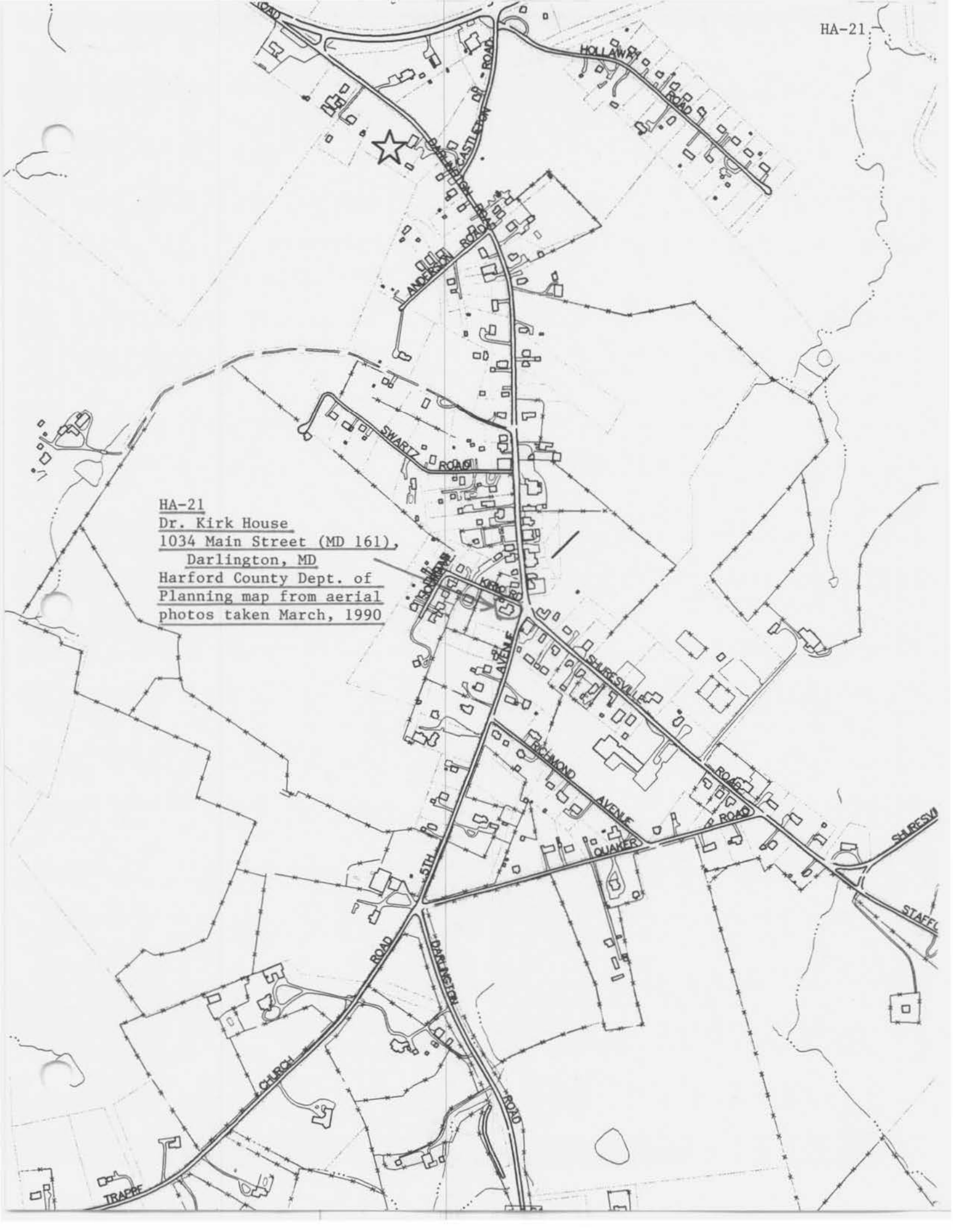
Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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Dr. Kirk House
1034 Main Street (MD 161),
Darlington, MD
Harford County Dept. of
Planning map from aerial
photos taken March, 1990