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Form 10-300  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: 1	
COUNTY:	
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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"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: Restricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religious <input type="checkbox"/> Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) <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:

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Clerk of the Circuit Court

STREET AND NUMBER: Hopps County Court house 40 S. Main St

CITY OR TOWN: Bel Air STATE: MD CODE:

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

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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 <sup>runs</sup> 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 <input type="checkbox"/>    | Engineering <input type="checkbox"/>  | Religion/Phi-                           | Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic <input type="checkbox"/>       | Industry <input type="checkbox"/>     | losophy <input type="checkbox"/>        | <u>Architectural</u>                     |
| Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/>    | Invention <input type="checkbox"/>    | Science <input type="checkbox"/>        | _____                                    |
| Art <input type="checkbox"/>            | Landscape <input type="checkbox"/>    | Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>      | _____                                    |
| Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>       | Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> | Social/Human-                           | _____                                    |
| Communications <input type="checkbox"/> | Literature <input type="checkbox"/>   | itarian <input type="checkbox"/>        | _____                                    |
| Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>   | Military <input type="checkbox"/>     | Theater <input type="checkbox"/>        | _____                                    |
|   | Music <input type="checkbox"/>        | Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> | _____                                    |

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 of 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			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: *Jean S. Purdy*

ORGANIZATION: *Maryland Historic Trust* DATE: *Nov 69*

STREET AND NUMBER: *50 State Circle*

CITY OR TOWN: *Annapolis* STATE: *Maryland* 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

