

**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: South Carolina	
COUNTY: Darlington	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER 71.5.45.0021	DATE 5/6/71

**1. NAME**

COMMON:  
Jacob Kelley House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Route #2, S.C. Highway S-16-12, Kelley Town Community

CITY OR TOWN:  
3 miles west of Hartsville

STATE South Carolina	CODE 29550	COUNTY: Darlington	CODE 021	CODE 16
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**3. CLASSIFICATION**

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

**4. OWNER OF PROPERTY**

OWNER'S NAME:  
Darlington County Historical Commission

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Darlington County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN: Darlington	STATE: South Carolina	CODE: 45
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**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Deed Book 647, Page 645; Public Records of Darlington County, South Carolina

STREET AND NUMBER:  
Darlington County Courthouse

CITY OR TOWN: Darlington	STATE: South Carolina	CODE: 45
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**6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE OF SURVEY:  
South Carolina Survey of Historic Places (preliminary)

DATE OF SURVEY: 1969  Federal  State  County  Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:  
South Carolina Department of Archives and History

STREET AND NUMBER:  
1430 Senate Street, P.O. Box 11,188 Capitol Station

CITY OR TOWN: Columbia	STATE: South Carolina	CODE: 45
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**7. DESCRIPTION**

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Originally a small log house of one story predating 1830. Enlarged, weatherboarded, and a second story added circa 1830-1840. Several years later its size was almost doubled when a two story annex was added on west side.

No plaster used in the house. Walls and ceilings of wide, hand-planed boards. Floors of boards from six to ten inches wide. Original mantel of hand-carved heart pine.

Restoration by Darlington County Historical Commission started early in 1970. Repairs made with materials from other houses of the same era.

A corner portion of the original one story log house on the east side of house is being preserved and exhibited by means of a plexiglass "window" in the restored weatherboarding.

Approaching completion of restoration, it appears as a rectangular gable roof structure; chimney at either end; lean-to-type front porch, supported by square posts, which runs the length of the house; lean-to enclosed rear portion with inset porch.

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**SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- |  |                                       |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century            | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century  | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century |                                       |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) prior to 1830

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal              | <input type="checkbox"/> Education              | <input type="checkbox"/> Political           | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric             | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering            | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic                | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> Science             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture           | _____  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater             | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Military    | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation      | _____  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> Music                  |  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation            |   |  |  |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Fine example of architectural evolvement -- from one-story log house typical of early South Carolina up-country settlement into the simple, functional plantation house that later became typical of the Pee Dee farm area and of much up-country home building in the 19th century. Restoration as house museum preserves a valuable area landmark, a gradually disappearing type of South Carolina architecture and life.

Home of Jacob Kelley (1780-1874), prominent early settler and founder of the small agricultural community, Kelley Town. Its military significance stems from its use as headquarters for the Union troops of Gen. John E. Smith, Commander of the 3rd Division, 15th Army Corps, in March, 1865. From this location, the Federal troops commandeered nearby Kelley Mills, ransacking and laying waste the surrounding area. According to local history, the family community entrusted to Jacob Kelley all its gold and silver during the time of the Federal troop occupation. Although he was an old man at the time, and in spite of harsh March weather, he took refuge on a nearby island and saved these possessions, returning home to find everything of his own destroyed.

Jacob Kelley's wife was a Segars; both families figure prominently in the history and development of this part of Darlington County. One of Kelley's descendents (Graham Segars, a contractor) has given this

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Ervin, Eliza Cowan, and Rudisill, Horace Fraser. Darlingtoniana, A History of Darlington County. Columbia, South Carolina: R.L. Bryan Company, 1964.

War of the Rebellion. Series I, Vol. XLVII, P. 648. Washington: Washington Printing Office, 1901.

**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 TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SE	° ' "	° ' "				
SW	° ' "	° ' "				

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1 acre

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
Dollie McGrath, Historic Resources Coordinator I

ORGANIZATION: South Carolina Department of Archives and History      DATE: March 30, 1971

STREET AND NUMBER:  
1430 Senate Street, P.O. Box 11,188 Capitol Station

CITY OR TOWN: Columbia      STATE: South Carolina      CODE: 45

**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 Charles E. Lee

Title Director, South Carolina Department Archives & History

Date March 31, 1971

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

Ernest A. Connolly  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

**MAY 6 1971**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:  
William M. Stapp  
Keeper of The National Register

**APR 8 1971**

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Statement of Significance *(Continuation Sheet)*

*(Number all entries)*

property to the Darlington County Historical Commission and is supervising its restoration as a historic house museum.