

Form 10-300
(July 1969)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

STATE: South Carolina	
COUNTY: Fairfield	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER APR 13 1972	DATE

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

1. NAME

COMMON:
Blink Bonnie (Robertson Place)

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Located in Longtown vicinity approximately 10 miles northeast of Ridgeway.

CITY OR TOWN:
Ridgeway

STATE: South Carolina

CODE: 39

COUNTY: Fairfield

CODE: 039

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input 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		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
M. Adickes Kirkland

STREET AND NUMBER:
Route 1

CITY OR TOWN:
Ridgeway 29130

STATE:
South Carolina

CODE:
39

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Fairfield County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:
Congress Street

CITY OR TOWN:
Winnsboro 29180

STATE:
South Carolina

CODE:
39

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
South Carolina Preliminary Survey of Historic Places

DATE OF SURVEY: 1969

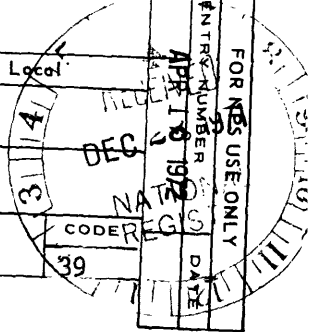
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
South Carolina Department of Archives and History

STREET AND NUMBER:
1430 Senate Street, P.O. Box 11,188 Capitol Station 29211

CITY OR TOWN:
Columbia

STATE:
South Carolina

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	slightly	<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

One and one-half story clapboard frame house on brick foundation. Gable roof, two outside chimneys on each end. All windows in original section are six over six with green louvered shutters. One-story hipped roof front porch supported by six double capped square columns which have separate foundations standing free of porch. Matching details in banisters around porch and roof deck, and step railings. Extra large center dormer contains door with three-paned sidelights. Both front entrances are surrounded by an unusual "triangular architrave."

Central hallways on each floor. Enclosed stairway is entered from back of hall. Walls and ceilings are plastered. Doors and windows are crowned with the same design that is found over the exterior doors.

One-story addition two bays long of nine over nine windows with green louvered shutters.

To left of house is old brick kitchen: four bays wide of six over six windows with green louvered shutters; gable roof with pair of end chimneys on each side; two rooms with large open fireplaces, ovens, and warmers. One fireplace still has its swinging cranes and spits.

Several counties can be seen from the hilltop location of the house. The majestic panorama gave the house its name: "beautiful view" in Scottish dialect.

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SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <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) 1822

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 | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Significant as one of the oldest remaining ante-bellum homes in the Longtown area of Fairfield County. It is located on an old Indian path which ran along the western side of the Wateree River.

Property on which the house was erected was part of a large land grant received in 1793 by Darling Jones, a Camden banker. The house was built in 1822.

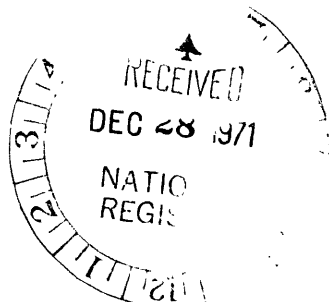
Architecture reflects life style of period. Two wide central hallways served a dual purpose: ventilation and ample space for entertaining. Interior has hand-carved mantels, wainscoting, and cornices.

After the Confederate War, plantation was sold at public auction. Later, Blink Bonnie was used as a stage house or station.

In 1943, the dilapidated mansion was purchased by the M.A. Kirklands who have since restored and furnished the house with many pieces from the Camden Kirkland home, Kamschatka, which is now the property of Mrs. William F. Buckley, Sr. The original kitchen has been modernized and was employed by the owner for eight years in the making of pickles and artichoke relishes for commercial use.

Blink Bonnie is one of ten Fairfield County buildings recommended as worthy of inclusion in the HABS Archives by John C. Poppeliers of Historic American Buildings Survey who made a review tour of the area in 1966.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Kirkland. Records of Wills, Fairfield County. Vol. II (1820-1839) Columbia, South Carolina: South Carolina Department of Archives and History.

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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 TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	<i>Degrees Minutes Seconds</i>	<i>Degrees Minutes Seconds</i>		<i>Degrees Minutes Seconds</i>	<i>Degrees Minutes Seconds</i>	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

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:
Ben F. Hornsby, Historic Resources Assistant

ORGANIZATION: South Carolina Department of Archives and History DATE: July 8, 1971

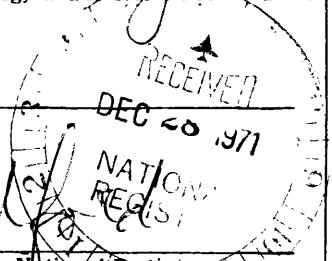
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12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

<p>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:</p> <p>National <input type="checkbox"/> State <input type="checkbox"/> Local <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Name <u>Charles E. Lee</u> Charles E. Lee</p> <p>Title <u>Director, South Carolina</u> <u>Department of Archives and History</u></p> <p>Date <u>12/16/71</u></p>	<p>I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.</p> <p><u>Robert M. Utley</u> Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation</p> <p>Date <u>4/13/72</u></p> <p>ATTEST: <u>[Signature]</u> Keeper of The National Register</p> <p>Date <u>April 7, 1972</u></p>
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9. Bibliography

Wylie, Nancy C. "Blink Bonnie of Fairfield," Sandlapper, (July - August 1971).

