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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Loch Dhu

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 5 miles N. of Cross at the end of unpaved
road extending from NE side of S.C. Highway 6

CITY, TOWN

Cross

☒ VICINITY OF

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1

STATE

South Carolina

CODE

045

COUNTY

Berkeley

CODE

015

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mr. Frank K. Simons

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Eutawville

VICINITY OF

STATE

South Carolina

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Berkeley County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Moncks Corner

STATE

South Carolina

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Inventory of Historic Places in South Carolina (updated)

DATE

1973

☐ FEDERAL ☒ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

South Carolina Department of Archives and History

CITY, TOWN

Columbia

STATE

South Carolina

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

☒ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Loch Dhu is a two-story clapboard structure located in upper Berkeley County, South Carolina. It was probably built ca. 1812-1816 by Robert J. Kirk (1786-1828). (Although tradition maintains 1816 as the date of construction, recently a chimney brick has been found to have "1812" inscribed upon it.) The structure rests upon low brick foundations and features a high hipped roof with tall interior chimneys.

The lower front facade consists of two front doors flanked by four evenly spaced windows, two to a side. Each front door, which leads into a separate front room, has a rectangular transom. A one-story porch, supported by four square columns, extends across the front. Although the roof and entablature of the porch are original; the floor, columns and balustrade are later.

The upper facade reveals an off-centered window above the left front door. Probably the result of an alteration, this window is flanked by two windows on each side. The side facades feature three windows on both levels. All of the windows are 9/9, and all but the upper side windows retain their paneled shutters.

The rear reveals a two-story modern addition. Completed ca. 1961, this addition houses a kitchen and den area on the lower level. Originally clapboard, it was bricked over ca. 1971.

INTERIOR: The original portion of the structure consists of four rooms on both levels. The first story contains a dining room, drawing room, and two smaller rooms. Only the front rooms--the dining and drawing rooms--have decorative trim. Both mantels and cornices in these rooms have gouged festoons, sunbursts, and rope motifs. The wainscoting in the dining room features stained and grained woodwork; that in the drawing room was similar but has been painted over.

The upper floor has four rooms divided by a central hall. The floors throughout the structure are original.

SURROUNDINGS: The structure rests upon an incline, with the Santee-Cooper reservoir located behind it. Several farm-related buildings are included within the acreage.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Loch Dhu is a two-story clapboard structure typical of the early 19th Century plantations in the upper St. John's area of South Carolina. It is not known exactly when Loch Dhu was constructed, but evidence suggests its having been built ca. 1812-1816 by Robert J. Kirk (1786-1828). Its history begins earlier, however, for the Kirk family settled in St. John's Parish, Berkeley, during the 18th Century, becoming one of several large plantation-owning families who were closely connected in terms of social and economic mores. The Kirks have been recognized as "an old South Carolina family, long prominent in the affairs of this state...."¹

The present structure at Loch Dhu was probably built by Robert J. Kirk (Gideon Kirk, Robert's father, was residing in St. John's Parish in 1790, at the time of the first United States Census; however, he is not recorded as having purchased property in the area until 1794). Although family tradition maintains 1816 as the date of construction of Loch Dhu, a chimney brick dated "1812" was discovered in 1973.

Robert J. Kirk was a planter, as his father had been, and the 1829 inventory of his estate includes approximately 47 slaves, as well as hogs, cattle and other farm animals. His son, Philip C. Kirk, later owned Loch Dhu and continued to farm the lands. The Agricultural Census of 1860 records his having 550 acres improved and 260 acres unimproved, cultivating cotton, Indian corn, sweet potatoes, etc. At this time Philip C. Kirk was also involved in political affairs in the state, being a representative in the South Carolina House of Representatives from 1854 until 1864. Philip's son, Robert J., served as probate judge of Berkeley County from 1885 to 1893; in 1894 he became United States Consul at Copenhagen, remaining until 1897, when he returned to South Carolina to practice law.

ARCHITECTURE: Loch Dhu is an excellent example of the Upper St. John's region plantation house with square floor plan; high hipped roof; tall, square chimneys; two front doors; and raised, one-story porches. Other examples of this idiom are Lawson's Pond and the Rocks, a ca. 1800 plantation in Orangeburg County that is listed in the National Register.

¹D.D. Wallace, History of South Carolina, Vol. IV (New York: American Historical Society, 1934), p. 296.

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(see continuation sheet)

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY ca. 9

UTM REFERENCES

A

ZONE	EASTING					NORTHING			

C

ZONE	EASTING					NORTHING			

Longitude: 80° 12' 50"

Latitude: 33° 23' 29"

B

ZONE	EASTING					NORTHING			

D

ZONE	EASTING					NORTHING			

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Kappy McNulty

ORGANIZATION

South Carolina Department of Archives and History

STREET & NUMBER

1430 Senate Street

CITY OR TOWN

Columbia

(Elias Bull - Berkeley-Charleston-Dorchester Regional
Historic Preservation Planner)

DATE

September 20, 1976

TELEPHONE

803/758-5816

STATE

South Carolina

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL ☐

STATE ☐

LOCAL ☒

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE Charles E. Lee
State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE 12/6/76

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION
ATTEST: *Charles A. Skimmington*
William Cole

DATE 9.22.77
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LOCH DHU: BERKELEY COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA

Verbal Boundary Description:

Borders to the northeast, southeast and northwest on the waters of Lake Marion and to the southwest on cropland of Loch Dhu Plantation.

Nomination includes three modern outbuildings.

CS
7/2/77