

**Frances Cabaniss Roberts Collection: Series 7, Box 4, Item 66**

**Kirby House - Marshall Co. - Site #15, State Route 67, Kirbytown**

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TARCOG HISTORICAL SURVEY  
Final Report Form

Make your answers as concise as possible.


Number as appears on your county map 15

1. Name of site or structure Kirby House (Rufus R.)

2. Location of site or structure (including township, range and section number, and which quadrant of section if known) on east side of Covert's Road 67 near Kirbytown - Township 7-South, Range 5 east, Section 21 - N.W. 1/4

3. Description Built about 1865, of slave-made brick, it is a one-story house with good detailing & proportions - a mixture of Greek Revival influence and Victorian. Porch has big large wings and central hall, dining room and kitchen all have been torn away.

4. Historical significance of site or structure if known This carefully constructed house reflects the prosperity of a prosperous rural community & the middle 1800's - the land on which it stands was a Federal Grant in 1845.  
This structure has been nominated for National Register of Historic Places.



**Names:**

Kirby House  
Kirby, Rufus R.

National Register of  
Historic Places

**Types:**

inventory

photo

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**Types:**  
photo

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TARCOG  
HISTORICAL NOTES  
HISTORICAL RESEARCH COORDINATOR  
VERIFIED DOCUMENTATION FORM

County: Marshall  
Coordinator's Name: Elizabeth Lee Lusk  
Historical Notes Number: 15 (Red Ink)  
Photograph Record Number: \_\_\_\_\_ (Blue Ink)

1. Name: Kirby House

2. Location: Kirbytown, on State Route 67 - 2 miles beyond Five Points - (Langston, Route 1)

3. Classification: Building - Residence

4. Owner of Property: Marvin Leslie, Langston, Alabama Route 1, 35755

5. Location of Legal Description: Probate Office, Marshall County Court House, Guntersville, Alabama

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**Names:**

Kirby House

Leslie, Marvin

Lusk, Elizabeth Lee

**Places:**

Kirbytown, AL

Marshall County, AL

**Types:**

inventory

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Marl. Co.  
State Route 67, Kirbytown

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15 Item 66

6. Representation in Existing Surveys: Tract Book I. in Probate Office,  
Marshall County Court House, Guntersville, Alabama

7. Description: Simple cottage-type; constructed with great care and  
style with best materials available - 1879. Of hand made brick, oak  
beams, and limestone block foundation- Two large rooms 16 x 16 feet  
with central hall 12 x 16 - a kitchen ell with connecting covered-  
way has since been removed - Walls were plastered and woodwork,  
trim and mantels painted white. At each end of house is a large  
chimney. Three doors on front and three windows, and a narrow porch-  
8 windows with small panes, nine in upper sash and six in lower, all  
intact. In poor condition, but repairable - It is situated on a  
rocky knoll, shaded by an immense oak tree and overlooks Lake  
Guntersville.

8. Historical Significance

A. Period: Middle to late 19th Century

B. Specific Dates: The 15 1/2 acre plot is part of Original Grant to  
Francis M. Kirby in 1845. The house is said to have been built  
in 1870's and was deeded to son Rufus R. Kirby on March 24, 1880-  
It passed in<sup>to</sup> Marvin Leslie's possession in 1938

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**Names:**

Kirby, Francis M.

Kirby, Rufus R.

Leslie, Marvin

**Places:**

Marshall County, AL

**Types:**

inventory



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8. Historical Significance (continued)

C. Areas of Significance: This is a prosperous farming and cattle raising community - On Lake Guntersville - One of earliest continuous settlements in County. Industries are moving into area and a nuclear plant is projected - Favored recreations, boating and camping.

D. Statement of Significance: Land Grants made in this part of County by 1830- Permanent settlements grew - Kirbytown evolved from prosperity of F. N. Kirby and his store early became the voting place for a large precinct- The Montsano Textile Company has established a large plant in the area, and Lake Guntersville State Park is within a few miles - Good state roads, and a four-lane highway give easy access to area.



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**Names:**

Kirby, F. N.

Montsano Textile Co.

**Places:**

Lake Guntersville,  
AL

Marshall County, AL

**Types:**

inventory

photo

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9. Specific Bibliographical Reference: \_\_\_\_\_

U. S.-Grant , Tract Book 1-  
Deed Book "N", page 21


Family Records

Alabama Official and Statistical Register  
1903, p. 177  
Ibid, 1927, p. 302  
Ibid, 1948, p. 604

Oliver D. Street - "The First Settlers of Marshall County,  
Marshall County, 1830-1860 - Entries and Purchases" - Com-  
1898-

10. Verified Geographical Data: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Completion: \_\_\_\_\_



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**Names:**

Montsano Textile Co.  
Street, Oliver D.

First Settlers of  
Marshall County

**Places:**

Lake Guntersville,  
AL

Marshall County, AL

**Types:**

inventory

photo

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TARCOG  
ARCHITECTURAL--HISTORICAL NOTES  
FIELD SURVEYOR  
RECORDING FORM

County: Marshall

Field Surveyors' Names: Forbes  
Sorrells

Historical Notes Number: 15  
(Red Ink)

Photograph Record Number: M-51 - M-62  
(Blue Ink)

1. Name: Kirby House

2. Location: Langston, Rt 1 in Kirbytown area,  
on Route 67, across the road from the  
Bynum home - about 1 mile beyond  
Pine Point

3. Owner of Property: Marvin Leslie

4. Geographical Data:

5. Acreage: 15 1/2 acres

6. Classification: Building - Residence

7. Integrity: no court records of land available,  
and family records reliable - Built by original  
patron of land (1843), during Civil War  
period.

Kirby home destroyed by TVA in 1936,  
for M. Leslie  
3/24/74

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**Names:**

Bynum,  
Forbes,

Kirby House  
Leslie, Marvin

Sorrells,  
TVA

**Places:**

Marshall County, AL

**Types:**

inventory

**Dates:**

Mar 24, 1974

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8. Condition: good

9. Present Use: Residence

10. Areas of Significance: Rapidly expanding area for recreation, industry and high grade farming.

11. Architectural Description: Made of hand-shaped brick, baked in Kirby as place, it is a simple cottage type house, originally of four sections.

12. Sketches of structure or site when applicable:

Date of Completion: 3/21/74

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**Names:**

TVA

**Places:**

Marshall County, AL

**Types:**

inventory

**Dates:**

Mar 24, 1974



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TARCOG  
HISTORICAL SURVEY PHOTOGRAPH RECORD

County: Marshall

Field Surveyors' Names: Forbors

I. Information on Photograph

Photographer: Sorrells

Date of Photograph: 3/31/74 View Description: Kirby Home

Roll Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Exposure Number: \_\_\_\_\_

II. Information on Site

Place Number on Map (Blue Ink): \_\_\_\_\_  
(Copied from number used in recording it on appropriate County Highway Map)

Historical Notes Number (Red Ink): \_\_\_\_\_  
(If there is a historical notes form filled in for this place, write it in the photograph number in the upper right-hand corner of this form in space provided).

Location (Word Description): 5.8 miles from Five Points Store  
House located approx 1/4 mile off county road 67 behind  
large white frame house.

Owner or Occupant: Leslie, Marvin  
(Name, if known)

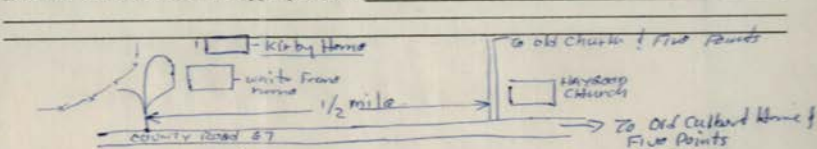
Address: \_\_\_\_\_

TYPE of Structure: (X) House ( ) Outbuilding ( ) Commercial  
( ) Barn ( ) Industrial ( ) Other, describe \_\_\_\_\_  
(where appropriate, check one or more)

Apparent period of construction: (X) Federal  
( ) Greek Revival  
(X) Mid-19th Century  
( ) Latter 19th Century  
( ) Early 20th Century

Apparent period of Additions: ( ) Federal  
( ) Greek Revival  
( ) Mid-19th Century  
( ) Latter 19th Century  
( ) Early 20th Century  
(X) Later 20th Century (modern) porch

III. Remarks and Sketches if appropriate: \_\_\_\_\_



Date of completion: 3/31/74

Form HS-2

**Names:**

Historical Survey  
Record

Kirby Home  
Leslie, Marvin

**Places:**

Marshall County, AL

**Types:**

inventory

**Dates:**

Mar 31, 1974

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