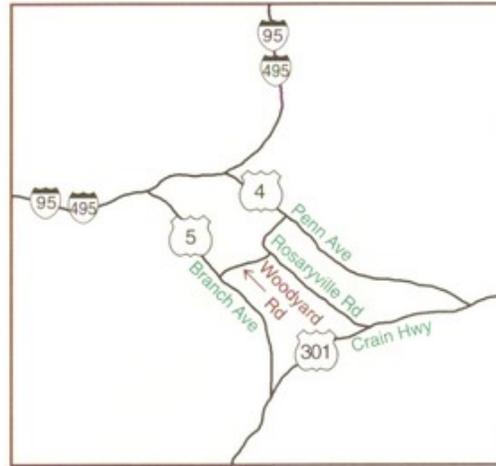




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### Directions

His Lordship's Kindness is located east of Washington, D.C., and west of Upper Marlboro, MD. To reach HLK from the Capital Beltway, take Route 4 south (Pennsylvania Ave.) to Woodyard Road (Route 223) the south for 2.4 miles, Just before the second light, at the intersection of Rosaryville Road and Woodyard Road, bear to the right, staying Woodyard Road. Then within ¼ mile turn left into the gates and follow the lane to the mansion. We are located at 7606 Woodyard Road.

### Visiting Hours

Thursday & Friday	10:00am - 4:00pm
Sunday	12:00pm - 4:00pm

The last tour begins at 3:30pm

Other visiting times can be arranged.  
 Call for special programs and group visits.

### Admission

Adults - \$5.00 - Seniors \$4.00  
 Children (6yrs - 18yrs) \$3.00  
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## A Place in the Country

Owned and operated by the John M. and Sara R. Walton Foundation, Inc., His Lordship's Kindness is one of three structures in Prince George's County designated as a National Historic Landmark. Originally named "Poplar Hill," its present name is derived from a 7,000 acres land grant from Charles Calvert, the third Lord of Baltimore, to Colonel Henry Darnell in 1703. The current mansion was built between 1785 and 1787 by the Colonel's great grandson, Robert Darnell. He replaced the earlier residence of his father, Henry Darnell III, with this beautiful Georgian home.

Since its construction, His Lordship's Kindness has been home to many families including the Darnalls, the Sewalls, the Daingerfields, U.S. Senator John S. Barbour and his wife Susan Daingerfield, The Hales, the Dunham's, U.S.



Ambassador David Bruce and his wife Evangeline Bruce, the Sayers and the last owners, the Walton Family.

Robert Darnall's home was initially designed and overseen by architect/builder James Hogan. Robert Darnall dismissed Hogan before the project was finished. Darnall then hired architect/builder Leonard Harbaugh to complete His Lordship's Kindness. Hogan and Harbaugh later entered design competitions for the new White House and the U.S. Capitol-

Hogan submitting plans for the White House and Harbaugh for the Capitol building.

## The Mansion



His Lordship's Kindness is a five-part brick, Georgian house with a central block flanked by matching wings and hyphens. Its unique "U" shaped hipped roof, Venetian style windows, fan windows and elaborate entrances are striking architectural features.

The interior contains a recently restored Catholic chapel in one of the wings.



In the opposing wing is the original kitchen. On the first and second floors are wide central halls originally used for circulation to adjacent rooms as well as space for public and private entertaining. A sweeping staircase with a mahogany balustrade connects the two floors. Elaborate classical moldings top doorways in the formal, high-ceilinged drawing and dining rooms. The furnishings reflect the lifestyle of the last owners, the Walton's, and include many interesting antiques and artifacts.

## The Gardens

Formal and landscape as well as architecture, today the property of 7.66 acres is surrounded by a 130 acre operating horse farm. The mansion's beautiful grounds include terraces with aged English and American boxwood, a wide variety of deciduous trees including the largest Osage orange in Prince George's County, a vibrant holly forest and an assortment of flowering shrubs.

Also on the property are a number of historic outbuildings including a privy, smokehouse, was house, slave infirmary and pigeon cote. In the rear of the property is a small family cemetery containing the graves of some of the mansion's past families.

