

# Darlington

South Carolina



From agriculture, historic homes, gardens, industry and special events, to Darlington Raceway "The Track Too Tough To Tame, "Darlington offers a unique blend of past, present and future.

Located in the Pee Dee Region of South Carolina, Darlington County is less than a two hour drive from Columbia, Charlotte and Myrtle Beach. Both I-20 and I-95 are located at Darlington County's doorstep. Come in and experience Southern Hospitality at its best!

# Darlington's History



The City of Darlington was founded in 1835 and was built around the courthouse and surrounding area, known as the Public Square. The City of Darlington was occupied by General Sherman's troops in early 1865 resulting in the train depot and cotton stores being burned.

From 1890 until 1920, Darlington grew as an agricultural town with cotton and tobacco sales playing an important role. For many years, Darlington had the largest tobacco market in South Carolina. Even today, Darlington has a cotton gin on East Broad Street. The City of Darlington is home of the Darlington Raceway founder Harold Brasington, who built the superspeedway in 1949 and 1950.



## Famous Darlington Natives

**Harry Byrd** -- Played major league baseball with the Philadelphia Athletics as a pitcher and was 1953 American League rookie of the year

**Orlando Hudson** - Played for the Arizona Diamondbacks of the National League and his is a three-time gold-glove winner for his stellar defensive play at second base

**Elliott Williams** - was a Medal of Honor recipient and is the most decorated Navy enlisted person in the history of the United States Navy. He fought in both Korea and Vietnam and recently a United States Navy destroyer in his name.

**William G. Billy Farrow** - was a United States Lieutenant who was one of the General Jummy Doolittle's Raiders that were the first Americans to bomb Tokyo, Japan in World War II. Farrow, age 24, was captured by the Japanese and executed for his role in the bombing. Lieutenant Farrow is buried at Arlington National Cemetery, in Arlington, Virginia.



DAVID M. BEASLEY was born in Darlington County, South Carolina. He attended both Clemson University and the University of South Carolina, receiving his bachelor's degree from the latter institution in 1979 and a law degree from the University of South Carolina Law School in 1983. He served in the South Carolina House of Representatives from 1979 to 1992--as Majority Whip from 1985 to 1986, Majority Leader from 1987 to 1988, and Speaker Pro Tempore from 1991 to 1992. He also served as governor of South Carolina from January 1, 1995 until January 1, 1999. Beasley now resides and has his office in the city of Darlington.

