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DATA SHEET

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

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC **/*

AND/OR COMMON

Geeting Farm

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

So of Keedysville rd

Northeast corner of the intersection of Geeting & Dog

CITY, TOWN Street Roads CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Keedysville VICINITY OF Sixth

STATE CODE COUNTY CODE
Maryland 24 Washington 043

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Stouffer-Geeting Evangelistic Assn., Inc.

STREET & NUMBER
C/O The Reverend John W. Schildt, Box 37

CITY, TOWN STATE
Chewsville VICINITY OF Maryland 21721

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Washington County Court House

STREET & NUMBER
West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN STATE
Hagerstown Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION			CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED		<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	Interior	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED			

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This house is located north and east of Dog Street Road at the intersection with Geeting Road about one mile south of Keedysville in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated on level ground at a sharp bend in the road and faces south.

The structure is a two story, five bay log dwelling resting on low fieldstone foundations. A one story, three bay stone addition extends to the rear or north.

The log walls have been sheathed with weatherboarding and imitation brick siding. Windows, which are relatively small in relation to wall area, have moderately wide frames with butt joints. Most have early 20th century period applied trim. All first and second story windows have six-over-six pane double hung sash. No windows are present at the second story of the north and west elevations.

Doors are located in the second and fourth bays of the front elevation. Both have framing and trim similar to that of the windows. The westernmost door is topped by a three-light transom. A one story hipped roof porch supported by round pillars extends across the front elevation.

The house retains an early wood shingle roof which is in poor condition. A brick chimney is located inside the east gable end. Another chimney rises along an interior log wall between the second and third bays from the west gable end. The eaves at the front elevation are finished with plain boxing. The ends of the rafters are exposed along the west elevation. The two west bays have been deteriorated by rot and insect infestation causing this portion of the house to sag.

The stone addition is broad and is divided end to end by an interior masonry wall. Set inside its north end elevation south of the roof ridge is a large stone chimney topped with brick. Doors and windows in the stone section have moderately wide frames joined with wooden pegs. Windows have six-over-six pane sash.

This structure is roofed with sheet metal terminating with a tapered barge board set directly against the end walls. Boxing with a course of molding below finishes the eaves.

The interior of both parts of the house appears to have been remodeled during the early 20th century and again more recently. Some interior door frames in the log section appear to be original. They are wide and finished with a bead at the inside edge. Two early doors with six raised panels are present in the second story, leading to the attic of the stone section, but do not appear to be in their original locations. Wrought nails were observed in the attic floors of the log structure.

Numerous sheds and outbuildings are located near the house. To the north along Dog Street Road are ruins of a frame bank barn which was destroyed during a windstorm in the spring of 1976.

The house is in deteriorated to fair condition and stands on a tract containing approximately 50 acres.

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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" 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

This log and stone house located along what is generally believed to be an important 18th century road is significant primarily for its association with the Geeting family, prominent early German settlers in the Keedysville area. George Adam Geeting, who is said to have come to the Keedysville area in 1759, was the founder and first minister of the Brethren in Christ Church. The Hebron Church where he preached was located nearby. (See Maryland Historical Trust Survey Form WA-II-290).

This building is also significant for its architecture as representative of an outstanding type of early rural dwelling in Maryland and southern Pennsylvania. Although undated, the house reflects building traditions popular during the late 18th and early 19th centuries in Washington County. Unfortunately, alterations to the interior of the structure make a closer estimate of age difficult.

This house stands on a farm which was for many years in the Geeting family. The Geeting name was variously spelled Gutting, Geeting, Guething and Keedy. According to local tradition the house was inhabited and perhaps built by the Reverend George Adam Geeting. T.J.C. Williams' History of Washington County quotes from a letter written by Clayton E. Keedy in 1905 which states: "George Adam Keedy lived on the hill along the old Sharpsburg Road as you turn to go down to Keedysville."¹ This statement appears to refer to the intersection of what is now known as Dog Street Road and Geeting Road.

No deed reference has been found to suggest just when the land was purchased by the Geetings. It may have been acquired before 1776 and thus recorded in Frederick County. In George Adam Geeting's will probated on July 25, 1812, he left "the two rooms and kitchen and cellar and garden which we now occupy" to Elizabeth, his wife. (Will Liber B, Page 235). He bequeathed his plantation to his son, Jacob. According to Williams' History, George Geeting, Jr. acquired the homestead. The farm apparently descended to Ephraim C. Geeting under whose ownership the first recorded deed for the property was found. On July 25, 1890, Ephraim C. Geeting sold the farm, then containing 111 acres, to his daughter, Ann C. Reel, for \$4,771.60. (95/258). Philip S. Reel, executor for Ann C. Reel, sold the farm in 1933 to Clyde V. and Ferbie S. Potter. They, in turn, sold it to Herbert E. Athey and Ramona M. Athey. (193/535, 212/629). In 1970 Ramona M. Athey, widow, conveyed the property to Robert Elwood and Maria H. Athey (508/98). It was purchased by the present owner in 1976.

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T.J.C. Williams, History of Washington County. Hagerstown, Md: Mail Publishing Co., (1906) P. 1261.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Schildt, John W. Drums Along the Antietam. Parsons, W. Va: McClain Printing Co., 1972.
 Washington County Land Records.
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 Williams, T.J.C. History of Washington County. Hagerstown, Md: Mail Publishing Co., 1906.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 5.2 Acres
 UTM REFERENCES

A	<u>18</u>	<u>26,79,10</u>	<u>4,37,30,60</u>	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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NAME / TITLE
 Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION
 Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE
 December 1976

STREET & NUMBER
 County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

TELEPHONE
 791-3065

CITY OR TOWN
 Hagerstown

STATE
 Maryland 21740

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 John N. Pearce DATE 6/18/77
 TITLE SHPO

FOR NPS USE ONLY	
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
<u>Robert B. Rettig</u>	DATE <u>11/25/77</u>
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHAELOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION	KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER
ATTEST: <u>Charles D. [Signature]</u>	DATE <u>11-23-77</u>
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	