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

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TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC **\*\* Ditto Knolls** *HK*

AND/OR COMMON

Ditto Farm Regional Park

**LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER *E of Hagerstown*  
Landis Road, half mile west of Whitehall Road

\_\_NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

VICINITY OF

Sixth

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland *24*

CODE

COUNTY

Washington 043

CODE

**CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

**OWNERSHIP**

**STATUS**

**PRESENT USE**

DISTRICT

PUBLIC

OCCUPIED

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

BUILDING(S)

PRIVATE

UNOCCUPIED

COMMERCIAL

PARK

STRUCTURE

BOTH

WORK IN PROGRESS

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

SITE

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

**ACCESSIBLE**

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

OBJECT

IN PROCESS

YES: RESTRICTED

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

BEING CONSIDERED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

NO

MILITARY

OTHER:

**OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Board of County Commissioners of Washington County

STREET & NUMBER Washington County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE Maryland

**LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

Liber #:

Folio #:

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Washington County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE 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 type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Ditto Farm is located on the Ditto Farms Regional Park property along the north side of Landis Road, about half a mile west of White Hall Road in Washington County, Maryland. The house is situated near a small spring-fed stream and faces south.

The dwelling is a five-bay, two story brick structure with a two-bay, one-story brick ell extending to the north or rear of the main section. The walls are set on low limestone foundations at the front elevation, which become considerably higher at the rear of the house and the ell.

Bricks of the front elevation are laid in Flemish bond while other walls display a type of common bonding unusual for Washington County, consisting of three courses of stretchers between header rows. A water table capped with quarter round molded brick extends along the facade. Flat brick arches present over the openings diminish in height from 1 1/2 bricks at the first story to 1/2 brick at the attic level.

Windows appear to be spaced symmetrically in the facade. The six over six light double hung sashes are held within narrow frames, which appear to be replacements of wider, more massive frames. Few windows spaced at random are present in the rear elevation.

The main entrance is located in the center bay of the facade. The unusual nine panel door is topped by a four light transom and is flanked by paneled jambs. The doorway is, however, quite simple in its appearance. In the rear elevation of the main section is a door which retains its original wide wooden frame with pegged joining.

A three-bay, one story entrance porch with a hipped roof shelters the central bays of the facade. It is supported by round doric style pillars.

The roof is covered with corrugated sheet metal and is finished at the gables with a tapered barge board which narrows to the roof peak. The eaves boxing is finished with a band of simple molding. Brick chimneys with corbeled caps are located inside each gable end and inside the end of the ell. The chimney in the ell was heightened at a later time. The house is in fair condition and appears structurally sound.

East of the house is a large stone end bank barn set parallel to Landis Road. This undated structure appears typical of stone barns built during the first half of the nineteenth century. It is in fair to good condition.

? A 19th century springhouse exists on the property of no historic interest.

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# 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
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<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
	<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

local history

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Ditto Knolls is one of two historic farm complexes in the 311.17 acre Ditto Farm Regional Park which will, in addition to recreational activities, interpret farming in Western Maryland. Ditto Knolls and the Henry McCauley Farm (see separate National Register nomination) will be restored as a part of the park. Ditto Knolls is important for its architecture and its contribution to Washington County history.

Architecturally Ditto Knolls is a significant example of the construction patterns of Washington County and western Maryland where stone and brick were important building materials. This property is an unusually early example of the County's brick architecture. Several features of this house - water table, Flemish bond brickwork on the facade used in combination with a common bond of three courses of stretchers between header rows, taped barge board, and wide pegged door frame - are associated with 18th and very early 19th century structures in Washington County. Built with five bays and a center main entrance, it is representative of a major type of building in western Maryland and the Cumberland Valley derived from the Georgian style Brick houses built, as this one was, prior to 1820 are rare in the County.

The large stone end bank barn is a well preserved example of regional agricultural construction.

The property was owned through most of its history by the McCauley family, prominent farmers in the County. The McCauley family at the same time owned the McCauley Farm the second historic complex in the park.

In 1847 Samuel McCauley bought what is now Ditto Knolls from Catherine McCra who had inherited the farm from Michael Fernsler. Fernsler acquired the property in two transactions from Wendel Gilbert (also spelled Sibert) in 1791 and 1794. Either Fernsler or Gilbert is the probable builder of Ditto Knolls.

The lands making up this farm to include parts of the original property Meshek's Garden, Resurvey On Old Fox Deceived and Cobbler's Hall.

# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Washington County Land and Probate Records  
 Washington County Courthouse  
 Hagerstown, Maryland

# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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UTM REFERENCES

A 18 271460 4387260  
 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

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 ZONE EASTING NORTHING

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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# 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION Washington County Historic Sites Survey DATE April 1, 1974

STREET & NUMBER Court House Annex TELEPHONE 301-791-3065

CITY OR TOWN Hagerstown STATE Maryland

# 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 Pearce DATE 6/17/76

TITLE SHPO

FOR NPS USE ONLY	
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
Acting DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION	DATE <u>7/12/76</u>
ATTEST: KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	DATE <u>8-29-76</u>
<u>ABR for WJM 7/8/76</u>	

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Ditto Farms  
Washington County

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DESCRIPTION, continued

The Landis Road house, a two-story, five-bay brick structure with a central entrance hall would appear to date from the late 18th or early 19th century. Although its exact building date has not been determined, this house would appear to be an unusually early example of Washington County's brick architecture. Brick houses built prior to 1820 are rare in Washington County and Western Maryland. Several features of this house are associated with late 18th and early 19th century brick construction in this county. Among these is the presence of a water table topped with quarter round molded brick, the use of Flemish bond at the facade wall in combination with common bond at the side and rear elevations which employs only three courses of stretchers (instead of the customary five) between header rows, the tapered barge board, and the use of a wide wooden door frame with pegged joining as well as evidence of the existence of window frames of this type prior to mid-19th century alterations.

Paula S. Dickey, in response to a request from the National Register for a short paragraph outlining the basis for dating the Landis Road house.  
6/76

Washington County has not begun the planning process for the park to surround the two Ditto Farms properties, so no procedure for this has been formulated. For further information, contact Alan R. Musselman, Planning Director, or Joseph Widmyer, Director of Parks and Recreation, Washington County.

MT. AETNA ROAD

Henry McCauley Farm

STONE BARN

SHED

OUT KITCHEN

BRICK HOUSE

MODERN BARN  
(NOT INCLUDED IN NOMINATION)

NOMINATED AREA



NOT IN SCALE

DITTO FARMS REGIONAL PARK

Ditto Knolls

NOMINATED AREA

BRICK HOUSE

SPRING HOUSE

STONE BARN

LANDIS ROAD

WHITE HALL ROAD