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AND/OR COMMON	Ditto Farm Region	al Park		
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The farm is located on the south side of Mt, Aetna Road, about one mile east of its intersection with Edgewood Drive in Washington County, Maryland, in the Ditto Farm Regional Park. It is situated on the side of a hill and faces north or twoard Mr. Aetna Road.

The structure is a four bay, two story brick dwelling, painted deep red with white and dark green trim. A four bay ell extends to the rear or south of the main section and a small one story shed roof addition is attached to the south gable end.

The walls are set on low limestone foundations. The bricks of all elevations are laid in common bond with numerous rows of stretchers between headers. Flat brick arches are present over all windows, including those at the attic level.

Windows are located on all sides of the building. They contain six over six pane double hung sashes within narrow wooden frames finished with a bead. Windows of the facade are flanked by paneled shutters at the first story and by louvred shutters at the second floor level. Smaller six over six pane sashes illuminate the attic.

The main entrance is located in the third bay from the east end of the front elevation. The double doors are each decorated with pairs of rounded panels. Flanking the doors are attached columns of the plain doric order. A transom and side lights with diamond panes surround the entrance inside paneled jambs and a paneled head. A flat brick arch is present over the doorway.

A two-bay entrance porch is supported by heavy doric posts or cokumns. An enclosed double porch, included under the main roof span of the ell extends along the east side.

Brick chimneys rise from inside each gable end and from the west side of the house between the third and fourth bays from the south end of the ell. The chimneys are large with protruding bricks forming a rim at the top.

The roof is covered with sheet metal and is finished with beaded barge boards placed against the end walls.

The interior of the front section is divided into four rooms. The northwest room contains only a spiral stair which is open to the attic. The interior woodwork is rather elaborate with doors surrounded by symmetrically molded trim with decorated corner blocks.

In additon to the house the property contains a large stone and bank barn. The barn is located northwest of the house and is situated with its north gable at the edge of Mr. Aetna Road. Its end walls are constructed of coursed local fieldstone. Vertical slits in the stonework provide ventilation for the interior. A partially readable date stone set in the barn's north gable is inscribed with the builder's name and date. Only the name McCauley and the year 1833 could be read. In the north elevation above the date stone is a round opening surrounded with carefully cut blocks. The side walls are of frame construction above the ground story. The sheathing is

See continuation sheet # 1.



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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Henry McCauley Farm is one of the two historic farm complexes in the Ditto Farm Regional Park which will, in addition to recreational activity interpret farming in western Maryland. The Henry McCauley Farm & Ditto Knolls (see separate National Register nomination) will be restored as part of the park. The Henry McCauley Farm is important for it architecture and place in Washington County history.

Architecturally the complex of buildings is a significant example of the construction patterns of Washington County and Western Maryland where stone and brick were important building materials. The brick house on Mt. Aetna Road, probably built between 1830 and 1850, is a well preserved example of the area's brick architecture from the mid 19th century. Its elaborate entrance and spiral stair which are unusual for the area, as well as the extensive use of decorative interior woodwork, suggests that this house is one of the County's finer dwellings of the period.

The large stone-end bank barns found at the complex is typical of such structures which appear to be indiginous to Southern Pe-nsylvania and Western Maryland.

The Mt. Aetna Road complex also includes a brick out kitchen which appears contemporary with the house. The windmill for pumping eater is also significant since such structures are becoming rare in the area.

The property along Mt. Aetna Road was known in the past as the "Henry McCauley Farm." It was bequeathed to him by Charles McCauley as evidenced in his will probated March 9, 1830. Charles McCauley acquired the land in 1799, 1801 and 1802 from Alexander Clagett, Jacob Schnebly, and Peter Adams respectively.

The McCauley family were prominent farmers in Washington County.

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

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Henry McCauley Farm, Ditto Farm Regional Park Washington County, Maryland. CONTINUATION SHEET

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painted red with white trim. The roofing material is corrugated sheet metal.

Near the house and southeast of the barn is a metal windmill for pumping water. A modern dairy barn not included in this nomination is located some distance east of the house.

The structures appear to be in good to excellent condition.

