

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service



306

National Register of Historic Places
Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations for individual properties and districts. See instructions in *How to Complete the National Register of Historic Places Registration Form* (National Register Bulletin 16A). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the information requested. If any item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, architectural classification, materials, and areas of significance, enter only categories and subcategories from the instructions. Place additional entries and narrative items on continuation sheets (NPS Form 10-900a). Use a typewriter, word processor, or computer, to complete all items.

1. Name of Property

historic name Koons, Jacob, Farm

other names CARR-113

2. Location

street & number 1151 Otterdale Mill Road

☐ not for publication

city or town Taneytown

☒ vicinity

state Maryland code MD county Carroll code 013 zip code 21787

3. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this ☒ nomination ☐ request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property ☒ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. I recommend that this property be considered significant ☐ nationally ☐ statewide ☒ locally. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments).


Signature of certifying official/Title

4-8-11
Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

In my opinion, the property ☐ meets ☐ does not meet the National Register criteria. (☐ See continuation sheet for additional comments).

Signature of certifying official/Title

Date

State or Federal agency and bureau

4. National Park Service Certification

I hereby certify that this property is:

☒ entered in the National Register.

☐ See continuation sheet.

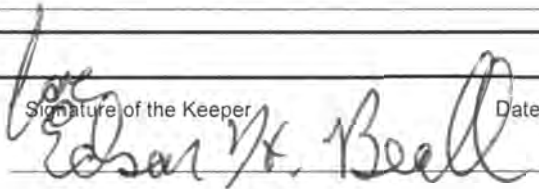
☐ determined eligible for the National Register.

☐ See continuation sheet.

☐ Determined not eligible for the National Register.

☐ removed from the National Register.

☐ other (explain):


Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

5-25-11

Koons, Jacob, Farm (CARR-113)

Carroll County, MD

Name of Property

County and State

5. Classification**Ownership of Property**

(Check as many boxes as apply)

- ☒ private
- ☐ public-local
- ☐ public-State
- ☐ public-Federal

Category of Property

(Check only one box)

- ☒ building(s)
- ☐ district
- ☐ site
- ☐ structure
- ☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

(Do not include previously listed resources in the count)

Contributing	Noncontributing	
7	6	buildings
		sites
2		structures
		objects
9	6	Total

Name of related multiple property listing

(Enter "N/A" if property is not part of a multiple property listing)

N/A

number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register

0

6. Function or Use**Historic Functions**

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

DOMESTIC/secondary structure

AGRICULTURE/agricultural outbuilding

Current Functions

(Enter categories from instructions)

DOMESTIC/single dwelling

DOMESTIC/secondary structure

AGRICULTURE/agricultural outbuilding

7. Description**Architectural Classification**

(Enter categories from instructions)

NO STYLE

Materials

(Enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONE

walls STONE

WOOD

roof ASPHALT

other

Narrative Description

(Describe the historic and current condition of the property on one or more continuation sheets)

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

CARR-113
Koons, Jacob, Farm
Name of Property

Section 7 Page 1

Carroll County, MD
County and State

Description Summary:

The Jacob Koons Farm is located at 1151 Otterdale Mill Road, about 3-1/2 miles south of Taneytown, about 2-1/2 miles north of Union Bridge, and close to 3 miles northwest of Uniontown in northwestern Carroll County, Maryland. The farm is located on the east side of Otterdale Mill Road, with the house facing west towards the road. The farm sits on a generally flat or slightly undulating site, and the farm complex consists of a stone house, a stone smokehouse, a frame summer kitchen, a frame bank barn, a frame privy, several sheds and two prefabricated metal buildings. According to the owner, there once was a wire metal fence and gate enclosing the yard in front of the house that replaced the picket fence seen in a historic photo.

General Description:

The property is accessed by a driveway off Otterdale Mill Road. A **concrete slab bridge** carries the driveway across Cabin Branch. The **house**, constructed in 1869, is a five bay by two bay, two story rubble stone structure with quoining at the corners. It has a gable roof of asphalt shingles with a north-south ridge. On each gable end are interior double brick chimneys. In the foundation the north and north-center bays have diamond-in-section wood louvers set in beaded-interior-edge mitered frames. They have thin wood sills, wood lintels with quirked Greek ogee cornice moulds, and six-light sash set behind them. The center bay has a rubble stone porch foundation, with a concrete deck and brick piers under the front posts. The south-center and south bays each have a six-light sash with the same frame sills and lintels as the north bay openings.

The first story center bay has a four panel door with octagonal bolection-moulded panels. There is an eight-light transom above a plain transom bar. The doorway has one panel in the soffit, one panel in each jamb at door level, and one panel at each jamb at transom level. These panels are octagonal with sunk, flat panels and beveled panel moulds. The doorway has plain pilasters with Greek ovolo mouldings at the top. There is a one-bay, one-story porch with paired square columns that have ogee mouldings at the top and near the center, where the columns are reduced in width. There are matching engaged square columns set against the wall of the house. On each side of the porch are railings with square-in-plan vertical balusters. The porch has a wood box cornice with an ogee bed mould and cymatium and is pedimented on the west. There is a gable roof of asphalt shingles, with an east-west ridge. The four remaining bays each have a six over six double hung sash with beaded-interior-edge mitered frames, wide wood sills, lintels that match the foundation openings, and shutter hinges. These windows are typical for the house, and the second story has five of them. There is a wooden box cornice with paneled soffit and returns.

The soffit has one long sunk flat panel and an ogee bed mould beneath it. On the north elevation, the foundation has a typical wood louver, but without a cornice moulding, in the east bay. The first and second

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section 7 Page 2

CARR-113
Koons, Jacob, Farm
Name of Property

Carroll County, MD
County and State

stories each have two typical 6 over 6 sash, the gable end has two four-light casements, with typical frames and lintels and thin wood sills. Between the windows is a marble date stone chiseled with "J. KOONS 1869." The raking eave cornice also has a paneled soffit. The porch on the east elevation is set under the symmetrical gable of the house and has the same cornice. The north end of the porch has German siding on both the first and second stories.

The first story of the east elevation has no openings in the south and the south-center bays. The central bay has a typical 6 over 6 sash and the north-center bay has a four-panel door that has sunk fields and beveled panel moulds. There is an eight-light transom with a plain transom bar. The jambs have one-panel at the door and another panel at the transom on each side. There is also a single panel on the soffit. The panels are sunk and flat and have beveled panel moulds. The north bay has an enclosed porch with German siding fastened with cut nails. It has a typical 6 over 6 sash with no lintel. The south elevation of this enclosure has German siding and infill of German siding where a door formerly stood. There is a two story porch on this elevation that has three chamfered posts on the first story and corrugated metal on the soffit of the porch. On the second story the porch has seven chamfered posts with square balusters over a horizontal board rail. There is weatherboarding on the north center and north bays of the porch that covers the three northern most posts and two sections of railing. There is a tongue and grooved wood deck to the porch and corrugated metal on the soffit. The north and south bays on the second story have a typical 6 over 6 sash. There are no openings on the north-center and south-center bays. The center bay has a four-panel door with sunk fields and quirked ogee and bead mouldings. There is a 2-light transom with a plain transom bar. Each jamb has one-panel and there is one in the soffit. These are sunk flat panels with quirked Greek ovolo panel moulds. The doorway has a typical frame and lintel.

On the south elevation the foundation has a metal bulkhead door with brick cheek walls and wood lintel in the west bay. The east bay has a typical wood louver with no cornice moulding. On the first story are two typical six over six sash. Set just west of center is stone infill in a door opening. This opening has a stone sill that is chiseled on the front face. The opening appears to have had a lintel that was removed when infilled. The house has been repointed since the infill was done; both the infill pointing and the rest of the house were originally a medium brown in color. The repointing is a light brown. There are several wood nailers on either side of and above the former opening. They are in a somewhat triangular pattern, suggesting that perhaps a gabled porch roof originally stood here. The second story has two typical 6 over 6 sash, and the gable end has two 4-light casements like those on the north elevation. The gabled end of the porch on the east elevation has German siding in it.

The cellar is divided in half by a framed partition wall that is covered in lath and plaster. The partition wall is set in the center of the cellar and runs east-west. The stairway comes down into the south cellar room. It is an enclosed, straight run of stairs, and the south wall of the stairway has lath that is both circular sawn and mill sawn, and it is fastened with cut nails. The southwest cellar has plaster on stone walls, and a concrete floor. The

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

CARR-113
Koons, Jacob, Farm
Name of Property

Section 7 Page 3

Carroll County, MD
County and State

floor joists above are sash sawn and run east-west. They are 1-1/2 to 2 inches wide x 7 inches deep and are spaced 22 to 24-1/2 inches on centers. They are set into the stone walls. The south elevation has a beaded edge vertical board door set to the west that leads to the exterior. The door has cast iron butt hinges and a cast iron rim lock marked "M.W. & Co., NEW HAVEN" and has a mineral knob. The doorway has mitered architrave that has a beaded interior edge. Just east of the door are two brick piers that are plastered and have shelves between them. These piers support the fireplace above. The fireplace trimmers in the floor above have through-tenons and pegs into the fireplace header. East of the brick piers is a large cooking fireplace that is plastered on the front. It is a simple wood mantel shelf with triangular wood brackets. The lintel for the fireplace has a brick header course supported by two iron bars that are 1/2 inch deep and 1 inch wide. They are connected in the center by a short bar with tapered ends. The summer beam runs north/south and rests on top of the brick fireplace. The summer beam is hewn and is 9-1/2 inches wide and is 7 inches deep. The joists have a center tenon and peg that connects them to the summer beam. The pegs are unusually thin, about 1/2 inch in diameter. There is a closet underneath the stairs with a tongue-and-groove vertical board door that is wire-nailed. The east elevation has a frame wall with lath and plaster, and a door in it that is set to the north. This doorway has mitered architrave with a beaded interior edge. There is a tongue-and-groove vertical board door on plain cast iron butt hinges. The north elevation, which is the center partition wall, has a doorway set to the west that leads to the north cellar. This doorway has mitered architrave with a beaded interior edge and has a beaded edge vertical board door that has plain cast iron butt hinges and a cast iron "NEW HAVEN" rimlock with a mineral knob. Beneath the center passage the joists run north-south and have through-tenons and pegs into the joists on the east and west side of the center passage. These east and west joists are no bigger than the rest of the joists.

The southeast cellar is a narrow room with a dirt floor. The north cellar also has a dirt floor, and the walls have heavy coats of white wash. The north elevation has four plastered brick piers with sets of shelves between each pair of piers. The eastern-most shelves were removed for the furnace flue. The summer beam has two posts beneath it and there is a tenon on the top of each post. The summer beam has a scarf joint with a center blade and two pegs.

The first story has a center passage double-pile plan, but the passage is only of single pile depth, enabling the northeastern room to be longer. The passage flooring appears to be pine that runs east-west. It is of random width, most boards being 4-5 inches wide, and is blind-nailed. The baseboard has a broken field. The architrave also has a broken field with no backband. It has a cornice with a fillet at the top and a beveled mould at the bottom. The front door architrave however, has a backband that consists of the beveled mould without the fillet. The interior doors have four panels with sunk fields and ogee-and-bead panel moulds on both sides. They are hung on cast iron butt hinges that are plain. The north-west room door is in storage. The south-west room door has a cast iron rim lock that is marked "PATENTED MAY 5th 1863, JUNE 7th 1864" and has a porcelain knob. The east door has a plain rim lock with a metal knob. This door has no panel moulds on the east side. There is a straight run of stairs on the south wall that has an open stringer. They have turned balusters and a 3/4 round

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

CARR-113
Koons, Jacob, Farm
Name of Property

Section 7 Page 4

Carroll County, MD
County and State

handrail. There is a large turned newel post that has a knob on the top of it.

The northwest room has a random width pine floor of boards that are 5 to 7 inches wide and run north-south. The baseboards are identical to those in the passage. The door and window architraves on the south, west, and north elevations have a broken field. The top section of architrave is not mitered at the corners but is carried all the way across. The top edge of this architrave has a pedimented cornice moulding that consists of a fillet and a Greek cavetto. The window sash have parting beads and spring latches. The lights are 10 inches x 14 inches, the window jambs are splayed, and beneath the window sills is a board with a broken field. There is a fireplace centered on the north elevation that has a brick hearth and straight, plastered jambs. There is a wood mantel with pilasters that have cavetto moulds. The mantel has a plain frieze with a double ovolo bedmould. On the east elevation is a doorway that must be a later addition. It has plain architrave and the cornice has a fillet and Greek ogee mould. The cornice is not pedimented. The door for this opening is now in storage.

The southwest room has the same flooring and baseboard as the northwest room. The window and door architrave have a broken field, and again the top architrave inner field is not mitered but runs all the way across the length of the architrave. This top piece also has a cornice with a fillet and a Greek cavetto, but it is not pedimented. The window jambs are splayed, the windows have parting beads and spring latches, and again there is a broken field beneath the sill. There is a fireplace on the south elevation that is now enclosed for a wood stove. There is a wood mantel with pilasters that have ogee capitals. The mantel has a plain frieze and a bedmould with a Greek ogee above a large ovolo. The west elevation of the fireplace has a small wood door with beaded-interior-edge mitered architrave. The door is hung on plain cast iron butt hinges. The fireplace has a brick hearth. South of the fireplace there was a door and transom leading to the exterior. This door and transom were moved to the northeast room and the opening was closed off in the interior by the present owners. The opening had already been enclosed with stone on the exterior at an earlier date, rendering the doorway nonfunctional. The southeast corner has part of the flue from the cellar fireplace projecting into the room. There is a door on the east elevation leading to the southeast room. It has a typical four-panel arrangement found in this house and has panel moulds on the southwest room side only. It is hung on plain cast iron butt hinges, has a cast iron rim lock marked "PATENTED MAY 5th 1863, JUNE 7th 1864", and has a porcelain knob. There is a doorway on the north elevation, at the east corner of the room, that leads to the northeast room. It, too, is of a typical four-panel arrangement with panel moulds on the southwest room side only. The door is hung on plain cast iron butt hinges, has a cast iron rim lock marked "M.W. & CO. NEW HAVEN", and has a mineral knob.

The southeast room has the same flooring and baseboard as the southwest room. Part of the flue from the cellar extends in to the southwest corner of this room. The architrave has a broken field and is mitered at the corners. The window has splayed jambs, spring latch, parting beads, and a broken field under the sill. It, too, has 10 x 14 inch lights. There is a peg rail with broken field and metal hooks on the west elevation,

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section 7 Page 5

CARR-113
Koons, Jacob, Farm
Name of Property

Carroll County, MD
County and State

south of the door.

The northeast room is now a kitchen with linoleum floor and beaded-edge vertical board half wainscot with chairrail. The room has beaded-interior-edge mitered architrave. On the west elevation, to the south, is a door to the cellar stairs. It has four panels with no panel moulds. It is hung on plain cast iron butt hinges and has a cast iron Suffolk latch. Next to it is a door to the center passage, then a doorway to the northwest room. This latter doorway has plain architrave set below a peg rail that extends from the passage doorway to the north wall. This peg rail has no pegs or hooks on it at present. The north elevation has a fireplace set to the west that is now closed off for the furnace flue. The mantel is missing, but according to the owner was a simple wood one that was deteriorated. The east wall of the fireplace has a cupboard door set high on the wall. It had a slide bolt and is hung on cast iron butt hinges that appear to be plain. To the east of the fireplace is a window with splayed jambs, spring latch, parting beads, 10 x 14 inch lights, and a broken field under the sill. On the east elevation there is a doorway set to the north that leads to the pantry. The door is gone but had plain cast iron butt hinges. The opening appears to be original to the construction of the house. In the center of this wall is a four-panel door that was moved from the southwest room south elevation. It has the typical four-panel arrangement, is hung on plain cast iron butt hinges, and has a new lock. It has ogee and bead panel moulds on the interior, and there is an eight light transom above that is hinged at the bottom and has a rod to open it from below. According to the owner this door and transom replace an identical one here that was very deteriorated. There is a window to the south of this doorway that is identical to the north elevation window. The ceiling was originally lathed and plastered, but this has been removed. The floor joists are now exposed, are sawn, and are about two inches wide. Their depth cannot be determined. A summer beam runs north-south above the partition wall and the joists have a center tenon into the summer beam that is pegged. The fireplace trimmer on the north has a through-tenon that is pegged. On the south end, to the west, is a stair trimmer with a through-tenon and a peg. To the east of the trimmer a circular-sawn joist has been set in the opening to fill it and support the flooring above. Thus it appears there was a back stairway that ran up from east to west, with a landing at the west end that meets the main stair case on the second story. This stairway did not exist when the present owner first moved to the property.

The second story has a center-passage, double-pile plan. The flooring runs north-south and is mostly 4- to 5-1/2 inch wide random width pine that is face-nailed. The stair handrail is ramped at the landing. The railing and balusters are identical to those used on the first story. The passage runs to the west along the north wall, and then along the west wall to reach a door to the southwest chamber. The passage has typical baseboard and the same architrave as found in the first story passage. The west elevation window has splayed jambs, a spring latch, parting beads, a broken field under the sill and 10 x 12 inch lights. There is an enclosed winder stair in the southeast corner that leads to the attic. The door is on the north side of the stairway, to the east. The west side of this enclosed stairway has a closet door at the landing that was originally the top of the back stairway. The doorway has plain architrave and the door has four panels with sunk fields and no panel moulds. It is hung on plain cast iron butt hinges and has a cast iron Suffolk latch. The attic door is identical to this closet door. The

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

CARR-113
Koons, Jacob, Farm
Name of Property

Carroll County, MD
County and State

Section 7 Page 6

east elevation of the passage has a doorway to the second story rear porch. The architrave matches the rest of the passage architrave. The door has four panels with sunk fields and no panel moulds, is hung on plain cast iron butt hinges, has a cast iron rim lock that is marked "PATENTED May 5th 1863. June 7th 1864.", and has a mineral knob. There is a two-light transom above.

The northwest chamber has a four panel door with no panel moulds. It has plain cast iron butt hinges and a cast iron rim lock with the same PATENTED dates found in the passage, and a mineral knob. The architrave has a broken field that is mitered at the corners and a cornice moulding with a fillet and a Greek cavetto. The typical baseboard is used and the flooring is 2 1/4 inch oak that runs east-west. On the north wall, set to the east, is either a fireplace that is closed off and covered over now or a wide flue. The windows are the same as in the second story passage, and there is a doorway on the east elevation, set to the north. The door has four panels with no panel moulds and has a cast iron Suffolk latch. The architrave is plain on either side with a broken field across the top.

The southwest chamber has the same flooring and baseboards as the second story passage, and the same architraves as the northwest chamber. The windows are also the same as the second story passage. There is a new built-in closet in the southeast corner. There is no fireplace but just a flue on the south wall. There is a ghost of a threshold on the floor, east of the flue, that suggests a small built-in closet was there originally.

The southeast chamber has the same floor and baseboard as the second story passage, and the same windows. The architrave has a broken field that is mitered at the corners and has no cornice. The four-panel door has no panel moulds and is hung on plain cast iron butt hinges. There is a cast iron rim lock with a mineral knob and it is marked with the same patent date found elsewhere in the house. There is an exposed brick flue on the south wall, to the west.

The northeast chamber has linoleum floor, and baseboard identical to the second story passage. The windows are also the same. The architrave matches the southeast chamber. The door to this chamber has four panels with no panel moulds, and is hung on plain cast iron butt hinges. The cast iron rim lock here is marked "M.W. & Co. NEW HAVEN," and has a mineral knob. There is a door on the west elevation of this chamber that has plain head-cut trim.

The attic stair wall has both circular sawn and sash sawn lath. The attic flooring alternates between having tongues on both sides of the board and having grooves on both sides. The rafters are sash sawn and are 3 to 3 1/4 inches wide. They are tapered from about 4 inches wide at the ridge to about 6 inches wide at the foot and are spaced 29-1/2 to 32 inches on centers. The end rafters have through-mortises for tenons on the ends of short rafters that project over the eaves walls. The mortise and tenon joints are pegged. These short rafters are apparently to frame the eaves. The main rafter feet have birdsmouth cuts that lap over a false plate. The ridge

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section 7 Page 7

CARR-113
Koons, Jacob, Farm
Name of Property

Carroll County, MD
County and State

joints have a center tenon and peg. There are collar beams that are half-lapped and nailed to the sides of the rafters with cut nails. There are also knee wall studs that are half-lapped and nailed to the rafters with cut nails, but the attic was never finished. According to the owner the roof was originally slate.

There is a **summer kitchen** about 10 feet east of the house. It is a one-story, two bay building with vertical board siding and a gable roof of corrugated metal with an east-west ridge. The west elevation has a vertical board door with head-cut trim set to the north. It has a stone sill. There is a 6 over 6 sash with beaded-interior-edge trim set in the center of the west elevation. The north elevation has no openings. The east elevation has a stone exterior fireplace with a brick chimney set on top of it. The south elevation has two large one-light, top hinged sash. Beneath the metal roofing are wood shingles. The kitchen is built of sawn 2 x 4 lumber with 2 x 4 rafters that are mitered at the ridge. The fireplace on the east end has straight jambs with an iron crane and a wood mantel tree. The interior of the door is painted "E.Y. H.E. I.Y. House Painted OCT. 27, 1927 HRM. Jo. Wilson Farm Mt. Union Herman Miller Born OCT. 17, 1909". There are also paintings of a horse, a man, and an airplane with "Spirit of St. Louis" beneath it.

About 20 feet southeast of the house is a **smokehouse** of rubble stone with quoining. It is a one story, one bay square structure set at an angle to the house with a gable roof of inverted V-seam metal and a northwest to southeast ridge. On the northwest elevation is a beaded edge vertical board door hung on strap hinges with a thin wood lintel and plain wood frame. The interior of the building is parged. The rafters are sawn and mitered at the ridge and support shingle lath.

About 100 feet north of the house is a **bank barn** with a forebay that faces west. The upper story has vertical board siding that appears to be wire-nailed and there is a gable roof of standing seam metal with a north-south ridge. The west elevation lower story has a CMU wall with three dutch doors and a bank of seven twelve-light metal sash and another bank of ten twelve-light metal sash. The upper story, from north to south, has three wood louver vents set above three other wood louver vents, a door hung on butterfly hinges, two vents over a vent and a door, a door over a door and three more vents set above three vents.

The south elevation lower story has a rubble stone foundation wall that extends to the west end of the forebay. Beneath the forebay is a beaded-edge-and-center vertical board door hung on rollers with a two-light casement to the east of it, then an identical door and another two-light casement further east. The upper story has a vertical board door hung on butterfly hinges and set to the east. There are four wood louver vents with four more vents set above them. The gable end has two vents in the center and another above in the peak. The plates and purlins extend beyond the wall to support the eave and are tapered on the ends. There is a lightning rod-weather vane combination on the south end, another on the north, and two rods in the center, one of which still retains its glass ball.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

CARR-113
Koons, Jacob, Farm
Name of Property

Section 7 Page 8

Carroll County, MD
County and State

The east elevation has center double wagon doors on rollers that are now covered with aluminum panels. To the south of this opening are two six-light sash with vents set above them. To the north of the double wagon doors are just two vents. There is a corrugated concrete silo with metal bands set to the north of the wagon doors. The north elevation of the barn is identical to the south elevation but with no door on the upper story.

The lower story of the barn has been altered to convert it into a milking parlor with a concrete floor, parged walls, beaded-edge-and-center tongue-and-groove ceiling boards, and metal stanchions. The upper story has five hewn heavy timber mortised-and-tenoned-and-pegged bents. There are two center wagon floors with a hay mow on each end. The uprights for the ladders and the braces are all sash sawn. There is a granary in the southeast corner. The outer granary door is missing, but had strap hinges. There were probably steps down to the lower story between the outer and inner granary doors. The inner granary door is hung on new machine-made strap hinges that are screwed to the frames. This may be the original outer granary door that has been moved. It is made of vertical boards and has a wrought iron Suffolk latch and a wrought hasp. The granary has five bins and is fastened with cut nails. The barn bents have four posts with a queen post truss supporting purlins between the ridge and the eaves plates. The end posts have down braces with a girt above the braces, and there is a second girt set between the two center posts. In the center of the center bents is a ladder. The rafters are sawn and are about 3 by 4 inches dimension. They are pegged at the ridge but the joint cannot be clearly observed. The rafters support lath and wood shingles. There is a hay track in the ridge with a wood beam that has a metal unit that rides along it. In the southwest corner in the forebay is a room with a vertical board door that is hung on tapered strap hinges with round ends and has a wood slide bolt, but the door cannot be opened. The threshing floor walls are painted with a boxer labeled "DEMSEY", with a masonic symbol of a compass or pair of dividers, and with initials "KKK", "IOOF", and "HRM." There is also an airplane labeled "Spirit of St. Louis," a coat of arms with the initials "FBC" inside it, and carved into one board is "Hagerstown". Another wall has "HN CH 1928".

A corrugated metal **silo** is located at the northeast corner of the barn, on the upper level. At the northwest corner of the barn are a series of three recently-constructed **sheds** that run to the west. There is a **privy** that has been moved to about 30 feet east of the barn. It is of beaded-edge, vertical, tongue-and-groove boards and has a shed roof with inverted v-seam metal that slopes down to the rear or west. The front elevation, now facing east, has a door that matches the siding while the rear elevation has a boxed wood vent that runs up the center with an opening at the top and a top board that is sloped like the shed roof to shed water. Next to the privy is a **CMU shed** with a metal gable roof and north-south ridge. The east elevation has vertical board doors on rollers. To the east is a **Morton prefabricated metal building**. There is **another Morton building** between the house and barn and a **garage** with vertical board siding and later battens. This garage has a shed roof that slopes to the north and has a garage door on the west elevation. There is a **milk room** between the garage and barn that has a poured concrete foundation, vertical board siding and a gable roof of inverted v-seam metal with an east-west

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

CARR-113
Koons, Jacob, Farm

Name of Property

Carroll County, MD

County and State

Section 7 Page 9

ridge. The west elevation has two 6 over 6 sash. The south elevation has three 6 over 6 sash to the south and a shed roof wing added to the north. The north elevation has a crossbuck door on t-hinges in the center. The east elevation has a vent in the gable end.

Resource count:

Contributing buildings: House, Summer Kitchen, Smokehouse, Bank Barn, Milk House,
Garage, Privy

Contributing structures: Bridge, Silo

Non-contributing buildings: Recently-constructed frame Sheds (3), CMU Shed, Morton
buildings (2)

8. Statement of Significance**Applicable National Register Criteria**

(Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- ☒ **A** Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad pattern of our history
- ☐ **B** Property associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ **C** Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ **D** Property has yielded, or is likely to yield, information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations

(Mark "x" in all the boxes that apply)

Property is:

- ☐ **A** owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ **B** removed from its original location.
- ☐ **C** a birthplace or grave.
- ☐ **D** a cemetery.
- ☐ **E** a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ **F** a commemorative property.
- ☐ **G** less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

Narrative Statement of Significance

(Explain the significance of the property on one or more continuation sheets)

Area of Significance

(Enter categories from instructions)

ARCHITECTURE

AGRICULTURE

Period of Significance

1869-1960

Significant Dates

1869

Significant Person

(Complete if Criterion B is marked above)

Cultural Affiliation

N/A

Architect/Builder

unknown

9. Major Bibliographical References**Bibliography**

(Cite the books, articles, and other sources used in preparing this form on one or more continuation sheets)

Previous documentation on files (NPS):

- ☐ preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- ☐ previously listed in the National Register
- ☐ previously determined eligible by the National Register
- ☐ designated a National Historic Landmark
- ☐ recorded by Historic American Buildings Survey

- ☐ recorded by Historic American Engineering Record

Primary location of additional data:

- ☐ State Historic Preservation Office
- ☐ Other State agency
- ☐ Federal agency
- ☐ Local government
- ☐ University
- ☐ Other

Name of repository:

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

CARR-113
Koons, Jacob Farm
Name of Property

Section 8 Page 1

Carroll County, MD
County and State

Summary Statement of Significance:

The Jacob Koons Farm is eligible for the National Register under Criterion C, in that it embodies the distinctive characteristics of a Carroll County farm of the last half of the nineteenth century. The farm illustrates the process of development of farms in Carroll County, where most first period structures were gradually replaced as farmers became more affluent in the nineteenth century. The property derives additional significance under Criterion A for its association with the development of agriculture in Carroll County; the evolution of the farmstead illustrates the effect of national economic cycles on these once prosperous farmers, another typical trend in Carroll County's history.

The period of significance, 1869-1960, begins with the date of construction of the stone house and ends at a date fifty years in the past. The property has remained in agricultural use continuously throughout this period, and into the present.

Resource History and Historic Context:

In 1852 Jacob Koons purchased the 105 acre farm of Jacob and Barbara Gamer northwest of Uniontown for the respectable sum of \$24.38 an acre, or \$2560. At that time the farm had a log house and log barn, and Koons was already an established farmer with livestock worth \$371.00. His history before acquiring Gamer's farm is unknown, but Koons was a successful farmer who gradually made the farm his own. This is indicated by the 1866 tax records. In fourteen years, Koons livestock had increased in value to \$764.00, he had farming implements worth \$285.00, and his farm land was worth \$48.00 an acre. A frame barn had replaced the log barn and Koons had added 38 acres of unimproved land that was worth \$35.00 an acre. Jacob Koons had also begun to live more comfortably. He had furniture worth \$200.00, plus was assessed for a watch, silver plate, and a carriage. In addition, he had gained a measure of financial security by acquiring \$425.00 worth of private securities.

Financial success and stability enabled Koons to complete the transformation of his farm by constructing a new stone dwelling in 1869. The house he built was a double pile structure with a center passage and stair hall one room deep. The Georgian plan and details, including the one bay porch on the front facade, were popular traditional choices for farm houses throughout the nineteenth century, and there are only a few aspects of the house which date it to 1869 and not fifty years earlier. Several features of the house are unusual. The rear porch, contained within the mass of the symmetrical gable roof is not common, but two story porches on rear ells are. The side door in the southwest room, now closed off, is also an unusual feature and its function is not known. Because this room is the only one with direct access to the northeast room, and the latter probably functioned as the kitchen, it is likely that the southwest room was a dining area. However, farm hands were probably not fed here, but in the kitchen, so the doorway would not be a secondary access for them. The floor framing is also

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section 8 Page 2

CARR-113
Koons, Jacob Farm
Name of Property

Carroll County, MD
County and State

unusual, as floor joists are rarely mortised and tenoned and pegged to summer beams in Carroll County. The use of through-tenons is rare, as are bladed scarf joints. These features suggest the possibility that the builder was not local.

Despite all his work and planning, Jacob Koons was not able to settle into a comfortable existence for long. In 1875 he took out a mortgage on his farm for \$2756, and two years later took out another for \$1900 on both parcels. Though he continued to pay the interest on these loans, he had difficulty in repaying the premiums and by 1879 was in equity court. The farm was ordered to be sold, and was described at the time as being " ... improved with an excellent two story stone dwelling house with slate roof, a large Switzer Barn, Wagon shed, Grain shed, Wash House, Smoke House, Hog Pen, a Cave and other buildings. There is a well of excellent water with pump in Back porch of dwelling house, and a spring within thirty yards of the house. Also good running water in most of the fields. There is a good orchard of choice fruit and a very fine brown stone quarry on the place. The farm is conveniently laid off into nine fields and is well fenced, there being about 400 panels of good post fence. Ten acres are in good timber."

According to Herman Miller, a local resident who lived on this farm in the early twentieth century, the quarry stands a short distance west of the present road, and was the location where the stone for the house and barn foundation were secured. The well existed on the back porch until it was filled in the 1970s. Most of the listed buildings survive in some form; only the cave cellar seems to be completely gone. A photograph of the house taken during Koons' ownership shows that it has changed little, with only the front yard fencing having disappeared. According to the owner, in the 1950s the vegetable garden was south of the summer kitchen, with a potato patch beyond and a large orchard farther back to the east. Out of the 105 acres, ten were wooded, and at least five would have been taken up by the house, barn, outbuildings, yard, garden, and orchard. The nine fields must have averaged close to ten acres each, not all of it useable.

While Jacob Koons was not the most prominent farmer in his area, he was very successful for a long time at building a productive farm and a comfortable existence. What happened to undermine this? In his history of Maryland, Robert Brugger notes:

During the [civil] war the Lincoln administration had floated large issues of paper currency called 'greenbacks' that eventually appeared in such large quantity as to depreciate seriously in value. In 1865-66 many Western Maryland farmers, trying to replace fencing and livestock lost during the war, borrowed these inflated dollars at high interest rates. Then, as the government in 1869 ended the use of silver coinage, farmers had to make payments in money that effectively was worth twice as much as the dollars they had borrowed. Together with declining European demand for American farm goods after 1871, the 'hard money' program that the Republican Party made into law placed severe pressure on Maryland farmers. Many of them lost their mortgaged land.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section 8 Page 3

CARR-113
Koons, Jacob Farm
Name of Property

Carroll County, MD
County and State

This may have had an impact on Jacob Koons. The subsequent depression in the early 1870s also may have forced Koons to mortgage away his future, as we know he did in 1875 and 1877. The depression is implicated in the tax assessment for Koon's property in 1876. Where a decade earlier the land was worth \$48.00 an acre with a log house, now it was assessed at only \$45.00 an acre despite the substantial recent improvements. Just as the value of land had decreased, so had the amount farmers were being paid for their products. There is no way to know what other factors may have affected Jacob Koons, but the result was the loss of his farm. The 1870s were just one of several cycle periods in which this happened to unfortunate farmers.

Ephraim Bowers, who held the mortgages on the farm, purchased the 105 acre tract for \$5,250, or \$50 an acre, in 1879. The value of farm land was beginning to rebound from the depression. Bowers died in 1892 and bequeathed the farm to his wife, Hannah. She in turn died in 1899, leaving the farm to a niece and a nephew, John Calvin Wilson. Wilson purchased his sister's half of the farm and farmed the tract himself in the early twentieth century. Wilson's son Samuel had been interested in farming, but died in Virginia in World War I. John Wilson and his wife Sarah moved to Keymar and had a tenant occupy the farm. Wilson's younger son, Raymond, inherited the farm and continued to lease it to tenants. It eventually passed to his stepdaughter Rosemarie Staley, who moved here with her husband in the 1950s to farm.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

CARR-113
Koons, Jacob, Farm
Name of Property

Section 9 Page 1

Carroll County, MD
County and State

Major Bibliographical References:

Carroll County Land Records.
Carroll County Tax Assessments; 1852, 1866, 1876, 1876-96, 1896-1910.
Carroll County Circuit Court, Chancery FTS 29-427.
Martenet, Simon J. *Marlenet's Map of Carroll County, Maryland*. Baltimore, MD, 1862.
Lake, Griffing & Stevenson, *Illustrated Atlas of Carroll County, Maryland*. Philadelphia, PA, 1877.
Rand McNally, *New Detailed Survey of Carroll County, Maryland*. New York, 1917.

Koons, Jacob, Farm (CARR-113)

Name of Property

Carroll County, MD

County and State

10. Geographical DataAcreage of Property Approximately 4.9 acres Union Bridge, MD quad**UTM References**

(Place additional UTM references on a continuation sheet)

1	1	8		3	1	3	8	7	7		4	3	8	6	4	5	3
	Zone			Easting						Northing							
2																	

3																	
	Zone			Easting						Northing							
4																	

☐ See continuation sheet**Verbal Boundary Description**

(Describe the boundaries of the property on a continuation sheet)

Boundary Justification

(Explain why the boundaries were selected on a continuation sheet)

11. Form Prepared Byname/title Kenneth M. ShortOrganization Carroll County Dept. of Planningdate 10/97; revised 09/2010

street & number _____

telephone _____

city or town Westminsterstate MDzip code 21157**Additional Documentation**

Submit the following items with the completed form:

Continuation Sheets**Maps**A **USGS map** (7.5 or 15 minute series) indicating the property's location.A **Sketch map** for historic districts and properties having large acreage or numerous resources.**Photographs**Representative **black and white photographs** of the property**Additional Items**

(Check with the SHPO or FPO for any additional items)

Property Owner

(Complete this item at the request of SHPO or FPO)

name Marie Staleystreet & number 1151 Otterdale Mill Roadtelephone 410-775-2507city or town Taneytownstate MDzip code 21787

Paperwork Reduction Statement: This information is being collected for applications to the National Register of Historic Places to nominate properties for listing or determine eligibility for listing, to list properties, and to amend existing listings. Response to this request is required to obtain a benefit in accordance with the National Historic Preservation Act, as amended (16 U.S.C. 470 *et seq.*).

Estimated Burden Statement: Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 18.1 hours per response including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding this burden estimate or any aspect of this form to the Chief, Administrative Services Division, National Park Service, P.O. Box 37127, Washington, DC 20013-7127; and the Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reductions Project (1024-0018), Washington, DC 20503.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section 10 Page 1

CARR-113
Koons, Jacob, Farm
Name of Property

Carroll County, MD
County and State

Geographical Data

Verbal Boundary Description:

Boundaries are indicated by the white line on the aerial photograph which accompanies this documentation, drawn to the scale 1" = 105'.

Boundary Justification:

The nominated property, approximately 4.9 acres, encompasses all the elements of the resource within their immediate setting. Boundaries are defined by Otterdale Mill Road on the west/southwest, and by fence lines on the other three sides. This area encloses the landscaped domestic yard and the complex of agricultural buildings. The boundaries exclude agricultural fields which do not contribute directly to the significance of the resource.

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

CARR-113
Koons, Jacob, Farm
Name of Property

Section PHOTO Page 1

Carroll County, MD
County and State

Index to Photographs

The following information applies to all photographs which accompany this documentation:

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties (MIHP) Number: CARR-113

Name of Property: Koons, Jacob, Farm

Location: Carroll County, Maryland

Photographer: Peter E. Kurtze

Date taken: October 7, 2010

Location of original digital files [or negatives]: MD SHPO

Photo captions:

MD_CarrollCounty_Koons,Jacob,Farm_0001.tif
House, view from northwest

MD_CarrollCounty_Koons,Jacob,Farm_0002.tif
Southwest room, facing southwest

MD_CarrollCounty_Koons,Jacob,Farm_0003.tif
Northwest room, facing north

MD_CarrollCounty_Koons,Jacob,Farm_0004.tif
Stair detail

MD_CarrollCounty_Koons,Jacob,Farm_0005.tif
House and summer kitchen, view from northeast

MD_CarrollCounty_Koons,Jacob,Farm_0006.tif
House and summer kitchen, view from southeast

MD_CarrollCounty_Koons,Jacob,Farm_0007.tif
Summer kitchen, view from southeast

MD_CarrollCounty_Koons,Jacob,Farm_0008.tif
Smokehouse, view from northeast

United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

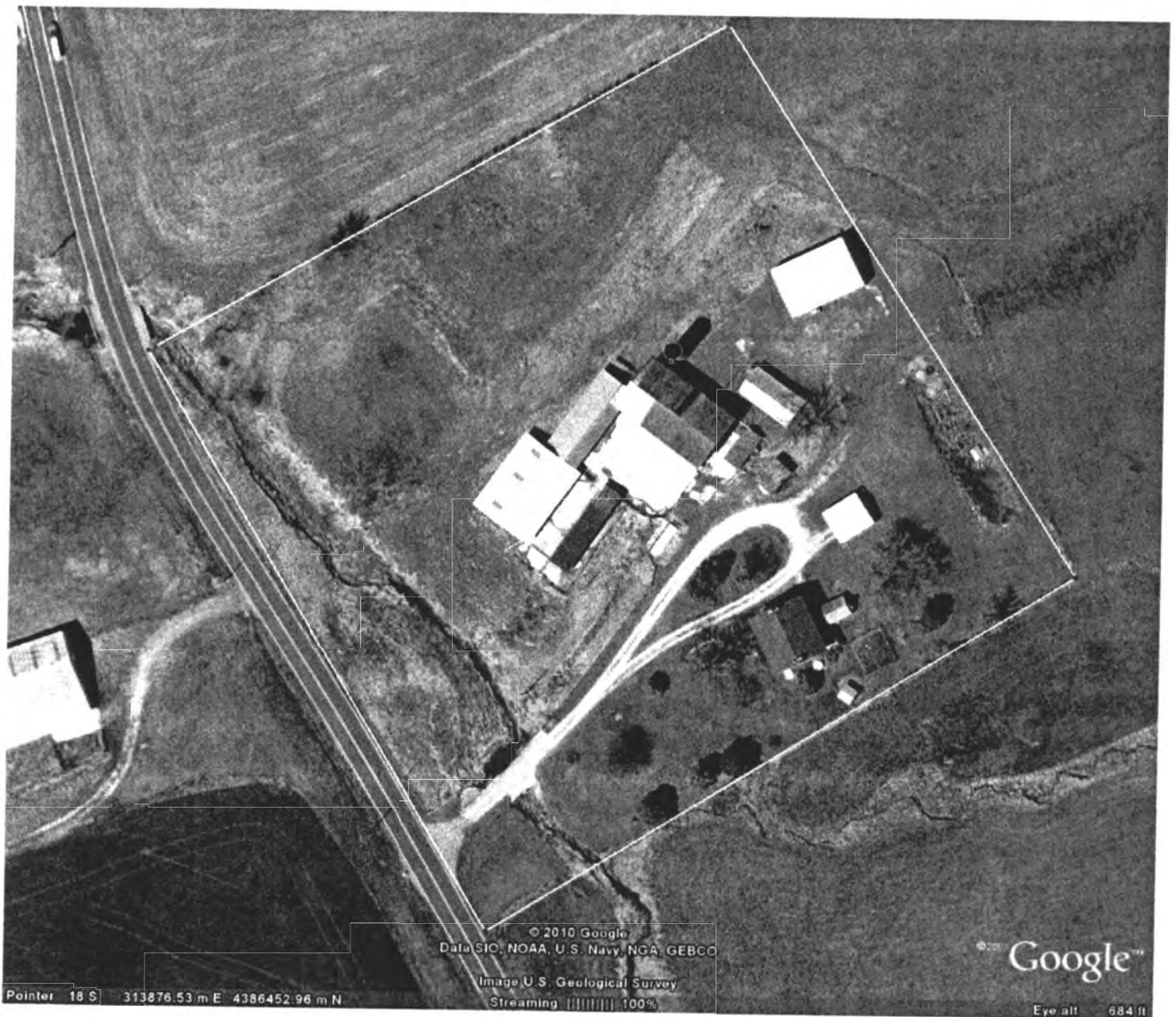
CARR-113
Koons, Jacob, Farm
Name of Property

Section PHOTO Page 2

Carroll County, MD
County and State

MD_CarrollCounty_Koons,Jacob,Farm_0009.tif
Outbuildings, view from south

MD_CarrollCounty_Koons,Jacob,Farm_0010.tif
Barn, view from west

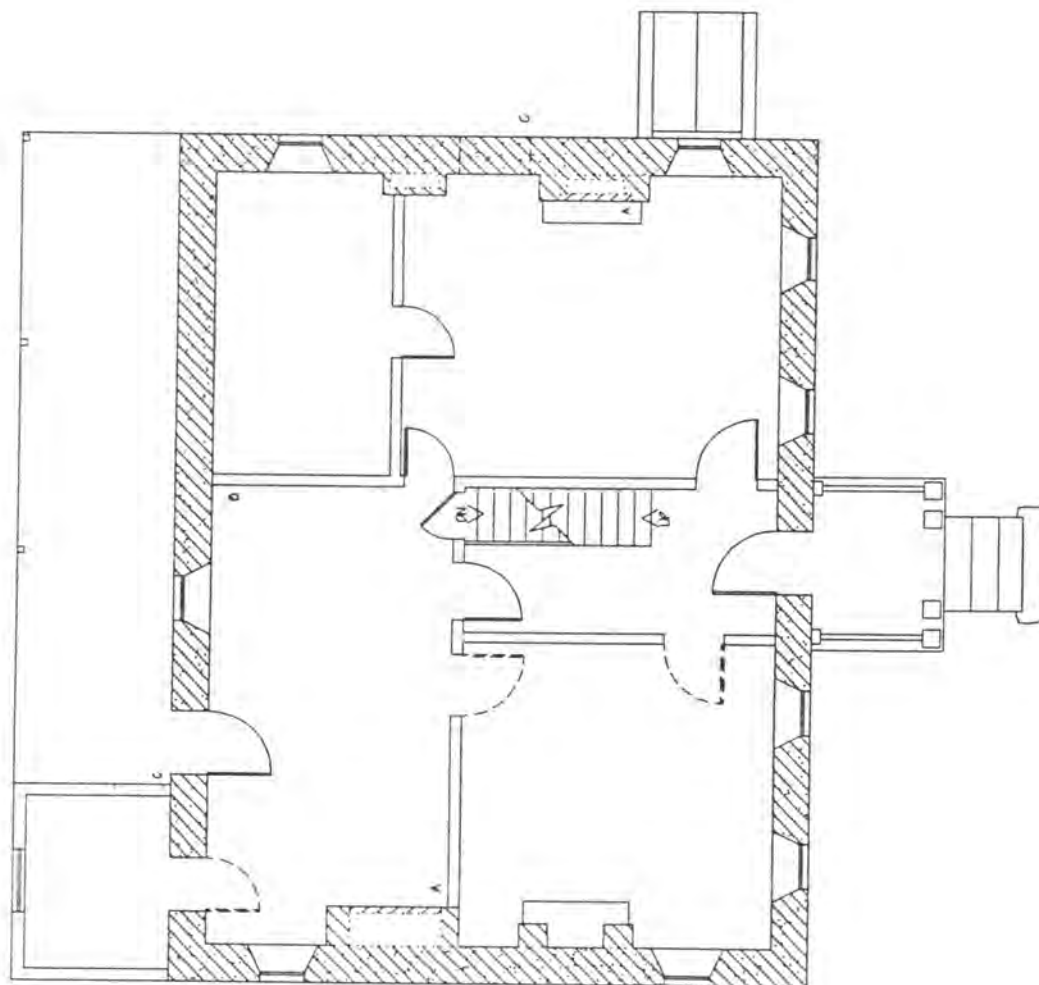


CARR-113
Koons, Jacob, Farm
Carroll County, Maryland

National Register Boundaries (white line)
Scale: 1"=105'



CARR-113
 Koons, Jacob, Farm
 Carroll County, Maryland



NOTES
 A FIREPLACE CLOSED OFF
 B REAR STAIRWAY REMOVED
 C ORIGINAL DOORWAY CLOSED OFF

1 2 3 4 5



FIRST FLOOR PLAN
 JANUARY 1990

MEASURED BY SEAN SHORT AND PETER KUMETZ
 DRAWN BY SEAN SHORT

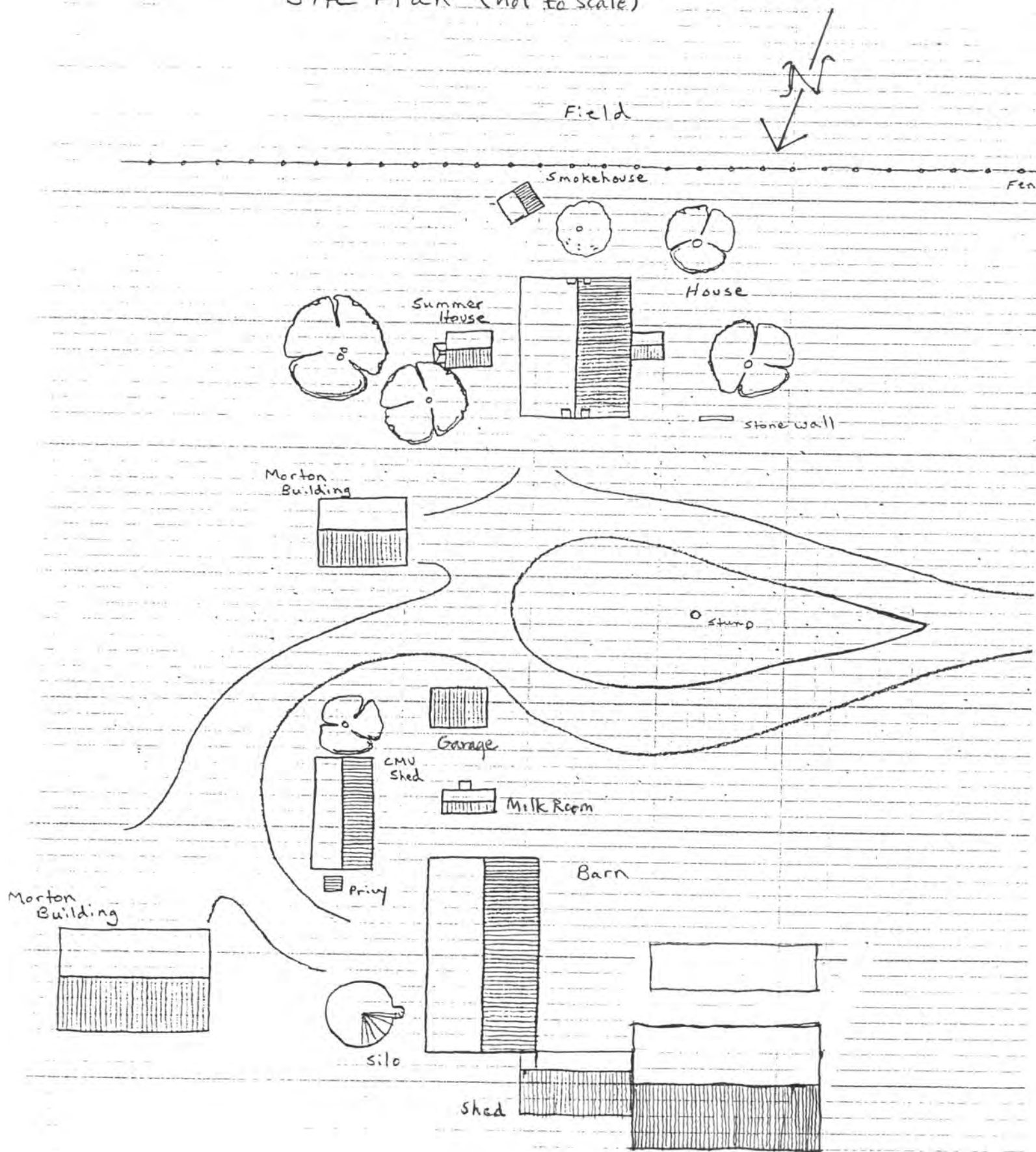
JACOB KOONS FARM

1151 OTTERDALE MILL ROAD

CARR-113

CARR-
113

Jacob Koons Farm
1151 Otterdale Mill Rd., Carroll County, MD.
Site Plan (not to scale)



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

REQUESTED ACTION: NOMINATION

PROPERTY Koons, Jacob, Farm
NAME:

MULTIPLE
NAME:

STATE & COUNTY: MARYLAND, Carroll

DATE RECEIVED: 4/15/11 DATE OF PENDING LIST: 4/29/11
DATE OF 16TH DAY: 5/16/11 DATE OF 45TH DAY: 5/31/11
DATE OF WEEKLY LIST:

REFERENCE NUMBER: 11000306

REASONS FOR REVIEW:

APPEAL: N DATA PROBLEM: N LANDSCAPE: N LESS THAN 50 YEARS: N
OTHER: N PDIL: N PERIOD: N PROGRAM UNAPPROVED: N
REQUEST: N SAMPLE: N SLR DRAFT: N NATIONAL: N

COMMENT WAIVER: N

☒ ACCEPT ☐ RETURN ☐ REJECT 5-25-11 DATE

ABSTRACT/SUMMARY COMMENTS:

Entered in
The National Register
of
Historic Places

RECOM./CRITERIA _____

REVIEWER _____ DISCIPLINE _____

TELEPHONE _____ DATE _____

DOCUMENTATION see attached comments Y/N see attached SLR Y/N

If a nomination is returned to the nominating authority, the nomination is no longer under consideration by the NPS.



MD - Carroll County - Koons, Jacob, Farm -
0001.tif



MD - Carroll County - Koons, Jacob, Farm -
0002-tit



MD- Carroll County - Koons, Jacob, Farm -
0003.tif



MD - Carroll County - Koons, Jacob, Farm -
0004.tif



MD - Carroll County - Koons, Jacob, Farm -
0005.tif



MD - Carroll County - Koons, Jacob, Farm -
0006.tif



MD-Carroll County - Koons, Jacob, Farm -
0007.tif



MD- Carroll County - Koons, Jacob, Farm -
0008.tif



MD- Carroll County - Koons, Jacob, Farm -
0009.tif



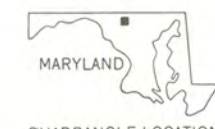
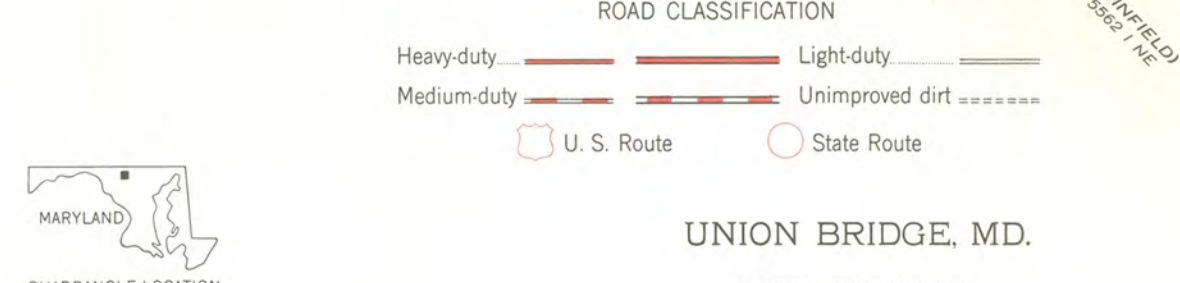
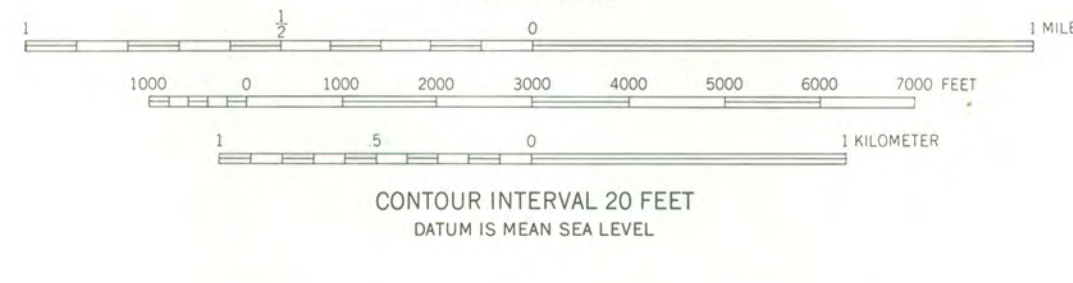
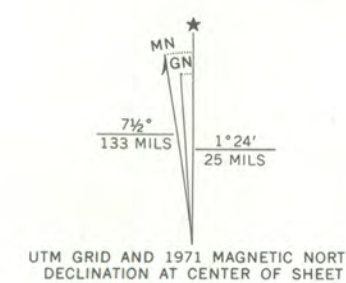
MD- Carroll County - Koons, Jacob, Farm -

0010.tif



CARR-113
KOONS, JACOB,
FARM
CARROLL COUNTY
MARYLAND
18-313877-
4386453

Maped by the Army Map Service
Edited and published by the Geological Survey
Control by USGS, USC&GS, and USFS
Topography from aerial photographs by stereophotogrammetric
methods. Aerial photographs taken 1943
Culture revised by the Geological Survey 1953
Polyconic projection. 1927 North American datum
10,000-foot grid based on Maryland coordinate system
1000-meter Universal Transverse Mercator grid ticks,
zone 18, shown in blue
Revisions shown in purple compiled by the Geological
Survey from aerial photographs taken 1971. This
information not field checked



UNION BRIDGE, MD.
N3930-W7707.5/7.5

THIS MAP COMPLIES WITH NATIONAL MAP ACCURACY STANDARDS
FOR SALE BY U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20242
A FOLDER DESCRIBING TOPOGRAPHIC MAPS AND SYMBOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

1953
PHOTOREVISED 1971
AMS 5563 II SW-SERIES V833



Maryland Department of Planning

Parris N. Glendening
Governor

Kathleen Kennedy Townsend
Lt. Governor

Harriet Tregoning
Secretary

Ronald N. Young
Deputy Secretary

July 13, 2000

20000713
RECEIVED

Mr. J. Rodney Little
Director
Division of Historical and Cultural Program
Maryland Historical Trust
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032

REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION

State Application Identifier: MD20000531-0492
Description: Historic Nomination - JACOB KOONS FARM, Carroll County - Maryland
Applicant: Maryland Historical Trust
Location: Carroll County
Approving Authority: DOI/NPS
CFDA Number: 15.914

Recommendation: Endorsement

Dear Mr. Little:

In accordance with Presidential Executive Order 12372 and Code of Maryland Regulation 14.24.04, the State Clearinghouse has coordinated the intergovernmental review of the referenced project. This letter constitutes the State process review and recommendation. This recommendation is valid for a period of three years from the date of this letter.

Review comments were requested from the Maryland Departments of Natural Resources, and Transportation; Carroll County; and the Maryland Department of Planning. All reviewers responded and found this project to be **consistent** with their plans, programs, and objectives.

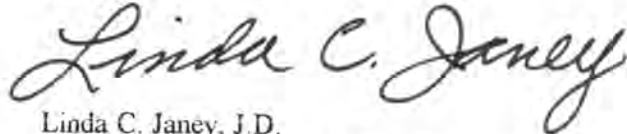
The State Application Identifier Number must be placed on any correspondence pertaining to this project. The State Clearinghouse must be kept informed if the recommendation cannot be accommodated by the approving authority. Please remember, you must comply with all applicable state and local laws and regulations. If you have any questions about the comments contained in this letter or how to proceed, please contact the State Clearinghouse at 410-767-4490.

Mr. J. Rodney Little
July 13, 2000
Page 2

Also please complete the attached form and return it to the State Clearinghouse as soon as the status of the project is known. *Any substitutions of this form must include the State Application Identifier Number.* This will ensure that our files are complete.

We appreciate your attention to the intergovernmental review process and look forward to your continued cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Linda C. Janey".

Linda C. Janey, J.D.
Director, Clearinghouse & Plan Review Unit

LCJ:LG:vh

cc: Dintaman - DNR
Spalding - MDOT
Horn - CRRL
Abrams - OPC
Gray - OPM



*Maryland Department of Planning
Maryland Historical Trust*

*Martin O'Malley
Governor*

*Anthony G. Brown
Lt. Governor*

*Richard Eberhart Hall
Secretary*

*Matthew J. Power
Deputy Secretary*

September 17, 2010

Ms. Marie Staley
1151 Otterdale Mill Road
Taneytown, Maryland 21787

RE: JACOB KOONS FARM
Carroll County, Maryland

Dear Ms. Staley:

The Jacob Koons Farm will be considered by the Governor's Consulting Committee for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places on Tuesday, October 19, 2010. The National Register is the official list of historic properties recognized by the Federal Government as worthy of preservation for their significance in American history, architecture, archaeology, engineering, and culture. In Maryland, the nomination process is administered by the Maryland Historical Trust. Enclosed you will find a copy of the criteria under which properties are evaluated for listing. The meeting will be held at the People's Resource Center, 100 Community Place, Crownsville, Maryland, beginning at 10:00 a.m. You are welcome to attend this meeting.

Listing in the National Register results in the following for historic properties.

1. Consideration in planning for Federal, federally or state funded, licensed and assisted projects. Federal and state legislation requires that Federal agencies allow the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and state agencies, including the Maryland Historical Trust, opportunity to comment on all projects affecting historic properties listed in the National Register. For further information please refer to Section 36, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 800 and Annotated Code of Maryland, State Finance and Procurement Article, Section 5A-323 et seq. or call the Office of Preservation Services of the Maryland Historical Trust at (410) 514-7630.
2. Eligibility for Federal tax provisions. If a property is listed in the National Register, certain Federal tax provisions may apply. The Tax Reform Act of 1986 revises the historic preservation tax incentives authorized by Congress in the Tax Reform Act of 1976, the Revenue Act of 1978, the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980, the Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981, and the Tax Reform Act of 1984, and as of January 1, 1987, provides for a 20 percent investment tax credit with a full adjustment to basis for rehabilitating historic commercial, industrial, and rental residential buildings. The former 15 percent and 20 percent Investment Tax Credits (ITCs) for rehabilitation of older commercial buildings are combined into a single 10 percent ITC for commercial or industrial buildings built before 1936.

The Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980 provides Federal tax deductions for charitable contributions for conservation purposes of partial interests in historically important land areas or structures. Whether these provisions are advantageous to a property owner is dependent upon the particular circumstances of the property and the owner. Because tax aspects outlined above are complex, individuals should consult legal counsel or the appropriate local Internal Revenue Service office for assistance in determining the tax consequences of the above provisions. For further information on certification requirements, please refer to 36 CFR 67 or the Office of Preservation Services of the Maryland Historical Trust at (410) 514-7630.

3. Eligibility for a Maryland income tax benefit for the rehabilitation of historic property. For further information on the Heritage Preservation Tax Credit, contact the Office of Preservation Services of the Maryland Historical Trust at (410) 514-7628.

4. Consideration of historic values in the decision to issue a surface coal mining permit where coal is located. In accord with the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977, there must be consideration of historic values in the decision to issue a surface coal mining permit where coal is located. For further information, please refer to 30 CFR 700 et seq.

5. Eligibility to apply for federal and state grants and state low interest loans for historic preservation projects. To determine the present status of such grants and loans, contact the Office of Preservation Services of the Maryland Historical Trust at (410) 514-7632.

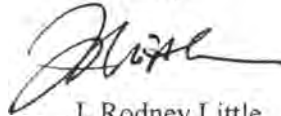
Owners of private properties nominated to the National Register have an opportunity to concur in or object to listing in accord with the National Historic Preservation Act and 36 CFR 60. Any owner or partial owner of private property who chooses to object to listing may submit to the State Historic Preservation Officer a notarized statement certifying that the party is the sole or partial owner of the private property and objects to the listing. Each owner or partial owner of private property has one vote regardless of what portion of the property that party owns. If a majority of private property owners object, a property will not be listed; however, the State Historic Preservation Officer shall submit the nomination to the Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places for a determination of eligibility of the property for listing in the National Register. If the property is determined to be eligible for listing, although not formally listed, Federal agencies will be required to allow the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and state agencies, including the Maryland Historical Trust, an opportunity to comment before the agency may fund, license, or assist a project which will affect the property. If you choose to object to the listing of your property, the notarized objection must be submitted to J. Rodney Little, State Historic Preservation Officer, ATTN: Peter Kurtze, Maryland Historical Trust, 100 Community Place, Crownsville, Maryland 21032-2023 by the date of the meeting given above.

Listing in the National Register does NOT mean that the Federal Government or the State of Maryland wants to acquire the property, place restrictions on the property, or dictate the color or materials used on individual buildings. Local ordinances or laws establishing restrictive zoning, special design review committees, or review of exterior alterations are not a part of the National Register program. Listing also does NOT require the owner to preserve or maintain the property or seek approval of the Federal Government or the State of Maryland to alter the property. Unless the owner applies for and accepts special Federal or state tax, licensing, or funding benefits, the owner can do anything with his property he wishes so long as it is permitted by state or local law.

Page 3

If you wish to comment on whether the property should be nominated to the National Register, please send your comments to J. Rodney Little, State Historic Preservation Officer, ATTN: Peter E. Kurtze, before the Governor's Consulting Committee considers the nomination. Copies of the nomination, regulations and information on the National Register and Federal and State tax provisions are available from the Trust. If you have questions about this nomination, please contact Peter E. Kurtze, Administrator of Evaluation and Registration, Maryland Historical Trust at (410) 514-7649.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Little', written in a cursive style.

J. Rodney Little
Director-State Historic
Preservation Officer

JRL/jmg

cc: State Clearinghouse #MD20000531-0492
Hon. Julia W. Gouge
Mr. Dean Camlin
Mr. Kenneth Short

Board of County Commissioners

Julia W. Gouge, President
Dean L. Minnich, Vice President
Michael D. Zimmer., Secretary



Carroll County Government

225 North Center Street
Westminster, Maryland 21157
410-386-2043; 1-888-302-8978
Fax 410-386-2485;
TT 771/800-735-2258

October 7, 2010

Maryland Historical Trust
Mr. Peter Kurtze, Administrator
Evaluation and Registration for the National Register of Historic Places
100 Community Place
Crownsville, Maryland 21032

RE: National Register of Historic Places Nomination of "Jacob Koons Farm" (CARR-113)

Dear Mr. Kurtze;

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the nomination of the Jacob Koons Farm (CARR-113) which the Governor's Consulting Committee will be reviewing later this month. We wish to offer our endorsement for this nomination to the National Register of Historic Places. This stone dwelling along with its original barn, smokehouse, summer kitchen and other outbuildings stand in testimony to the role of the family farm as a keystone to Carroll County's rich heritage. Moreover, they speak to the future of Carroll's commitment to permanently protecting and preserving productive agricultural properties. The farm remains in active use with the heirs of Ephraim Bowers working the same fields which he purchased in 1879.

Through several policy and regulatory programs Carroll has sought to ensure that our productive farms and their important resources are protected. For more than 30 years our "Agriculture" zoning designation has stipulated that one lot may be developed per 20 acres of land. Throughout the past decade we have taken assertive regulatory steps to protect our water resources and their buffer and recharge areas through requirements protecting floodplains, slopes, stormwater management, forested areas and the like. These efforts, in conjunction with our longstanding commitment to the permanent protection of our farming lands and traditions, will ensure that the historic context and environmental setting existing today will remain into the future.

As a Board, one of our highest policy priorities has been the protection of our agricultural lands and the family farms located on them. As a jurisdiction we have a standing commitment of permanently preserving at least 100,000 agricultural acres through the purchase and retirement of residential development rights. We are ranked fourth nationally in the 2010 Farmland Preservation Report while the American Farmland Trust annual census showed Carroll to be in second place in total acres protected. We preserved more agricultural acreage and devoted more funding to these efforts than any other jurisdiction in the nation last year. We have also utilized land preservation to help leverage protection of appropriate historic resources. Through the suggestion and efforts of our agricultural preservation program, some recent agricultural land easements have been combined with Maryland Historical Trust structural easements. One of those, the Taylor-Manning-Leppo Farm, was added the National Register last year due to its entry into the farmland preservation program.

CARROLL COUNTY

a great place to live, a great place to work, a great place to play

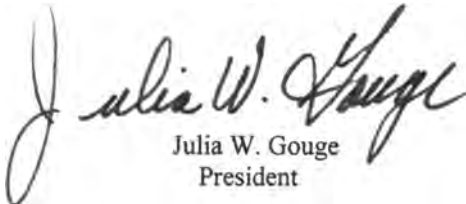
Today the Jacob Koons Farm lies at the heart of our just adopted Priority Preservation Area (PPA) and lies immediately adjacent to the Pipe Creek Rural Legacy area. It is surrounded by 22 permanently preserved parcels: 15 are set aside via the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation (MALPF) and 7 are preserved via direct County-funded easements. Two of those preservation easements were just acquired this July when it became evident that restrictions to the state budget would not enable these development rights to be retired any other way. Through a variety of efforts, including a recently initiated Leveraged Installment Purchase Agreements program, we have been able to not only maintain but accelerate our efforts to retire residential development rights, compensate the farm owner's directly, and move forward to our long-term goal. Currently, we have over 59,000 acres under perpetual easement and will exceed 60,000 acres by the end of this year.

The Staley's should be commended for their intention to be good stewards of the site as indicated by their efforts to include the site on the National Register of Historic Places. Inclusion on the National Register may prove to be an important tool to the Staley's or to future owners by supporting their on-going stewardship efforts. Inclusion will permit tax-credit eligible preservation projects, or open opportunities for additional easement programs, to further protect the site as a working farm from the steadily increasing development pressures.

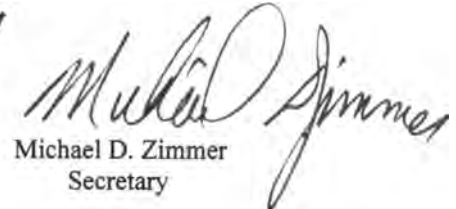
Thank you for your diligence to ensure that this nomination was moved forward to the Committee. We are optimistic that they will offer a favorable recommendation to the Secretary of Interior and the Keeper of the National Register to include the Jacob Koons property as Carroll County's most recent addition to the National Register of Historic Places.

Sincerely,

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF CARROLL COUNTY


Julia W. Gouge
President


Dean L. Minnich
Vice-President


Michael D. Zimmer
Secretary

JWG/DLM/MDZ/jdh

cc: Mr. Steven C. Horn, Director, Department of Planning
Mr. Ralph Robertson, Manager, Agricultural Preservation Program
Ms. Norma Jean Swam, Chair, Carroll County Historic Preservation Commission
Mrs. Rosemarie Staley
File

ACCESSIBILITY NOTICE: The Americans With Disabilities Act applies to the Carroll County Government and its programs, services, activities, and facilities. If you have questions, suggestions, or complaints, please contact Jolene Sullivan, the Carroll County Government Americans With Disabilities Act Coordinator, 410-386-3600 or 1-888-302-8978, or TT (410) 848-9747. The mailing address is: 10 Distillery Drive, First Floor, Suite 101, Westminster, MD 21157.

CARROLL COUNTY

a great place to live, a great place to work, a great place to play

**CARROLL COUNTY HISTORIC
PRESERVATION COMMISSION**

225 North Center Street
Westminster, Maryland 21157
(410) 386-2094
FAX (410) 386-2444
MD Relay Service 7-1-1/800-735-
2258



COMMISSION MEMBERS

Norma Jean Swam, Chair
Pamela Zappardino, Vice Chair
Matthew Frantz, Commissioner
Ed Gregg, Commissioner
P. Douglas Manger, Commissioner
Dr. Jonathan Gibson, Alternate
Commissioner

October 14, 2010

Maryland Historical Trust
Mr. J. Rodney Little, State Historic Preservation Officer
100 Community Place
Crownsville, Maryland 21032

RE: National Register of Historic Places Nomination of "Jacob Koons Farm" (CARR-113)

Dear Mr. Little;

I am writing as the Chair of the Carroll County Historic Preservation Commission to offer strong and enthusiastic support of the application to include this important property on the National Register of Historic Places. I understand the Governor's Consulting Committee is slated to review this nomination this month. I wish to urge their endorsement of Ms. Staley's nomination of the property.

"Jacob Koons Farm" is notable both for the quality and the integrity of the standing resources on the property. The property owners should be commended for their intention to be good stewards of the site as indicated by their efforts to include the site on the National Register of Historic Places.

Inclusion on the National Register may prove to be an important tool to the current or future owners of the property to enable their on-going stewardship efforts. Inclusion will permit tax credit eligible preservation projects or open opportunities to easement programs to further protect the buildings and grounds from the steadily increasing development pressure given its proximity and accessibility to the Baltimore region.

Thank you for your consideration and assistance to move the nomination process for "Jacob Koons Farm" forward to the Committee. I am optimistic that they will offer a favorable recommendation to the Secretary of Interior and the Keeper of the National Register to include "Jacob Koons Farm" as Carroll County's most recent addition to the National Register of Historic Places.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Norma Jean Swam".

Norma Jean Swam, Chair
Carroll County Historic Preservation Commission
Office of Administrative Hearings
225 North Center Street
Westminster, Maryland 21157



*Maryland Department of Planning
Maryland Historical Trust*

*Martin O'Malley
Governor*

*Anthony G. Brown
Lt. Governor*

*Richard Eberhart Hall
Secretary*

*Matthew J. Power
Deputy Secretary*

April 7, 2011



Mr. J. Paul Loether, Chief
National Register of Historic Places
National Park Service
1201 I (eye) St., NW
Mail Stop 2280
Washington, DC 20005

RE: KOONS, JACOB FARM
Carroll County, Maryland

Dear Mr. Loether:

Enclosed is documentation for nominating the Jacob Koons Farm, Carroll County, Maryland to the National Register of Historic Places. The state review board and the owners concur in my recommendation for listing. Should you have questions in this matter, please contact Peter Kurtze at (410) 514-7649.

Sincerely,

J. Rodney Little
Director-State Historic
Preservation Officer

JRL/jmg

cc: State Clearinghouse #MD20000531-0492

Enclosures: NR form and 18 continuation sheets

1 USGS map

10 - 5x7 b/w prints

Correspondence: letter, Janey to Little, 13 July 2000
Letter, Little to Staley, 17 September 2010
Letter, County Commissioners to Little,
7 Oct. 2010
Letter, Swam to Little, 14 October 2010