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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

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

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Geeting Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Northeast corner of the intersection of Geeting & Dog

CITY, TOWN

Street Roads

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Keedysville

X VICINITY OF

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

CODE
24

COUNTY

Washington

CODE
043

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
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			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Stouffer-Geeting Evangelistic Assn., Inc.

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

CITY, TOWN
Chewsville

VICINITY OF

STATE
Maryland 21721

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

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

DESCRIPTION

WA-II-300

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

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SIGNIFICANCE

WA-II-300

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<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIA
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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- Williams, T.J.C. History of Washington County. Hagerstown, Md: Mail Publishing Co., 1906.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 5.2 Acres

UTM REFERENCES

A	18	267940	4373060	B			
	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING		ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C				D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

1km

NAME / TITLE	DATE
Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant	December 1976
ORGANIZATION	TELEPHONE
Washington County Historical Sites Survey	791-3065
STREET & NUMBER	STATE
County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street	Maryland 21740
CITY OR TOWN	
Hagerstown	

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: <i>John N. Pearce</i>	DATE: <i>6/18/77</i>
TITLE	DATE

FOR NPS USE ONLY	
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER	
	DATE
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION	DATE
TREASURER, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION	DATE
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER	

ABSTRACT
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Keedysville Vicinity
private

Late 18th Century

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AND/OR COMMON

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2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Geeting and Dog Street Roads

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

 VICINITY OF Keedysville

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

 DISTRICT
 BUILDING(S)
 STRUCTURE
 SITE
 OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

 PUBLIC
 PRIVATE
 BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
 IN PROCESS
 BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

 OCCUPIED
 UNOCCUPIED
 WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
 YES: RESTRICTED
 YES: UNRESTRICTED
 NO

PRESENT USE

 AGRICULTURE
 COMMERCIAL
 EDUCATIONAL
 ENTERTAINMENT
 GOVERNMENT
 INDUSTRIAL
 MILITARY
 MUSEUM
 PARK
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 SCIENTIFIC
 TRANSPORTATION
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STATE, zip code

Maryland 21721

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COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: 508

Folio #: 98

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Maryland Historical Trust Survey # 1057

DATE

Summer 1967

 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

7 DESCRIPTION

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STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

December 1976

STREET & NUMBER

County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street

TELEPHONE

791-3065

CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

ford and Waynesboro, Pa., and Hagerstown, Md. In the autumn of 1888, Mr. Myers opened a tailoring establishment in Hancock. Industry and perseverance, those essential factors in any line of business, have secured to Mr. Myers the prosperity that he enjoys. When the Bank of Hancock was organized, in 1894, he became one of its stockholders. For the past eight years, he has been a director, and upon the death of Breathed Bridges, in 1905, was elected to fill out the unexpired term of Mr. Bridges as President of the Bank. In addition to his business interests, Mr. Myers takes an active part in public life. He is one of the local leaders of the Republican party; he served five years as Mayor of the town, and is at present Assistant Mayor. He is a member of the A. F. & A. M., of the K. of P., of Hancock, and of the I. O. O. F., of McConnellsburg, Pa.

William D. Myers was married, in McConnellsburg, Pa., September 23, 1887, to Miss Aleba Hayes, of that place, daughter of Andrew Hayes, deceased. Their children are: Bessie, a student at the State Normal School, Shippensburg, Pa.; Beatrice; Horace; Claude; Russell; and Howard. Mr. Myers adheres to the Lutheran Church, in which he was brought up.

GEORGE W. KLINE, son of George and Nancy (Zentmyer) Kline, was born on his father's farm near Benevola, Md., May 9, 1846.

His grandfather, George Klein, came from Germany when a young man. He was a farmer, and lived and died in the vicinity of Wolfsville, Frederick County. His children's names, so far as known, were as follows: Paul, who has always resided on the home farm, and is now ninety-three years of age; Lydia, who married Jacob Harp, and died at Chewsville, when over ninety years of age; George; Michael, lived and died in Frederick County; Matilda, married John Hesson, and died in Frederick County; Melinda, married David Barkman, and died in Frederick County; Catherine, married Enoch Fry, of Frederick County; she died in Washington County; Barbara, married Henry Fry, and died in Frederick County; James; and Peter.

George Kline was born on his father's farm in Frederick County, October 26, 1815. His education was principally that of the farm. He learned carpentry, but did not follow that calling;

after becoming of age, he worked out among farmers. After his marriage in 1845, Mr. Kline bought a farm near Benevola, which had belonged to his father; it contained about 80 acres, to which he added several acres more. He died on this homestead, November 11, 1896. Mr. Kline was a Democrat, and a public-spirited man; he was highly esteemed by his neighbors and acquaintances. George Kline was married in Frederick County, March 20, 1845, to Miss Nancy Zentmyer, of that county. She was born February 6, 1822, and died February 11, 1902; both she and her husband were buried in the Boonsboro Cemetery. They were earnest and active members of the Lutheran Church. Their children are: George W.; Charles H., married Miss Fahrney, and resides on the homestead; and William Scott, who died in infancy, July 2, 1853.

George W. Kline passed his boyhood and early manhood on the farm where he was born, attending the Harmony Hill public school. After leaving school, he remained with his parents until he was twenty-five years old, when he married; he then bought and took possession of the farm on which he still lives. He erected all the buildings on the farm in 1880, and has made various other improvements on the place. It is a fine farm of 150 acres of arable land, and 10 acres of timber land, near Roxbury, in Tilghmanton District. Mr. Kline is prominent as a citizen and as an agriculturist. In politics, he adheres to the Democratic party.

George W. Kline was married in 1871, to Ruanna, daughter of Samuel and Nancy Bowman, of the vicinity of Mapleville, Md. Mr. and Mrs. Kline had two children: Molly Jane, who married William Sheely, of Waynesboro, Pa.; and John Henry, who removed to Illinois. Mrs. Ruanna (Bowman) Kline died in 1893; her remains are buried in the Boonsboro Cemetery. Mr. Kline was again married in 1894, to Mrs. Clara Holliday, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Rudy) Martz, both deceased. Mrs. Clara Kline has one child by her first marriage, Nora, who is the wife of Clayton Ruth. Mr. Kline was reared in the Lutheran faith, to which he still adheres. (See sketch of Charles H. Kline.)

THE GEETING FAMILY.—The early history of the Geeting family in America, dates back

OF WASHINGTON COUNTY, MARYLAND.

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to 1759. In that year, George Adam Guething, born in Nassau, Prussia, February 6, 1741, emigrated to this country, and settled in the province of Maryland, on a tract of land which embraced the farms now owned and occupied by Jacob R. Hoover and Mrs. Ann C. Reel, near Keedysville. Mr. Guething was brought up in the German Reformed Church. He had a good education and had studied the classics. In Germany, he was a miner, but when he came to America, he was employed during the summer, in quarrying stone and digging wells; in winter he became a teacher. Mr. Guething became acquainted with the Rev. Philip W. Otterbein, and, being associated with him in the work of teaching and preaching God's word to the people, the two men became warm personal friends. In 1780, a meeting house was built near the Guething, now Geeting, homestead, this, it is generally conceded, was the first church erected by the United Brethren. In 1783, George Adam Guething was ordained to the ministry, and afterwards became the third bishop in the United Brethren Church. For several years, Bishop Geeting was the efficient secretary of the conference, and his name was on the roll of members until the time of his death. In 1812, he was the presiding officer of the conference which was held near his home. After the close of the session, Bishop Geeting went to Baltimore, to visit his old friend and co-laborer, the Rev. Philip Otterbein. Not feeling well, he hastened toward home, but, on June 28, 1812, when thirty miles west of the city, he died at the home of Mr. Snyder, with whom he had spent the night. His remains were borne to his home and buried in Mount Hebron graveyard, near Keedysville. His grave is marked by a slab of mica-slate, and stands in the shade of a mountain ash.

Bishop Geeting, who preached in English and German, organized the 1st United Brethren Church in Hagerstown, and was its pastor for seventeen years; the meeting-house was a log structure and stood on the corner of the courthouse square. In a will, dated September 19, 1811, to be found in the records of Washington County, Md., George Adam Guething named his ten children: Peter; Henry; Barbara Conn; Christian Bowvey; Elizabeth Sumner; George; Jacob; Mary Clopper; Rosanna Howser; and Simon. To each of them he bequeathed eighty-eight pomsds and nine shillings, less 10. Nearly all these children emigrated to

Ohio and Indiana, their descendants going farther west. Among them are found many eminent men, farmers, merchants and lawyers. Rosanna Howser lived and died in Baltimore, Md., where her descendants are prominent. Mary Clopper, from whom are descended the Clopper families of Rohrsersville District, remained in her native county, as did George Adam Geeting, Jr.

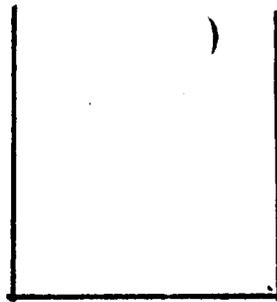
George Adam Geeting, Jr., entered the ministry of the United Brethren Church when he was twenty-six years of age. On the death of his father, he inherited the Geeting homestead near Keedysville, Md. He was married to Barbara Ann Bishop. Their children are: David; George; Joseph; Ephriam; William; Simon; Rebecca, who married Simon Wyand; and Catherine, who married Elijah Detwiler. All, except Ephriam and Rebecca, emigrated to the West.

The children of Simon and Rebecca (Geeting) Wyand are: Joshua; Susan, who married Ezra Wright, and settled in Indiana; Caleb; Barbara, widow of Jacob C. Rohrer; Daniel; and Aaron. All except Caleb and Barbara, are deceased. George Geeting died, February 5, 1842, at the age of sixty-one, after a ministry of thirty-four years. His widow died March 28, 1848.

Ephriam Geeting was born December 23, 1816. He married Rachel, daughter of Bishop John Russell, and at the close of the Civil War, purchased the Russell farm, which is widely known for its excellent spring, and for the fact that the place was used as a hospital immediately after the battle of Antietam. The children of Ephriam and Rachel (Russell) Geeting now living are: Emanuel; Ann C., widow of Jacob Reel, who now owns the Geeting homestead; Martha, who married John A. Clopper, and lives in Rohrsersville; Susan, widow of Benj. Tritch, resides in Rohrsersville. Mrs. Ephriam Geeting died March 24, 1890, aged sixty-eight; her husband died November 7, 1892, aged seventy-six; both are buried in Fairview Cemetery at Keedysville.

Emanuel Geeting, now a resident of Keedysville, was born June 12, 1839. He was married to Malinda Rohrer. Their children are: Fannie, who married John A. Miller, a merchant of Keedysville, and has three children, Elmer G., George L., and R. Louise; and William C., born September 3, 1870. He is an extensive dealer in grain, coal &c., in Keedysville. On December 29, 1891, William C. Geeting was married to Ada, daughter

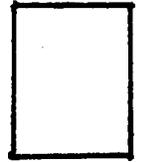
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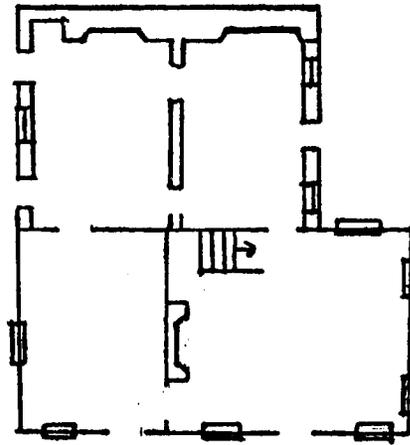


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