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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**

Ditto Knolls

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Ditto Farm Regional Park

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER Landis Road, half mile west of Whitehall Road

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

VICINITY OF

Sixth

NOT FOR PUBLICATION  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

CODE

COUNTY

Washington 043

CODE

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

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

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Board of County Commissioners of Washington County

STREET & NUMBER

Washington County Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

VICINITY OF

STATE  
Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE  
Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7** DESCRIPTION

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

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

local history

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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

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

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

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

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

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

# 19 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Washington County Land and Probate Records  
Washington County Courthouse  
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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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	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

NAME / TITLE	Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant	
ORGANIZATION	Washington County Historic Sites Survey	DATE April 1, 1974
STREET & NUMBER	Court House Annex	TELEPHONE 301-791-3065
CITY OR TOWN	Hagerstown	STATE Maryland

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL  STATE  LOCAL

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

TITLE DATE

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I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

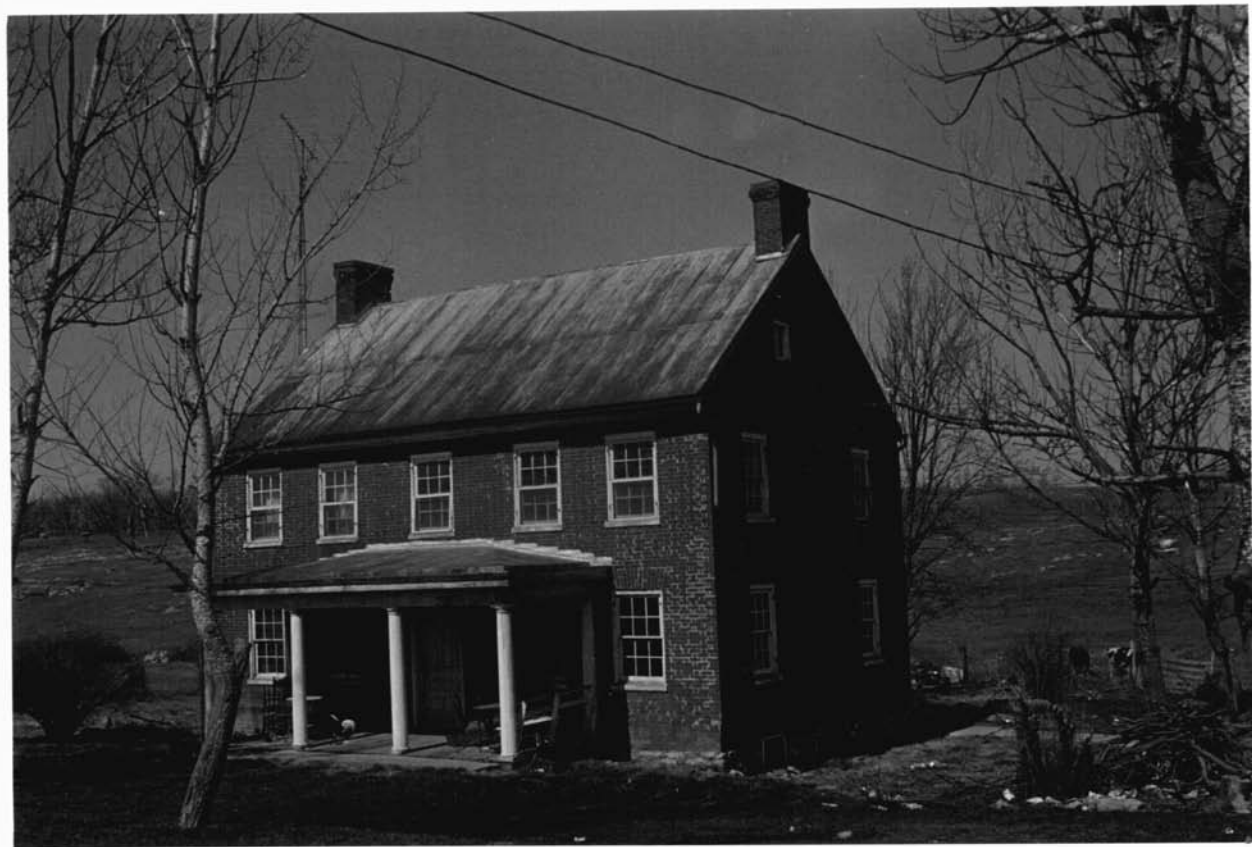
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST:

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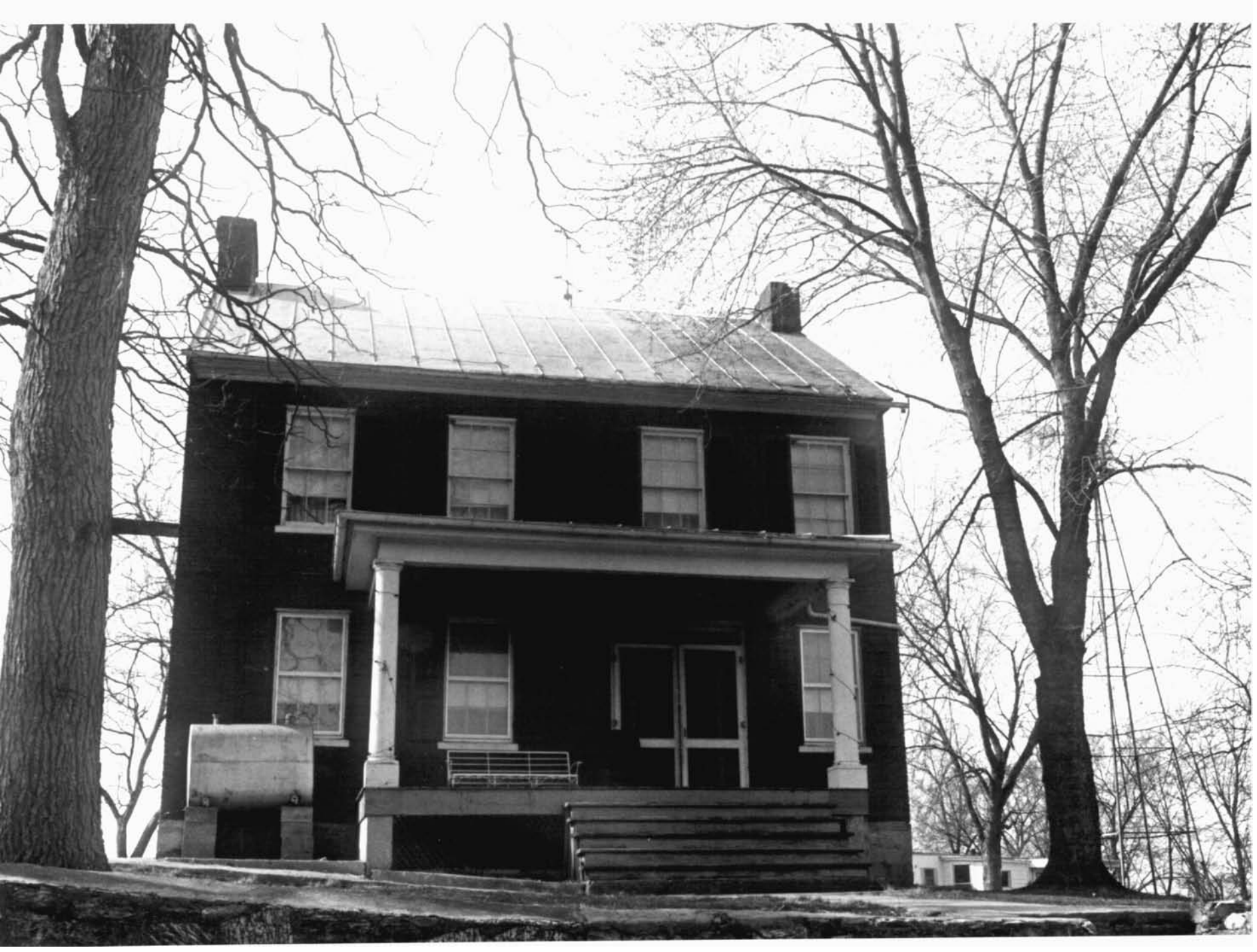


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