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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 Street Roads

CITY, TOWN

Keedysville

STATE

Maryland

CODE

24

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

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"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC ACQUISITION	<input type="checkbox"/> ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
			<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

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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"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

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

This house is located north and east of Dog Street Road at the intersection with Geeting Road about one mile south of Keedysville in Washington County, Maryland. It is situated on level ground at a sharp bend in the road and faces south.

The structure is a two story, five bay log dwelling resting on low fieldstone foundations. A one story, three bay stone addition extends to the rear or north.

The log walls have been sheathed with weatherboarding and imitation brick siding. Windows, which are relatively small in relation to wall area, have moderately wide frames with butt joints. Most have early 20th century period applied trim. All first and second story windows have six-over-six pane double hung sash. No windows are present at the second story of the north and west elevations.

Doors are located in the second and fourth bays of the front elevation. Both have framing and trim similar to that of the windows. The westernmost door is topped by a three-light transom. A one story hipped roof porch supported by round pillars extends across the front elevation.

The house retains an early wood shingle roof which is in poor condition. A brick chimney is located inside the east gable end. Another chimney rises along an interior log wall between the second and third bays from the west gable end. The eaves at the front elevation are finished with plain boxing. The ends of the rafters are exposed along the west elevation. The two west bays have been deteriorated by rot and insect infestation causing this portion of the house to sag.

The stone addition is broad and is divided end to end by an interior masonry wall. Set inside its north end elevation south of the roof ridge is a large stone chimney topped with brick. Doors and windows in the stone section have moderately wide frames joined with wooden pegs. Windows have six-over-six pane sash.

This structure is roofed with sheet metal terminating with a tapered barge board set directly against the end walls. Boxing with a course of molding below finishes the eaves.

The interior of both parts of the house appears to have been remodeled during the early 20th century and again more recently. Some interior door frames in the log section appear to be original. They are wide and finished with a bead at the inside edge. Two early doors with six raised panels are present in the second story, leading to the attic of the stone section, but do not appear to be in their original locations. Wrought nails were observed in the attic floors of the log structure.

Numerous sheds and outbuildings are located near the house. To the north along Dog Street Road are ruins of a frame bank barn which was destroyed during a windstorm in the spring of 1976.

The house is in deteriorated to fair condition and stands on a tract containing approximately 50 acres.

# SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" 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 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
<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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This log and stone house located along what is generally believed to be an important 18th century road is significant primarily for its association with the Geeting family prominent early German settlers in the Keedysville area. George Adam Geeting, who is said to have come to the Keedysville area in 1759, was the founder and first minister of the Brethren in Christ Church. The Hebron Church where he preached was located nearby. (See Maryland Historical Trust Survey Form WA-II-290).

This building is also significant for its architecture as representative of an outstanding type of early rural dwelling in Maryland and southern Pennsylvania. Although undated, the house reflects building traditions popular during the late 18th and early 19th centuries in Washington County. Unfortunately, alterations to the interior of the structure make a closer estimate of age difficult.

This house stands on a farm which was for many years in the Geeting family. The Geeting name was variously spelled Gutting, Geeting, Guething and Keedy. According to local tradition the house was inhabited and perhaps built by the Reverend George Adam Geeting. T.J.C. Williams' History of Washington County quotes from a letter written by Clayton E. Keedy in 1905 which states: "George Adam Keedy lived on the hill along the old Sharpsburg Road as you turn to go down to Keedysville."<sup>1</sup> This statement appears to refer to the intersection of what is now known as Dog Street Road and Geeting Road.

No deed reference has been found to suggest just when the land was purchased by the Geetings. It may have been acquired before 1776 and thus recorded in Frederick County. In George Adam Getting's will probated on July 25, 1812, he left "the two rooms and kitchen and cellar and garden which we now occupy" to Elizabeth, his wife. (Will Liber B, Page 235). He bequeathed his plantation to his son, Jacob. According to Williams' History, George Geeting, Jr. acquired the homestead. The farm apparently descended to Ephraim C. Geeting under whose ownership the first recorded deed for the property was found. On July 25, 1890, Ephraim C. Geeting sold the farm then containing 111 acres, to his daughter, Ann C. Reel, for \$4,771.60. (95/258). Philip S. Reel, executor for Ann C. Reel, sold the farm in 1933 to Clyde V. and Fernie S. Potter. They, in turn, sold it to Herbert E. Athey and Ramona M. Athey. (193/535, 212/629). In 1970 Ramona M. Athey, widow, conveyed the property to Robert Elwood and Maria H. Athey (508/98). It was purchased by the present owner in 1976.

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T.J.C. Williams, History of Washington County. Hagerstown, Md: Mail Publishing (1906) P. 1261.

# MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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- Schildt, John W. Drums Along the Antietam. Parsons, W. Va: McClain Printing Co., 1972.
- Washington County Land Records.
- Washington County Probate Records.
- 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	26,79,40	4,37,30,60	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
STATE	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

## FORM PREPARED BY

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

## 12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

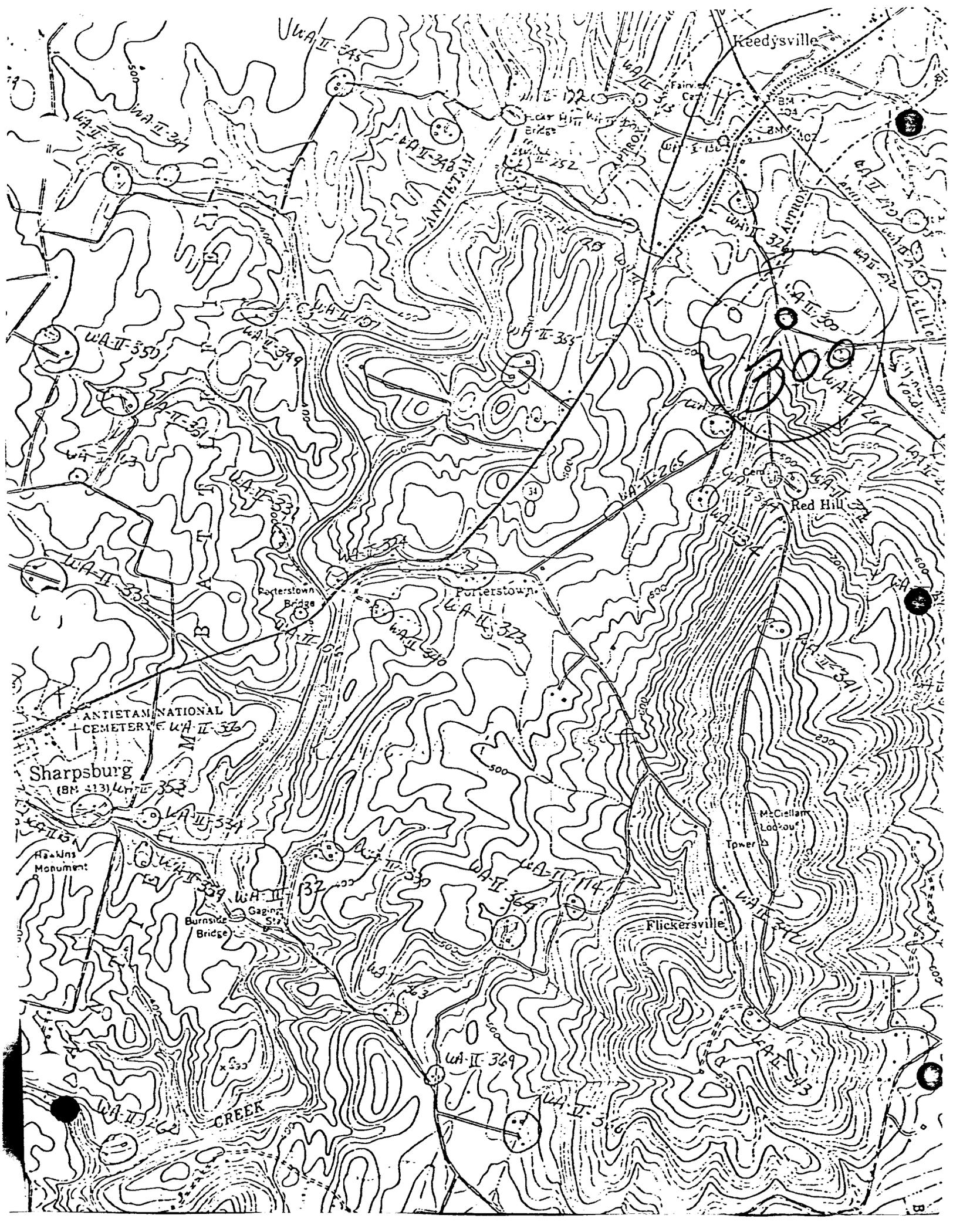
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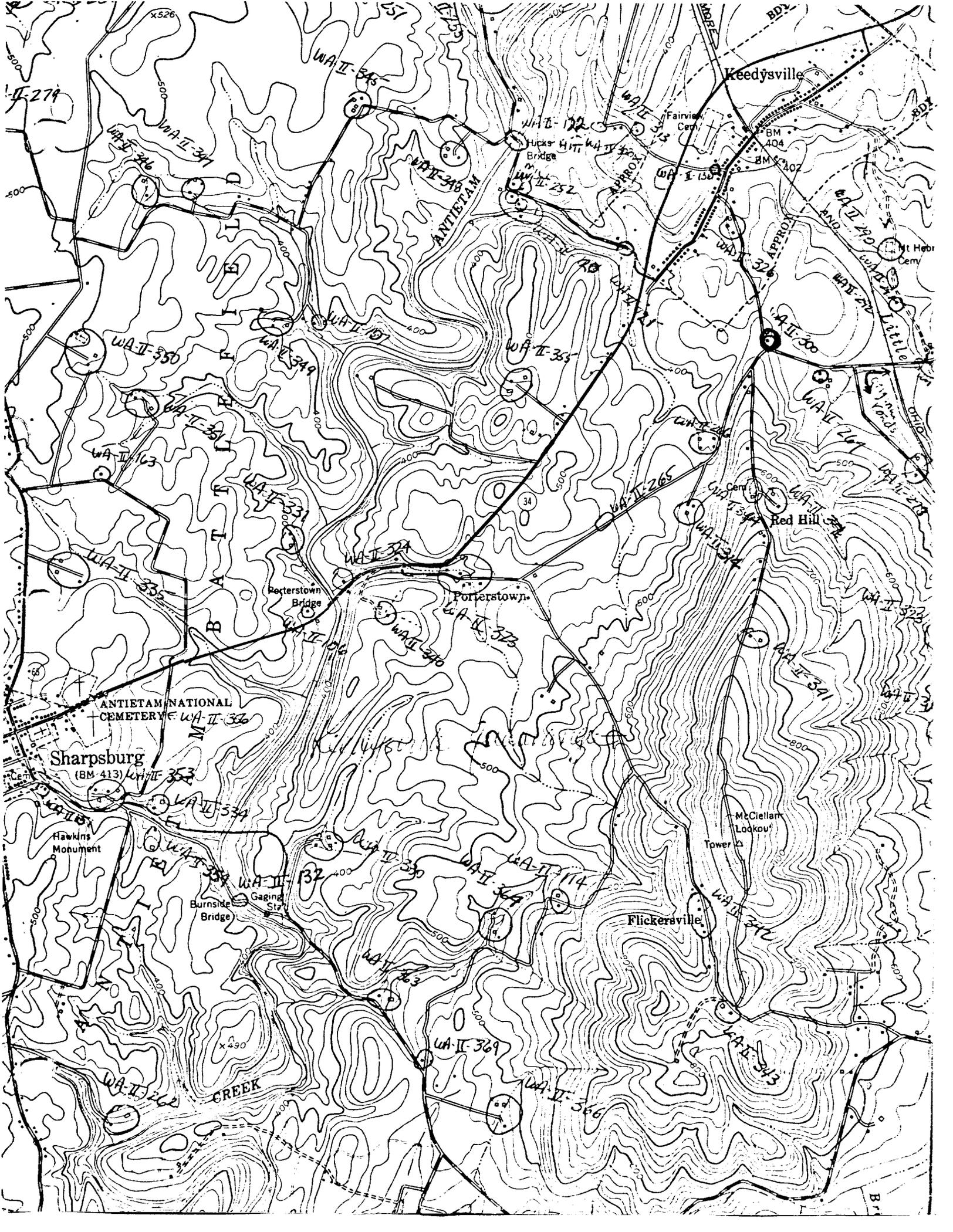
NATIONAL  STATE  LOCAL

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

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE: *John N. Pearce* DATE: *6/18/77*

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
KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER







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S.W.

March, 1976

Geeting Farm

PAULA STONER DICKEY  
CONSULTANT, WASHINGTON CO.  
HISTORICAL SITES SURVEY



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N.E.

March, 1976

PAULA STONER DICKEY  
CONSULTANT, WASHINGTON CO.  
HISTORICAL SITES SURVEY



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Barn S.W.

March, 1976

PAULA STONER DICKEY  
CONSULTANT, WASHINGTON CO.  
HISTORICAL SITES SURVEY



**COLDWELL  
BANKER**

HOPKINS  
REAL ESTATE

1992

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# *Special Preview*

*You are cordially invited to a special preview*

*of*

*The rehabilitated Reverend George Adam Geeting House*

*Dog Street and Red Hill Roads*

*Keedysville, Maryland*

*Saturday, February 1, 1992*

*1:30 - 4:30 p.m.*

*Hosts – The Maharays  
Roger Fairbourn*

*Phone: 1 (301) 791-2623  
1 (301) 799-6666*

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