



Geeting Meeting House Mt. Hebron Road

The Geeting Meeting House was constructed prior to 1774 and is considered the first church established by followers of William Otterbein and the United Brethren in Christ. It possibly served as both a church and a schoolhouse. The congregation Rev. Geeting nurtured continues today as the Salem United Methodist Church of Keedysville.



Preservation

The Geeting House and Farm was placed on the National Registry of Historic Places by The Stouffer Geeting Evangelical Association in 1977. In 1990, George and Arthur Maharay purchased and restored the house to its present one and one-half story configuration as it appeared during George Adam Geeting's lifetime. Clayton and Linda Waring are the present caretakers (owners) of the Geeting Home and take great pride in preserving its rich history.

Guest Speaker

John W. Schildt

John Schildt is a distinguished historian and author who previously served as a pastor, teacher, and a hospital chaplain. His books include *September Echoes*, *Drums Along the Antietam*, *Four Days in October*, *Roads to Gettysburg*, and many others.

The Geeting House



National Registry of Historic
Places

Heritage Landmark of
The United Methodist Church

House Tour

10:00 am – 3:15 pm
See Park Information Booth

Keedysville, MD
250th Anniversary
Celebration

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Reverend George Adam Geeting (1741- 1812)

Founder - Church of The United Brethren in Christ

"I knew others of the fathers of United Brethren Church. George Adam Guething was the most eloquent. He was truly an Apollos. He was born in Germany, and emigrated to this country when he was seventeen. He taught school in winter, and quarried stone and dug wells in summer. He became a splendid preacher. I heard him at my father's, and at other places. In 1800 I was his guest with my father. He lived in Washington County, Md.... He was the spiritual father of Rev. Henry Smith, late of Baltimore Conference, who was converted under a powerful sermon which he preached at Antietam."

-- Rev. Henry Boehm (1775-1875)



The Geeting Farm

CIVIL WAR HOSPITAL SITE
THE GEETING FARM
Was used as a hospital during
The Maryland Campaign 1862
PRIVATE PROPERTY
courtesy of S.H.A.F.



The Geeting farmhouse faces towards the old Philadelphia Wagon Road on a portion of land first patented in 1771 by Joseph and James Chaplain. While tradition states George Adam Geeting may have lived on the property as early as 1759, official records suggest he didn't formally acquire the land until 1777. The original part of the house is a small log cabin, but exactly when it was built is unknown. The log cabin was later lengthened and two separate stone additions were added to the back of the house, presumably to accommodate the growing Geeting family of 10 children. Over the years, the boundary of the original farm changed as the land was divided among family members and new land was added.

George Adam Geeting was laid to rest in the Mt. Hebron Church cemetery in 1812, and the main farm was handed down to two of his sons, Jacob and then George Adam Jr. Eventually, the farm was passed to George Adam Geeting Jr's son, Ephraim, but prior to the Battle of Antietam, he moved to the neighboring Russell property on Geeting Road. Ephraim's son, Emanuel, is believed to have lived in the house before it was passed to his sister, Ann (Geeting) Reel. The farm was later owned by the Potter and Athey decedents, but by the 1970's, it had fallen on hard times. The original Geeting farmland was sold off, and portions of it are known today as Rockingham and Cannon Ridge.