



PRELIMINARY INFORMATION FORM (PIF) for INDIVIDUAL PROPERTIES

Note: PIFs are prepared by applicants and evaluated by DHR staff and the State Review Board based on information known at the time of preparation. Recommendations concerning PIFs are subject to change if new information becomes available.

DHR No. (to be completed by DHR staff) _____

1. General Property Information

Property name: Kauffman Homestead

Property address: 1248 Coffmantown Road

City or Town: Woodstock

Zip code: 22664

Name of the Independent City or County where the property is located: Shenandoah

Category of Property (choose only one of the following):

Building Site Structure Object

2. Physical Aspects

Acreage: 22 acres

Setting (choose only one of the following):

Urban Suburban Town Village Hamlet Rural

Briefly describe the property's overall location and setting, including any notable landscape features:

This is the original farmhouse located at 1248 Coffmantown Road, Woodstock, VA 22664. The property is owned and farmed by Geary and Ethel Showman of 1221 St Luke Rd, Woodstock. The farm belonged to Geary's paternal grandmother, Minnie Coffman Frye (mother; Thelma Frye Showman).

It is dated through the family since 1763. It was granted as a Bicentennial Farm through the Department of Agriculture. The farm consists of a bank barn with a hay storage shed attached. It has a permanent Spring with Springhouse (available to the community by walking path). There is a family cemetery, small storage shed and a two-hole Johnny House on the property. A small pond and the land is being farmed in orchard grass hay.

The surrounding houses were also once owned by members of the Coffman family but have been sold out of the family. The house being inquired is known as the original homestead in the Coffmantown community.

3. Architectural Description

Architectural Style(s): The house is two story log

If the property was designed by an architect, landscape architect, engineer, or other professional, please list here: Unknown builder but contains original doors, latches, windows, flooring & walls

If the builder is known, please list here: _____

Date of construction (can be approximate): Mid to late 1700's

Narrative Description (Please do not exceed one page in describing the property):

Briefly describe the property's general characteristics, such as its current use (and historic use if different), as well as the primary building or structure on the property (such as a house, store, mill, factory, depot, bridge, etc.). Include the materials and method(s) of construction, physical appearance and condition (exterior and interior), and any additions or other major alterations.

The house has been well maintained. The interior consists of log construction of both lower and upper levels. Interior walls are constructed of tongue and grove boards. Wooden doors (some with original metal latches).

Most windows have their original bubble glass but are covered with aluminum storm windows.

The outside of the house is covered with vinyl siding (to protect the log interior). There is a covered back porch with a cistern underneath. The porch is closed in with storm windows. The front porch is the length of the house that is covered. There is a dirt cellar beneath the house and a full walk-in attic.

This house has been a residence since being built in the 1700's. The land was deeded in 1763 by Lord Fairfax of 454 acres. It now consists of 22 acres with a family cemetery, a spring (with spring house), a bank barn used for storing hay that is produced and sold from the farm. It is a producing farm that is farmed by the owners and family Geary and Ethel Showman.

In a bullet list, include any outbuildings or secondary resources or major landscape features (such as barns, sheds, dam and mill pond, storage tanks, scales, railroad spurs, etc.), including their condition and their estimated construction dates.

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- Bank barn
 - Attached hay shed
 - Small storage shed
 - Two-hole Johnny house
 - Family cemetery
 - Natural Spring with spring house
 - Narrow Passage creek runs on th
of the property

4. Property's History and Significance (Please do not exceed one page)

Briefly explain the property's historic importance, such as significant events, persons, and/or families associated with the property.

If the property is important for its architecture, engineering, landscape architecture, or other aspects of design, please include a brief explanation of this aspect.

The property is known as the Kauffman Homestead. Owners Geary and Ethel Showman Geary is the 8th generation to own the land. Located on route 680 - 5 miles west of Woodstock - Coffmantown. Present time there are 22 acres for pasture, hay and livestock (in the past).

The farm was acquired at Public Auction after the death of Geary's paternal grandmother Minnie Coffman Frye. Original ownership of the family dates to 1763.

Acquired by: Augustine Kauffman - 1753-1818
Andrew Coffman - 1818-1828
Andrew (Andreas) Kauffman - 1828-1882
John A Coffman - unknown
John Henry Coffman - unknown
Andrew W-Frye - Minnie Coffman Frye - unknown - 1983
Thelma Frye Showman/Frederick A Frye - 1983
Geary Showman/Ethel Showman - 1983 - 2026 (current)

Walter Coffman - son of Andrew Coffman was killed in the Battle of Fisher's Hill (Civil War) is buried in the family cemetery.

Although the land was over 400 acres when acquired it is now only 22 acres with the original two-story log house. The house is in good condition for its age. Since its purchase vinyl siding has been added to the outside structure (to protect the logs). Upstairs the logs are exposed, have been cleaned, chinked and new wiring. This house has been used as rental property since purchased but we are currently repairing the lower living space to repair loose mortar to keep the house in livable condition. Most doors are original with metal latch hooks, bubble windows with aluminum storm windows. Dirt floor cellar and a full attic.

Please list all sources of information used to research the history of the property, such as deeds, census and tax records, and/or published articles and books. (It is not necessary to attach lengthy articles or family genealogies to this form.)

- Tax Parcel Id # 043 A280
- Deed book 38, page 208 - Stonewall Magisterial District
- VA Farm Bureau Bicentennial Farms, Shenandoah County
- Deed Aug 8, 1983 - Clerk's Office of Shenandoah County
Deed book 458, page 1

5. Property Ownership (Check as many categories as apply):

Private: Public\Local Public\State Public\Federal

Current Legal Owner(s) of the Property (If the property has more than one owner, please list each below or on an additional sheet.)

name/title: Geary W Showman/Ethel M Showman

organization: _____

street & number: 1221 St Luke RD

city or town: Woodstock state: Virginia zip code: 22664

e-mail: eshowman@shente telephone: 540-459-2789

Legal Owner's Signature: _____

Date: _____



•• *Signature required for processing all applications.* ••

In the event of corporate ownership you must provide the name and title of the appropriate contact person.

Contact person: _____

Daytime Telephone: _____

Applicant Information (Individual completing form if other than legal owner of property)

name/title: _____

organization: _____

street & number: _____

city or town: _____ state: _____ zip code: _____

e-mail: _____ telephone: _____

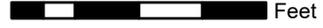
Date: _____

PLEASE DO NOT ATTACH CONTINUATION SHEETS TO THIS FORM. THANK YOU!

PIF BOUNDARY MAP

Kauffman Farm
Shenandoah County, VA
DHR ID# 085-5450

 Proposed Boundary

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 Feet

















































































