

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries: complete applicable sections)

EASEMENT

STATE:	Maryland
COUNTY:	Frederick
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ENTRY DATE:	

1. NAME

COMMON: Scheifferstadt

AND/OR HISTORIC: FHD-794

For more information see F-3-47

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Intersection of West Second and Rosemont Streets at Route 15

CITY OR TOWN: Frederick

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Sixth

STATE: Maryland

COUNTY: Frederick

CODE: 24

CO: 021

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District	<input type="checkbox"/> Public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes: Restricted
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted
<input type="checkbox"/> Site	<input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Object			

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Comments tenanted
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Miss Evelyn Krantz

STREET AND NUMBER: 1005 Rosemont Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Frederick

STATE: Maryland

CODE: 24

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Frederick County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER: Court Square

CITY OR TOWN: Frederick

STATE: Maryland

CODE: 24

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Federal State County Local

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

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Frederick
COUNTY
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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Scheifferstadt is situated on the north side of Jefferson Street, several yards south of the intersection of West Second and Rosemont Streets and U.S. Route 15, (at Exit 7), in Frederick, Maryland. The property is bounded on the north, east, and west sides by these three roads, and on the south side by Baker Park.

The house is in a two part composition. The main block, of fieldstone construction, is two stories in height and three bays in length; a two story, two bay, brick addition at the west end, recessed back from the east facade of the main block but flush to its west facade, was built in the early nineteenth century.

The present main entrance door of the principal block occupies the central bay of the east facade and is flanked by double hung windows of two over two Victorian sash. All of the door and window openings appear to be original in size and location, with the three first floor door and window openings of the front and rear facades of the main block having stone relieving arches positioned a short distance above their heads. The three windows of the second floor level of both facades are positioned directly above each of the openings below. The gable roof is flared at the eaves and there is a large brick chimney centrally positioned along the roof ridge. The exposed north end of the house has two windows at both the first and second floor levels and a single window within the attic gable. Directly below the two first floor windows of this end are small openings with shaped wrought iron grills that provide ventilation and light to a large vaulted cellar beneath the north end of the house.

The south wing, of common bond brick construction, is three bays in length. At its south end the cellar is exposed for one full story, although a tall, one story brick spring house covers half of that wall area. A chimney is enclosed within the south end of the wing.

On the interior Scheifferstadt retains an impressive amount of original woodwork and hardware. In many instances the architectural features seen in the house are the first of their type to be recorded in Maryland. The first floor is composed of three rooms: a narrow central hall with two doors on each wall that open into large flanking parlors; a third door at the east end of the north wall opens into a steeply winding enclosed stair. The north parlor has windows with flared plastered reveals and plastered walls. A large projecting chimney on the south wall originally had an expansive fireplace

(See Continuation Sheet #1)

S E E I N S T R U C T I O N S

8. SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

The property on which Scheifferstadt is situated, initially a part of a large tract of land called Taskers Chance, was acquired by Josef Brunner from Daniel Dulany in 1746.

Josef Brunner emmigrated to Pennsylvania from Scheifferstadt, Mannheim, Germany in 1728, but it is not known how much time passed before he finally settled in Maryland. It was a common practice for Dulany to allow time payments for the purchase of property so it may be that Brunner had lived on the property for several years before finalizing the transaction. The fact that nineteen other German families, including three directly related to Brunner, purchased their land on the same day of the Brunner-Dulany transaction indicates that all or most of them had probably been residing on their respective properties for some time before final purchases were made. It appears likely that Josef Brunner was responsible for the building of Scheifferstadt since the peculiarly German and European characteristics seen in its construction and architectural detail suggest that the builder was very familiar with those architectural traditions. Whatever the case, in 1753 Josef transferred his property, then 303 acres and "buildings", to his son Elias. Scheifferstadt remains in the possession of descendents of Josef Brunner to the present day although the house and its remaining three acres are currently for sale.

Certainly one of the best preserved mid-eighteenth century houses in Maryland today, Scheifferstadt has had few alterations made to it and all of these minimal. It is both architecturally and historically important to Frederick City and County and to Western Maryland in general because of its indisputably close relationship to the early German settlement of this region and to the German traditions that are still in evidence today. It is said that Scheifferstadt is the oldest house in Frederick City, but while this may be disputed by contrary evidence it is obvious that the uniqueness of its architecture and its direct association with the history of the region establish it as being one of the most important historical sites in Maryland.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Frederick County Land Records, Hall of Records, Annapolis, Md.
 Schultz, Edward T. First Settlement of Germans in Maryland.
 (Frederick, Md.: David H. Smith, 1869), pp. 39-40.
 Tracey, Dr. Arthur. "Notes from the Records of Old Monacacy."
 Private Manuscript Collection in possession of Mrs. Grace
 Louise Tracey, Frederick, Md. (N.d.). p. 152.
 (See Continuation Sheet # 2.)

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES			
CORNER	LATITUDE		LONGITUDE			
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"

LATITUDE			LONGITUDE		
Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
39	25	25	77	25	39

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: **one acre**

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **J. Richard Rivoire Field Surveyor** sh
 ORGANIZATION: **Maryland Historical Trust**
 STREET AND NUMBER: **2525 Riva Road** DATE: **August 25, 1973**
 CITY OR TOWN: **Annapolis** STATE: **Maryland 21401** CODE: **24**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison 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. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name Orlando Ridout IV
 Title State Historic Preservation Officer
 Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

 Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

 Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
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SCHIEFFERSTADT

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#7 Description (Continued)

Unfortunately all of the common rafters were replaced in the early twentieth century but it is still possible to establish their number, locations, and the manner in which they were secured at the ridge and onto the collars, purlins, and wall plates.

In the wing is one principal room at the first and second floor and cellar levels. For the most part, the interior woodwork is contemporary to the early nineteenth century construction date attributed to this part of the house. Both the first floor and the cellar have large fireplace openings on their south walls, presumably these rooms were used as winter and summer kitchens respectively. The small, one story with open loft springing from at the south end of the wing is believed to be contemporary to this wing in its date of construction.

#9 Major Bibliographical References (Continued)

Scharff, J. Thomas. History of Western Maryland. Reprint of 1882 ed. Baltimore: Regional Publishing Company, 1901.

#12 Level of significance of this nomination (Continued)

The extensive amount of architectural detail and hardware showing German influence is unusual anywhere in Maryland and is of national significance.

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#7 Description (Continued) SCHEIFFERSTADT

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opening that was altered in size at a later date. The south parlor, initially one large room, was divided into two chambers early in the nineteenth century. The fireplace opening in the chimney on its north wall has been completely closed but the chimney still retains built-in closets. At the north side of the west window of this room is a smaller closet, positioned the same distance from the floor as the window, that is embellished with a wide, heavily carved, bolection-type architrave, a paneled door, and a scalloped apron. Two large exposed and plastered summer beams extend through the house from end to end.

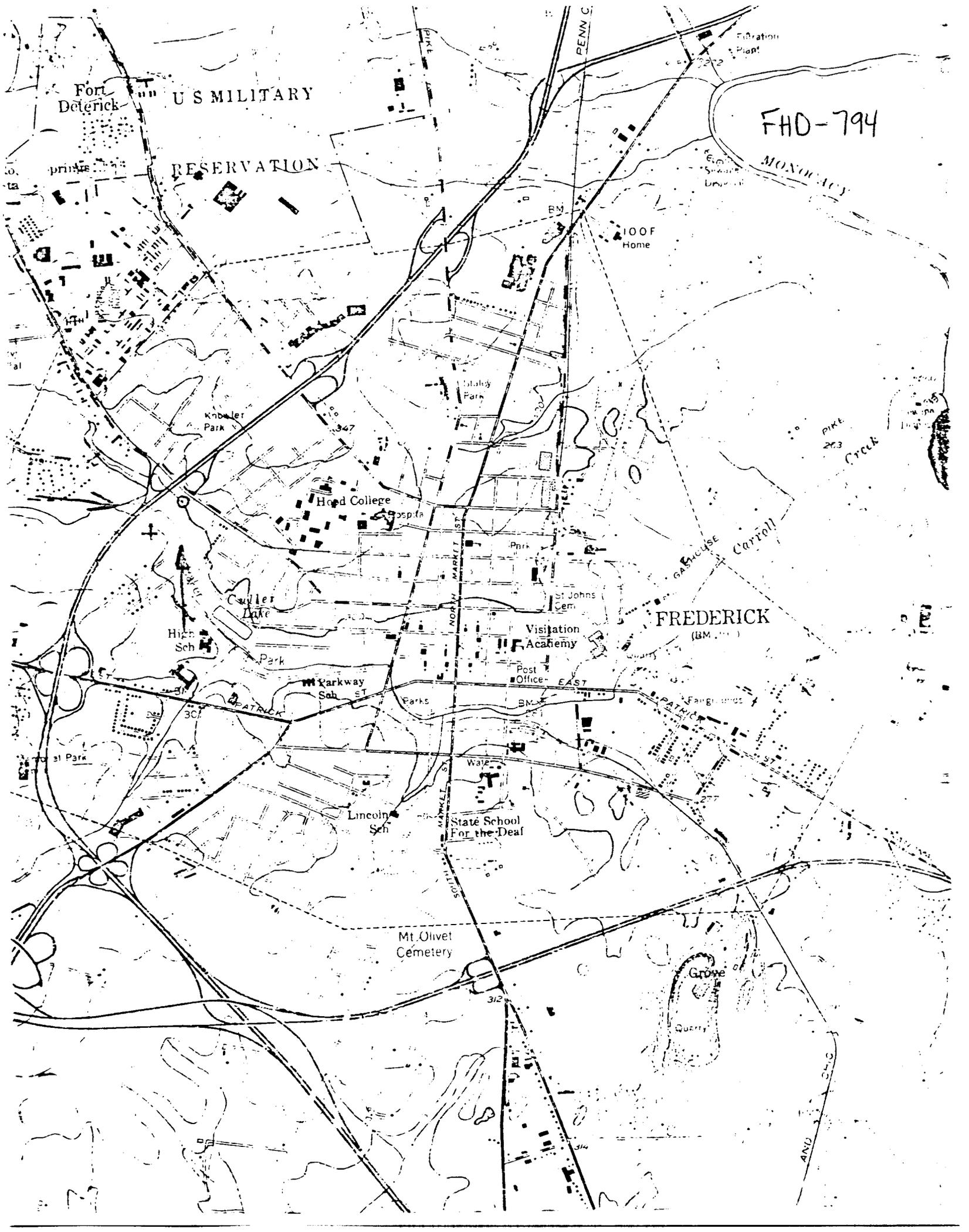
Initially, at the second floor level, the room configuration of the first floor was repeated; however, the north and south bed chambers were divided into two room areas by beaded board partitions at a slightly later date. In the hall the two chimneys are joined at the ceiling level, creating a vaulted ceiling in this area of the hall. In the north chimney of the hall is a small fireplace and chute for heating and supplying coals to a built-in five plate stove in the north bed chamber(s); the stove has four plates in figured relief and is dated 1756.

A second and larger arched fireplace opening on the south wall of the hall was presumably used for heating only. The fireplace in the south bed chamber has been completely sealed but still retains built-in closets with paneled doors. All of the partition doors throughout the house are of a five panel design and retain their original, elaborately wrought thumb latches, locks, knobs, and hinges. The use of massive exposed and (later) plastered summer beams in the first floor rooms is repeated on the second floor.

Decaying plaster has recently revealed that the south partition wall of the second floor hall is of half-timbered construction that was initially exposed. This is a significant architectural feature as it is the first example of exposed wall framing of this type to be recorded in Maryland. Because of the basically sound condition of the plaster on all other walls it is difficult to ascertain, at the present time whether or not this same type of framing was employed elsewhere in the house.

Another architecturally significant feature retained at Scheifferstadt is the original, eighteenth century framing system of the roof (see drawing). It employs two sets of what is properly termed "upper quarter crucks" that support massive collar and principal rafters. Between each of the two sets of principal rafters are two purlins that support a series of common rafters.

(See Continuation Sheet No.2)



Fort Detrick

U S MILITARY

RESERVATION

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MONOCACY

100F Home

Hood College

FREDERICK

(BM. 100)

Visitation Academy

State School For the Deaf

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

Grove

Quarry

prints

Knobler Park

Stahy Park

Cayler Lake

High Sch

Parkway Sch

Lincoln Sch

Post Office - E457

St Park

3/2

AND

340

PIKE 203

Creek

GARLUSE

Carroll

MARKET

NORTH MARKET ST

PENN C

PATRICK

PATRICK

AND

340

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

SCHIFFERSTADT

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

W. Second Street and Rosemont Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Frederick

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Frederick

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 MUSEUM
___COMMERCIAL ___PARK
 EDUCATIONAL ___PRIVATE RESIDENCE
___ENTERTAINMENT ___RELIGIOUS
___GOVERNMENT ___SCIENTIFIC
___INDUSTRIAL ___TRANSPORTATION
___MILITARY ___OTHER

COMMENTS: Frontier/German Rural

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

N. Court Street

CITY, TOWN

Frederick, Maryland

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___FEDERAL ___STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input 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

A large, early, German farmhouse, three large bays wide and two in depth built with 30" walls of cut blocks* of sandstone from a nearby outcropping and unusual in this area. It is entered by a wide, ten panel door with a four pane overlight in the center bay. This entrance and all windows which are of 2/2 sash are headed by a cut stone, segmental relieving arch with stone fill above the frames. These windows have wood sills. The attic is lighted by small, 2/2 sash windows in each gable. This house has a broad, rather steep, "A" frame roof now covered with metal and with eave overhangs of approximately 1'. Heat was furnished by numerous fireplaces and a large cooking fireplace, served by two chimneys, joined in the attic and projecting at the center of and on an angle to the ridgeline of the roof--typical early German style.

Beneath the north end of the house is a large, stone valuted root and wine cellar with a shallow wall niche and two air shafts leading diagonally up to the ground level and protected by cast iron grills. The structure is built on a stone outcropping which is now visible from recently built cellar restrooms. Exterior walls are insulated by a mixture of rye grass and mud plaster.

In the interior, mortised and pegged beams of white oak, with beveled corners, are visible. An interesting old circular wood stairway with handmade nails rises to the second story. Interior doors are of five panels with thumb latches and other hand-wrought hardware. One of the three original, built-in cast iron stoves with five plates, the date of 1756 and a German inscription** is located in an upstairs bedroom. Attic rafters contain wooden pegs for the drying of herbs and other storage. A collection of early tools is on display.

A two story, early 19th century addition, and smaller spring house adjoin the main house.

***"Wherever your treasure, There is your heart."*
 *Random shaped on side and rear walls.

NOTE: This 1976 description has been altered by 1978 restoration as it probably appeared in C1756.

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8 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 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
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CI753-56		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This large stone house, built by Joseph Brunner is a fine example of early German houses, which has remained mostly in its original state and is one of few remaining in the country. It was named after Brunner's hometown near Heidelberg, Germany, and near the Rhine River.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

DOUGLAS M. GREENE

ORGANIZATION

*ARCHITECTURAL HISTORIAN
HISTORICAL DISTRICT COMMISSION
CITY of FREDERICK, MD. 21701*

DATE

JANUARY 1976

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

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