



**Name of Property:** Schifferstadt  
**City, State:** Frederick, Maryland  
**Period of Significance:** 1758  
**NHL Criteria:** 4  
**NHL Theme:** III. Expressing Cultural Values  
5. Architecture, landscape architecture, and urban design  
**Previous Recognition:** 1974 National Register of Historic Places  
**National Historic Context:** Special Study

**NHL Significance:**

- Schifferstadt is nationally significant for its architecture as an outstanding example of a Georgian-period house influenced by German-American cultural and construction traditions. It embodies how German immigrants chose to retain much of their cultural heritage within their houses while exhibiting their social and economic status on the exterior.
- Schifferstadt maintains many ethnically identifiable features on the interior that have a strong German identity, including the traditional room arrangements of cellar, kitchen, parlor, bedrooms and attic, as well as construction features such as a central wishbone chimney, a vaulted cellar, the application of paling and *Fachwerk*, and the *Liegender Stuhl* truss system.
- The most distinguished feature of Schifferstadt's interior is the in-situ five-plate stove. This is the only five-plate stove that remains in its original location in the United States.



View of bedroom with stove



View of Kitchen

- The Georgian style influences displayed at Schifferstadt includes the symmetrical fenestration on the façade, a central doorway suggesting a center-hall plan, a gable roof, segmental-arch lintels, the lack of a front porch, and the regular stone coursing on the façade including stone quoins.

**Integrity:**

- Schifferstadt retains an exceptionally high degree of integrity displaying its mid-eighteenth-century form, room arrangement, heating plan, and decorative details, including the cupboards, dry sink, and hardware, plus the original construction features such as the wishbone chimney, *Fachwerk*, paling, floating joists, room partitions, *Liegender Stuhl*, and quite significantly the only in-situ five-plate stove in the country.
- While Schifferstadt has been restored from its use as a tenement, the interior architectural features were revealed and preserved in a way that allows a complete understanding of the historic use and evolution of the house. Few other eighteenth-century German-Georgian buildings feature such a well-preserved interior.

**Owner of Property:** Frederick County Landmarks Foundation

**Acreeage of Property:** 1.51 acres

**Origins of Nomination:** Frederick County Landmarks Foundation hired a consultant to prepare the NHL nomination.

**Potential for Positive Public Response or Reflection on NHL Program:**

- NHL status could assist the owners and the City of Frederick in influencing future plans for highway expansion adjacent to the property.
- Designation as an NHL will bring recognition to a type of building that is likely a unique example of Germanic architecture in America and an important touchstone of colonial German culture.
- NHL designation could assist the owners and its supporters in maintenance, preservation, and site interpretation.



**Potential for Negative Public Response or Reflection on NHL Program:** None is known.

**Landmarks Committee Comments:**

**Landmarks Committee Recommendation:** Designation. Dr. Stevens moved, Dr. Chen seconded; unanimous approval.

**Public Comments Favoring Designation (received as of ):**

**Advisory Board Recommendation:**