



other finishes, convey the building's national significance as an example of a culturally distinct and rare building within colonial German culture.

- The Schaeffer House retains an exceptionally high degree of integrity as an excellently preserved example of early Germanic architecture in America. It survives in a condition remarkably similar to that which existed during the Schaeffers' lifetimes. The majority of changes occurred during the property's period of significance from 1736 to ca. 1771 and made by either Alexander or Henry Schaeffer.
- Important characteristically Germanic details such as the *Liegender Stuhl* truss, the interior *Stroh Lehm* paling, and the clay-straw plaster, are wonderfully preserved and rare surviving examples of late medieval construction techniques. The present bank building preserves the dual domestic/spirit production functions characteristic of the *Weinbauernhaus* type, including significant features of the distilling operation such as the dual still elements of the fireplace and the interior water conducting system.

Owner of Property: Historic Schaefferstown, Inc.

Acreage of Property: Less than 1 acre.

Origins of Nomination: Historic Schaefferstown, Inc. hired a consultant to prepare the NHL nomination.

Potential for Positive Public Response or Reflection on NHL Program:

- 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 to colonial German culture.
- NHL status could assist the owners and its supporters in maintenance, preservation, and site interpretation.

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

Landmarks Committee Comments:

Landmarks Committee Recommendation: Designation. Dr. Murtagh moved, Dr. Seale seconded; unanimous approval.

Public Comments Favoring Designation (comments received as of 10/28/10):

Andrea L. MacDonald, Chief, Division of Preservation Services, Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission

Alice K. Oskam, President, Historic Schaefferstown, Inc., Pennsylvania

Advisory Board Recommendation: