



Name of Property: Historic Moravian Bethlehem Historic District
City, State: Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
Period of Significance: 1741-1810
NHL Criteria: 1 and 4
NHL Theme: III. Expressing Cultural Values
 1. Educational and Intellectual Currents
 5. Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Urban Design
 V. Developing the American Economy
 4. Workers and Work Culture

Previous Recognition: 1988 National Register of Historic Places, Central Bethlehem Historic District
 1975 National Historic Landmark, Gemeinhaus/Lewis David de Schweinitz Residence
 1981 National Historic Landmark, 1762 Waterworks
 after 1933 Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS), Gemeinhaus, HABS No. PA-1142
 after 1933 HABS, Tannery, HABS No. PA-1143
 after 1933 HABS, (Grist) Miller’s House, HABS No. PA-1144
 after 1933 HABS, Goundie House, HABS No. PA-1145
 after 1933 HABS, Waterworks, HABS No. PA-1146
 after 1933 HABS, Central Moravian Church, HABS No. PA-1147
 after 1933 HABS, Luckenbach (Grist) Mill, HABS No. PA-1148



Origins of Nomination: In the early 2000s, with the agreement of Moravian entities and the City of Bethlehem, Historic Bethlehem Partnership (HBP) contacted the National Park Service Regional Office in Philadelphia and the NHL Program in Washington to inquire about the possibility of an NHL district. Concurrently, Bethlehem was invited to join with five other eighteenth-century Moravian communities (located in Northern Ireland, Holland, Denmark, Germany, and South Africa) to pursue the preparation of a trans-national nomination to the World Heritage List in consultation with ICOMOS, UNESCO, and ICCROM. This group formed the International Moravian Heritage Network. As a result, the HBP took on the responsibility of preparing a nomination to the U.S. World Heritage Sites Tentative List, and Historic Moravian Bethlehem's status is now pending. To make a stronger case for UNESCO listing and upon recommendation, National Historic Landmark designation is being pursued.

Potential for Positive Public Response or Reflection on NHL Program:

- Designation will help the community bring attention to the nationally-significant historic sites located in the heart of the City of Bethlehem, along with the fascinating stories and material culture of the community.
- Designation could increase tourism that would positively impact the local economy and Bethlehem's quality of life. It could also provide the opportunity for increased funding for the continued preservation of these nationally significant structures and landscapes.

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

Landmarks Committee Comments:

Landmarks Committee Recommendation:

Public Comments Favoring Designation (received as of):

Advisory Board Recommendation: