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**NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM**

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE: Pennsylvania	
COUNTY: Lebanon	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE
	JUL 24 1972

1. NAME

COMMON:
Brendle Farms

AND/OR HISTORIC:
1. Alexander Schaeffer Farm 2. Sheetz Farm

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
Intersection of State Routes 501 and 897

CITY OR TOWN:
Schaefferstown

STATE Pennsylvania	CODE 42	COUNTY: Lebanon	CODE 075
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3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Educational <input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Government <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Military <input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Park <input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/> Religious <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scientific	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
1. Historic Schaefferstown, Inc. 2. Ammon Fisher

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
1. Schaefferstown 2. Reistville

STATE:
Pennsylvania

CODE
42

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.:
Lebanon County Court House

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:
Lebanon

STATE:
Pennsylvania

CODE
42

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Pennsylvania Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks

DATE OF SURVEY: 1971 Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
William Penn Memorial Museum

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 1026

CITY OR TOWN:
Harrisburg

STATE:
Pennsylvania

CODE
42

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

 Excellent Good Fair

(Check One)

 Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed

(Check One)

 Altered Unaltered

(Check One)

 Moved Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Alexander Schaeffer Homestead includes the original John Miley buildings on the 347 acre land grant in Heidelberg Township, Lebanon County. Miley was the architect of the Cloister buildings at Ephrata. Schaeffer, architect and planner of Schaefferstown (originally called Heidelberg) bought the property in 1758. The original buildings consisted of two houses--the main house, a tile-roofed limestone Swiss Weinbaueren house with two pot stills attached to the central fireplace, and a stone and log house (no longer standing) built over the original spring. The house and barn of what is known as the Lower (Sheetz) Farm are also part of the Schaeffer Site, though they remain in private hands at this time and are unavailable for study.

The two and one-half story Swiss bank house of Alexander Schaeffer exhibits typical Rhine Valley architectural features (limestone walls, segmented brick arches over first floor windows, and arched doorways leading to the distillery area in the lowest level). The Schaeffer house corresponds, at the ground floor level, to the three room central fireplace plan common to the Rhenish Palatinate, probably the most ubiquitous Germanic plan in Pennsylvania. The ground floor was used as work space and the upper floors as a dwelling area. A large arched wine cellar with distilling area behind is an integral part of the structure. The chimney of the central fireplace, standing in the late nineteenth century, is no longer extant. Otherwise, there has been no significant alteration in the appearance of the building.

In the typical Swiss bank house, the front door to the living area, on the high level, is approached at ground level and is the main and formal entrance. The doorway to the cellar is usually near the opposite gable and enters the cooking, processing, and cold storage areas at the lower level. Connecting these two doorways is a set of stone stairs which provides access from the processing or work area at the lower level to the living, sleeping, and storage areas on the upper floor.

The large, arched central fireplace of the Alexander Schaeffer house had two stills attached to the rear, with openings in the front to fire the stills and control the draft around them. The two large arched doors provide access for the transporting of cider barrels to the cellar working and fermenting areas. A large door near the arched wine cellar in the rear provided space for the loading of containers of finished beverages. Water was conducted through the cellar from a ditch in the meadow above the house. The two coils from the stills were housed in large wooden tubs which received this water continually to provide

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7. Description

the cooling required for the distilling of whiskey or applejack.

The one hundred foot long Swiss bank barn on the property, rebuilt ca. 1894 on the foundations of the log structure erected by Captain Henry Schaeffer in 1786, is reputed to be one of the best built barns in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania.

Other buildings on the property include:

A stone pigsty located in the traditional Swiss farmstead pattern between house and barn which dates from ca. 1740 and remains in nearly original condition.

An original limestone smokehouse built ca. 10 feet square to accomodate the large farming operations carried out on the site.

A wheat barn dating from ca. 1840 built to house sheaves of grain prior to threshing. Recently the barn has been used for tobacco curing.

A wagon shed and corn crib built from parts of earlier structures.

The Lower Farm is a two and one-half story stone house with a one and one-half story addition with overhanging roof. The farm is privately owned and is unavailable for study at the present time. Its orientation to the stream on the property is similar to that of the Schaeffer Farm. The barn on the Lower Farm is another excellent Swiss bank barn.

A final feature of the site is a partially extant eighteenth century irrigation system which parallels the stream from near the headwater of Sheep Hill to the Lower Farm. This canal served both irrigation needs and brought cold water to the house where it was conducted into the work room to cool the coils. The natural meadow could be extended and a heavier crop produced through irrigation. The garden may also have been irrigated.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

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"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Schaeffer and Scheetz Homesteads possess several features worthy of note. First, the two farms are set in an environment worthy of preservation for open space and ecological conservation. Second, the farms and nearby town of Schaefferstown are extant relics of a unique eighteenth century cultural pattern which was brought from Europe to America by Swiss immigrants and subsequently modified by New World conditions. This way of life can be recovered through archeological, architectural, and folk cultural research. Third, the Lower Farm is the birthplace of the Reverend Thomas R. Brendle, whose collection of Pennsylvania German folklore now in the possession of Historic Schaefferstown, Inc. is unsurpassed in its scope and completeness. Reverend Brendle's life is linked to both farm sites, since he lived on the Lower for eight years following his birth and on the Upper for an additional fourteen. Fourth, the Lower Farm was also the site of the Scheetz murder, an incident which has occupied an important position in the folklore of the area. Finally, a well-organized, active, and effective program of preservation, restoration, research and education has been underway since 1965 under the impetus of Historic Schaefferstown, Inc. to support the development of the site. Scholarly interest in the area has been aroused and the potential for the development of an open air folk museum on the grounds is high.

There is considerable evidence of an alcoholic beverage industry in Schaefferstown in the eighteenth century. The Alexander Schaeffer farmstead presents the most complete evidence of such activity. The Schaeffer house is the only Pennsylvania house located thus far to retain evidence of the pot still. Beyond the numerous taverns in Schaefferstown in the 1790s, the Philadelphia market was also within reasonable distance.

The Schaeffer Farmstead is significant as a representative of the farmhouse indigenous to the Swiss Weinbauern culture. It is in the Schaefferstown area that the most distinctive, most European, and possible the most uniform type of bank house is found. Among the several Swiss bank houses in the area, the

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Brendle, A.S. History of Schaefferstown
 Bucher, R.C. "Eighteenth Century Meadow Irrigation," Pa. Folklife
 . "Swiss Bank Houses of Pennsylvania," Pa. Folklife
 Egle, W. History of Lebanon County
 Huber, C. Schaefferstown Bicentennial History
Sheetz Murder Broadside. Private collection of Isaac C. Kulp, Jr.
Sheetz Murder Case Pamphlet. Rare book collection, Historic Schaefferstown Museum.

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			
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NW	40°	17'	55"	76°	18'	29"
NE	40°	17'	55"	76°	17'	57"
SE	40°	17'	31"	76°	17'	57"
SW	40°	17'	31"	76°	18'	29"

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 3.7 acres

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Pennsylvania Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks

ORGANIZATION: Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission DATE: _____

STREET AND NUMBER:
Box 1026

CITY OR TOWN: Harrisburg STATE: Pennsylvania CODE: 42

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: [Signature]
 State Liaison Officer

Title: Deputy Executive Director, Pa. Historical and Museum Commission

Date: June 19, 1972

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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

[Signature]
 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 7/24/72

ATTEST:

[Signature]
 Keeper of The National Register

Date: 7/20/72

(A) 18/3889620/4461530
 3-16-72
 UTM Ref. Form
 (B) 18/3889620/4460850
 (C) 18/388880/4461540
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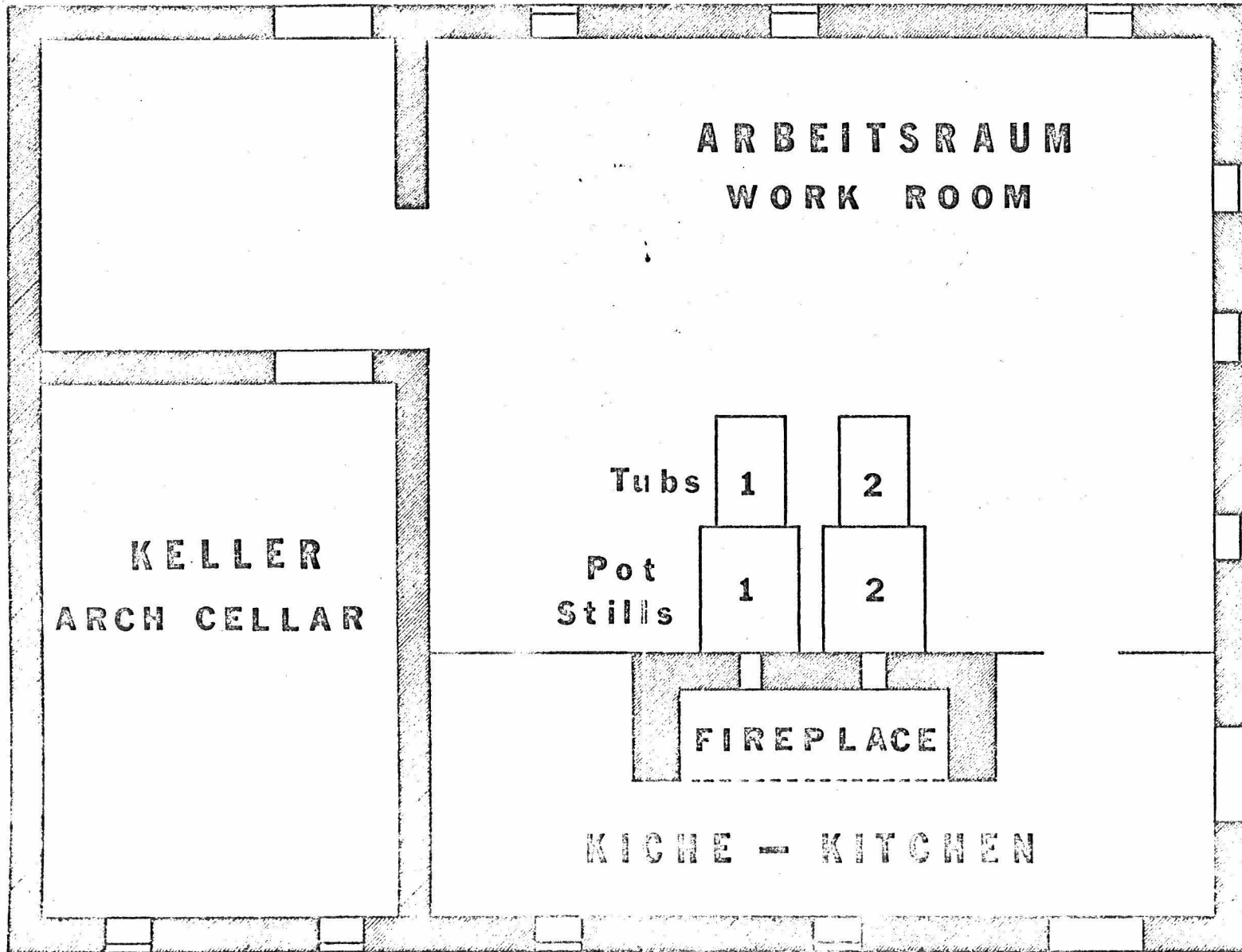
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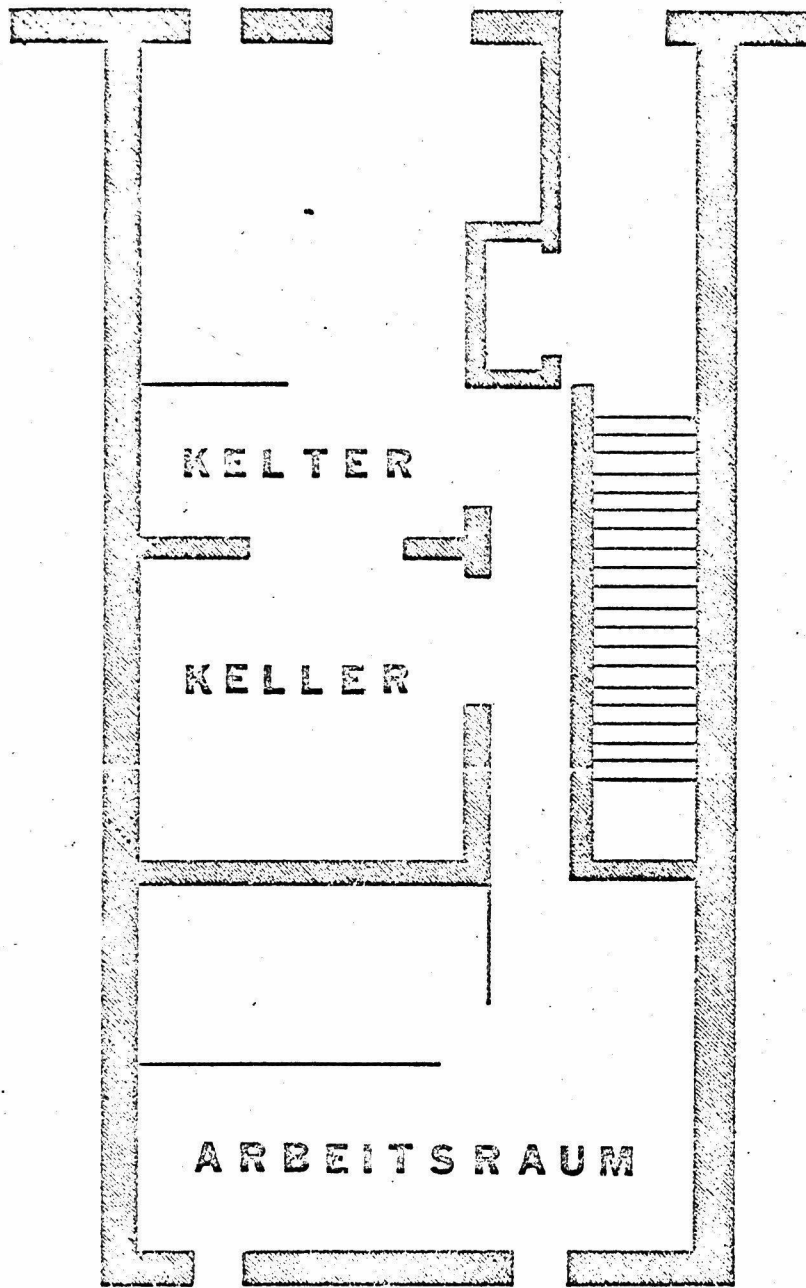
8. Significance

Schaeffer homestead is the earliest and most distinctive.

The Upper and Lower Farms are united both culturally and historically, sharing a common folklore, architecture, and agricultural practice. It is essential to the integrity of this historic site that their unity be preserved.

SCHAEFFER HOUSE





WEINBAUREN HOUSE
SWITZERLAND

DUPLICATE

WASO Form - 177
("R" June 1984)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

72001130

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
EVALUATION/RETURN SHEET

Boendle Farms
Schaeffers town, Lebanon Co.
07/24/72

Working No. _____
Fed. Reg. Date: _____
Date Due: _____
Action: ACCEPT 24 JUL 72
 RETURN _____
 REJECT _____
Federal Agency: _____

- resubmission
- nomination by person or local government
- owner objection
- appeal

Substantive Review: sample request appeal NR decision

Reviewer's comments:

Recom./Criteria _____
Reviewer _____
Discipline _____
Date _____
_____ see continuation sheet

Nomination returned for: technical corrections cited below
 substantive reasons discussed below

1. Name

2. Location

3. Classification

Category	Ownership Public Acquisition	Status Accessible	Present Use

4. Owner of Property

5. Location of Legal Description

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

Has this property been determined eligible? yes no

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input 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

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- alterations/integrity
- dates
- boundary selection

8. Significance

Period Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

Specific dates Builder/Architect
Statement of Significance (*in one paragraph*)

- summary paragraph
- completeness
- clarity
- applicable criteria
- justification of areas checked
- relating significance to the resource
- context
- relationship of integrity to significance
- justification of exception
- other

9. Major Bibliographical References

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References _____

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared By

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

____ national ____ state ____ local

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title

date

13. Other

- Maps
- Photographs
- Other

Questions concerning this nomination may be directed to _____

Signed _____ Date _____ Phone: _____

Comments for any item may be continued on an attached sheet

Brendle Form

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM WHEN THE PROPERTY IS RESUBMITTED.
NAME OF PROPERTY SCHAEFFER, ALEXANDER. HOMESTEAD

DATE 2/14/72
PA.

The attached National Register Inventory-Nomination form is being returned to your office for clarification of the information indicated below.

Insufficient locational information.

Owner of property/location of legal description necessary.

Geographical location codes missing or incorrect.

No bibliography.

Classification (Item #3) incomplete.

Chemical copies of forms unacceptable.

Acreage

Comments: _____

Insufficient map coverage of property.

Comments: _____

Description (Item #7).

Comments: _____

Statement of Significance (Item #8).

Comments: THE STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE IS NOT SUFFICIENT FOR OUR PURPOSES. HOW LONG DID SCHAEFFER LIVE HERE? WHAT IS THE ASSOCIATION WITH BRENDLE? WHAT FACTUAL SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE FOR THE DISTILLERY CLAIMS?

WE UNDERSTAND YOUR HIGHWAY PROBLEMS AND WILL EXPEDITE REVIEW WHEN THE FORMS ARE RETURNED.

Clarification or correction of the items noted above must be made prior to the initiation of our professional review. Correction of these technical errors or deficiencies does not necessarily insure that the nomination will then satisfy National Register criteria in full.

THANK YOU,

SIGNED

Robert J. Muller



NPS Number July 24 1972

Title: The Brindle Journal

The Alexander Schaeffer Farms & the Peter Schatz Farm ①

Loc. Lebanon City, Pennsylvania

Arbeitsraum fireplace showing openings
in rear fireplace wall.

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

CAT. NO.	DATE
SUBJECT	
FILM	
STOP	EXPOSURE
LENS	FILTER
CAMERA	NEG. NO.
BEAUVEAU BORIE IV	



NPS Number Jul. 24 1972

Title: The Brendle Farms

The Alexander Schaeffer Farm & the Schrey Farm

Loc. Lancaster County, Pennsylvania (2)

Close geographical relationship of Schaeffer farm / village of Schaefferstown. N.E. view?

CAT. NO. DATE 3/72

SUBJECT SCHAEFFER FARM

~~FILM~~ II-8

STOP EXPOSURE

LENS FILTER

CAMERA NEG. NO.

BEAUVEAU BORIE IV

PROPERTY OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



NPS Number Jul 24 1972

Title: The Breadle Farms

The Alexander Farm + the Scheetz Farm

Loc. Schenon County, Pennsylvania

Scene of Schaeetz murder.

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AND/OR HISTORIC:	Alexander Schaeffer Farm, Sheetz Farm

2. LOCATION

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CITY OR TOWN: Schaefferstown			
STATE: Pennsylvania	CODE 42	COUNTY: Lebanon	CODE 075

3. MAP REFERENCE

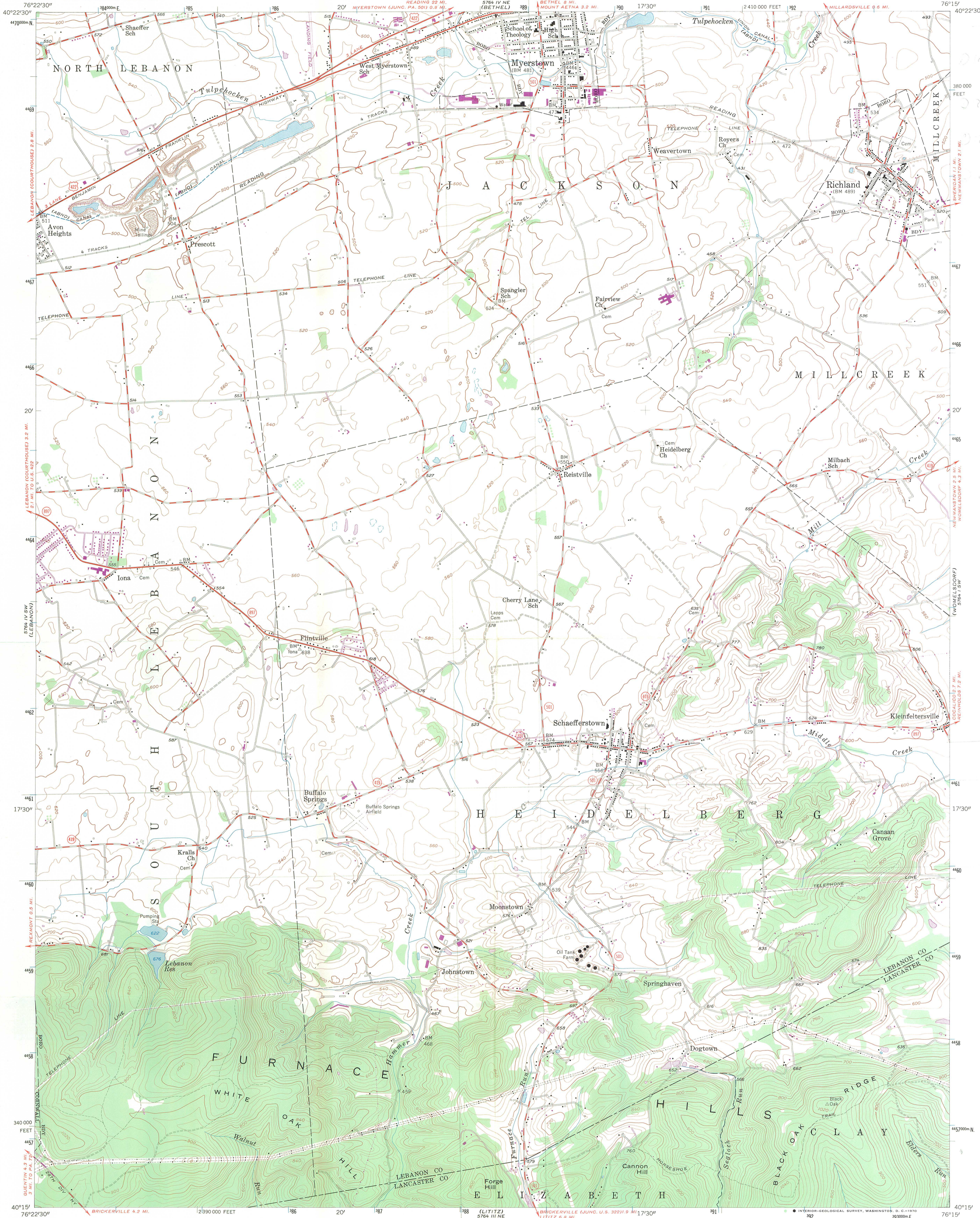
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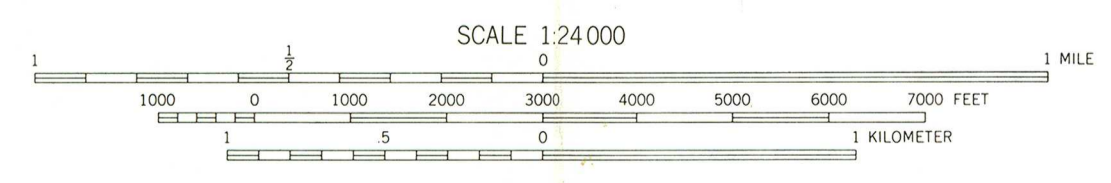
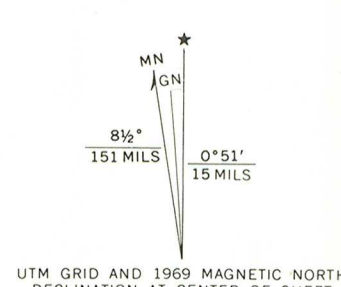
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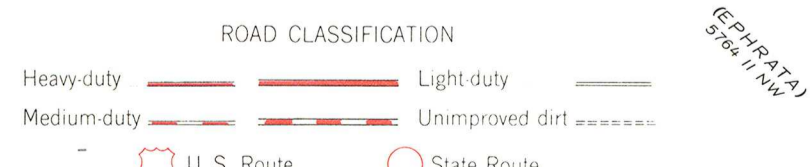


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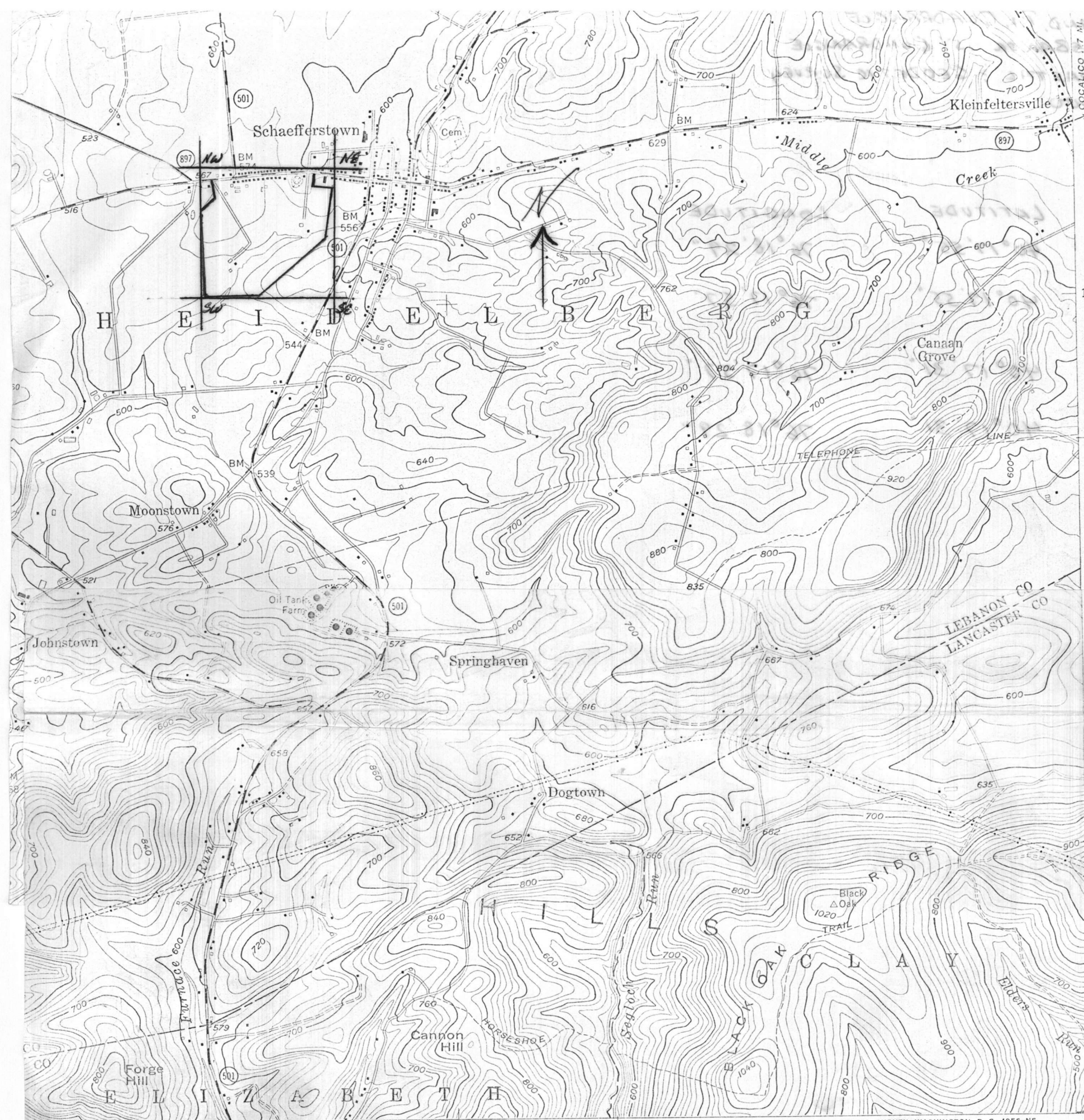
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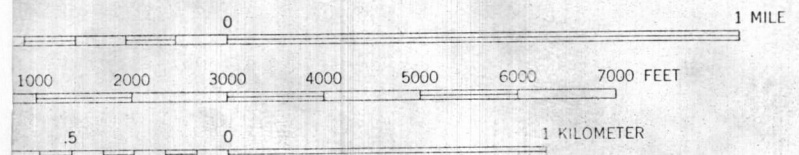


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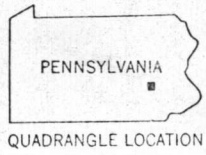
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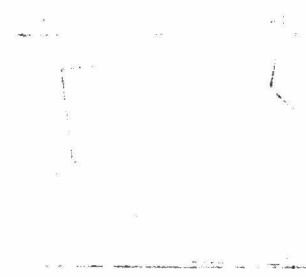
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1955

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ENTRIES IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

STATE PENNSYLVANIA

Date Entered JUL 24 1972

Name

Location

Brendle Farms

**Schaefferstown
Lebanon County**

Also Notified

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Hon. Richard S. Schweiker
Hon. Edwin D. Eshleman

Director, Northeast Region

HR NRowland:bc 7/24/72

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