

Schifferstadt: A 1758 Frederick Farmhouse

This house is one of the oldest in Frederick County and one of the best examples in America of how German settlers adapted their traditions to the American frontier. Its distinctively German features led the U.S. Department of the Interior to name it a National Historic Landmark.

Among those features: two-(1)_____ -thick stone walls; a clean, energy-efficient radiant heating system (the only one anywhere still in its original location); and a tightly winding (2)_____ to the second floor. When you tour the (3)_____ -bedroom house you'll see its huge kitchen with a (4)_____ that drains outdoors. You'll go downstairs to the large, barrel-vaulted (5)_____ that served as the refrigerator of the 18th century. Guides will show you around the house and give you more of the story behind this fascinating chapter of (6)_____ history.

Joseph and Catharina (7)_____ left Germany and in 1736 most of the family moved to what is now Frederick County. They began farming a 303-acre tract of land that they called (8)_____, after their hometown. Three grown sons and two married daughters settled on nearby parcels of land. The Brunners first built a log cabin, but after 17 years in the log house, Joseph sold Schifferstadt to his son, Elias, then 30. Elias and his wife Albertina then built the stone (9)_____ that has stood for (10)_____ years and today is a prized feature of (11)_____ early days.

Today the Frederick County (12)_____ Foundation (FCLF) oversees its care, with much help from donations of people around the world who value preserving history.

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American	cellar	foot	Frederick's
260	Schifferstadt	Landmarks	staircase