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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORM

SEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Philip Erff House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

South Market Street

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Schaefferstown

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

16

STATE

Pennsylvania

VICINITY OF

CODE

42

COUNTY

Lebanon

CODE

075

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

DISTRICT

BUILDING(S)

STRUCTURE

SITE

OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC

PRIVATE

BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

IN PROCESS

BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

OCCUPIED

UNOCCUPIED

WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

YES: RESTRICTED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

NO

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE

COMMERCIAL

EDUCATIONAL

ENTERTAINMENT

GOVERNMENT

INDUSTRIAL

MILITARY

MUSEUM

PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

RELIGIOUS

SCIENTIFIC

TRANSPORTATION

OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

D.L. Backenstose

STREET & NUMBER

731 Sand Hill Road

CITY, TOWN

Hershey

VICINITY OF

STATE

Pa. 17042

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Lebanon County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

South Eighth Street

CITY, TOWN

Lebanon

STATE

Pa. 17042

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Pennsylvania Inventory of Historic Places

DATE

April 9, 1979

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

CITY, TOWN

Harrisburg

STATE Pennsylvania

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Erpff House is a 2½ story limestone structure with a gable roof, full length and large limestone quoins. This main section measures 36' 7" X 26' 6". The first story is five bays wide, the second, four. Windows on both levels have paneled shutters. A limestone chimney stands on the north side of the house.

A 1½ story limestone addition with a porch extends to the rear of the main house and 17' 2" X 28' 2". The extension has a brick chimney. Dormer windows are located on both the north and the south sides of the gable roof. The dormer windows are 6 over 3.

The interior of the main house has a center hall with two rooms on each side. There are fireplaces in both the northwest room and the room behind it.

The rear extension is two rooms. The room on the north side, the kitchen, has a large fireplace with wooden doors. The room on the south side contains three small wooden cupboards built into the walls. Above the addition and extending over the rear porch is a room referred to by the owner as a kitchen loft.

Associated buildings include a washhouse, a spring house, and the "arch". The washhouse is limestone and has an attached wooden shed. Originally this was a combined washhouse and bake oven, but the bake oven was removed.

The above ground spring house is also of limestone. This one-story building has a gable roof with one door and one window.

The "arch" is an underground cold storage area. According to the owner, it was made because the spring house was not large enough. It is built into the bank which was the ramp going to the house. The center of the floor is made of large bricks. To one side of this center section is a raised stone ledge, and to the other is a dirt floor with randomly placed large stones used as shelves. The building has a vaulted stone ceiling, and the back wall has two niches.

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1750-1780

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Built of native limestone, the Philip Erpff House is typical of the building styles, techniques and materials of rural, Germanic tradition of Lebanon County. The house was built about 1750-1780 by Philip Erpff (Erb). He and his wife came to this country as redemptioners and gradually became very prosperous. They were prominent members of the community and of the Lutheran Church. In 1799 the Erpffs deeded a lot on Main Street to the Lutheran Church to be used as a church school.

The house was bought in 1843 by Abraham Rex, also a prominent member of the community. He was married to Elizabeth Schaeffer, grand-daughter of Henry Schaeffer, founder of the town. Rex also built a general store on the square which is still in operation.

The house has remained in the possession of the descendents of Abraham Rex. The house, outbuildings, and grounds are in excellent condition and have been changed very little over the years.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"A Walk Through Old Schaefferstown" Presented by Jungendgenossenschaft of Historic Schaefferstown, Inc.

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2 acres

UTM REFERENCES

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	ZONE	EASTING	NORTHING
C			

B			
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D			

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Barbara J. Smith

Brenda J. Reigle

ORGANIZATION

PHMC

DATE

July 18, 1979

STREET & NUMBER

E. Main Street / 717-949-3833

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Schaefferstown, Pa.

STATE

12 STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL X

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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.

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TITLE Ed Weintraub, Office of Historic Preservation
State Historic Preservation Officer

DATE

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DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ATTEST

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER

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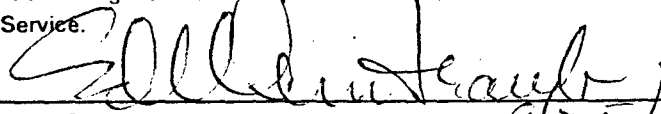
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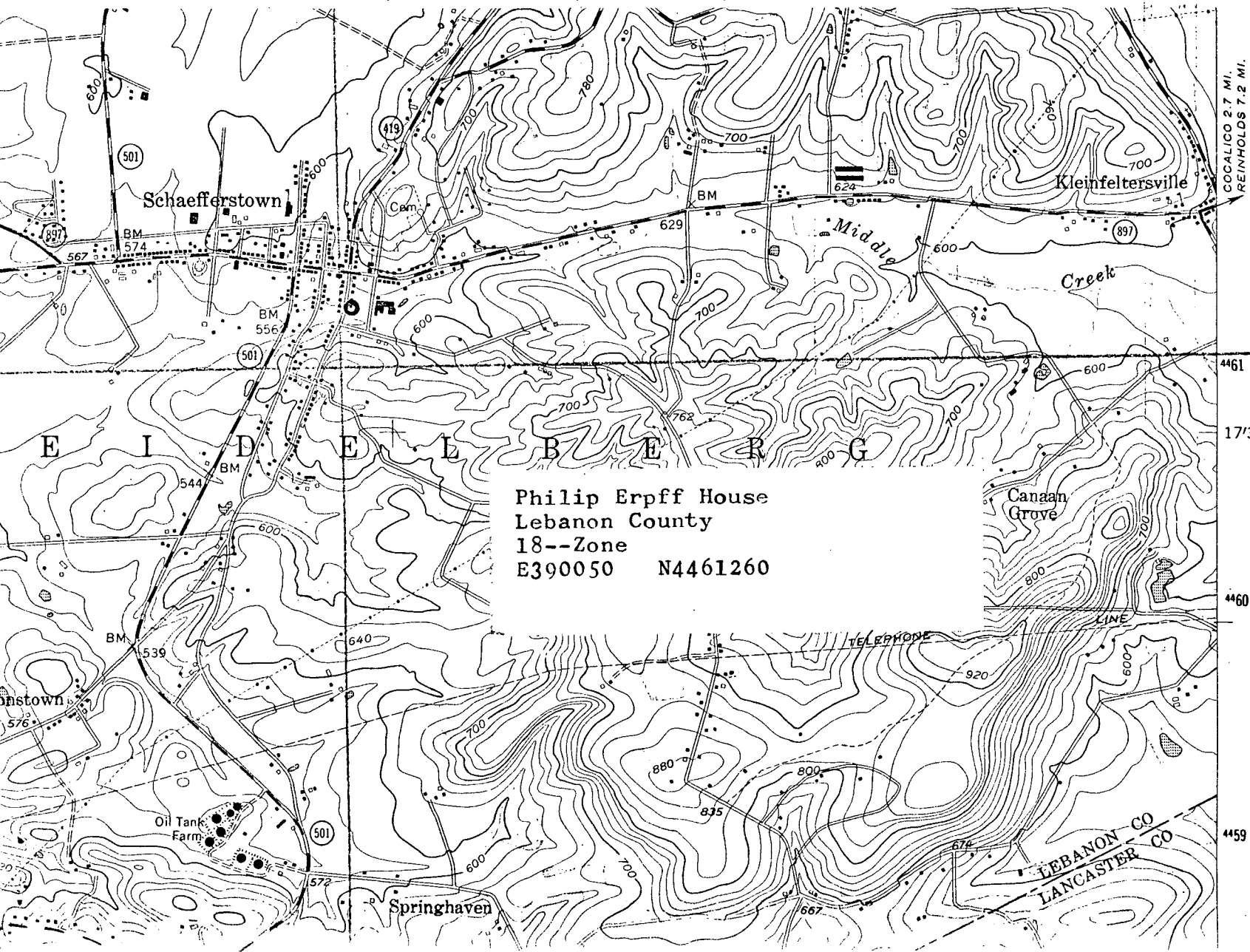
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REINHOLDS 7.2 MI.

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Lebanon County
18--Zone
E390050 N4461260

4461

17'30"

4460

4459

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LANCASTER CO