

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

# National Register of Historic Places Registration Form

This form is for use in nominating or requesting determinations of eligibility for individual properties or districts. See instructions in *Guidelines for Completing National Register Forms* (National Register Bulletin 16). Complete each item by marking "x" in the appropriate box or by entering the requested information. If an item does not apply to the property being documented, enter "N/A" for "not applicable." For functions, styles, materials, and areas of significance, enter only the categories and subcategories listed in the instructions. For additional space use continuations sheets (Form 10-900a). Type all entries.

### 1. Name of Property

historic name Shreiner Farm  
other name/site number 071-34-0015

### Location

street & number Oregon Pike, north side, 0.3 mi. east of Suncrest (Manheim Twp)  na not for publication  
city, town Lancaster  na vicinity  
state Pennsylvania code PA county Lancaster code 071 zip code 17601

### 3. Classification

#### Ownership of Property

- private
- public-local
- public-State
- public-Federal

#### Category of Property

- building (s)
- district
- site
- structure
- object

#### Number of Resources within Property

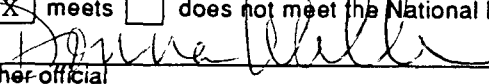
Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>7</u>	<u>      </u> buildings
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> sites
<u>      </u>	<u>      </u> structures
<u>7</u>	<u>      </u> objects
	<u>0</u> Total

Name of related multiple property listing  
Historic Farming Resources of Lancaster County

Number of contributing resources previously listed in the National Register 0

### 4. State/Federal Agency Certification

As the designated authority under the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, as amended, I hereby certify that this  nomination  request for determination of eligibility meets the documentation standards for registering properties in the National Register of Historic Places and meets the procedural and professional requirements set forth in 36 CFR Part 60. In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

Donna Williams   
Signature of commenting or other official  
Assistant Executive Director  
State or Federal agency or bureau

7/11/94  
Date

In my opinion, the property  meets  does not meet the National Register criteria.  See continuation sheet.

Signature of commenting or other official  
State or Federal agency or bureau

Date

### 5. National Park Service Certification

I, hereby, certify that this property is:

- entered in the National Register.  
 See continuation sheet.
- determined eligible for the National Register.  See continuation sheet.
- determined not eligible for the National Register.
- removed from the National Register.
- other, (explain:) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of the Keeper

Date of Action

**6. Function or Use**

Historic Functions (enter categories from instructions)

AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE: FarmDOMESTIC: Single Dwelling

Current Function (enter categories from instructions)

AGRICULTURE/SUBSISTENCE: FarmDOMESTIC: Single Dwelling**7. Description**

Architectural Classification

(enter categories from instructions)

OTHER: Pennsylvania style farmhouseOTHER: Pennsylvania barn

Materials (enter categories from instructions)

foundation STONE: Limestonewalls STONE: Limestoneroof STONE: Slateother WOOD

Describe present and historic physical appearance.

The Shreiner Farm is an early nineteenth-century agricultural complex on the north side of Oregon Pike, southwest of the village of Oregon in Manheim Township. The property is located within an area in transition between agricultural use and intensive suburban development. Contributing to the site are seven buildings: a stone Pennsylvania style farmhouse, a stone Pennsylvania bank barn, a frame tobacco barn, a frame and stone summer kitchen, and three frame sheds. There are no noncontributing resources.

**Site**

The nominated 51.5 acre property is generally bounded to the south by Oregon Pike, to the west by a row of residential properties along Suncrest Road, and to the north and east by adjacent farms. It is one of two parcels that make up a 97.9 acre farm, the remainder of which is southeast of Oregon Pike. The farmstead is located at the southwest corner of the nominated site and its primary buildings, a farmhouse, bank barn, and summer kitchen, all have a southern or southeastern orientation facing Oregon Pike. The farmhouse is centrally located within the farmstead with the barn and two sheds to its southwest, a tobacco barn and shed its north, and the summer kitchen to its east. With the exception of a small woodlot at the northwest corner of the site and the farmstead, the remaining land is cropland that has been contoured and on which corn, soy, and some produce are currently raised in rotation within several fields, the boundaries of which are not marked and vary from season to season.

**Farmhouse**

The farmhouse, constructed circa 1830, is a two and one half story, four by two bay, side-gabled rectangular building of uncoursed fieldstone. A mid nineteenth-century one by two bay rear stone ell wing addition, originally two stories at its east elevation and one story at its west elevation with a steeply pitched shed roof, is situated off the northeast corner of the principal block of the house. The wing was brought to a full two stories circa 1920 by the removal of its roof structure and the construction of a frame addition above and to its west side. A one story frame addition to the west elevation of the wing was built circa 1940. There is a brick chimney located on the south end and the house has a simple wooden cornice. The first floor level of the principal south facade has an off-center entrance with a rectangular four light transom. The two western and one eastern bays have rectangular nine-over-six light double hung sash windows with panelled shutters. Four six-over-six sash windows without shutters are located in each bay of the second floor level corresponding to the first floor openings. The east and west elevations of the historic core are two bays



See continuation sheet 7-1

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places  
Continuation SheetSection number 7 Page 1

Shreiner Farm

deep with windows similar to those of the facade in each bay. There is an "Indian" door on the northern facade of the northeastern addition, with a retractable panel that can be raised to shield the nine lights in the upper half of the door from inclement weather. This door has a rectangular three light transom.

The interior plan consists of two large rooms on the first level separated by a partially open stair to the center-rear. Evidence remains that indicates that the first level originally had a four-room plan. A kitchen and ancillary rooms are located within the rear additions. The second floor contains four bedrooms grouped around the stair. The basement is partially excavated and includes an arched ground cellar under the present kitchen. Historic interior trim and detailing are largely confined to the second floor level and include grained panelled wood doors, molded window and door surrounds, and molded baseboards. First floor trim and detailing dates primarily from a remodeling that occurred within the past forty years. The farmhouse is in good condition.

***Bank Barn***

The walls and foundation of the typical early nineteenth-century Pennsylvania barn are constructed of a uncoursed field stone, while the forebay is frame clad with vertical planking. There are four doors and five nine-light widows in the forebay. There are five single width, and two double width doors on the stable level, as well as some ventilator windows. The gable ends of the barn are punctuated by vertical ventilation slits. The western gable end contains three small casement windows on the stable level, and a distinctive arched window in the gable peak. Above this window, a diamond-shaped datestone bears the construction date of 1828. The eastern gable end has the vertical ventilators, but does not feature the decorative details seen on the western end. The interior is typical of Pennsylvania barns, with a lower level stable and threshing floors and hay mows at the single upper level. The barn has seen very little alteration and is in generally good condition.

***Summer Kitchen***

The summer kitchen is located just east of the dwelling and was constructed circa 1830. This one and one half story, two by two bay structure is constructed primarily of frame, but the entire eastern elevation is stone and brick, as this is where the fireplace is located. There are two, one story frame lean-tos built on to either end of the kitchen. The interior retains a walk-in fireplace with original mantel shelf and a simple stair leading to the second level. The summer kitchen is in generally good structural condition with deteriorated interior finishes.

***Tobacco Barn, Sheds***

The other buildings on the site, the sheds and tobacco barn, are frame structures. The frame tobacco barn, circa 1900, lies to the rear of the dwelling and is parallel to it. It is a side-gabled structure with vertical board siding, and four ventilators along its roof line. There are three early twentieth-century sheds. Two lie west, or to the side of the bank barn, and one sits perpendicularly in front of the tobacco barn. All are one story frame structures in generally good condition.

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

# National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section number   7   Page   2  

Shreiner Farm

---

## *Integrity*

Although the Shreiner farm is located within an area of Lancaster County that is rapidly developing, the complex still retains a high degree of integrity of location, setting, feeling and association, as the site's immediate area is pristinely preserved. Each of the individual farm buildings retains a high degree of integrity of design, materials, and workmanship.

**8. Statement of Significance**

Certifying official has considered the significance of this property in relation to other properties:

nationally     statewide     locally

Applicable National Register Criteria     A     B     C     D

Criteria Considerations (Exceptions)     A     B     C     D     E     F     G

Areas of Significance (enter categories from instructions)

Agriculture  
Architecture  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period of Significance

1743 - 1945  
1828

1828  
ca. 1830

Cultural Affiliation

N/A  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person

N/A

Architect/Builder

Unknown  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

State significance of property, and justify criteria, criteria considerations, and areas and periods of significance noted above.

The Shreiner farm is significant under National Register criteria A and C. It is an example of the property type "the farm" under the "Historic Farming Resources of Lancaster County" multiple property National Register nomination. The early nineteenth-century farm buildings are sited on a working farm that has been owned by a single family since an original land grant from William Penn to Hans Adam Schryner in 1743. It has evolved to meet the changing needs of agricultural business, while still retaining its rural feel and fine stock of period buildings. Presently, the farm is comprised of 51.5 acres.

***History***

Hans Adam Schryner purchased 280 acres of land along a small branch of Conestoga Creek from the sons of William Penn in 1743. Hans Adam Schryner was born in Germany in 1686, and came to America in 1738.<sup>1</sup> The original homestead was located south of the present farm (across Oregon Pike), and it is believed that Hans' heir, Michael, constructed the present-day farmhouse, according to Mrs. Elizabeth Shreiner, the current owner. Hans Adam had four children, and his son Philip received the homestead upon Hans Adam's death. Philip and his wife Catherine had six children, and their son Michael succeeded to the property. Michael served in the Revolution, was supervisor of Manheim Township, and a member of Lancaster's Lutheran Church. His wife Elizabeth bore four children. Henry was the only surviving child of the four. He was born in 1804, and became a school teacher. He married Mary Bard and they had four children. Henry and Mary owned 106 acres of land with the farm, and farmed it from 1827 to 1859. In 1863, he moved to a house on the Lititz Turnpike. He was active in public service, acting as a justice of the peace for 43 years.<sup>2</sup>

The farm has remained in the Shreiner family since Hans Schryner's death. Indeed, the family's long history on this farm can be traced on the various historical maps of Manheim Township that prominently show the Shreiner name (spelled in various ways throughout the years) in connection

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park ServiceNational Register of Historic Places  
Continuation SheetSection number 8 Page 1

Shreiner Farm

with this plot of land along Oregon Pike.<sup>3</sup> Mrs. Shreiner currently rents her acreage of farmland to a neighbor. He farms corn, wheat, and some truck crops. From about the turn of the century to the 1960s, a variety of farming activities took place on the farm. Tobacco and corn were grown commercially, and steers were also raised for this purpose. The family raised a few pigs and cows, and maintained an orchard for their own use.

### *Architecture*

The resources of the Shreiner Farm are typical early nineteenth-century Lancaster County farm structures that remain as part of an active working farm. The house is a representative example of an early nineteenth-century four-bay version of a Pennsylvania style farmhouse, as described in the "Historic Farming Resources of Lancaster County" multiple property National Register nomination. Among the characteristics common to this vernacular form are its two and one half story height, four bay width, relatively restrained exterior ornamentation, lateral gable roof, and stone construction. The barn, constructed in 1828, is an excellent early nineteenth-century Pennsylvania Barn that retains good integrity. The site also includes the following contributing resources: a frame tobacco barn, a frame and stone summer kitchen, and three frame sheds.

### Notes

<sup>1</sup> Manheim Township, Pennsylvania, Mrs. Elizabeth Shreiner, "Historical Data of the Shreiner Family."

<sup>2</sup> Franklin Ellis and Samuel Evans, *History of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania*, 2 vols. (Philadelphia, 1883; reprint edition, Apollo, PA: Closson Press, n.d.), p. 985.

<sup>3</sup> H. F. Bridgens, *Atlas of Lancaster Co., Penna.* (Lancaster, PA: 1864); Everts & Stewart, *Atlas of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, 1875*; (reprint ed., Knightstown, IN: Bookmark, 1976; *Atlas of Surveys of the County of Lancaster*, (Philadelphia: Graves and Steinbarger), 1899. *Atlas of Lancaster County, PA* (Philadelphia: Everts & Stewart, 1875).

**9. Major Bibliographic References**

- Atlas of Surveys of the County of Lancaster.* Philadelphia: Graves and Steinbarger, 1899.
- Bridgens, H. F. *Atlas of Lancaster Co.,* Penna. Lancaster, PA: 1864.
- Ellis, Franklin, and Samuel Evans. *History of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.* 2 vols. Philadelphia, 1883; reprint ed. Apollo, PA: Closson Press, n.d.
- Everts & Stewart, *Atlas of Lancaster County, Pennsylvania,* 1875; reprint ed. Knightstown, IN: Bookmark, 1976.
- Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County. "Historic Farming Resources of Lancaster County" multiple property nomination to the National Register of Historic Places, n.p. 1994.
- Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County. Historic Sites Survey Files, Shreiner Farm.

See continuation sheet

Previous documentation on file (NPS):

- preliminary determination of individual listing (36 CFR 67) has been requested
- previously listed in the National Register
- previously determined eligible by the National Register
- designated a National Historic Landmark
- recorded by the Historic American Buildings Survey # \_\_\_\_\_
- recorded by the Historic American Engineering Record # \_\_\_\_\_

Primary location of additional data:

- State historic preservation office
- Other State agency
- Federal agency
- Local government
- University
- Other

Specify repository \_\_\_\_\_

**10. Geographic Data**

Acreage of property 51.5 acres

UTM References

A 18 391840 4439700  
 Zone Easting Northing

B 18 392310 4439760  
 Zone Easting Northing

C 18 392310 4439350  
 Zone Easting Northing

D 18 391840 4439170  
 Zone Easting Northing

See continuation sheet

Verbal Boundary Description

The boundary of the nominated property includes the entire parcel numbered 10K-7-4 in the office of the Tax Assessment Office, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

See continuation sheet

Boundary Justification

The boundary includes the entire current tax parcel only, which is one of two parcels representing the remaining acreage of the farm complex which, throughout its period of significance included between 280 and 97.9 acres. The 51.5 acres nominated are separated from the remaining acreage

See continuation sheet

**11. Form Prepared By**

name/title Heidi M. Pawlowski, David B. Schneider  
 organization Historic Preservation Trust of Lancaster County date 02/25/93; revised 05/25/94  
 street & number 123 North Prince Street telephone (717) 291-5861  
 city or town Lancaster state Pennsylvania zip code 17603

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

# National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Section number 9/10 Page 1

Shreiner Farm

---

## SECTION 9, Major Bibliographic References, Continued:

Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Lancaster County Recorder of Deeds. Deed Book C, Volume 6, p. 304, 388; Book L, Volume 19, p. 307; Book M, Number 19, P. 8.

## SECTION 10, Geographic Data, Continued:

by Oregon Pike, which separates the two parcels both physically and visually. The nominated acreage is sufficient to reflect the historic character of the site and continues to represent a working farm complex.



United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet

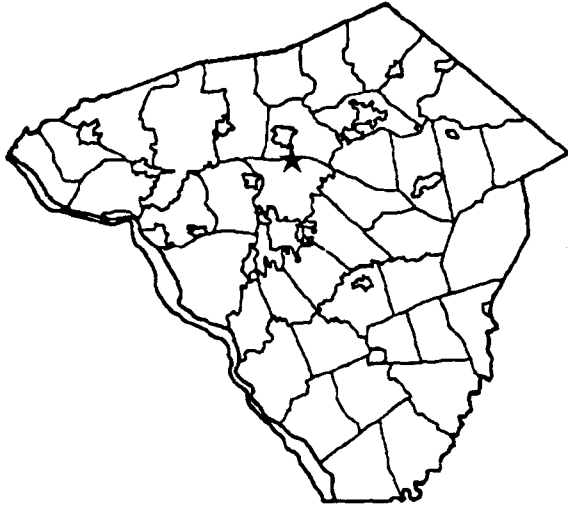
Accompanying Documentation, Continuation Sheet #2

Section number \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_

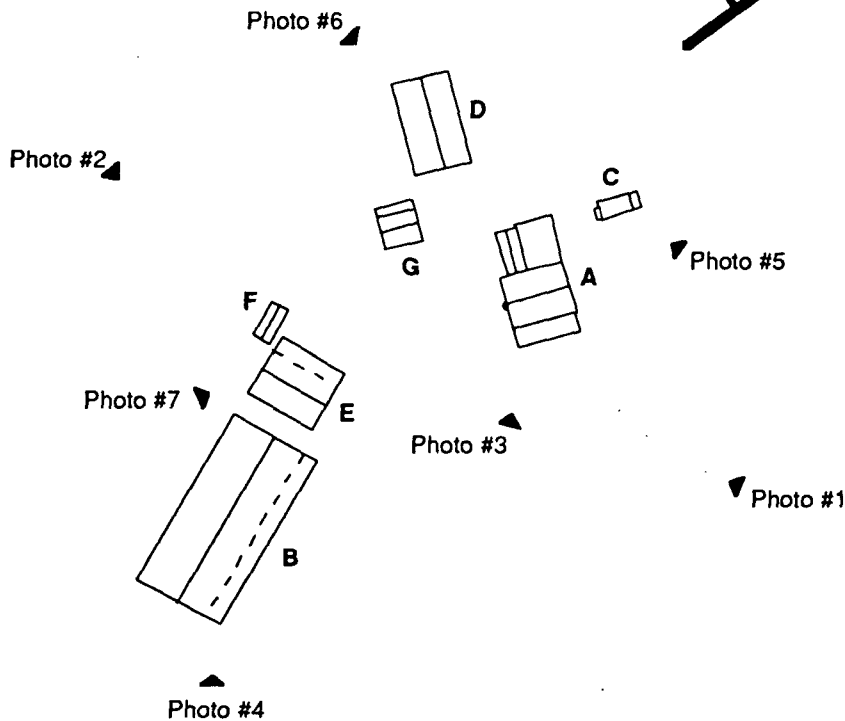
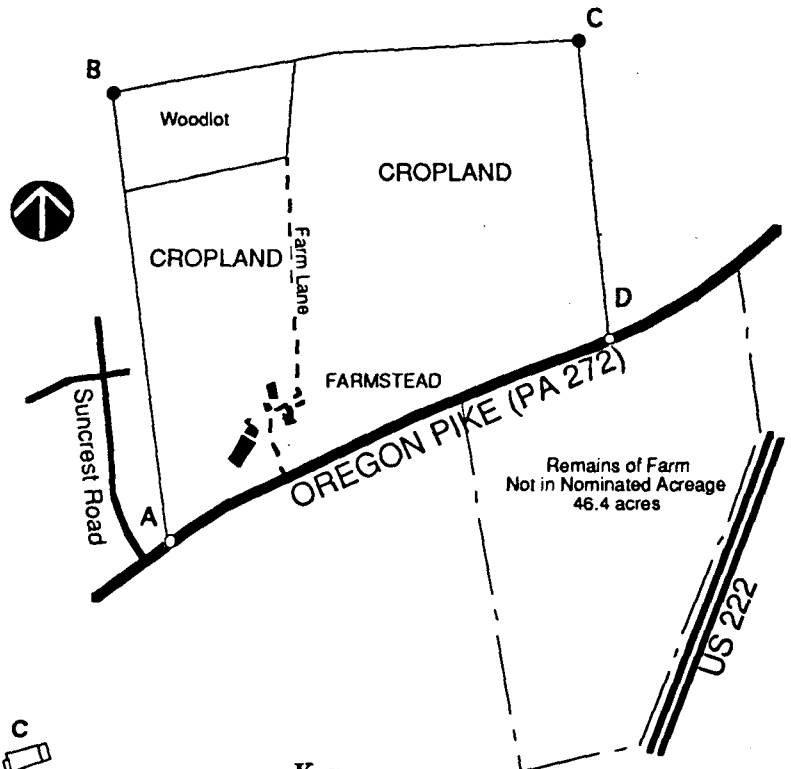
Shreiner Farm

**Shreiner Farm**

Oregon Pk., Manheim Twp., Lancaster County, PA  
071-34-0015



**Location & Site Plans**  
Sketch Plan (Not to Scale)



**Key:**

- A Farmhouse
- B Barn
- C Summer Kitchen
- D Tobacco Barn
- E Shed
- F Shed
- G Shed

United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

# National Register of Historic Places Continuation Sheet

Accompanying Documentation, Continuation Sheet #3

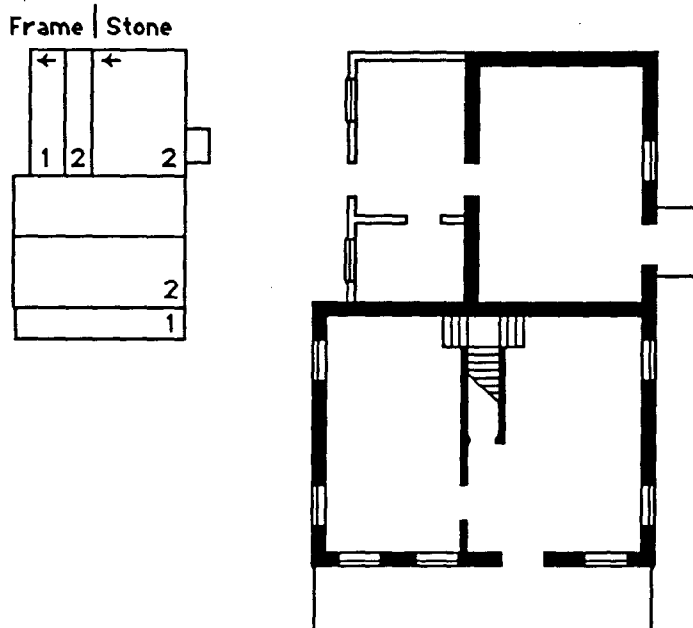
Section number \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_

Shreiner Farm

## Shreiner Farm

Oregon Pk., Manheim Twp., Lancaster County, PA  
071-34-0015

**Farmhouse, First Floor Plan**  
Sketch Plan (Not to Scale)



United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service

National Register of Historic Places  
Continuation Sheet

Section number \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_

SUPPLEMENTARY LISTING RECORD

NRIS Reference Number: 94001058 Date Listed: 8/30/94

Shreiner Farm Lancaster PA  
Property Name: County: State:

Historic Farming Resources of Lancaster County MPS  
Multiple Name

-----  
This property is listed in the National Register of Historic Places in accordance with the attached nomination documentation subject to the following exceptions, exclusions, or amendments, notwithstanding the National Park Service certification included in the nomination documentation.

Patrick Andrews  
Signature of the Keeper

8/30/94  
Date of Action

=====  
Amended Items in Nomination:

The Period of Significance for this property had to be clarified; 1745 is given as the beginning of the period of significance, but the oldest extant resource is the 1828 bank barn. The Period of Significance is amended to start in 1828. This has been confirmed with Greg Ramsey of the Pennsylvania SHPO.

-----  
DISTRIBUTION:

National Register property file  
Nominating Authority (without nomination attachment)

NOV 14 1994  
HISTORIC SERVICE

MYERSTOWN 19 MI  
LITITZ 2.2 MI

30"

2 410 000 FEET

392

393

71

