



# MORRIS COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION

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## Union Church Ruin

2007 \$6,800 Architectural Services

2009 \$39,999 Stabilization

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**Grant Recipient:** Washington Township Historical Society

**Location:** Washington Twp.

The Union Church ruin is the focal point of the German Valley Historic District. Architecturally, it is described as a three bay by two bay rectangular course fieldstone building with a hipped roof. The interior had a simple meeting house plan with galleries on three walls. As it exists, the ruin is surrounded by a cemetery. Culturally, the significance lies in the fact that Henry M. Muhlenberg D.D., America's most influential minister in the 18th C., helped found the Lutheran Church in America and frequently preached at the Union Church. German Valley is one of the few villages settled by Germans in the county that still exhibits German or Penn-German characteristics.

The 2007 grant provided for Construction Documents, bidding and Construction Administration for the stabilization of the church ruin to prevent further deterioration.

The 2009 grant provided for the stabilization of the masonry walls and installation of a water-shedding wall cap.