

Cheney Framehouse  
AL-11-A-120  
Black Valley Road  
vicinity of Flintstone  
last quarter of 19th century

Cheney Framehouse on the Black Valley Road near Flintstone was built during the last quarter of the nineteenth century by Millard Cheney. Cheney prospered in this productive farming region. The large house he built is a reflection of his prosperity. Interesting features include a unique roof design with tin shingles crimped to resemble state, pedimented and fluted window woodwork, and a wrap-around veranda with wooden roman doric columns.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC Cheney Frame House  
AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER Black Valley Road  
CITY, TOWN Flintstone  VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
STATE Maryland COUNTY Allegany

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME Leo V. Cheney Telephone #:  
STREET & NUMBER 48 Chase Street  
CITY, TOWN Westminster,  VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Allegany County Courthouse Liber #: Folio #:  
STREET & NUMBER 30 Washington Street  
CITY, TOWN Cumberland, STATE Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
DATE  FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS  
CITY, TOWN STATE

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**7 DESCRIPTION**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

Cheney Frame House is located west of Black Valley Road north of Flintstone.

This building is a rectangular, two and one half story, three bays wide frame structure with german siding. It rests on a high foundation of random rubble with a plain water table. The roof consists of two gabled sections, one gable flank and one gable front. The roof is covered with tin shingles crimped to resemble slate and snowbirds. Eaves consist of a cornice, soffit, and bed mould. Wall features include cornerboards and a three sided bay window on the northeast. Two original corbeled brick chamneys are located in the interior of the building.

The pedimented entrance in the center of the southeastern facade includes a door with one oval light, carved wooden decorations, and original hardware. Wide one over one light windows are pedimented with fluted frames. A hip roofed wrap around veranda has eight romandoric columns, two engaged, and a decorative balustrade. The two tiered shed roofed porch on the northwest has been partially enclosed.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Millard Cheney was the original owner of this house near Flintstone; he is still listed as the owner on the tax map. He was born in 1858 in Flintstone District, Allegany County, and was the son of Leonard Cheney and Sarah Ann (Robinette) Cheney, who were also born in Flintstone District. <sup>(1)</sup>

Cheney attended public school in Flintstone, and he is described as "a farmer by occupation" in Thomas and Williams' History of Allegany County, Maryland. <sup>(2)</sup>

In 1894, Cheney married Miss Hettie Willison, a native of Allegany County also. <sup>(3)</sup> The Cheney's had one son, Harold K. Cheney. <sup>(4)</sup>

Cheney Frame House retains much of its original appearance, and stands as a reminder of a well-known 19th century farmer of Flintstone District, Allegany County.

- (1) James W. Thomas and T.J.C. Williams, History of Allegany County (Philadelphia: L.R. Titsworth and Company), p. 783
- (2) Ibid
- (3) Ibid
- (4) Ibid

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Thomas, James W. and Williams, T.J.C. History of Allegany County. Philadelphia: L.R. Titworth and Co., 1923.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 85.16 Acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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ORGANIZATION Allegany County Historic Sites Survey DATE 4/9/79

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CITY OR TOWN Cumberland, STATE Maryland

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO: #14

DATE: 8/21

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, <sup>minor</sup>

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NAME OF PROPERTY: Chaney? House

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 140<sup>th</sup> SE Blackvalley

TAX MAP #7

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: ↑

NAME OF OWNER: Millard Chaney c 90 P. 321 85.16 Acres p 100

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ ph.# \_\_\_\_\_

STORIES: 1( ) 2() 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3() 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) 7( ) ( )

WINGS, ADDITIONS: 2<sup>nd</sup> sm. shed on NW is closed in textured porch.

DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, rectangular)?

WALL CONSTRUCTION: gen. siding

- () FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- ( ) BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
- ( ) STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- ( ) LOG
- ( ) OTHER: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others cornerboards

FOUNDATIONS: High, low, Brick, Stone random rubble sheathed w/ cement

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick  
1 light galile casement

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2( ) 6/6( ) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( )  
pegged() nailed() wide() narrow( ) mitred() pediment()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: center SE  
HARDWARE: original() replaced( ) oval light carved wooden decorations  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN  
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: overhang (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)  
original() replaced( ) rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave

ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers #  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin. asphalt; metal-crimped to look like slate original() replaced( )  
take # Snow birds

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip( ) gable( ) wrapped w/ R.D. columns deco balustrades

CHIMNEYS: Number: 2 Brick() Stone( ) Corbeled() original() replaced( )  
Location: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior()

ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS: 3 sided wooden bay on NE

USE: \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNIFICANCE: \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE CONSTRUCTED: \_\_\_\_\_  
CONDITION: \_\_\_\_\_





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BLACK VALLEY RD. FLINTSTONE

DAVID A. DORSEY

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North



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South