

Cheney Log House
AL-11-A-121
off Black Valley Road
north of Flintstone
first half 1800's

The Original owner of this house and farm was Thomas Cheney. This log house was most likely built before his death in 1850. Cheney's three sons split the farm after his death, and eventually, his grandson, Millard Cheney, owned the farm property. This log house is built with "V" notching of the logs, a typical construction in Allegany County where logs served as a functional building material because of the abundant forests. Cheney Log House serves as a reminder of a county-wide building practice and of a prominent 19th century farming family.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Cheney Log House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER between Flintstone and Black Valley Roads Sixth

CITY, TOWN Flintstone CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input 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 Josph F. Teeter

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER P.O. Box 54

CITY, TOWN Flintstone VICINITY OF Maryland 21530, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 476
Folio #: 416

STREET & NUMBER 30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN Cumberland STATE Maryland 21502

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Cheney Log House stands on the west of what probably is part of the Old Hancock Road north of Flintstone Creek.

This house consists of a two story, three bays wide log structure with "V" notching. The southern facade is covered with weatherboard. It rests on a high foundation of random rubble stone with a plain water table. The gable flank roof is covered with ribbed tin. Eaves consist of a cornice and fascia. An original brick chimney located outside end of the original has been enclosed by an addition.

The main entrance in the center of the eastern facade has a replaced door. Six over six lights windows are pegged. A two story, two bays wide frame addition with german siding abuts the original on the north. It rests on a random ashlar stone foundation. The gable flank roof, with ribbed tin is extended to the west to form a saltbox. A shed roofed veranda is on the east and north of the addition. A log out building has square notching and a high random ashlar stone foundation.

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

The Cheney farm property was originally owned by Thomas Cheney. This log house was probably built during Thomas Cheney's lifetime, before 1850, which is the year he died.⁽¹⁾ When Thomas died, his sons, John, Leonard, and Salathiel Cheney split up the farm.

A deed in 1870 mentions the "Cheney dwelling house."⁽²⁾ This deed also mentions that the Cheney's sold one acre of their land to John Piper to use as a "shanty for the sale of distilled spirits commonly known as grog hop."⁽³⁾ The Cheney's specify in the deed that they want no "indecent or angry language" spoken at the shanty.⁽⁴⁾

In 1902, Millard Cheney bought this part of the Cheney farm from Robert H. Gordon, Trustee for Equity 5105⁽⁵⁾. Millard was the son of Leonard Cheney. Equity Case 5105 mentions two dwelling houses on the property;⁽⁶⁾ One of them was this log house and the other one was Cheney Frame House (AL-11-A-120), already owned by Millard Cheney.

Logs were a very functional type of building material in Allegany County where forests are abundant. This house stands as a reminder of a county-wide building practice and a prominent 19th century farming family.

- (1) Allegany County Land Records, Liber 14, Folio 332, Liber 15, Folio 235
- (2) Land Records, Allegany County, Liber 31, Folio 506
- (3) Ibid
- (4) Ibid
- (5) Allegany County Land Records, Liber 90, Folio 321
- (6) Allegany County Equity 5105

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegheny County Land Records

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA
ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 115 Acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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CITY OR TOWN Cumberland

STATE Maryland 21502

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

TITLE SEARCH

Cheney Log House
AL-111-A-121

Allegany County Deed: Liber 476, Folio 416
Grantee: Joseph J. Teeter
Grantor: Benjamin T. and Lois Teeter
Date: November 7, 1974

Allegany County Deed: Liber 288, Folio 370
Grantee: Benjamin T. and Lois Teeter
Grantor: Willard and Florence Morrison
Date: May 18, 1957

Allegany County Deed: Liber 200, Folio 598
Grantee; Willard R. Morrison
Grantor: Clarence E. and Ethel Livengood
Date: June 25, 1946

Allegany County Deed: Liber 204, Folio 111
Grantee: Clarence E. Livengood et ux
Grantor: Jonas M. Dolly
Date: May 25, 1945

Allegany County Deed: Liber 125, Folio 312
Grantee: Jonas M. Dolly
Grantor: L.D. Strawser, et ux
Date: August 31, 1918
Consideration: \$1,000

Allegany County Deed: Liber 107, Folio 273
Grantee: L.D. Strawser
Grantor: Mary B. and Clarence E. Goben
Date: January 6, 1917

Allegany County Deed: Liber 103, Folio 254
Grantee: Mary B. Goben
Grantor: Millard and Hettie Cheney
Date: June 13, 1908

Allegany County Deed: Liber 90, Folio 321
Grantee: Millard Cheney
Grantor: Robert H. Gordon, trustee for Equity 5105
Date: January 11, 1902
Parcel 1 includes a tract called "Virginia"
37 3/4 , Liber 17, Folio 135, Parcel 2 includes
90 acres, Liber 15, Folio 235, Parcel 3 includes
104 acres, Liber 14, Folio 332. The deed for
parcels 2 and 3, mention that Thomas Cheney died
and that his three sons, John F., Leonard, and
Salathiel Cheney split the farm. Parcel 4 includes
106 acres, Liber 14, Folio 330, Parcel 5 includes one
acre Liber 31, Folio 506. This deed, in 1870, mentions
Cheney dwelling house. The deed also sells one acre for
John Piper to use as a shanty for sale of distilled spirits
commonly known as grog hop. No indecent or angry language
is allowed in the shanty.

Allegany County Equity 5105

INVENTORY NO: #34

DATE: 8/22

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

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NAME OF PROPERTY: CHENEY Loghouse ^{off} between flintstone & Black V. Rds

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: _____

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: 130° East.

NAME OF OWNER: log outldg. on S. w/ stone foundation & wall. sq. notching

ADDRESS: galile roof PO Box 54 Flintstone Md.

Tax Map 7 Joseph J Tester L 476 & 416 115 acres p. 35 ph # 530

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

WINGS, ADDITIONS: on N Sq. frame. ~~plastic aluminum siding~~ uncoursed

DWELLING SHAPE: small shed on W of add. ashlar foundation. porch (2 sides)
(square, cross, rectangular) on stilts. Sq. posts

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- () 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 LARGE Beams plain notching  logs painted - new white mortar
- () OTHER: Coverings weatherboard on E of orig.

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others cornerboards

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone random rubble - fieldstone. cement mortar

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick Ass. plain wood frame

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

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: center of orig offset on add.
HARDWARE: original() replaced()

FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN 6 panels replaces
Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal Boards

simple overhang

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (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; original() replaced()

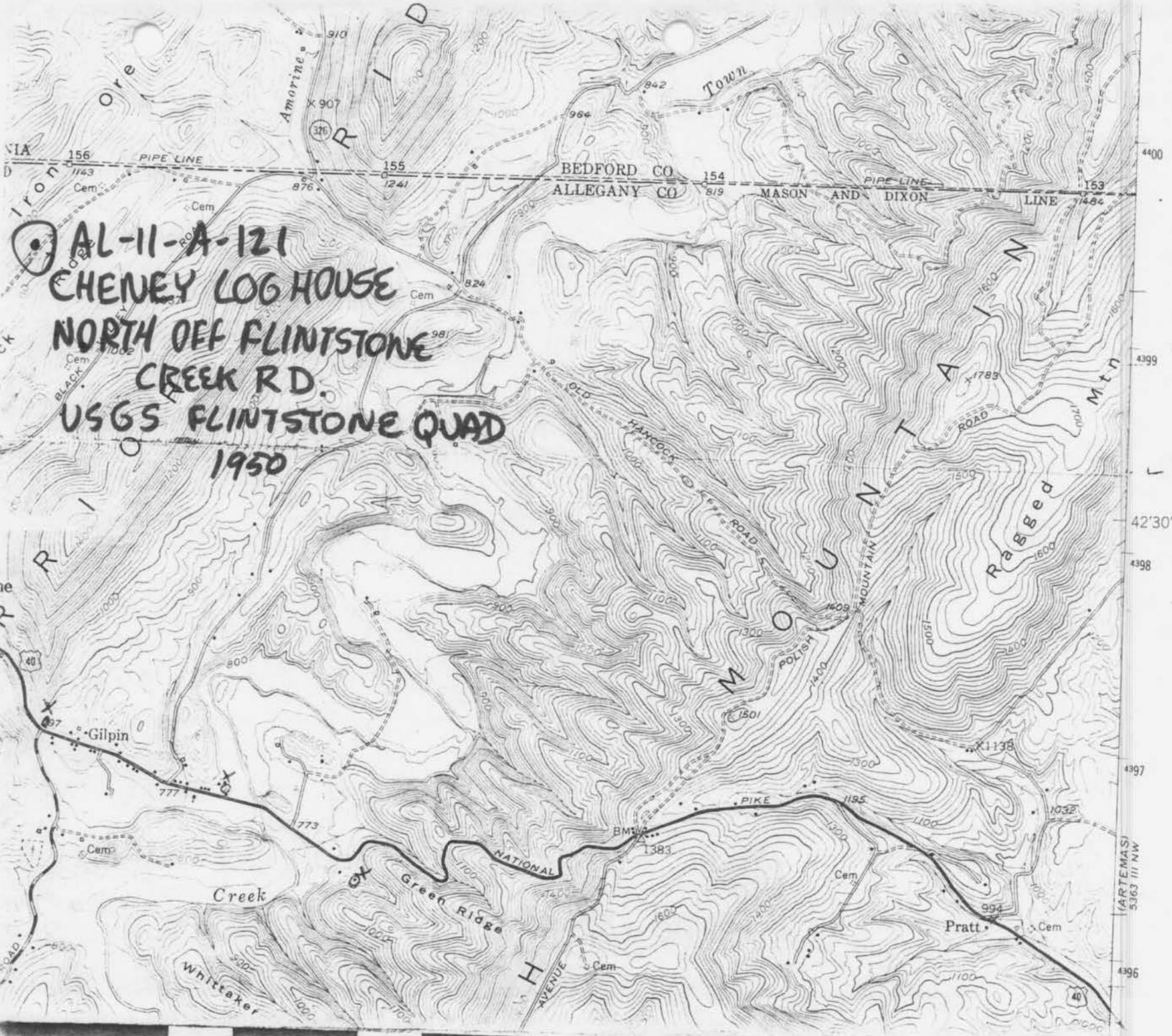
PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip() gable() veranda

CHIMNEYS: Number: 1 Brick() Stone() Corbeled() original() replaced()
Location: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior()

ARCHES: Door & Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular of orig.

COMMENTS: weatherboard. galilee spring house porch
extended on w. cement foundation
w/ little stones. sheathing
rafters exposed.

USE: _____
SIGNIFICANCE: _____
DATE CONSTRUCTED: _____
CONDITION: _____



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CHENEY LOG HOUSE
NORTH OFF FLINTSTONE
CREEK RD.
USGS FLINTSTONE QUAD
1950

4400
4399
42'30"
4398
4397
4396
(ARTEMAS)
5363 III NW

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OUTBUILDING

CHENEY LOG HOUSE

NORTH OFF FLINTSTONE

CREEK RD (also known as Dolly Rd)

David A. Dorsey

southwest

8/22/78



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CHENEY LOG HOUSE

NORTH, OFF FLINTSTONE
CREEK RD (AKA DOLLY RD)

David A. Dorsey

8/22/78

Northwest



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CHENEY LOG HOUSE

NORTH, OFF FLINTSTONE

CREEK RD (AKA DOLLY RD)

David A. Dorsey

8/22/78

southeast