

## SUMMARY

HA-1524

Chesney-Bodt House  
2924 Churchville Road  
Churchville, MD 21028

The Chesney-Bodt House, built in 1905 by Charles Chesney, belongs to the early 20th century phase of Churchville's development. When Margaret Harlan, who owned most of the land around Churchville, died in 1903, her heirs sold off small lots along the main roads. Charles Chesney, a blacksmith, became one of the more prominent developers, owning a store (Chesney, Rogers, & Hawkins), the Rebecca Jones House (HA-1318), and the Hawkins-Leftridge House (HA-1519). Most houses of this phase were of extremely traditional design, the Chesney-Bodt House being perhaps the most extreme example, with the symmetrical gable-roofed form used more in the first half of the 19th century than almost any time thereafter in this area.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Chesney-Bodt House

**2 LOCATION** (North side of Md. Rte. 22, between Md. Rte. 155 and Glenville Rd.)

STREET & NUMBER

2924 Churchville Road

CITY, TOWN

Churchville,

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

**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 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

Cloyce Bodt

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

2924 Churchville Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Churchville

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD 21028

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland 21014

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" 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

This two-story, gable-roofed frame house is located on the north side of Churchville Road (Md. Rte. 22) between Level Road (Md. Rte. 155) and Glenville Rd.

Five bays wide and one room deep, with a recent two-story addition on the north, this ca. 1905 house is partly covered in clapboards, partly aluminum siding. It is set on a low stone foundation and faces south with two brick interior end chimneys and a boxed cornice with gable returns. Windows have 2/2 sash and louvered shutters. The south (front) facade is spanned by a shed-roofed porch with turned posts, carved brackets, and a railing with square balusters.

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**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 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input checked="" 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

Although appearing to be older, the Chesney-Bodt House was built in 1905 by Charles H. Chesney. He had purchased a five-acre lot in Churchville from Henry D. and Helen A. Harlan of Baltimore City for \$4400. The steep price suggests the presence of a structure already on the lot, but architectural features (and the present owner's claim that the date 1905 is carved in an interior door frame) point to an early 20th century date for this house.

In 1915, the Chesneys sold the 1 1/2-acre portion of this lot with the house on it to Charles W. & Alice I. Billingslea for \$1600. Eugene & Emma C. Billingslea purchased it in 1939, and in 1948 sold it to the current owners, Cloyce & Dorothy Bodt. The latter built the rear ell in 1958.

Charles Chesney, son of William H. & Margaret Chesney, was a blacksmith in Churchville. (His blacksmith shop was located on Level Road, just east of the intersection with Churchville Road). He owned a good deal of real estate in Churchville, including a store (Chesney, Rogers, & Hawkins where the recent Churchville Presbyterian Church Education Building is now), the Rebecca Jones House (HA-1318), and the Hawkins-Leftridge House (HA-1519).

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Land, will & equity records of Harford County  
 Interview with Cloyce Bodt 11/79  
 Interview with Paul Harlan 2/80

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Natalie Shivers, Historic Site Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Historic District Commission of Harford County

DATE

3/80

STREET & NUMBER

45 South Main Street

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CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

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

TITLE SEARCH

CHESNEY-BODT HOUSE  
HA-1524

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|----|-------------|--------------|--|
| 1. | GRG 320/379 | Sep 15, 1948 | Grantor: Emma C. Billingslea, Widow<br>Grantee: Cloyce B. & Dorothy J. Bodt<br>Acreage: 1.57 A.                    |
| 2. | GCB 255/111 | Feb 13, 1939 | Grantor: G. Howlett Coburn, Ass.<br>Grantee: Eugene & Emma C. Billingslea<br>Sum: \$3900<br>Acreage: 1.57 A.       |
| 3. | DGW 211/54  | Oct 2, 1928  | Grantor: J. Wilmer & Mary S. Cronin<br>Grantee: Chas. W. Billingslea<br>Acreage: 1.57 A.                           |
| 4. | DGW 211/51  | Oct 2, 1928  | Grantor: Chas. W. & Alice J. Billingslea<br>Grantee: J. Wilmer Cronin<br>Acreage: 1.57 A.                          |
| 5. | JAR 150/325 | Dec 28, 1915 | Grantor: Chas. H. & Annie E. Chesney<br>Grantee: Chas. W. & Alice I. Billingslea<br>Sum: \$1600<br>Acreage: 1.57 A |
| 6. | WSG 115/39  | Feb 1, 1905  | Grantor: Henry D. & Helen A. Harlan<br>Grantee: Chas H. Chesney<br>Acreage: 5 A, 2 R, 14 <u>P</u>                  |





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Natalie Shivers 11/79      MHT  
South