

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM – PHOTO/SITE PLAN SHEET
Pennsylvania Historic and Museum Commission, Bureau of Historic Preservation
Commonwealth Keystone Building, 2nd Floor, 400 North Street, Harrisburg, PA 17108-1026

Survey Code / HR #:	66-015	Historic / Other Name:	Cheyney House
Tax Parcel #	66-2-39	Address:	1400 East Street Rd.
County:	Chester 029	Municipality:	Thornbury Township

1400 East Street Rd.

Photographs

Photo 1: North (front)
Elevation, House

Photographer:

J. Christopher Lang

Date: 9/9/2007

Negative Location:

Thornbury Township



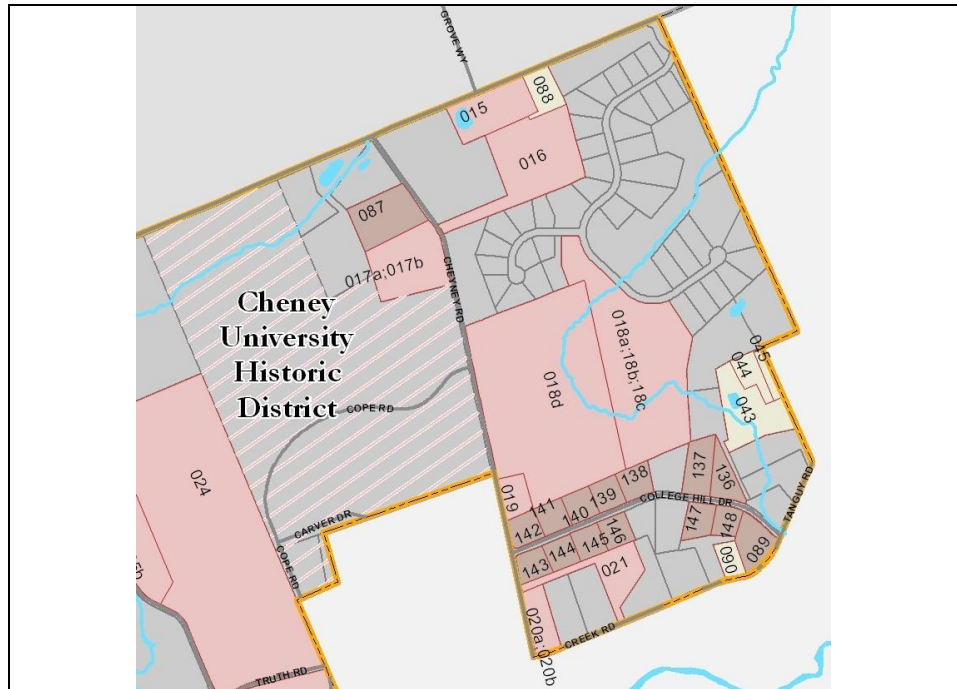
Location Map

Thornbury Township
Historic Resource
Inventory GIS Map

LOOK FOR: HR #015

MAP KEY

015 = HR Number
Purple = Class 1
Pink = Class 2
Yellow = Class 3
Med. Grey = Class 4



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IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION					
Survey Code/HR #	66-015		Tax Parcel No.	66-2-39	
County	1. Chester 029		2.		
Municipality	1. Thornbury Township		2.		
Address	1400 East Street Rd.				
Historic Name	Cheyney House				
Other Name					
Owner Name / Address					
Owner Category	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private	<input type="checkbox"/> Public – local		<input type="checkbox"/> Public – state	<input type="checkbox"/> Public – Federal
Resource Category	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building	<input type="checkbox"/> District	<input type="checkbox"/> Site		<input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object
Number/Approximate Number of Resources Covered by This Form	2				
USGS Quad	1. West Chester		2.		
UTM References	A.	B.	C.	D.	

HISTORIC AND CURRENT FUNCTIONS			
Historic Function Category		Subcategory	Code
A.	Domestic	Single Dwelling	01 A
B.	Domestic	Secondary Structure	01 C
C.			
D.			
Particular Type	A.	Farmhouse	
	B.	Spring House	
	C.		
	D.		
Current Function Category		Subcategory	Code
A.	Domestic	Single Dwelling	01 A
B.	Domestic	Secondary Structure	01 C
C.			
D.			

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION				
Architectural Classification	A. No Style		B.	C.
	D.		Other	
Exterior Materials	Foundation		Roof	Slate 45
	Walls	Stone 40	Walls	Weatherboard 21
	Other	Wood 20	Other	Stucco 61
Structural System	1. Masonry 20		2.	
Width 4 Bays D	Depth 2 Rooms B		Stories / Height 2.5 B	

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Year Built: X c. 1775 Additions/Alterations Dates: c.

Basis for Dating: X Documentary X Physical

Explain: The deeds indicate that there was a house on this property as early as 1740. Architecturally, the house dates from c. 1750 to c. 1800.

Cultural / Ethnic Affiliation	1. N/A	2.	Associated Individuals	1. N/A	2.
Associated Events	1. N/A	2.	Architects / Engineers	1. N/A	2.
Builders	1. N/A	2.			

MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Dorchester, Jane E. "Deed Lineage Historic Resource #015, Cheyney House." Thornbury Township, July 31, 2009.

PREVIOUS SURVEY, DETERMINATIONS

Included in the Chester County Historic Sites Survey as Thornbury Township Historic Site #17, 1979.

EVALUATION (Survey Director/Consultants Only)

Individual NR Potential: X Yes ___ No Context(s):

Contributes to Potential District ___ Yes ___ No District Name/Status:

Class: 2

Justification: The Township of Thornbury has deemed this property to have the potential to be eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places either as an individual resource or as a contributing resource to a potential historic district.

THREATS

Threats: 1 1. None 2. Public Development 3. Private Development 4. Neglect 5. Other

Explain:

SURVEYOR INFORMATION			
Surveyor Name / Title	Jane E. Dorchester	Date	8/2009
Project Name	Thornbury Township VPP Historic Resource Inventory & Survey		
Organization	Jane E. Dorchester, Historic Preservation Consultant	Telephone	610-431-3737
Street and No.	19 S. Church St.		
City, State	West Chester, Pa.	Zip Code	19382
Additional Survey Documentation			
Associated Survey Codes	PHMC Key #065268		

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL RESOURCE SURVEY FORM – NARRATIVE SHEET 89C

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Address	1400 East Street Rd.	Historic / Other Name	Cheyney House

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Cheyney House is a four-bay, two-and-a-half-story, side-gable, stone, frame, and stucco building with two interior chimneys, one on each gable. The house faces north. There is a small, wood portico protecting the front door on the north elevation. There have been at least three additions made to the house. The first addition is a two-bay, one-and-a-half-story, side-gable, frame and stucco ell attached to the east end of the south elevation. This ell has a deep, full-length, one-story, wood porch attached to its west elevation. The next addition is a one-bay, one-and-a-half-story, side-gable, stucco ell attached to the south elevation of the first addition. And the last addition is a one-bay, one-and-a-half-story, side-gable, frame ell attached to the south elevation of the second addition.

There is a small, one-story, front-gable, stone and frame spring house located to the southwest of the house.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (including a brief statement of significance for Class 2 properties only):

The land on which Cheyney House is located was originally part of the 1500-acre Cheyney Tract which John [II] and Thomas [I] Cheyney bought from John Bellers in 1724. In 1760, John Cheyney [II]'s son, (Squire) Thomas Cheyney [II], acquired 150 acres from his father's estate. That 150-acre tract included the land this house and the spring house are now located on. Squire Cheyney died in 1811, bequeathing the farm on which he lived to his son William. At least the first section of the house on this property had most certainly been constructed by this time.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Cheyney House is significant to the history of Thornbury Township for two reasons. First, it is significant because it appears to be closely linked to Squire Thomas Cheyney and the Cheyney family, probably having been constructed, in stages, by one or more generations of the Cheyney family, possibly starting with John Cheyney [II]. Second, Cheyney House is significant because it is another link in the story of the Cheyney Tract, one of the largest tracts settled in the Township. The history of this property adds to the growing evidence of how Thornbury was settled and developed from the late 1700s through to the mid-Twentieth Century.

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West and South (back) Elevations, House



South (back) Elevation, House

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East Elevation, House



West and South Elevations, Spring House