

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 #:	66-020a & b	Historic / Other Name:	Cheyney Shops
Tax Parcel #	66-2-53	Address:	1303 Creek Rd.
County:	Chester 029	Municipality:	Thornbury Township

1303 Creek Rd.

Photographs

Photo 1: South (front)
Elevation, House

Photographer:

J. Christopher Lang

Date: 4/25/2007

Negative Location:

Thornbury Township



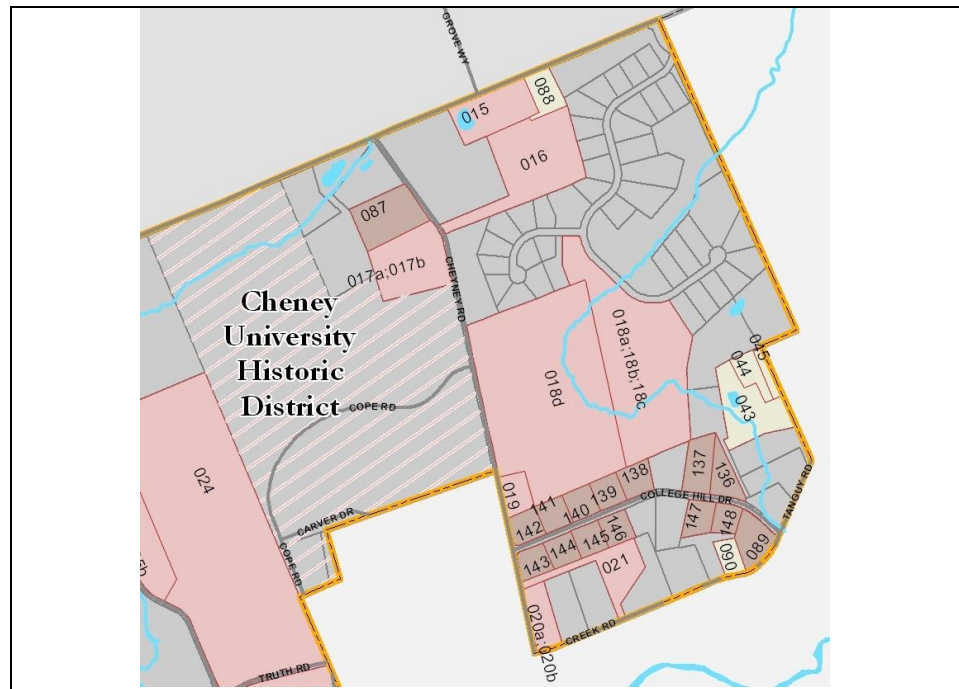
Location Map

Thornbury Township
Historic Resource
Inventory GIS Map

**LOOK FOR: HR #020a
& 020b**

MAP KEY

020a = HR Number
Purple = Class 1
Pink = Class 2
Yellow = Class 3



PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM – DATA SHEET

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IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION				
Survey Code/HR #	66-020	Tax Parcel No.	66-2-53	
County	1. Chester 029	2.		
Municipality	1. Thornbury Township	2.		
Address	1303 Creek Rd.			
Historic Name	Cheyney Shops			
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	3			
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.	Commerce/Trade	Specialty Store	02 E
C.	Commerce /Trade	Specialty Store	02 E
D.			
Particular Type	A.	Blacksmith Shop	
	B.	Wheelwright Shop	
	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.	Italianate 42	B.	C.
	D.		Other	
Exterior Materials	Foundation		Roof	Asphalt shingles 63
	Walls	Stucco 61	Walls	Aluminum 55
	Other	Brick 30	Other	Wood 20
Structural System	1. Masonry 20		2.	
Width 3 Bays C	Depth 2 Rooms B		Stories / Height 3 C	

HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Year Built: c. 1855 Additions/Alterations Dates: c.

Basis for Dating: x Documentary ___ Physical

Explain: According to the deed lineage, the house wasn't built until sometime between c. 1850 and c. 1860. According to the tax records, the Wheelwright/Blacksmith Shop was on the property by 1814.

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

Chester County Tax Records, Chester County Triennial Tax Assessments, Thornbury Township, 1808-1835. Microfilm.

Dorchester, Jane E. "Deed Lineage Historic Resource #020, William Cheyney Wheelwright & Blacksmith Shops." Thornbury Township, July 31, 2009.

PREVIOUS SURVEY, DETERMINATIONS

Included in the Chester County Historic Sites Survey as Thornbury Township Historic Site #021, 1979.

EVALUATION (Survey Director/Consultants Only)

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

Contributes to Potential District X 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 #065273		

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORICAL RESOURCE SURVEY FORM – NARRATIVE SHEET 89C

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The house at Cheyney Shops is a three-bay, three-story, side-gable, stucco building designed in a conservative Italianate mode. It has two interior gable chimneys, one on each gable. The roof is shingled with asphalt. The fenestration on the south (front) elevation is symmetrically arranged with a center entrance and casement half-windows on the third floor. This elevation features a full-length porch culminating in a screened-in room on its east end. The east elevation features a two-bay, one-story, shed-roofed, stucco wing with entrances on the north and east elevations. There is a two-bay, one-story, double-pile, frame ell addition on the north (back) elevation which features a bow window centered on its north elevation.

The wheelwright and blacksmith shops are located almost directly south of the house. The blacksmith shop is the western building. It is a three-bay, two-and-a-half story, side-gable, stucco and frame building with one interior corner chimney located on its southwest corner. The roof is shingled with asphalt. The south (front) elevation features two double-leafed wooden doors in the center and on the east end of this elevation. The east end door is now boarded up. To the west of the center door is a window. There are three windows on the second floor, symmetrically arranged over each of the openings on the first floor. The east end of the north (back) elevation is clad in vertical wood siding.

The wheelwright shop is the eastern of the two buildings. It is a three-bay, two-and-a-half story, side-gable, frame building. The roof is clad in standing-seam metal. Its south (front) elevation features a double-leaf wooden door on its west end.

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

The land on which the buildings at Cheyney Shops are 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 these buildings are now located on. Squire Cheyney died in 1811, bequeathing the farm on which he lived to his son William. Sometime between 1811 and 1814, William erected a blacksmith and wheelwright shop. These shops gave the small settlement at the crossroads of Tanguy (now Creek) and Cheyney Roads the name “Cheyney Shops”. The house associated with the shops was located across Tanguy Road. William Cheyney died in 1831 and bequeathed the farm he was living on (which was composed of approximately 300 acres) to his two sons, Rufus Cheyney and Thomas M. Cheyney [III]. In 1837, the brothers divided William’s farm between them, with Rufus acquiring the southern 150 acres that was located mostly in Delaware County but also included this property. In 1840, Rufus sold his 150-acre portion of William’s farm to Joseph Cheyney. In 1848, Joseph began subdividing Rufus’s 150 acres. He sold a six-acre parcel with the blacksmith and wheelwright shops on it, but not the house, to William Maison. Maison died in 1897 and his estate divested in his son Samuel Maison. At the time of his death, William was living on the blacksmith shop property. Samuel Maison died in 1918 and his estate devolved to his mother, Elizabeth, who died in 1921. The property then divested in Mary Elizabeth Maison, Samuel’s sister. In 1935, Mary Elizabeth Maison sold the property to Gustavus and Marjorie Sulzer.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The property known as Cheyney Shops is significant to the history of Thornbury Township for three reasons. First, it is significant because it helps to define the contributions of the Cheyney family to the history of the Township. Second, the blacksmith and wheelwright shops are the last remaining of their kind in the Township; therefore, they are the only reminders of the early Nineteenth-century industrial and commercial growth of Thornbury Township left in the Township. And third, Cheyney Shops became the nucleus of the budding village of Cheyney which eventually, once the railroad was laid through the Township, expanded slightly south to grow up around Cheyney Station.

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West and North (back) Elevations, House



North (back) Elevation, House

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North (back) Elevation, Blacksmith Shop



North (back) Elevation, Wheelwright Shop

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South (front) Elevations, Blacksmith (on left) and Wheelwright (on right) Shops