

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 #:	66-150	Historic / Other Name:	Cheyney State College / Cheyney University
Tax Parcel #	66-2-35-E	Address:	1837 University Circle
County:	Chester 029	Municipality:	Thornbury Township

**Cheyney State College /
 Cheyney University**

Photographs

No Photos Available

Photographer:

Date:

Negative Location:



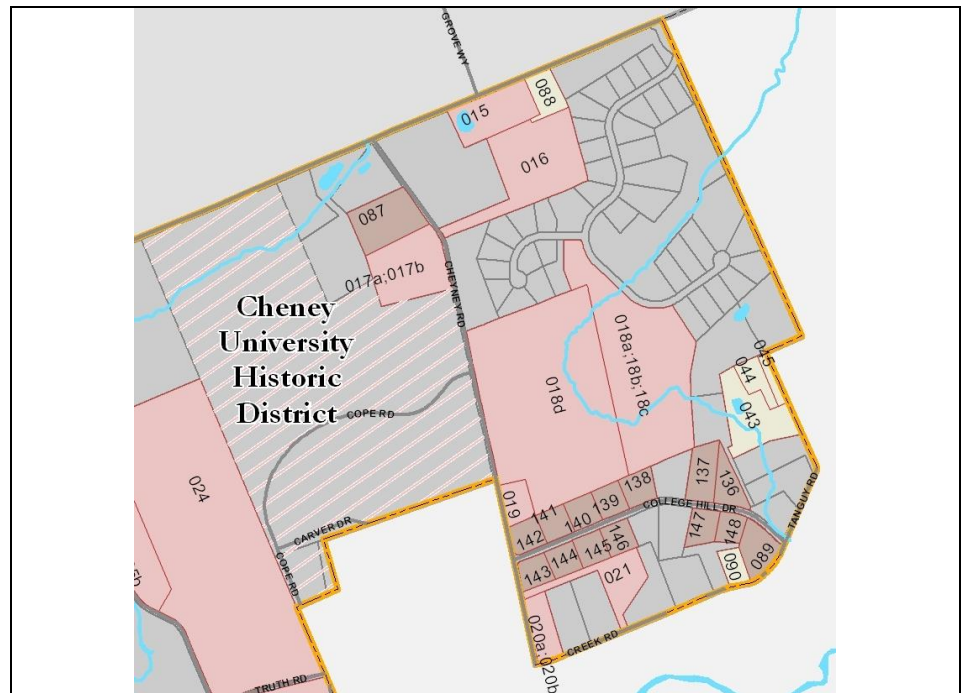
Location Map

Thornbury Township
 Historic Resource
 Inventory GIS Map

LOOK FOR: HR #150

MAP KEY

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



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IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION					
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County	1. Chester 029	2.			
Municipality	1. Thornbury Township	2.			
Address	1837 University Circle				
Historic Name	Cheyney State College / Cheyney University				
Other Name					
Owner Name / Address					
Owner Category	Private	Public – local	X Public – state	Public – Federal	
Resource Category	Building	X District	Site	Structure	Object
Number/Approximate Number of Resources Covered by This Form	11				
USGS Quad	1. West Chester		2.		
UTM References	A.	B.	C.	D.	

HISTORIC AND CURRENT FUNCTIONS			
Historic Function Category		Subcategory	Code
A.	Education	College	05 B
B.	Education	College	05 B
C.	Education	College	05 B
D.	Education	College	05 B
Particular Type	A.	Classroom Building	
	B.	Laboratory	
	C.	Dormitory	
	D.	Library	
Current Function Category		Subcategory	Code
A.	Education	College	05 B
B.	Education	College	05 B
C.	Education	College	05 B
D.	Education	College	05 B

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION				
Architectural Classification	A. No Style		B.	C.
	D.		Other:	
Exterior Materials	Foundation		Roof	Asphalt 63
	Walls	Concrete 65	Walls	Stucco 61
	Other	Wood 20	Other	
Structural System	1. N/A		2.	
Width 6 or more Bays F	Depth 3 or more Rooms C		Stories / Height 4-9 D	

PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC RESOURCE SURVEY FORM – NARRATIVE SHEET**89C**

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HISTORICAL INFORMATIONYear Built: X c. 1960 Additions/Alterations Dates:Basis for Dating: ___ Documentary X Physical

Explain: The buildings on the Chester County campus of Cheyney State College / Cheyney University are typical of the concrete block buildings erected on State College campuses throughout the Commonwealth in the 1960s through 1980s.

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

www.cheyney.edu/about-cheyney-university/

PREVIOUS SURVEY, DETERMINATIONS

Pennsylvania Historic Resource Survey Form, 1997.

EVALUATION (Survey Director/Consultants Only)

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

Contributes to Potential District X Yes ___ No District Name/Status: Cheyney University Historic District

Class: 2

Justification: The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) has deemed Cheyney University to have the potential to be eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places as a historic district; therefore, according to the Township's Historic Resource Classification Definitions, this resource is a Class 2.

THREATSThreats: 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 #107742		

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PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission has deemed the entire Cheyney University campus, located in both Chester and Delaware Counties, to have the potential to be included on the National Register of Historic Places. This survey form is for the Thornbury Township, Chester County campus of Cheyney University only. There are eleven resources located on the Chester County campus, they are Anderson Music Center, Cope Hall, Baily Hall, Carver Science Center, Truth Hall, Hill Library, Duckrey Social Science Center, Harris-Turner Home Economics Building, Wilson Administration Center, McKnight-Rogers Health Center, Jones-Hilton Maintenance Center. There are three dormitories, four classroom buildings, one library, and three administration buildings.

All of these buildings were built from 1960 onwards and so are considered to be non-contributing resources to the potential Cheyney University Historic District because they are all under 50 years of age. They are very typical examples of the kind of institutional buildings erected by the Commonwealth throughout the state on the State College campuses. They are all constructed of reinforced concrete and are very functional in design.

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

Cheyney University was founded in 1837 as the Institute for Colored Youth as the result of a bequest by Richard Humphreys, a wealthy Quaker philanthropist. Humphreys bequeathed \$10,000 (one-tenth of his overall estate) to the founding of a school to educate the descendants of the African race. In 1829, at the height of race riots in Philadelphia, Humphreys wrote his Will in which he charged 13 fellow Quakers to design an institution to instruct African-Americans, for free, in the various branches of mechanic arts, trades, and agriculture in order to prepare them to become teachers. The school was originally located in Philadelphia where it gained success as an institute where African-Americans could obtain a classical-based education.

In 1902, the Institute moved to the George Cheyney Farm in Thornbury Townships, Delaware and Chester Counties. In 1913, the school’s name was changed to Cheyney State Teachers College, in 1921 it was changed to the State Normal School at Cheyney, in 1959 to Cheyney State College, and in 1983 its name was changed to Cheyney University of Pennsylvania.

The campus grew from its core that was situated around the Cheyney Farmhouse (now known as Melrose) located in Thornbury Township, Delaware County, to, eventually, the surrounding farmland located in Thornbury Township, Chester County. This growth entailed the acquisition of at least one other farm, the neighboring Hickman Farm, on which the house “Glen Burnie” (HR #149) was located.

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Cheyney University is significant because of the role it has played in the higher education of African-Americans. It has been deemed a potential historic district by the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission.