

CAPSULE SUMMARY

CT-246

Chaney House

9110 Whitney Way, Owings, MD 20736

Ca. 1920

Private

The Chaney House, built around 1920, stands on a slight rise at the midpoint of a long, narrow lot that extends north from W. Mount Harmony Road. It is located on a 3.022-acre parcel that also includes a swimming pool and a large tobacco barn.

The Chaney House is significant as a good example of an early twentieth-century, four-square farmhouse in Calvert County. This residential form was popularized by pattern books beginning in about 1905. The house has a rectangular plan (three bays wide by two bays deep) under a moderately-pitched pyramidal roof. The ground floor is divided into four rooms – one in each corner – and a central stair hall that runs the full depth of the house. Although some modifications have been made to the porches and vinyl siding replaces (or conceals) the original siding, the resource retains a high degree of integrity. The driveway, which is planted with an allée of evergreen trees, retains its historic alignment, and a tobacco barn associated with the Chaney farm stands behind the house.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Chaney House (preferred)
 other C. W. Chaney Farm

2. Location

street and number 9110 Whitney Way ___ not for publication
 city, town Owings ___ vicinity
 county Calvert County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Kurt R. Hoffman and Patricia Hoffman
 street and number 9110 Whitney Way telephone
 city, town Owings state MD zip code 20736

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County liber 875 folio 161
 city, town Prince Frederick tax map 0006 tax parcel 0401 tax ID number 016382

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> buildings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u> sites
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		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
				<u>0</u>	

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

SUMMARY

The Chaney House, built circa 1920, stands on a slight rise at the midpoint of a long, narrow lot that extends north from W. Mount Harmony Road. It is located on a 3.022-acre parcel that also includes a swimming pool and a large tobacco barn. The house is approached by a winding driveway planted with an allée of evergreen trees. The driveway extends west from Whitney Way before turning north, passing by the east side of the house, and terminating in a parking area.

The Chaney House is a typical American four-square, a residential form popularized by pattern books beginning in about 1905. The house has a rectangular plan (three bays wide by two bays deep) under a moderately-pitched pyramidal roof. The ground floor is divided into four rooms – one in each corner – and a central stair hall that runs the full depth of the house.

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION¹

The Chaney House is a two-story, frame house on a concrete foundation. The exterior walls are clad with vinyl siding, and, with a few exceptions, the windows are six-over-one, double-hung, vinyl sash with decorative, louvered shutters. The main roof has a pyramidal form with closed eaves. A hipped dormer pierces the front (south) slope of the roof, and a brick chimney extends up from the east slope. The main roof and secondary roofs over the porches and rear addition are covered with asphalt shingles.

The front façade, which faces south toward W. Mount Harmony Road, is three bays wide and features a full-width porch that provides shade and shelter to the front door and the window openings to either side. The porch has a concrete floor and a hipped roof that is supported on slender round columns. On the porch is a set of semi-circular, brick steps that leads up to the front door. (The original porch may have been razed at some point and rebuilt at grade, necessitating the construction of the front steps.) The entry is composed of a glazed door (not original) with sidelights and a glazed transom. Vinyl siding covers the original window frames.

The west façade features a generous screened porch with a hipped roof. It can be accessed from the interior as well as from the exterior through a door in the back (north) wall. The east façade features three sash windows and a modern bay window that corresponds to the dining room on the interior.

A one-story addition has been added to the back (north) side of the house. The addition has a hipped roof and is lit by a pair of six-over-six, double-hung sash, vinyl windows. It shelters a recessed back entrance. A raised deck extends from the addition into the back yard. On each side of the deck is a set of wood steps, and the sides of the deck are covered with vinyl siding.

The barn behind the house has a gable roof covered with corrugated metal and exterior walls of board-and-batten siding. A one-story wing along the north side of the barn has a shed roof. The barn's interior has been subdivided by modern partitions that largely conceal the structural framing. Original doors have been replaced with modern doors of various types and sizes.

¹ The surveyor was not granted interior access at the time of the survey, so this description describes the exterior only.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
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	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates	Ca. 1920	Architect/Builder	N/A
Construction dates	Ca. 1920		

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Chaney House is significant as a good example of an early twentieth-century, four-square farmhouse in Calvert County. Although some modifications have been made to the porches and vinyl siding replaces (or conceals) the original siding, the resource retains a high degree of integrity. The driveway retains its historic alignment as seen in historic aerial photographs, and a tobacco barn associated with the Chaney farm stands behind the house.

NARRATIVE

The Chaney House is historically associated with a roughly 127-acre farm that was located along the east side of the county road connecting Dunkirk and Chaneyville (now Route 4) at its intersection with Mount Harmony Road. The farm was owned by John Wilson Fowler, who left it to his daughter Mary prior to 1882. Census records for the year 1870 list a Mary Fowler, age 25, in the Third Election District of Calvert County who is the eldest of ten children of Ann Fowler, a widow.²

Mary married into the Chaney family and had two sons, M. Alexander Chaney and L. Herbert Chaney. At some point, likely in the 1920s, the Chaney family built a new two-story, four-square house on the family farm. Given that Mary Chaney was in her 70s by that time, the house may have been built by L. Herbert Chaney (born ca. 1881), who was married and had two sons of his own by 1920.³

The house faced south toward W. Mount Harmony Road and was surrounded by tobacco fields. An architect for the house has not been identified. Indeed, architect-designed houses in Calvert County during the early twentieth century were very rare.⁴ Instead, the Chaney family may have relied on a plan produced in a catalog to build the house, which, with its double-pile massing and generous porches stood as a symbol of the family's success.

Mary Chaney owned the farm until her death in 1932, at which time it was inherited by her sons. In 1938, the brothers made an amicable division of the farm, with Herbert receiving 93 acres, which included the land on which the new farmhouse stood. In consideration for this, Alexander received about 34 acres and \$500. After settling with his brother, Herbert parceled off a little less

² 1870 United States Census (Census Place: District 3, Calvert, Maryland; Roll: M593_581; Page: 96A), available through Ancestry.com On-line Database.

³ 1920 United States Census, (Census Place: Chesapeake Beach, Calvert, Maryland; Roll: T625_654; Page: 12A; Enumeration District: 35), available through Ancestry.com On-line Database.

⁴ Dames & Moore, "Historic Sites Context Study and National Register Evaluation for Calvert County, Maryland," prepared for the Calvert County Historic District Commission, July 1995, 4-23.

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than an acre of land, which was transferred to his son, Burgess Chaney. The remaining tract consisted of woodland (about 40 acres), cropland, pasturage, and hay.⁵ (See Figure 8-1.)

Herbert Chaney died in 1942 at the age of 62. His obituary noted that he was a garage owner and merchant in addition to being a farmer. He was active in Calvert County affairs, holding the office of school commissioner for six years and serving as a member of the board of election supervisors.⁶

The house remained in the Chaney family until 1960, when it was sold to Merian Rutherford, who subdivided the farm, assigning the house and the tobacco barn behind it to a 10-acre lot. In 1978, this parcel was acquired by Lawrence R. and Melissa Whitney, who further subdivided it, in 1996, into a 3.022-acre lot.

⁵ 1938 aerial photograph available from Calvert County GIS.

⁶ "L. Herbert Chaney Dies," *Baltimore Sun*, August 2, 1942.

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FIGURES



Figure 1: Detail of 1938 aerial photograph of Calvert County showing the Chaney House and farm. (Source: Calvert County GIS)

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CHAIN OF TITLE

DEED

Liber/Folio: 875/161
Date: May 30, 1996
Grantor: Lawrence R. Whitney and Melissa A. Whitney
Grantee: Kurt R. Hoffman and Patricia Hoffman

"Lot numbered Four (4) in the subdivision known as 'Subdivision of the Lawrence Whitney Property,' as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 5 at Plat 54..."

3.022 acres

DEED

Liber/Folio: 235/405
Date: August 22, 1978
Grantor: Richard A. Bardsley, Personal Representative of the Estate of Malcolm W. Russell
Grantee: Lawrence R. Whitney and Melissa A. Whitney

Containing 10 acres, more or less

DEED

Liber/Folio: JLB 51/599
Date: July 18, 1962
Grantor: Mr. Merian Rutherford, unmarried widower, Joseph B. Watters, Jr., and Rosaline T. Waters, his wife
Grantee: Malcolm W. Russell

Containing 10 acres, more or less

DEED

Liber/Folio: JLB 40/47
Date: December 8, 1960
Grantor: Bertie H. Chaney, widow
Grantee: Merian Rutherford

90 acres, more or less

DEED

Liber/Folio: AAH 49/541
Date: August 14, 1943
Grantor: Burgess H. Chaney and Clara Mae Chaney, his wife, Leroy H. Chaney, unmarried, and Maude E. Chaney, unmarried
Grantee: Bertie H. Chaney

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L. Herbert Chaney died intestate in July 1942, leaving a widow (Bertie) and three children, Burgess, Leroy, and Maude. With this deed, Bertie H. Chaney received the entire 92-acre farm.

DEED

Liber/Folio: AAH 38/200
Date: March 31, 1938
Grantor: M. Alexander Chaney and Myrtle P. Chaney, his wife
Grantee: L. Herbert Chaney

“Whereas, the said M. Alexander Chaney and L. Herbert Chaney, as the heirs of Mary E. Chaney, late of Calvert County, deceased, are the owners in common of all that tract or parcel of land located near Chaneyville in the Third Election District of Calvert County, and have agreed to make an amicable division and partition of the said real estate and to execute each to the other deeds conveying the respective portions that the same may be held respectively in severalty.”

Containing 93 acres more or less

Per affidavit of Richard A. Bardsley dated August 22, 1978, contained in Liber 235, Folio 468, Mary E. Chaney (nee Mary E. Fowler) was the first wife of Leroy L. Chaney and the mother of M. Alex Chaney and L. Herbert Chaney. Mary E. Chaney was deeded the property from her father, John Wilson Fowler, before the Calvert County courthouse fire in 1882 and owned it until her death in 1932.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See continuation sheets.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 3.022 acres
Acreage of historical setting 127 acres
Quadrangle name Lower Marlboro Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary of the resource is the current legal boundary of the property as described in Liber 875, Folio 161 of the land records of Calvert County, Maryland, which reads, in part: "Lot numbered Four (4) in the subdivision known as 'Subdivision of the Lawrence Whitney Property.'" This parcel measures 3.022 acres.

11. Form Prepared by

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organization	Robinson & Associates, Inc.	date	June 24, 2019
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city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Maryland Department of Planning
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600

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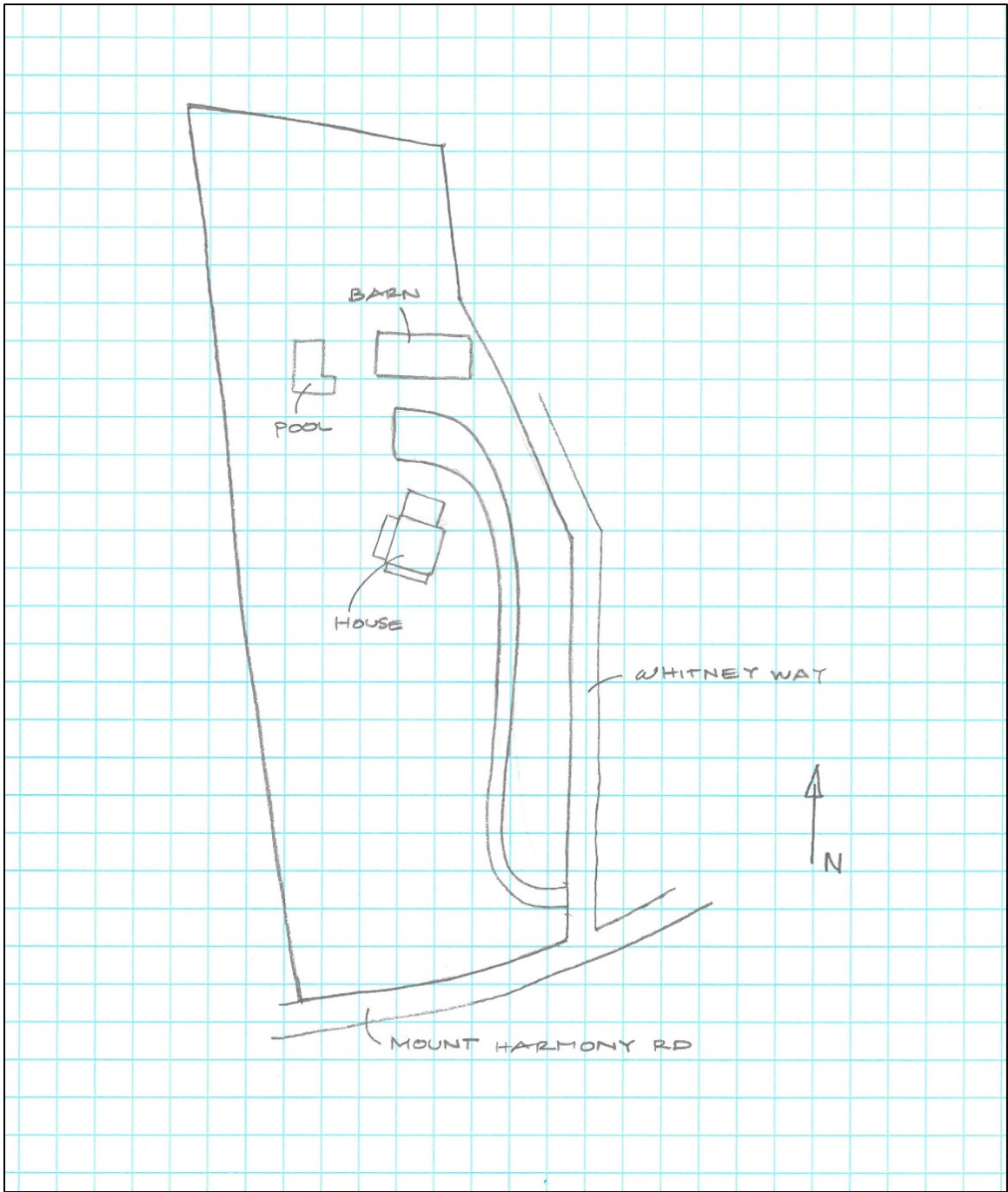
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RESOURCE SKETCH MAP*

Chaney House (CT-246)

9110 Whitney Way

Owings, MD

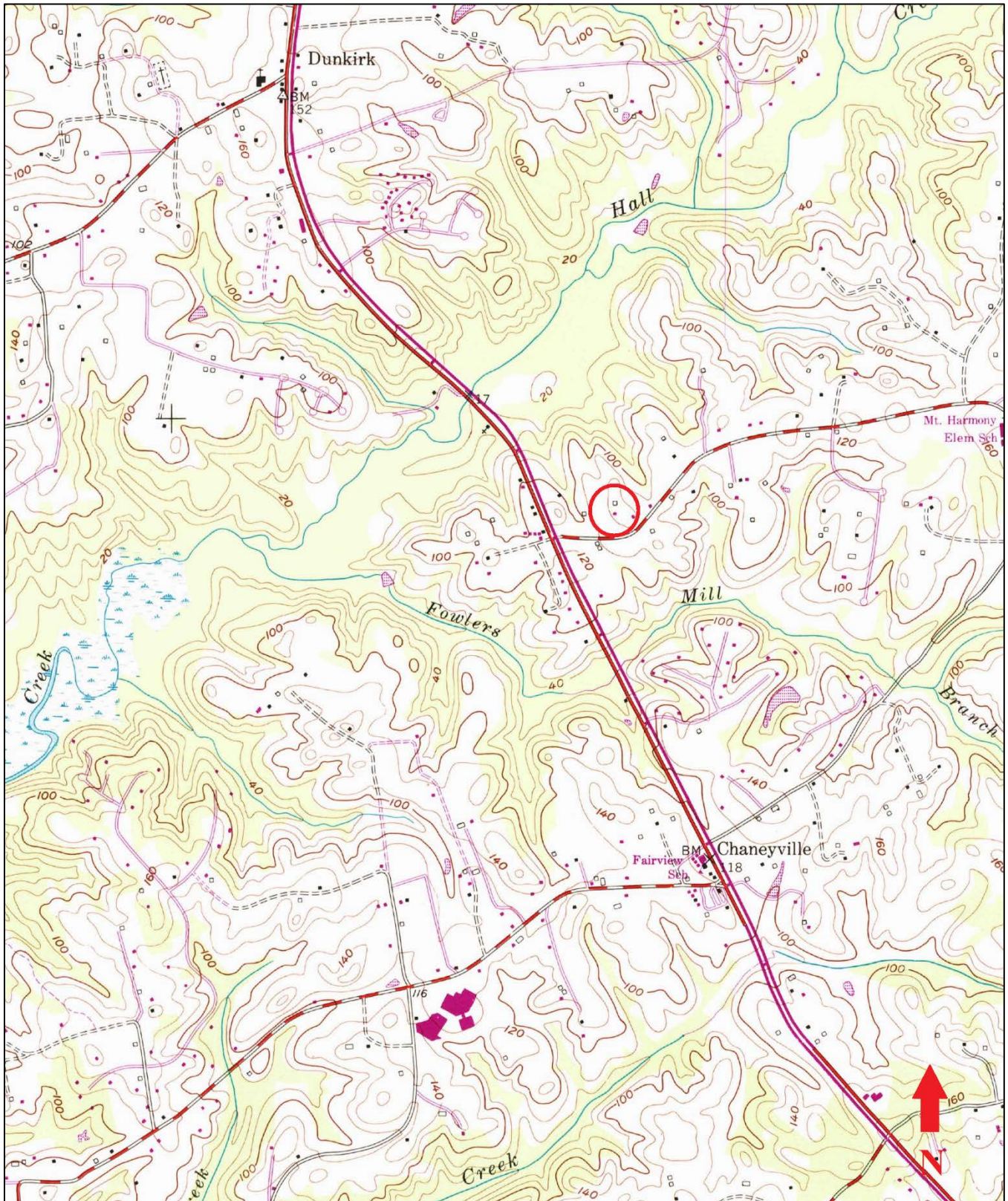
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*Not to scale

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Lower Marlboro Quadrangle (1953, ed. 1979)
USGS Topographical Map
1:24,000

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Lower Marlboro Quadrangle (1953, ed. 1979)
USGS Topographical Map
1:12,000

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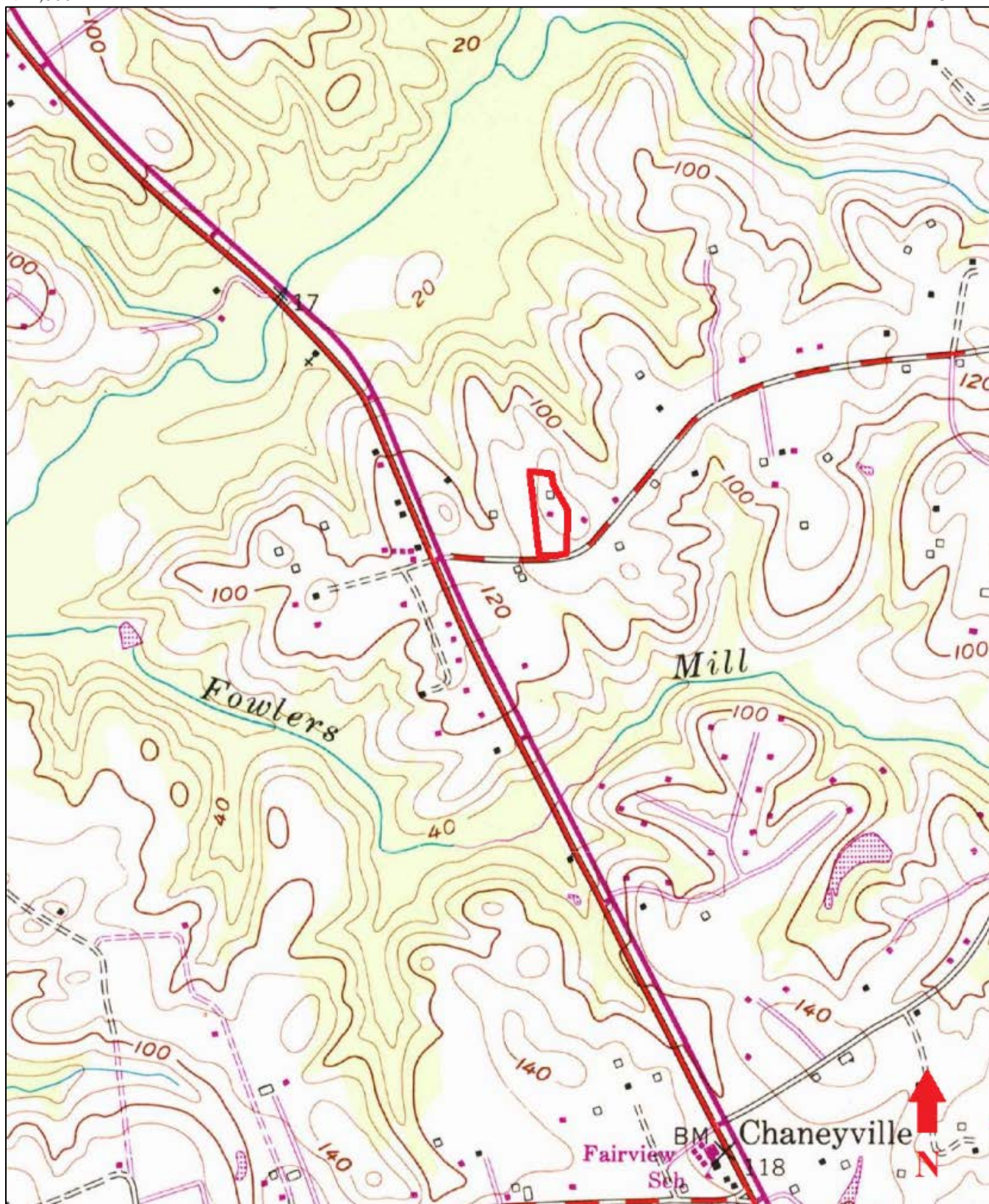


PHOTO LOG

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9110 Whitney Way, Owings, MD 20736

Calvert County

The following information applies to all views:

MIHP Number:	CT-246
Name of Property:	Chaney House
Location:	Calvert County, Maryland
Photographer:	Daria Gasparini
Date:	April 17, 2019
Location of Negative:	MD SHPO
Ink/Paper Type:	Epson UltraChrome Ink/Epson Premium Luster Photo Paper

Photo 1 of 5: Chaney House, south façade, looking north (CT-246_2019-04-17_01.tiff)

Photo 2 of 5: Chaney House, west façade, looking east (CT-246_2019-04-17_02.tiff)

Photo 3 of 5: Chaney House, north façade, looking southeast (CT-246_2019-04-17_03.tiff)

Photo 4 of 5: Chaney House, east façade, looking west (CT-246_2019-04-17_04.tiff)

Photo 5 of 5: Barn, looking north (CT-246_2019-04-17_05.tiff)



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CHANNEY HOUSE

CALVERT COUNTY, MD

DARIA GASPARINI

APRIL 17, 2019

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PHOTO 1 OF 5 : CHANNEY HOUSE, SOUTH FACADE,
LOOKING NORTH



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APRIL 17, 2019

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PHOTO 2 OF 5: CHANEY HOUSE, WEST FACADE,
LOOKING EAST



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APRIL 17, 2019

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PHOTO 3 OF 5: CHANEY HOUSE, NORTH FACADE,
LOOKING SOUTHEAST



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APRIL 17, 2019

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PHOTO 4 OF 5 : CHANEY HOUSE, EAST FACADE,
LOOKING WEST



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PHOTO 5 OF 5 : BARN, LOOKING NORTH