

AA-283
Chew House
Owensville

c. 1800-1860
private

This nearly square, two-and-a-half story, three bay frame house with a side hall plan has two large brick chimneys and a kitchen wing on the east elevation. The house was enlarged by one bay around 1860. It is less than a quarter of a mile from the center of Owensville, one of the few communities in Anne Arundel County to retain the appearance of a small 19th century town.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

AA-283

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(map29)

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY **MAGI #0202835304**

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Chew House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER East side of Owensville-Sudley Road, 1/4 mile south
of jct. with Rte. 255 (Owensville Road) at Owensville

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Owensville

VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY Anne Arundel

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 checked="" 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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input 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 Samuel P. Chew, Jr.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER 2500 Q. St., N. W., Apt 601

CITY, TOWN Washington, D.C.

STATE, zip code

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Anne Arundel

Liber #: 1593
309
Map 368, parcel #48, A.D. 1

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Annapolis

STATE

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 type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Chew House is approached from a dirt lane on the east side of Owensville-Sudley Rd., 1/4 mile south of the junction with Rt. 255 (Owensville Rd.) at Owensville. Large elms and maples surround the house which now appears to be unoccupied, although it was once the dwelling a large farm.

The structure, built before the Civil War, is a nearly square, 2 1/2 story, three bay frame dwelling with a two story, two bay frame kitchen wing on a brick foundation joining the east elevation. Once weatherboard, both sections are now covered with brown wood shingles. *A break in the cornice line indicates that the house was enlarged by one bay, & the side hall added.*

A four bay porch with a flat roof supported by plain posts extends across the front of the house, and an above grade porch with a shed roof is on the south elevation of the kitchen.

The main entrance in the west bay of the front elevation has a six panel door with a four light transom above it.

Windows on the front elevation have 6/6 light, double-hung sash and appear to be slightly smaller on the second than on the first story. Louver shutters are on the first story, front elevation only. The wing also has 6/6 light sash with small windows on the second story.

The main block has a high gable roof covered with asbestos shingles. Large shingled dormer units on the south slope look to have been added in the 20th century. Two large exterior, weathered chimneys are at the east gable end; they narrow considerably above the second floor. The first chimney is in front of the wing while the second chimney rises between the wing and the main block.

The house has a side hall plan. A simple wooden mantelpiece is on the east wall of the front room, first floor, the doors have architrave framing with bulls eye corner blocks and the ceiling is wainscoted.

A large vertical board barn is east of the house.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input 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 *c. ~~1850~~ late 18th c.* BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This nearly square , 2 1/2 story , three bay , frame house has large, brick, exterior chimneys and a kitchen wing adjoining it. Martha Peake of Tamarack Hill (AA-282) states that her grandmother, a teenager in 1863, was born in the house which belonged to her father William Peake. Tamarack^{Hill} was built to resemble a more spacious version of the old family farmhouse. The house does not appear to be occupied now. It is located less than a 1/4 of a mile from Owensville, one of the few settlements in Anne Arundel County to retain the appearance of a small 19th century village.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

telephone conversation with Martha Peake, June , 1978

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marion Morton Carroll- Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

A.A. Ct. Dept. of Planning and Zoning

DATE

July, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

Arundel Center

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory 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.

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

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 (283)

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM

for the

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

0202835504

AA-283

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON:
 Chew House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
 East side of Owensville - Sudley Road, 1/4 mile south of jct. with Rte. 255

CITY OR TOWN:
 (Owensville Road) at Owensville

STATE: Maryland COUNTY: Anne Arundel

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME:
 Samuel P. Chew, Jr.

STREET AND NUMBER:
 2500 Q. St. N. W., Apt. 601

CITY OR TOWN: Washington, STATE: D.C.

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
 Map #68, AD #1, Parcel #48, Liber/folio # 1593/309

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE:

7. DESCRIPTION	
CONDITION	(Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Ruins <input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Uncltered <input type="checkbox"/> Moved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE	
<p>This small, frame, brown single covered, house has been associated with the Chew family since the late 19th century. It appears on the 1878 county map as owned by William H. Peake, a farmer with 97 acres. The Peake and Chew families were prominent members of the West River community. Peake built several of the houses in the area: Tamarack Hill, the Watts residence (AA-247). The Chews (AA-282) owned part of the Chew and Hopkins Store in West River (now Owensville).</p>	

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 9.72

Acreege Justification:

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Amy Hiatt

ORGANIZATION: **Anne Arundel County Office of Planning and Zoning** DATE: **August 1975**

STREET AND NUMBER:
Arundel Center

CITY OR TOWN: **Annapolis** STATE: **Maryland**

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National State Local

Signature

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Owensville

north front

M. M. Carroll

Sept. 1978



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Chew House

Owensville

s. e. elev.

W. M. Carroll

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