

Reuben Lake House
CE-1046
Near Chesapeake City
Private

C. 1840

Reuben Lake owned this property for a majority of the 19th century and it has remained in the Lake family to this day. Old family photographs document little change to this 2½ story 3 bay by 1 room hall/parlor frame house. The structure is built into a south slope ^{of a hill} so the basement is exposed on the rear elevation which has a two story porch. Unlike the house the nearby mill community of Back Creek has just about disappeared aside from the mill pond and remnants of the race. A two and a half story frame grist mill and a half dozen dwellings ~~that~~ appear in old photographs and on maps ^{and} help to reconstruct the Back Creek Community.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

CE-1046
File # 279

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Reuben Lake House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Old Telegraph Road

CITY, TOWN

Ches. City VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Cecil

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 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 checked="" 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

Carolyn L. Miller

Telephone #: 885-5772

STREET & NUMBER

Theodore n. Lake

CITY, TOWN

2943 Old Telegraph Road

STATE, zip code

Ches. City VICINITY OF

Maryland 21915

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Clerk of the Circuit Court

Liber #: WAS 277

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

Folio #: 348

CITY, TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Reuben Lake House c. 1840 is a 2½ story three bay by one room hall/parlor frame house on Old Telegraph Road southeast of Chesapeake City, Md. The house faces north with an east/west gable axis.

The house is built into a south slope so a full three stories is exposed on the south side for access into the first floor kitchen. The fieldstone foundation is only partially excavated. The entire house is covered with asbestos shingle and the steep roof has a composition tile sheathing.

The main elevation has a central entrance and a 6/6 sash on each side. The surrounds have an ovolo molded backband and beaded corner. The central door is a replacement. Three 6/6 sash light the second floor and a simple boxed cornice stretches above. Two 6/6 sash gabled dormers pierce the north slope of the roof. A molded pediment is supported by a fluted surround with a tri-folk cut out in the corner block. A hipped roof porch covers the entire first floor and is supported by chamfered posts with simple capitals.

The east end once had an interior stove stack ^{but} that has been removed. There is a 2/2 sash window on each floor and a two pane attic light along with a six pane basement light. The bargeboard is beaded.

The west end is basically similar with the exception of a much larger brick chimney and a southern placement of the first and second floor sash. The bargeboard is again beaded. A small six pane light illuminates the stair well in the northwestern corner.

The southern side is totally covered by a two story shed roof porch that at least dates to the late 19th century (old photo). The second floor porch was later closed in. There is a central door on each floor with adjacent modified or 6/6 sash windows. The third floor of the porch was closed-in during the 1920's. Two gabled dormers that are identical to the front ones pierce the south slope of the roof.

The basement was the only interior room fully seen. A large cooking fireplace is on the west wall with a simple mantel shelf. Built-in cupboards are found in the southern niche and a winder stair in the northern corner.

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The interiors of the first and second floors were not fully seen but mid 19th century woodwork was evident.

The farm property is complete with two medium sized frame barns, a chicken house, wagon sheds; all with field-stone foundations and board and batten siding.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Reuben Lake appears to have owned this property for a good portion of the 19th century and it has remained in the Lake family since. Old photos document little change to this common house type with Federal exterior leanings. Lake family history in Cecil County dates back to 1801 according to Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson, (1877). ~~The~~ ~~hall~~ ~~parlor~~ ~~plan~~ ~~is~~ ~~a~~ ~~relatively~~ ~~uncommon~~ ~~form~~ ~~for~~ ~~the~~ ~~southern~~ ~~two~~ ~~Cecil~~ ~~County~~ ~~Districts~~.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paul B. Touart Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Cecil County Committee

DATE

5/20/80

STREET & NUMBER

Cecil County Courthouse

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Elkton

STATE

Maryland

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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(CECILTON)
5862 IV NE

SAINT AUGUSTINE 6.0 MI.

47'30"

400 000 FEET (DEL.)

434

INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY WASHINGTON D. C.

435000m



REUBEN LAKE HOUSE

CE- 1046

NR

CHESTERMENCE CITY, MD

CECIE

NORTH ELEVATION

10/79

P13T

NEG. MHT

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REUBEN LAKE HOUSE

CE-1046

SOUTH ELEVATION

MR

CHESAPEAKE CITY, MD.

CELIK

10/79

PBT

NEG. MHT



REUBEN LAICE house

CE-1042

SOUTH ELEVATION

HR

CITES. CITY, MD CELL

10/79 PBT NEG. MHT



REUBEN LAKE HOUSE

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EAST ELEVATION

NR

CITESHAPENKE CITY, MD.

CECIL

10/29

P135

NEG. MHT



BACK CREEK MILL

CE-1046

(FREEMAN 1877)

OLD PICTUS - REPRO.

LACE FAMILY

10/79 PIST NEG. MIT



REUBEN LAKE HOUSE

CE - 1046

EAST ELEVATION

NR

CRESSKENTON CITY, MD

10/79

P13T

NEG. - MHS



BACK CREEK
~~BETHLEHEM~~ MILL

CE-1046

(LAKE COLLECTION)

LOOKING NORTH - CORNER OF
CE-1045 APPEARS BETWEEN
WAGON AND MILL

NEG. / MR. HAST TRUST



BACK CREEK CE - 1046

~~BOTTLE~~ MILL

LOOKING SOUTH - CE-1045

TO FAR RIGHT -

(LAKE COLLECTION)

9/29 PBT

NEG/MO. INST TRUST

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