SUMMARY

HA-1524

Chesney-Bodt House
2924 Churchville Road
Churchville, MD 21028

The Chesney-Bodt House, built in 1905 by Charles Chesney, belongs to the early 20th century phase of Churchville's development. When Margaret Harlan, who owned most of the land around Churchville, died in 1903, her heirs sold off small lots along the main roads. Charles Chesney, a blacksmith, became one of the more prominent developers, owning a store (Chesney, Rogers, & Hawkins), the Rebecca Jones House (HA-1318), and the Hawkins-Leftridge House (HA-1519). Most houses of this phase were of extremely traditional design, the Chesney-Bodt House being perhaps the most extreme example, with the symmetrical gable-roofed form used more in the first half of the 19th century than almost any time thereafter in this area.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON
Chesney-Bodt House

2 LOCATION (North side of Md. Rte. 22, between Md. Rte. 155 and Glenville Rd.)

STREET & NUMBER
2924 Churchville Road

CITY, TOWN
Churchville, ___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	✓OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
✓BUILDING(S)	✓PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	✓PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	✓YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		__NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Cloyce Bodt

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER
2924 Churchville Rd.

CITY, TOWN
Churchville ___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
MD 21028

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Liber #:
Folio #:

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Harford County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER
40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN
Bel Air

STATE
Maryland 21014

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

HA-1524

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
✓ EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	__UNALTERED	✓ ORIGINAL SITE
__GOOD	__RUINS	✓ ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two-story, gable-roofed frame house is located on the north side of Churchville Road (Md. Rte. 22) between Level Road (Md. Rte. 155) and Glenville Rd.

Five bays wide and one room deep, with a recent two-story addition on the north, this ca. 1905 house is partly covered in clapboards, partly aluminum siding. It is set on a low stone foundation and faces south with two brick interior end chimneys and a boxed cornice with gable returns. Windows have 2/2 sash and louvered shutters. The south (front) facade is spanned by a shed-roofed porch with turned posts, carved brackets, and a railing with square balusters.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
__PREHISTORIC	__ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	__COMMUNITY PLANNING	__LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	__RELIGION
__1400-1499	__ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	__CONSERVATION	__LAW	__SCIENCE
__1500-1599	__AGRICULTURE	__ECONOMICS	__LITERATURE	__SCULPTURE
__1600-1699	✓ARCHITECTURE	__EDUCATION	__MILITARY	__SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
__1700-1799	__ART	__ENGINEERING	__MUSIC	__THEATER
__1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
✓1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although appearing to be older, the Chesney-Bodt House was built in 1905 by Charles H. Chesney. He had purchased a five-acre lot in Churchville from Henry D. and Helen A. Harlan of Baltimore City for $4400. The steep price suggests the presence of a structure already on the lot, but architectural features (and the present owner's claim that the date 1905 is carved in an interior door frame) point to an early 20th century date for this house.

In 1915, the Chesneys sold the 1 1/2-acre portion of this lot with the house on it to Charles W. & Alice I. Billingslea for $1600. Eugene & Emma C. Billingslea purchased it in 1939, and in 1948 sold it to the current owners, Cloyce & Dorothy Bodt. The latter built the rear ell in 1958.

Charles Chesney, son of William H. & Margaret Chesney, was a blacksmith in Churchville. (His blacksmith shop was located on Level Road, just east of the intersection with Churchville Road). He owned a good deal of real estate in Churchville, including a store (Chesney, Rogers, & Hawkins where the recent Churchville Presbyterian Church Education Building is now), the Rebecca Jones House (HA-1318), and the Hawkins-Leftridge House (HA-1519).

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land, will & equity records of Harford County
Interview with Cloyce Bodt 11/79
Interview with Paul Harlan 2/80

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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

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
Natalie Shivers, Historic Site Surveyor

ORGANIZATION
Historic District Commission of Harford County

DATE
3/80

STREET & NUMBER
45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE
838-6000 X207

CITY OR TOWN
Bel Air

STATE
Maryland

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

TITLE SEARCH

CHESNEY-BODT HOUSE
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1.	GRG 320/379	Sep 15, 1948	Grantor:	Emma C. Billingslea, Widow
			Grantee:	Cloyce B. & Dorothy J. Bodt
			Acreage:	1.57 A.
2.	GCB 255/111	Feb 13, 1939	Grantor:	G. Howlett Coburn, Ass.
			Grantee:	Eugene & Emma C. Billingslea
			Sum:	$3900
			Acreage:	1.57 A.
3.	DGW 211/54	Oct 2, 1928	Grantor:	J. Wilmer & Mary S. Cronin
			Grantee:	Chas. W. Billingslea
			Acreage:	1.57 A.
4.	DGW 211/51	Oct 2, 1928	Grantor:	Chas. W. & Alice J. Billingslea
			Grantee:	J. Wilmer Cronin
			Acreage:	1.57 A.
5.	JAR 150/325	Dec 28, 1915		
			Grantor:	Chas. H. & Annie E. Chesney
			Grantee:	Chas. W. & Alice I. Billingslea
			Sum:	$1600
			Acreage:	1.57 A
6.	WSG 115/39	Feb 1, 1905	Grantor:	Henry D. & Helen A. Harlan
			Grantee:	Chas H. Chesney
			Acreage:	5 A, 2 R, 14 P

ABERDEEN
USGS
QUADRANGLE
HA-1524
Hopewell Ch
Aldino Airport
Churchville
Smith Chapel
Bodt Corner
Carsins
Jefferson Sch
Gravel Pit
Grays
GRAFTONS LANE
HA-1277
HA-1524
HA-994
HA-1284
HA-1286
HA-1287
HA-1285
HA-1054
HA-1300
HA-1053
HA-1279
HA-1278
HA-1290
Run
Mill
Cem
INTERCHANGE

Chesney-Bodt House HA-1524
Churchville, MD 21028
Natalie Shivers 11/79
South

MHT