

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

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Chevy Chase Lake Passenger Station

Name

2. Planning Area/Site Number 35/11 3. MNCPPC Atlas Reference Map 21 F-9
 4. Address 8000 block of Connecticut Ave., Chevy Chase, Maryland.

5. Classification Summary

Category Structure.
 Ownership Private.
 Public Acquisition N/A (no).
 Status Unoccupied.
 Accessible Yes: restricted.
 Present use Empty. (Boarded up).
 Previous Survey Recording _____ Federal _____ State _____ County _____ Local x
 Public Utilities Commission (July, 1914). Survey filed with Columbia
 Historical Soc., Washington, D. C.

6. Date 1892
 7. Original Owner Capital Traction Co. (formerly Rock Creek Railway).
 8. Apparent Condition

- a. Fair to good. c. Original site.
 b. Altered.

Description

located approximately 6 miles north of Md. boundary. Exterior of brick and wood. Pyramidal roof, single beveled gable dormer. One-story, small portico. Large Doric column with Ionic capital supporting corner of roof on right side of building. Semi-circular bay under conical roof. Tall brick chimney adorned with cast iron monogram (two "C's, back to back). For years the building served as "Grandma's Antique Shop." Re-arrangement of rooms which were large passenger waiting room, receiving room, superintendent's office, and trainmen's room.

10. Significance

This was the largest street car complex in Montgomery County. It consisted of a street car barn, repair shops, a power plant, a recreation lake formed by the power plant's dam, and motormen's homes. The street car passenger station/company office is the only structure left from the complex. Chevy Chase was the trolley terminus until the line extended to Kensington. Then the waiting station was more important as people changed cars at that point. The other passenger stations were wooden, temporary structures. None are extant. The waiting station at Chevy Chase was built in 1892 by Francis Newlands, the Senator from Nevada. The community of Chevy Chase was designed around the street car line and is regarded by planners as one of the first in the nation to utilize the street car as a transportation life-line to the village. Also part of the trolley complex at Chevy Chase was an amusement park with the artificial lake as a recreational center. Often the parks would be placed at the terminus of the trolleys for people to enjoy the country outings.

11. Date researched Oct. 25, 1976 Mayvis Fitzsimons
 12. Compiler Mayvis Fitzsimons 13. Date Compiled April 3, 1978 14. Designation Approval _____
 15. Acreage: Less than 1 acre

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Trolley Station-Chevy Chase Lake

AND/OR COMMON

Grandma's Antiques

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Connecticut Ave. & RR Tracks

CITY, TOWN

Chevy Chase

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

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
 EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

 DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED
CHECK ONE
 UNALTERED
 ALTERED
CHECK ONE
 ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____
DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a low, one-story building, covered with stucco, that sits east on Conn. Ave. It has an open porch inset in the NE entrance corner. The north end consists of a polygonal bay window. Most windows are 2/2 sash. The entire building is overshadowed by an over-sized hip-roof, that has a small dormer on the east, and a chimney that exits south of it. The structure has a subdued, "Mediterranean" appearance about it, and probably had a tile roof when originally built. It may have been designed by Washington architect W.B. Wood, in the 1890's.

A related station, designed for the Capitol Traction Co. by Wood, appears in the AMERICAN ARCHITECT & BUILDING NEWS, Dec. 9, 1899.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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| <input type="checkbox"/> HISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 400-1499 | <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 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION |
| <input checked="" 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

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- 1) AMERICAN ARCHITECT & BUILDING NEWS, (Dec. 9, 1899).
- 2) MARYLAND MAGAZINE, (Summer, 1970), article with photos by Edith Claude Jarvis.
- 3) 1974 Illustrated Calendar-Chevy Chase Savings & Loan.

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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
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ORGANIZATION
M-NCPPC

STREET & NUMBER
8787 Georgia Ave.
CITY OR TOWN
Silver Spring

DATE
8/22/75

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STATE
Maryland

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