

The Chaney House Project

HISTORY

The Chaney House originally stood at 101 S Fremont St. It was built in 1850 by three free African-American brothers – Charles, Samuel, and George Chaney. George was listed as an oysterman and the other two brothers were farm laborers. The house stayed in the Chaney family until 1907, later became a commercial building in an area primarily catering to the black community, and then reverted back to a dwelling. The building is significant because it is one of the few surviving dwellings built for and by laborers from antebellum St Michaels. At the time of its movement to the St Michaels Museum site it was derelict and had been vacant for at least 20 years.

A generous grant from *Historic St Michaels – Bay Hundred, Inc.* allowed the relocation to its current site along with the exterior renovation. We are now seeking to finish the interior. The goal is to finish the inside to provide a research library on the first floor and curatorial working space on the second floor.



Before the Move



After the Move



St Michaels Museum with Chaney House on Left