

F-5-103  
Nelson-Burall Farmstead  
New Market vicinity  
Private

Ca. 1790-1930

The Nelson-Burall Farmstead is centered on a circa 1790 stone dwelling with a circa 1840-1850 rear wing. Other buildings in the group are an 1870 bank barn, an 1890 wagon shed/corn crib, a late 19th century lime kiln, an icehouse under an early 20th century garage, a stone smokehouse contemporary with the dwelling, and a frame hog barn of the 1920's or 1930's. The house has a well-preserved east parlor with a Federal style mantelpiece flanked by a glass-doored cupboard. The room has original chair rails, baseboards, and cornice trim as well as inverted T-shaped lamp sconces. The two-room plan of the house remains intact, but the west parlor has been altered in the late 19th or early 20th century with a simpler mantel and replaced flooring. The presence of the glass-enclosed cupboard is unusual in rural Federal houses in Frederick County. The lime kiln is also a well-preserved example of its type. The original builder and occupant of the house is unclear, but it may have been built by Gabriel Hall or George Burckhart during the 1780's or 1790's. It was almost certainly extant by 1810 when Henry Nelson bought the farm from Daniel Burckhart. In 1858, Samuel Burall purchased the 130-acre farm and erected most of the existing agricultural outbuildings. In the period 1920 to 1983, the farm was owned by the family of William E. Boyer.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont  
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery  
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:  
Rural Agrarian Intensification, A.D. 1680-1815  
Agricultural-Industrial Transition, A.D. 1815-1870  
Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:  
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:  
Domestic/single dwelling/residence  
Domestic/secondary structure/smokehouse  
Agriculture/subsistence/animal facility/barn  
Agriculture/subsistence/storage/granary

Known Design Source: None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No. 00E yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Nelson-Burall Farmstead

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 6602 New London Road not for publication

city, town New Market  vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

## 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Timothy E. Traylor

street & number 6602 New London Road telephone no.:

city, town New Market state and zip code MD 21774

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1201

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 752

city, town Frederick state MD 21701

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

Survey No. F-5-103

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<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 of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 7

The Nelson-Burall Farmstead is centered on a two-story stone dwelling built about 1790 with a stone rear wing built about 1840-1850 and the associated outbuildings ranging in date from about 1790 to 1930, including a stone smokehouse, a frame wagon shed/corn crib of about 1890, a frame and stone bank barn of about 1870, a hog barn of about 1930, an early 20th century frame garage built over a subterranean stone icehouse of the late 19th century, and a stone lime kiln of the late 19th century. The farmstead is located on the west side of New London Road at the end of a driveway running about 1/2 mile from the public road about 3 miles north of New Market, Frederick County, Maryland. The farmstead's immediate environment is primarily open agricultural fields, bounded by stone fences probably dating from the period 1790-1800. The buildings are grouped to the west and south of the dwelling, which faces south. The lime kiln is located in an open field about 200 feet down slope to the southwest from the farmstead buildings. Dates of the buildings are based on architectural evidence, a biographical sketch of Henry Oscar Burall in Williams and McKinsey's History of Frederick County (1910), land records, and historical maps.

The dwelling has a three-bay south elevation with the foundation exposed by the sloping topography of the site on the south side. The foundation was probably original open, with a door leading into the cellar. In the 1920's or 1930's, the cellar level was enclosed with a german-sided structure with two 6/6 windows and an off-center door. Above the enclosed section is a one-story open porch fronting the first story of the house. The porch posts and balustrade are square, suggesting that the original supports have been replaced. Most porches of this type were added to early houses in the mid and late 19th century and had turned or chamfered posts with scroll-sawn brackets and balustrades. The entrance is in the center bay and has a 6-panel door in the "cross and bible" arrangement, a common style in the New Market Region. A 4-light transom is above the door. The first story windows are 9/6 with louvred shutters. The second story windows are 6/6, also with shutters. The cornice is a plain boxed type with a small dentil molding as ornamentation. The roof is corrugated metal over wood shingles and interior end chimneys are at the east and west gables. The gable ends have no openings except small 2/2 attic windows. The rear wing extends from the northwest corner and the east and west sides both have one-story porches. The east porch is probably the older of the two and has a corrugated metal roof. The northern end of the porch is enclosed as a kitchen pantry. The first story stone wall under the porch roof is painted white. Vertical board doors open into the two rooms of the wing. The west side porch is probably an early 20th century addition, but may replace a smaller porch, perhaps an entry porch, on this elevation. The present porch extends the length of the wing and has square posts and a plain balustrade. The windows in the wing are 6/6. The cornice of the wing is corbeled brick, an indication that it was probably built in the second quarter of the 19th century, as this feature is found on many houses of that period. The wing has two chimneys, one at the center of the wing and the other at the north gable end.

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# 8. Significance

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<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. 1790-1930      **Builder/Architect**

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check: Applicable Criteria:  A    B    C    D  
and/or  
Applicable Exception:  A    B    C    D    E    F    G

Level of Significance:  national    state    local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Nelson-Burall Farmstead is moderately high in significance for the architecture of the dwelling in which the exterior features of the Federal period in which it was built have been retained almost intact and for the decorative moldings, mantelpiece, hardware, and glazed cupboard of the east parlor, a well-preserved room of the period about 1790 to 1800. The farmstead is also moderately significant in agriculture for the late 19th century lime kiln in good condition located near the buildings. Lime burning for agricultural purposes was practiced in scattered locations around the County during the mid 19th century, but it was not widely used until the 1860's and 1870's.

According to a biographical sketch of Henry O. Burall, the house was built about 1790, possibly by a Mr. Hall. Research for this survey could not confirm the builder's identity. Land records show that the property was part of "Hall's Choice", a 1755 grant to Benjamin Hall for 1,054 acres. In 1763, Gabriel Hall, described as a planter, purchased 333 acres of "Hall's Choice". In 1783, he sold 31-1/4 acres to George Burckhart, the owner of the large "Peace and Plenty" tract in the vicinity. The house may have existed at that date, but the "Peace and Plenty" property was occupied by several finely decorated houses erected during the period about 1760 to 1820 and whose origins are unclear. In 1810, Henry Nelson purchased from Burckhart's son Daniel the tract containing the house as part of 125 acres from both "Hall's Choice" and "Peace and Plenty". The house's architectural features strongly suggest that it was completed prior to this transaction. It remained in the Nelson family until the 1840's. In 1858, Samuel Burall (1820-1899) bought the property. Most of the remaining agricultural outbuildings date from the period of the Burall family ownership, from 1858 to 1920. From 1920 to 1983, William E. Boyer and his descendants owned the farm, adding the hog barn and several other outbuildings. Some of the Boyer period outbuildings, including extensive chicken houses near the smokehouse, have been demolished.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-5-103

Bond, Isaac. Map of Frederick County, 1858.  
 Holdcraft, Jacob M. Names In Stone. Privately published, Ann Arbor, Mi., 1966.  
 Land Records of Frederick County  
 Titus, C.O. Atlas of Frederick County, 1873.  
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# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 134 acres

Quadrangle name Walkersville, Md.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Concurrent with Tax Map 69, Parcel 36. The 134 acres in this parcel approximately encompasses the 130 acres of the farm which has remained intact since 1837.

### List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date July 1994

street & number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958

city or town Frederick state MD 21701

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.

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### 7.1 Description (Continued)

The interior of the first story of the main section has a two-room plan with a partition wall just left of the main entrance. The east parlor is the more formal room and has a Federal style mantelpiece flanked on the right by a glass-doored cupboard. The glass appears to be original. The glass panes in built-in cupboards are unusual in Frederick County houses of this period, most having solid wood raised panel doors. The interior shelves appear to have been replaced, the originals having undoubtedly been of the decorative scalloped profile found in many other cupboards. The mantelpiece has incised flutes and stars alternating in the frieze panel cornice, a pattern often found in Federal period houses in rural locations. A center panel with flutes and fluted pilasters frame the fireplace opening. The chair rail and baseboard and the wide pine board floor are original and a winding enclosed staircase is at the northeast corner. The north and south walls have inverted T-shaped lamp sconces with beaded edges, a feature seen in several other Federal period houses in the County, but these differ in design in that the arms of the sconces extend to the flanking door and window frames and to the molded cornice of the room. The west parlor is much plainer and the mantelpiece appears to be a late 19th century or early 20th century replacement and the flooring has also been replaced. The rear wing has been considerably altered in recent years and the original two-room plan has been partially obscured by alterations to the dividing wall. According to the current owners, Mr. and Mrs. Traylor, the house had been little altered up to the early 1980's, with no indoor plumbing and only a single electrical outlet from the ceiling.

#### Outbuildings:

**Smokehouse:** The stone smokehouse located northwest of the rear wing of the dwelling was probably built about 1790-1800, but the roof and the upper gable walls were replaced in the early 20th century. The interior plastered walls of the structure have the initials and date "J. W. 1908", which is probably the date of the repairs. The roof is corrugated metal over shingles and the gables are faced with German siding. The single door is a vertical board type in the south elevation.

**Wagon shed/corn crib:** The wagon shed/corn crib was built in 1890, according to Henry O. Burall's biographical sketch in the 1910 county history. It has a stone foundation, tongue-and-groove siding, and horizontal vented siding on the north and south crib sides. The roof is corrugated metal over wood shingles.

**Garage/ice house:** The small frame garage built in the early 20th century is directly over a stone-lined subterranean storage pit for ice. A trap door in the wood flooring of the garage opens to a ladder into the ice house. The ice house chamber could date from the mid or late 19th century, with the garage being built over it in the early 20th century. The garage has vertical siding and a corrugated metal roof. A small addition adjoins the garage on the north side.

**Bank barn:** Henry O. Burall's biography states that the barn was erected in 1875. It has vertical siding with squared louvred vents and swing doors on the north elevation. The roof is corrugated metal over wood shingles. A non-contributing concrete silo stands next to the ramp on the north elevation.

7.2 Description (Continued)

Hog barn: The frame hog barn located just east of the bank barn was probably built in the 1920's or 1930's. It has vertical siding with painted "vents" and a cross gable on the north side with a loading door to the upper loft. The roof is covered with corrugated roof. On the south elevation is a concrete enclosed wallow area.

Lime kiln: The stone lime kiln in the pasture southwest of the other farmstead buildings was probably built during the last quarter of the 19th century. It is built into the sloping site with a stone curving face on the south centered by an arched opening at the base.

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9.1 Bibliography (Continued)

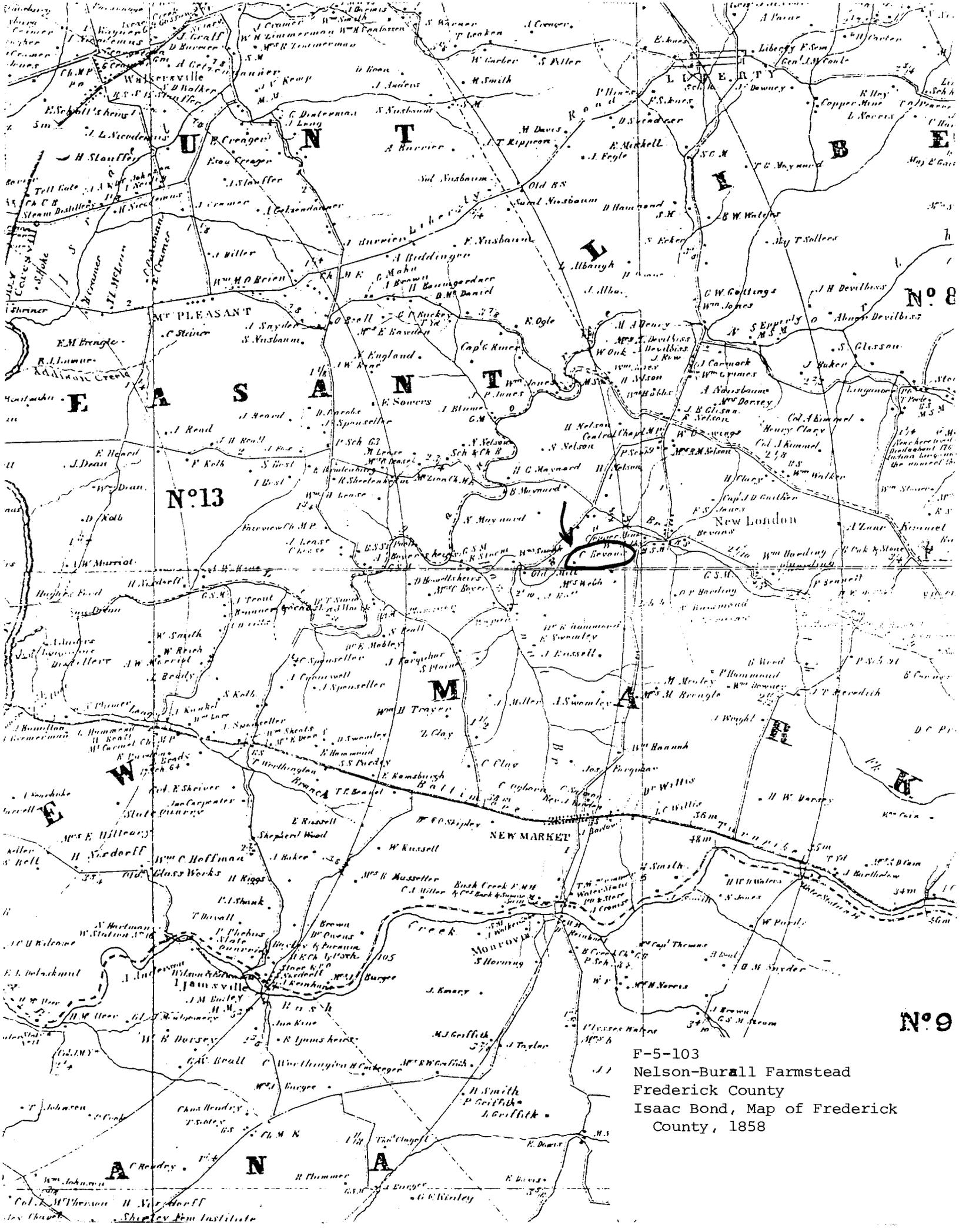
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6602 New London

Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Original Tracts, Miscellaneous	Cost
1201/752 10 June 83	Timothy E. & Juanita C. Traylor	Catherine R. & Margaret L. Boyer	Parcel 1: 3 tracts conveyed by 335/46 Parcel 2: 80. woodlot.	\$210,000
489/171 17 Mar-50	Catherine R. Margaret L., Robert D. Boyer	Jeanne E. Barnhart	489/170: Boyers to Barnhart 489/171 books	
335/46 26 Mar 20	William E. & Lela L. Boyer	Henry O. & Ida M. Burrall		
DHH 5/686 12 Apr 1900	Henry O. & Ida M Burrall	Philip J. & Sarah Ang Lebezer		\$5,895
DHH 5/685 12 Apr 1900	Philip J. Angl- bezer et al	Henry O. Burrall exec. of LW & T of Samuel Burrall, dec	parts of "Hall's Choice", "Pearse and Plenty"	\$5,895
BGF 1/454 26 Mar 1858	Samuel Burrall	Charles A. Beavans	mortgage	
BGF 2/13 26 Mar 1858	Samuel Burrall	Charles A. Beavans	130 @., 53 sq. ft. see LW & T of Elias Buckingham & Renunciation of executorship by heirs	\$5,250
Will Record GME 3/54 21 Oct 1844	Executors: Henry Nelson John Harding	Elias Buckingham	wife: Matilda to retain control of farm until she remarries Children: Wm. S., Lucinda S., Silas W., & Martha Ann	
HS 9/25 11 Apr 1839	Elias Bucking- ham	Nathan C. & Mary Hammond	130 @.	\$3,700
HS 5/48 13 Jan 1837	Nathan C. Hammond	Benjamin Nelson et ux & John Lease & wife Ananeth Lease was formerly wife of Elisha Nelson	130 @.	\$3,500

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Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Original Tracts, Miscellaneous	Cost
WR 37/535 18 June 1810	Daniel Burkhardt <del>ess. of Geo</del> Henry Nelson	Daniel Burkhardt ess. of George Burkhardt, dec.	parts of "Peace & Plenty", "Hall's Choice" 125 a.	\$2,000
WR 4/41 15 May 1783	George Burkhardt, Sr. of Fredericktown	Gabriel Hall, farmer	part of "Resurvey on Hall's Choice" 31 1/4 a.	£40
J /498 15 May 1763	Gabriel Hall, planter, of Frederick Co.	Joshua Warfield of Anne Arundel Co.	333 a. of "Hall's Choice"	£62,12 sh.
			see also 6224 New London Chain WR 23/545 cites 18 Feb 1755 grant to Benjamin Hall for 1,054 a.	
			"The Resurvey on Hall's Choice"	



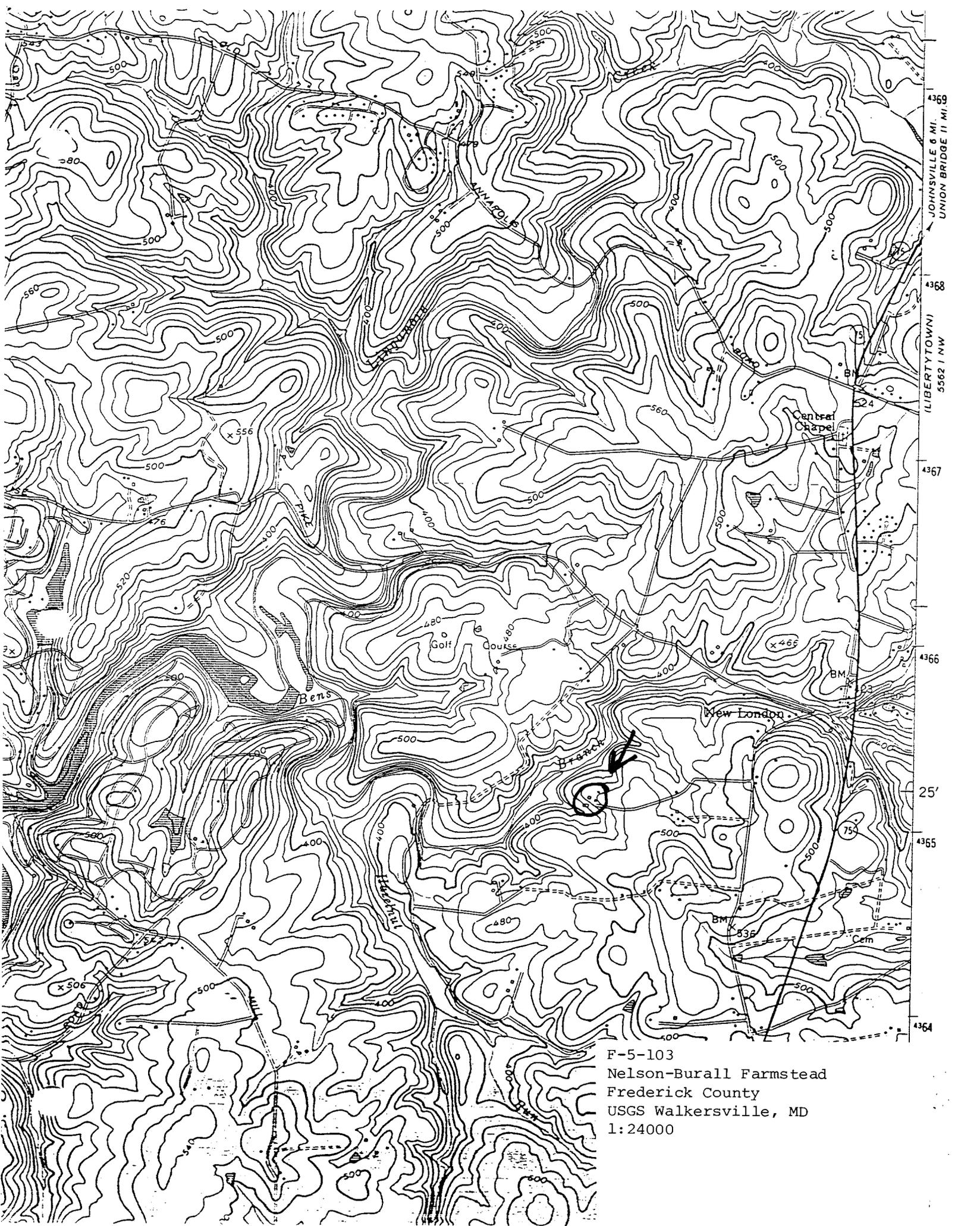
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County, 1858

# MARKET DIST No. 9

Scale 7 1/2 inches to the mile.



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County, 1873



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Notes: Korbail Family

Frederick Korbail

High School

June 1914

Notes on the Korbail Family

Frederick Korbail

1914



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Nelson-Burnall Farm - 200

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Photo - Joint Line

June 1924

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Feb 5 - 1883

Nelson Hornell Jones

Frederick County

Pictor. Samuel Davis

June 1878

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Northwest Canal ...

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Melrose-Randall Forwarded

Frederick Co. Va.

Photostat<sup>ed</sup> June 1970

June 1970

North ... ..

South ... ..

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Friday ... county

Photo: Janet ...

June 1992

North ... Md. ...

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P. 2. 1923

Nelson - Paul's Farm, Stead

Frederick County

Photo: Grand House

June 1920

See my "Notes" - 2/1920. View of P. 1.

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Nelson Burrill Jan 10 1881

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Photo Jan 10 1881

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