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Abraham W. Nusbaum Farmstead
Libertytown vicinity
Private

Ca. 1840; 1875-1938

The Abraham W. Nusbaum Farmstead has a two-story stone and frame dwelling in which the rear stone wing may have been built about 1840 and the front frame section erected about 1875. Much alteration has taken place in both the interior and the exterior, resulting in the loss of much of its historical integrity. The stone section may have originally faced west with 9/6 windows in two or three bays on the first story. A modern one-story addition obscures most of the west side of the wing and the windows were altered to 2/2 or 6/6 in the late 19th century. The main section now has its principal elevation on the north with a one-story porch supported on brick piers and square posts and vinyl siding. A log meathouse near the rear of the house may date from the 1840's and has clapboard siding with a vertical board door. Among the agricultural group north of the dwelling is an unusually designed wagon shed/corn crib with a projecting loft above the drive-through doors with a bowstring arched soffit. The stone and frame bank barn may have a late 19th century upper structure on a circa 1840's stone foundation. The 1938 dairy barn with a gambrel roof and concrete block walls has an adjoining milk house and a feed room. A german-sided frame pump house near the dairy barn was probably built the same year. The farmstead has moderate significance in architecture for the design of the wagon shed/corn crib, possibly purchased from a farm building catalog of the 1880's or 1890's, and minimal significance for the stone and frame dwelling. Abraham W. Nusbaum (1828-1916) purchased the farm from his father Adam in 1876 and probably enlarged the existing stone dwelling, rebuilt the barn, and added the wagon shed/corn crib.

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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:
Agricultural-Industrial Transition, A.D. 1815-1870
Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930
Modern Period, A.D. 1930-Present

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
Domestic/secondary structure/other dependencies
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.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Abraham W. Nusbaum Farmstead

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 12401 Glisans Mill Road not for publicationcity, town Libertytown 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
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			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
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			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Grace L. Garver

street & number 12201 Glisans Mill Road telephone no.:

city, town Union Bridge state and zip code MD 21791

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1751

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 1010

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

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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 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: 9

The Abraham W. Nusbaum Farmstead is centered on a two-story frame dwelling built about 1875 with a two-story stone rear wing built about 1840 and its associated domestic and agricultural outbuildings, which include a log meathouse of about 1840, a frame shed of the late 19th century, a frame and stone bank barn of the 1870's, a wagon shed/corn crib of the 1880's to 1890's, and a circa 1938 concrete block dairy barn, milk house, and frame pump house. The farmstead is located on the south side of Glissans Mill Road about 0.9 mile east of Green Valley Road (Md. 75), near Libertytown, Frederick County, Maryland. The farmstead is on rising land bordering the valley of Linganore Creek and the agricultural outbuildings are visible from the road, with the dwelling located at the south end of the building group. The dates of the buildings are based on architectural evidence, land records, historical maps, and a biographical sketch of Abraham W. Nusbaum in the 1910 History of Frederick County.

The dwelling's original section, the two-story stone rear wing, has been altered by interior remodeling which obscures the original plan. The original principal elevation may have faced west. This side is now partially obscured by a modern one-story addition with brick veneer. One of the original window openings near the northwest corner of the stone section appears to have been altered from 9/6 to its present 6/6 configuration. The second story of the wing has 6/6 windows in two bays. The east side of the wing has an enclosed two-story porch which was originally open. The enclosure is covered with vinyl siding. An interior end chimney is located on the south gable end and a cellar bulkhead entrance is at the southeast corner. Although much of the original appearance of the stone wing has been altered, the character of the stonemasonry is like that of other stone structures in the New Market Region which have been dated in the period about 1830-1840. Land record research for this survey has not confirmed this date, but detailed examination of early deed indexes may provide earlier references to support the date. The north section of the house is a two-story frame building erected about 1875 with five bays facing north and a vinyl exterior cladding. Interior end chimneys are at the east and west gable ends and a one-story porch extends across the elevation. The corrugated metal porch roof is supported on square posts on brick piers. The windows are 2/2 with replacement shutters. The center entrance has a 4-light transom and sidelights and the door has arched molding panels. The main roof is standing seam metal. The east elevation has modern picture windows on the first story and 2/2 attic windows. The west elevation also has altered window bays on the first story with 6/6 sash and a three-part modern window. The 2/2 attic windows are as on the east elevation. The modern addition has both stone and brick veneer and an exterior stone chimney on the south elevation. The interior has been extensively altered and its historical integrity has been lowered to a minimal level. The date of this section appears to correspond approximately with Abraham W. Nusbaum's acquisition of the property from his father in 1876, although a mantelpiece removed from the north section stored in the frame shed behind the house seems to date from the 1840's, leaving open a possibility that part of the north section may be older or that the mantelpiece was re-used in the 1870's.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
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Specific dates C. 1840; C. 1875–1938 **Builder/Architect**

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 Abraham W. Nusbaum Farmstead is moderately significant in architecture for the unusual design of the wagon shed/corn crib, built about 1880–1890 with a projecting loft over a bowstring arched soffit. The design was probably provided by an agricultural outbuilding catalog which has not yet been identified. During the late 19th and early 20th centuries, catalog designs for farm dwellings and outbuildings became common and usually had ornamental features which embellished the functional purposes of the structures. In this case, the loft area of the shed was given prominence while the curved soffit allowed passage of loaded wagons into the drive-through without impediments. The dwelling is minimally significant in architecture because of its extensive alterations over several periods, which obscure its building history. The stone section of the house was probably built in the 1840's, possibly by Adam Nusbaum (1803–1877), father of Abraham W. Nusbaum (1828–1916), who purchased the farm from the father in 1876. Abraham was responsible for the expansion of the dwelling and for building the wagon shed/corn crib and the upper structure of the barn. Nusbaum retired from active farming in 1889 and lived from that year to his death in 1916 in Libertytown. His son George McC. Nusbaum (1862–1926) and his descendants ran the farm until 1952. The 136 acres of the property have remained mostly intact from 1876 to the present.

7.1 Description (Continued)

Meathouse: The log meathouse is located southwest of the dwelling. It has a stone foundation and clapboard exterior siding. The gable roof is corrugated metal. A low vertical board door is located on the east elevation. The meathouse was probably built about 1840.

Frame shed: A one-story frame shed located immediately south of the dwelling's rear wing appears to date from the last quarter of the 19th century. Its original use has not been determined, but it is now a storage shed. The foundation is stone and the exterior is covered with vertical boards. The gable roof is covered with corrugated metal. The doorway is on the north elevation.

Wagon shed/corn crib: The wagon shed/corn crib is located north of the house and was probably built in the 1880's or 1890's. Its appearance is dominated by the projecting loft over the drive-through passage on the north and south elevations. The lower edge of the loft has a bowstring arched profile. The loft has 4/2 windows in each elevation and horizontal siding on the cribs. The roof is corrugated metal. Vertical board swing doors enclose the drive-through. The design of the wagon shed is unusual for this structural type in Frederick County. It was probably purchased through a farm building catalog which is as yet unidentified.

Bank barn: The frame bank barn has a stone foundation and was probably built originally in the 1840's or 1850's. The upper structure appears to date from the late 19th century. It has vertical siding with rectangular louvred vents. The stone foundation on the south has a brick arch at the southeast corner and a 6/6 window in the center of the foundation. The roof is corrugated metal. Shed additions adjoin the north and east elevations. The sliding doors on the west elevation are tongue-and-groove.

Dairy barn, milk house, and pump house: The concrete block dairy barn and milk house and the frame pump house were built about 1938, according to the current owner, Mr. Garver. The barn has plain blocks with lighter colored blocks at the corners and a gambrel standing seam metal roof. The gable faces are german siding. Vents stand on the ridge of the roof. On the south side of the barn is the milk house and in a corresponding location on the north side is a feed room, both linked to the barn by covered walkways. The frame pump house has german siding and 3/3 windows. A five-panel door is in the west elevation. The gable roof is covered with corrugated metal. On the south elevation is a sliding tongue-and-groove door.

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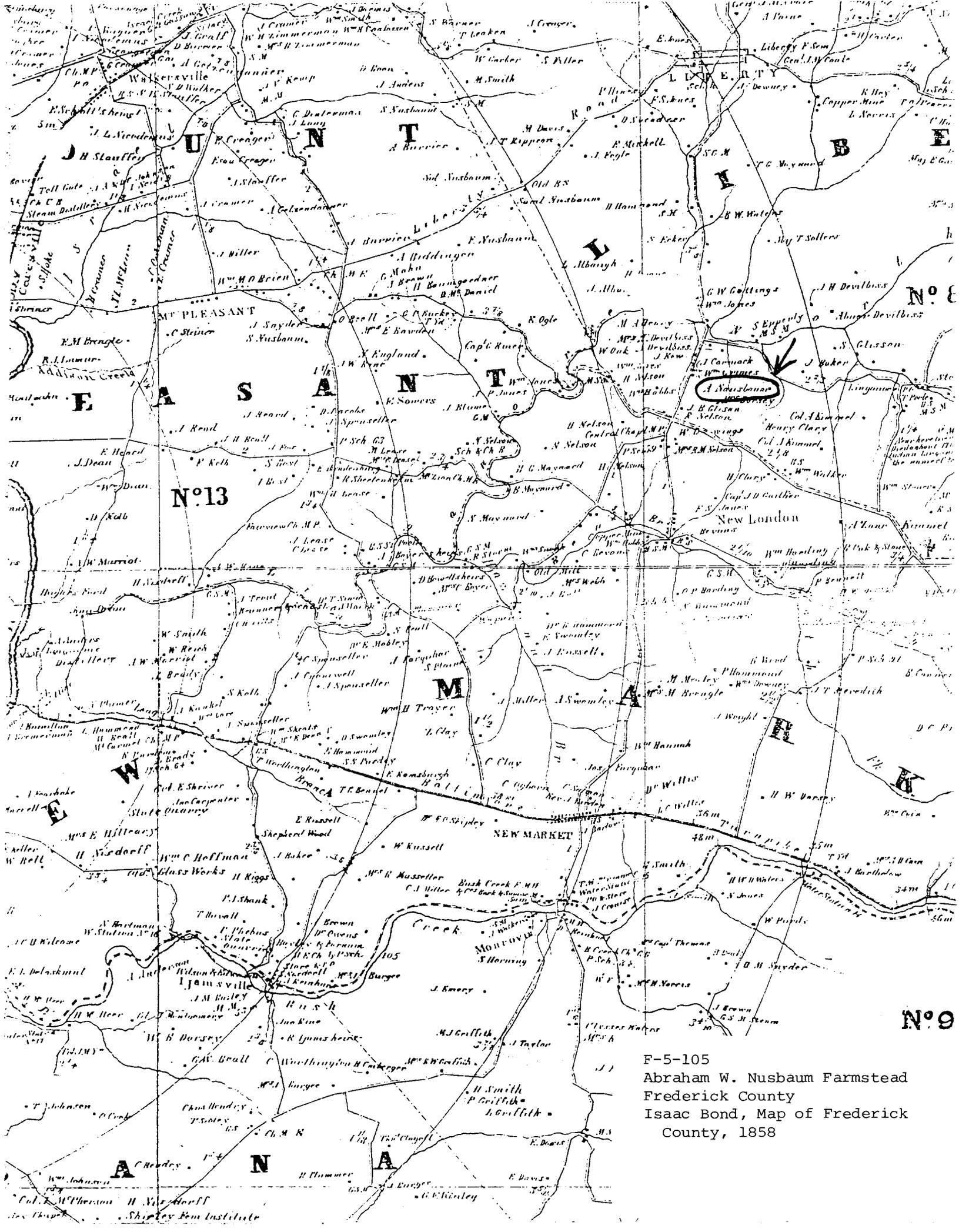
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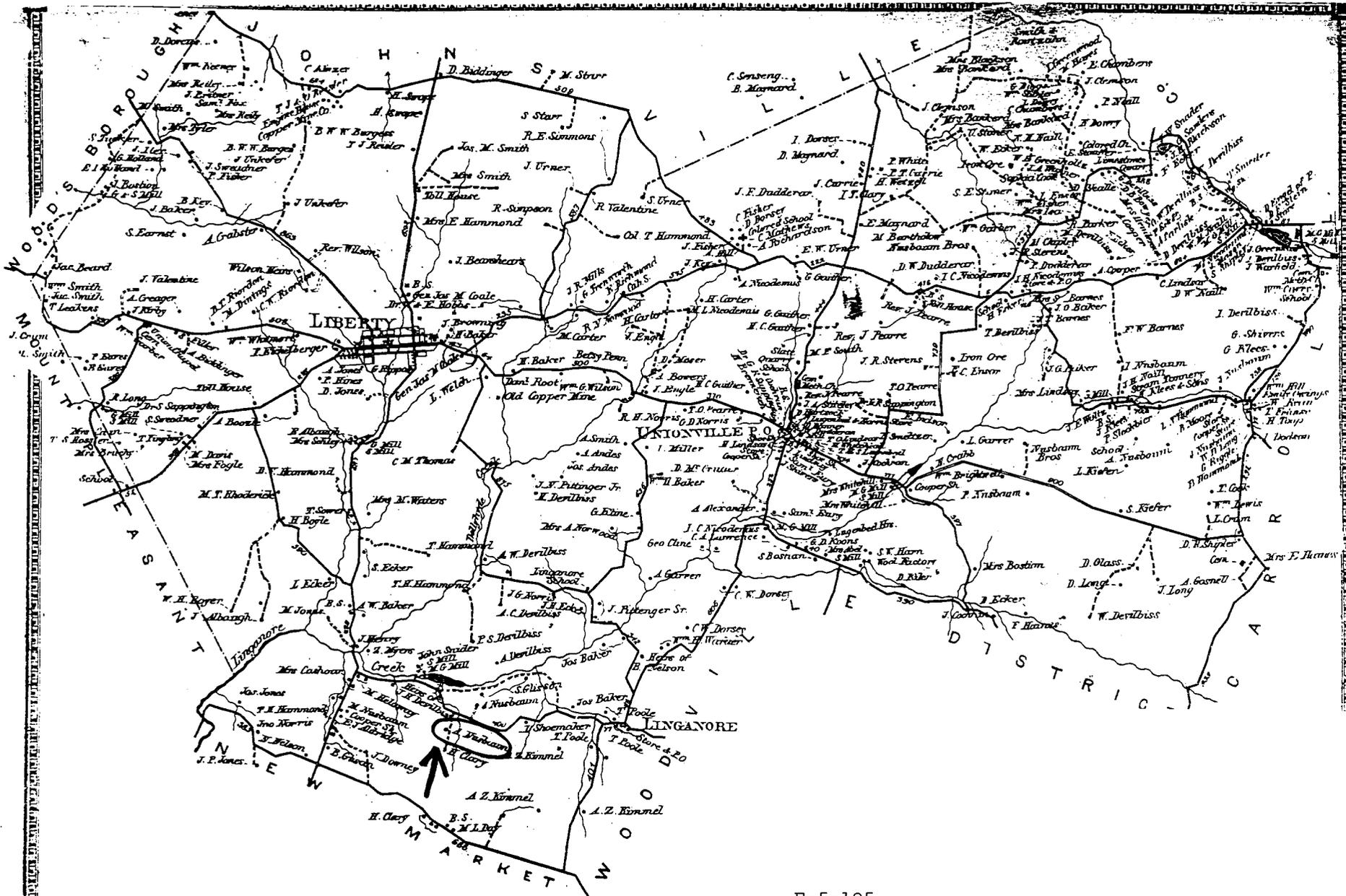
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681/360 1 Apr 63	Carl E. & Grace L. Gamer	Henry R. & Evelyn L. Reynolds	136A. 2 1/4 p.	
501/372 1 Apr 52	Harry R. & Evelyn L. Reynolds	Lola M. & Marshall H. Nelson	136A., 2 1/4 p.	
460/43 16 Dec 46	Lola M. & Marshall H. Nelson	Helen E. Mock		
460/42 16 Dec 46	Helen E. Mock	Lola M. Nelson et ux		
374/45 15 Mar 30	Annie M. Nusbaum & Lola M. Nelson	H. Kieffer DeLauter	136A. 2 1/4 p.	
374/44 15 Mar 30	H. Kieffer DeLauter	Annie M. Nusbaum, widow		
320/94 13 Jan 17	George Mc C. Nusbaum & Annie M. Nusbaum	D. Princeton Buckey et ux		
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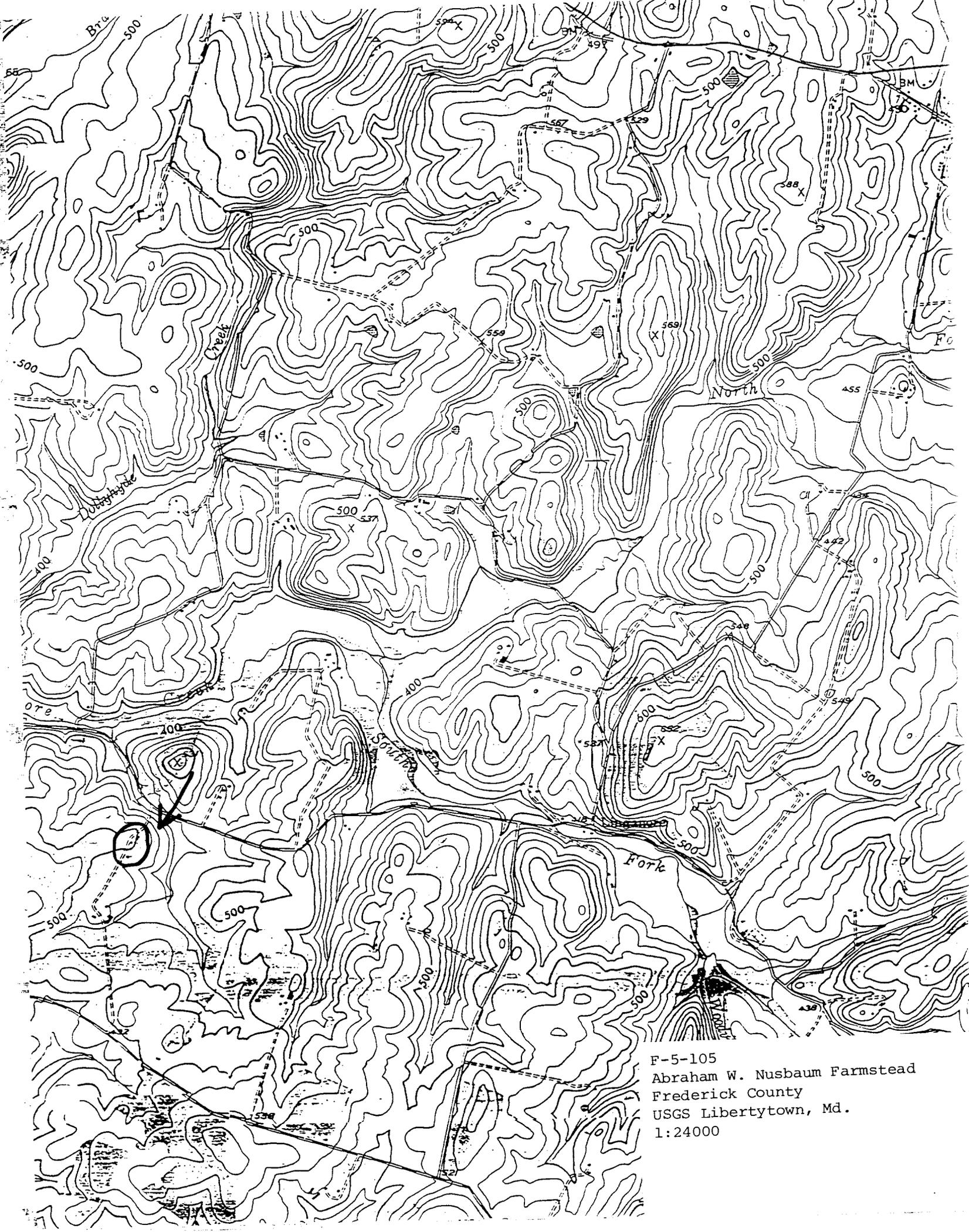
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Isaac Bond, Map of Frederick
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USGS Libertytown, Md.
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