

F-5-112
Nelson-Norris Log House
New Market vicinity
Private

Ca. 1850

The Nelson-Norris Log House is an unoccupied, partially rehabilitated log dwelling built about 1850, probably as a tenant farmer's house on the lands of Henry Nelson. It was purchased with about 128 acres in 1862 by John Norris (1803-1873) in whose family it remained until 1944. Its log structure is revealed by the partial removal of the german siding which covered its exterior until recent years. The south elevation has a center entrance with a 6-panel door and a whitewashed, plastered wall surface on the first story. This may indicate that a one-story porch, now missing covered the entrance level. The upper story has german siding still in place. The log structure is revealed on the east gable end and in deteriorated sections of the german siding on the west gable end. A two-story rear wing has modern plywood siding, now weathered and in fair condition on the west elevation, and a one-story porch with a deteriorated shed roof on the east elevation. The building is a fair representative of a mid-19th century log dwelling.

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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

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

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Nelson-Norris Log House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 11548 Old Annapolis Road ___ not for publication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 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 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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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 checked="" 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 Alice R. Smith and Elizabeth Ellen Delap

street & number 7550 Green Valley Road telephone no.:

city, town Frederick state and zip code Md. 21701

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1766

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 476

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-5-112

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input checked="" 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: 1

The Nelson-Norris Log House is a two-story exposed log dwelling built about 1850 on the north side of Old Annapolis Road about 0.4 mile east of Linganore Creek near New Market, Frederick County, Maryland. The house is currently unoccupied and appears to have been partially rehabilitated in the recent past, with modern plywood siding on the west side of the two-story rear wing and evidence of late 19th century german siding on the main section having been partially removed. Work does not seem to have been carried on for at least a year. The date of the building is based on architectural evidence, historical maps, and land records.

The principal south elevation has two bays on the first story and three on the second story. A one-story porch may have sheltered the facade, but has been removed. German siding over the log structure remains in place on the second story. A weathered 6-panel door is in the center entrance. The exterior of the first story is covered with whitewashed plaster. The windows are 6/6 with some louvred shutters still in place. The roof is covered with corrugated metal and interior end chimneys are on the east and west gable ends. The east gable end has no openings except a centered attic level window which is boarded. The gable face still is covered with german siding, but the lower log wall has been stripped of its cladding, leaving the vertical studs to which the german siding was attached still in place. The west gable end has no openings except a single 6/6 window in the first story and a cellar entrance with a vertical board door in the exposed stone foundation. The german siding is in place, but in very deteriorated condition.

The two-story rear wing has vertical plywood siding on the west elevation, with two bays containing 6/6 windows above the exposed stone foundation. The north gable end of the wing is also covered with the plywood siding and has a single centered first story window. An off-center enclosed chimney rises from the corrugated metal roof. The east side of the wing has a one-story porch with a metal shed roof. The roof supports are in poor condition and the door and window openings on the first story are boarded. The north elevation of the main section reveals two bays of 6/6 windows and partially removed german siding. The interior of the house was inaccessible for this survey.

8. Significance

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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
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Specific dates C. 1850 **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 Nelson-Norris Log House is a fair representative of the mid-19th century log dwelling, although its current neglected and deteriorating condition has lowered its integrity, as have the unfinished rehabilitations which left plywood siding on the rear wing. The house was probably built about 1850 by Henry Nelson or a tenant farmer of Nelson's large holdings in the vicinity (see Nelson-Jones House, F-5-89). In 1858, Henry sold a 128-1/4 acre farm, part of "Nathan's Undertaking", to John Henry Nelson, who in turn sold it in 1862 to John Norris (1803-1873). His descendants apparently continued to hold the farm as an investment, with tenants occupying the log house, until 1944.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-5-112

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.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1 acre

Quadrangle name Walkersville, Md.

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Approximately 1 acre centered on the log house on Tax Map 69, Parcel 40.

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

state code county code

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date August 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.

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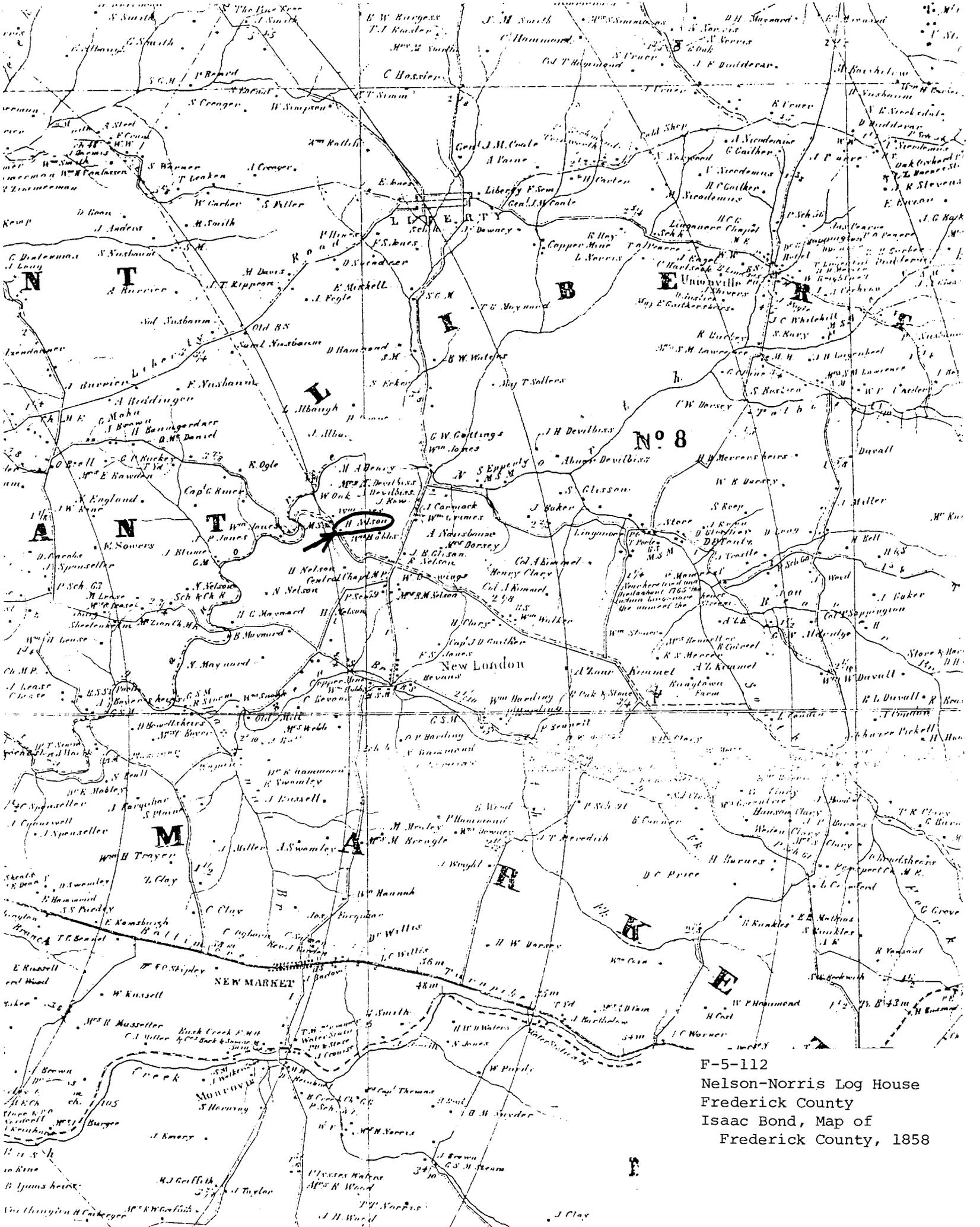
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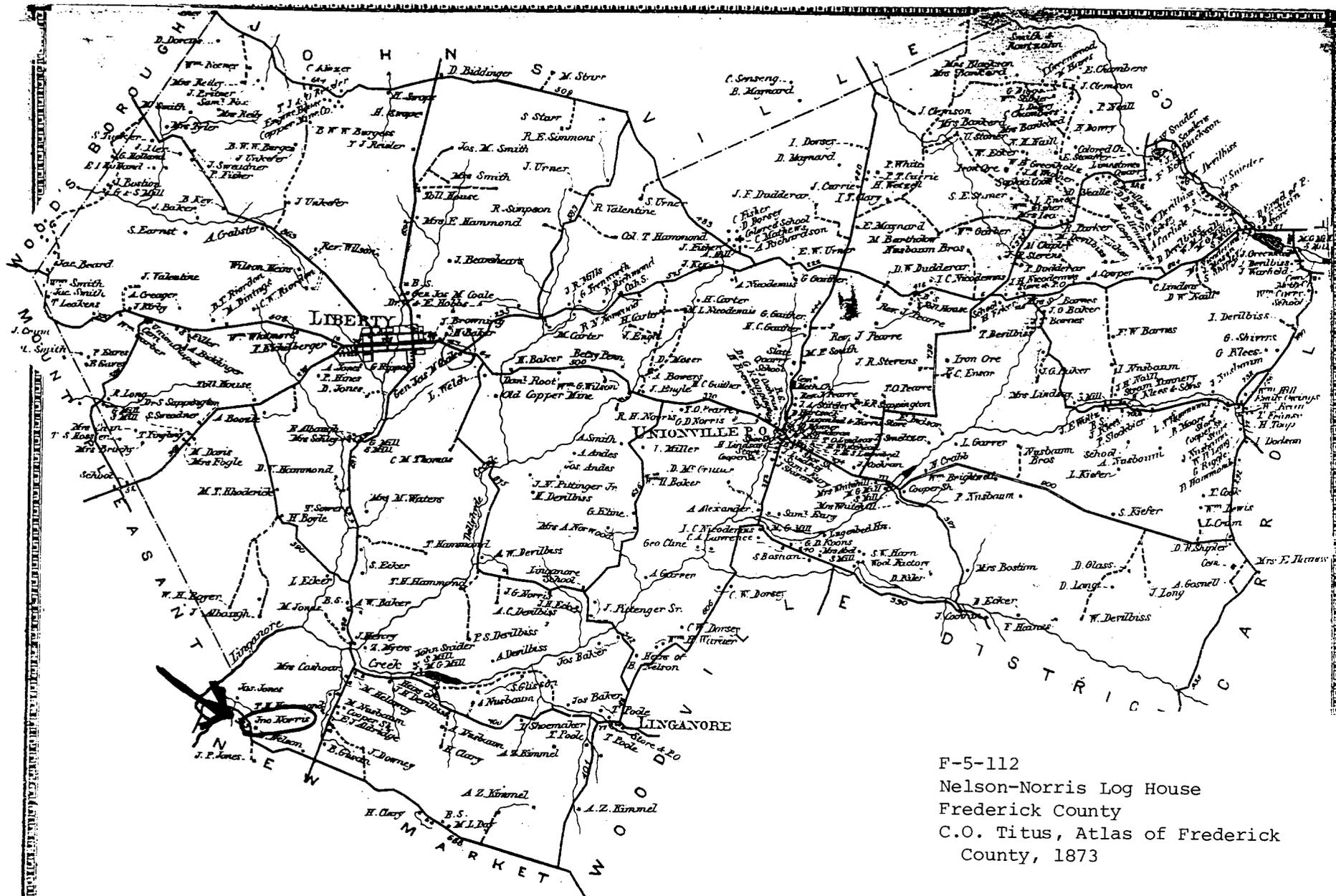
11548 Old Annapolis Rd.

Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Original Tracts, Miscellaneous	Cost
1766 / 476 27 Feb 92	Alice R. Smith & Elizabeth Ellen Delap	Alice R. Smith	128 1/4 A., 20 sq. p. less 1.4426 A. conveyed to Robert Minge & Elizabeth Ellen Delap 1006/109	
553 / 181 13 Sept 55	Charles S. Smith jr. & Alice R. Smith	Gladys B. Virts (aka) Fox & Raymond Fox	128 1/4 A., 20 sq. p.	
444 / 367 14 Nov 44	Gladys B. Virts	Charles H. Barrick et al heirs of Ariana M. Barrick	128 1/4 A., 20 sq. p.	
TG 2 / 657 24 Nov 1874	Ariana M. Barrick	Henry M. Morris. exec. of LW & T of John Morris, dec.	128 1/4 A., 20 sq. p.	\$4,118
BGF 8 / 430 30 Mar 1862	John Morris	John Henry & Jennie M. Nelson	128 1/4 A. 20 sq. p.	\$5,500
BGF # / 399 1 Apr 1858	John Henry Nelson (farmer)	Henry & Sarah Nelson (farmer)	part of "Nathan's Undertaking" " " "Partnership" 128 1/4 A. 20 sq. p. (no mention of improvement)	\$2,635

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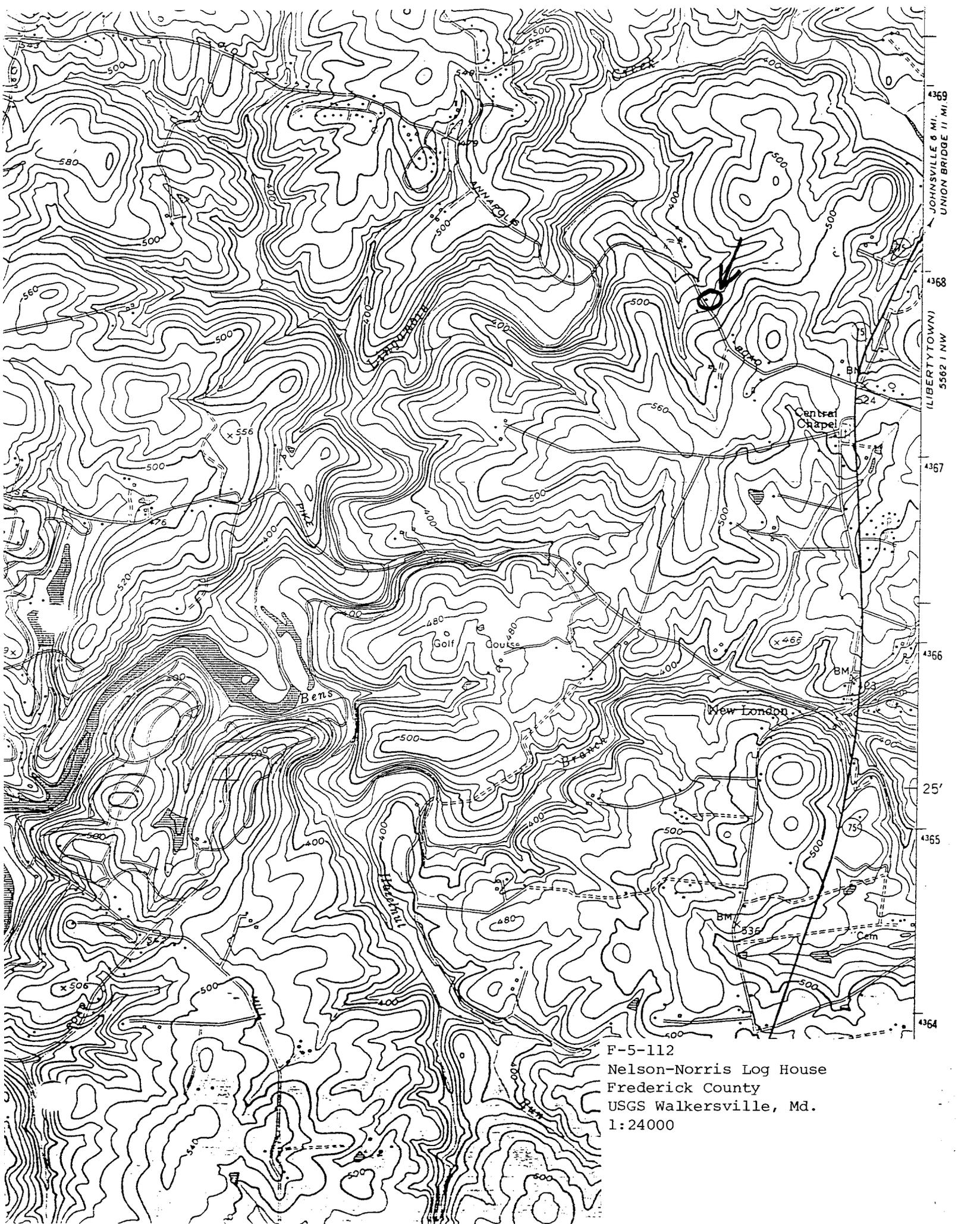
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Isaac Bond, Map of
Frederick County, 1858



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 County, 1873

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