

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: W.B. Nelson Farm Survey Number: CARR-~~CR~~-1364

Project: Westminster Bypass Agency: SHA

Site visit by MHT Staff:  no  yes Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility not recommended

Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

The property known as the W.B. Nelson House is located at the end of a long farm road, on the east side of Nelson Road, near the intersection of MD 97 and MD 32 in Fenby, south of Westminster, Carroll County, MD. The property consists of a mid-to late 19th-century farmhouse and several mid-20th-century domestic and agricultural outbuildings and is not considered eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Built in the last quarter of the 19th century, the primary residence on the property is a two-story frame dwelling built into a bank and raised, on one site, upon a high foundation. The house is covered with a gable roof with a brick end chimney and has a two-story, gable roof rear ell. A shed-roof porch, partially enclosed, extends across the three-bay facade. The house is representative of the rural domestic building forms of the period and lacks the architectural distinctiveness and integrity necessary to qualify it for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C. The property is not known to have any associations with persons or events significant to our past and is thus not eligible under Criteria A or B.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Review and Compliance Files

Prepared by: Rita Suffness, Cultural Resources Group Leader, SHA, June 2, 1993

Kimberly Prothro Williams June 13, 1996  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable  
PKH 4/21/97  
Reviewer, NR program Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
- Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
- Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
- Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Paleo-Indian 10000-7500 B.C.
- Early Archaic 7500-6000 B.C.
- Middle Archaic 6000-4000 B.C.
- Late Archaic 4000-2000 B.C.
- Early Woodland 2000-500 B.C.
- Middle Woodland 500 B.C. - A.D. 900
- Late Woodland/Archaic A.D. 900-1600
- Contact and Settlement A.D. 1570-1750
- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
- Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
- Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
- Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
- Unknown Period (  prehistoric  historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- Subsistence
- Settlement
- Political
- Demographic
- Religion
- Technology
- Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
- Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
- Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
- Government/Law
- Military
- Religion
- Social/Educational/Cultural
- Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single Dwelling, secondary structure; Subsistence/Agriculture/barns

Known Design Source: \_\_\_\_\_

W.B. Nelson Farm  
Fenby, Westminster  
Carroll County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

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

Chronological/Development Period:

Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930 A.D.  
Modern Period 1930-Present A.D.

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:

Agriculture  
Architecture

Resource Type:

Category: Buildings

Environment: Rural

Function & Use:

Domestic/Single dwelling/residence

Agriculture/Subsistence/storage/granary

Agriculture/Subsistence/animal facility/barn

Known Design Source: None



# 7. Description

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

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET 7.1

# 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** ca. 1868, 1934-1960's **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.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET 8.1



W.B. Nelson Farm  
Continuation Sheet 7.1

Description

This farm is reached by means of a long farm road extending east from Nelson Road near the intersection of MD 97 and MD 32 in Fenby, south of Westminster, in Carroll County. The farm had its genesis in 40 acres that William Burgess Nelson bought for his wife, Aborilla Buckingham Nelson, in 1868. The south facing portion of the ell-shaped structure, built into a bank along the north side, is the only structure which pre-dates the current owner's acquisition of the property in 1934. The interior of this original portion of the dwelling has been completely transformed, as staircases, windows, plaster and moldings were removed. This original two-over-two, three-bay block was converted to a kitchen on the east side and dining room on the west side, when the rear addition was added in 1958. The corncrib was built in the 1960's, the bank barn in 1928, corncrib #2 in 1950, the hog house in 1939, and other sundry sheds built in the same time frame. A concrete block garage is the latest addition.

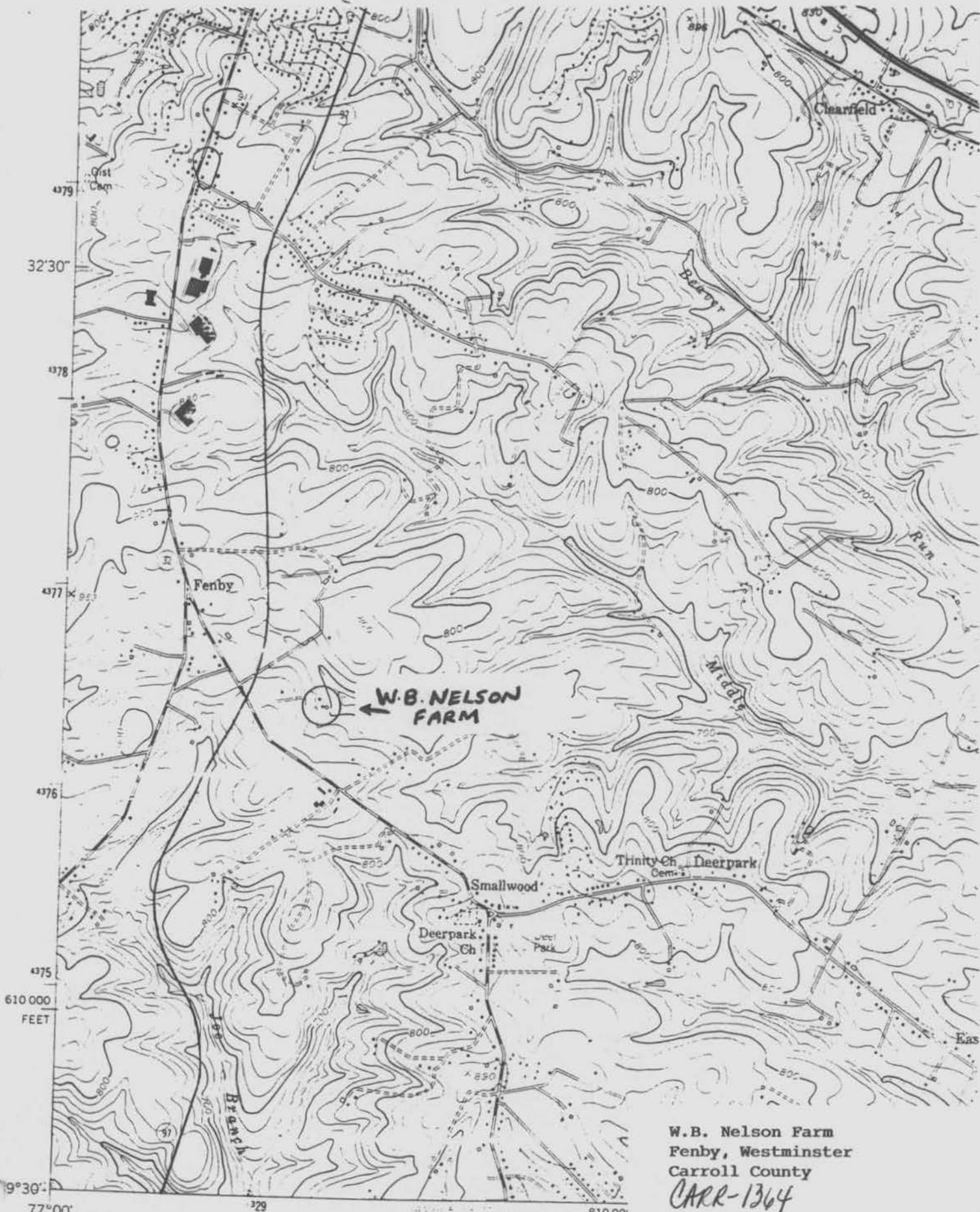
Evidently a dwelling had existed on the site prior to Nelson constructing the original dwelling, but it was not extant in 1868 when W.B. Nelson bought the property.

W.B. Nelson Farm  
Continuation Sheet 8.1

Significance

This modest, mostly mid-to-late-nineteenth century farmstead, originated with W.B. Nelson, who moved there after his marriage to the daughter of a local family, the Buckingham.

Although the farm is illustrative of the continued reliance of Carroll County residents on the farming of small tracts to the present, and the agricultural outbuildings, built from 1934 through the 1960's, are in good condition, the abundance of farms of this date and size, plus loss of integrity of the dwelling, render this site of marginal significance.



W.B. Nelson Farm  
 Fenby, Westminister  
 Carroll County  
 CARR-1364

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 QUADRANGLE

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 Edited and published by the Geological Survey  
 Control by USGS, USC&GS, and USSCS  
 Topography from aerial photographs

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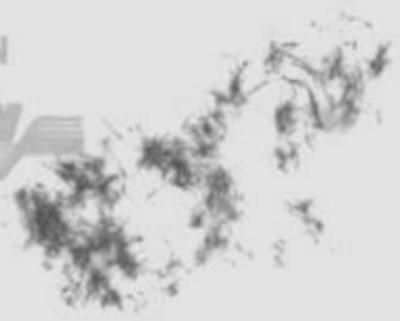
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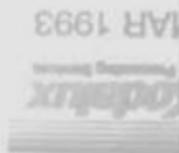
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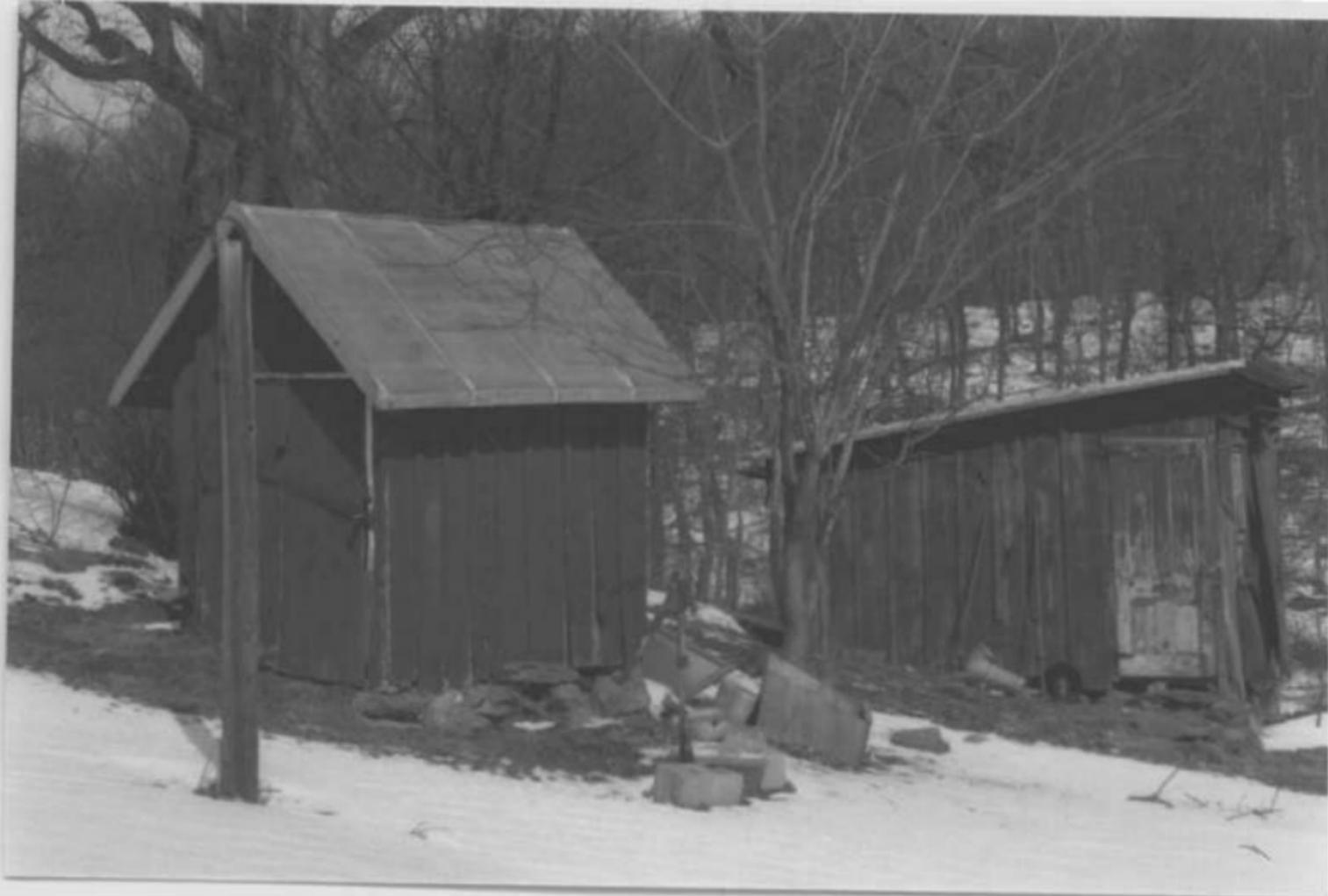
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