

F-1-188

Joseph N. Chiswell Farmstead; "Ellerslie"
Buckeystown vicinity
Private

Ca. 1852-1930

The Joseph N. Chiswell Farmstead is centered on a circa 1852 brick house with Greek Revival details, principally the side-hall plan and a three-part window on the second story above the entrance. Considerable alteration has taken place, particularly on the first story porch, which has been completely replaced, and on the rear wing, where the original two-story open porch has been partially enclosed and extended. The farmstead includes a deteriorated windmill, a pump house, and a probable meathouse with concrete plastered walls and extended log ends protruding from its upper walls. With its flat roof, it has an almost Southwestern appearance. A frame wagon shed/corn crib, a bank barn, and a chicken house are also in the building group. Most of the outbuildings date from the period about 1890-1930. The farmstead's significance is primarily based on its Greek Revival dwelling, a fair example of the style, although much altered. The farm was named "Ellerslie" by Joseph N. Chiswell, the first president of the Buckeystown Pike Company, formed about 1865-1870 to improve transportation on the existing road between Frederick and the mouth of the Monocacy River. Tollhouses and improved road surfaces helped open access through the former lands of Carrollton Manor, of which Ellerslie was one part. Chiswell purchased the farm in 1852 from Emily McTavish, one of the heirs of Charles Carroll of Carrollton.

F-1-188

Joseph N. Chiswell Farmstead
Buckeystown
Frederick 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:
Agricultural-Industrial Transition, A.D. 1815-1870
Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

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

Resource Types:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function & Use
Domestic/single dwelling/residence
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****1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Joseph N. Chiswell Farmstead; "Ellerslie"

and/or common

2. Locationstreet & number 3020A Buckeystown Pike not for publicationcity, town Buckeystown 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 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	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 Beattie Irene Renn

street & number 1317 Hughes Ford Rd. 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 1690

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 77

city, town Frederick state Md. 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

repository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. F-1-188

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 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: 6

The Joseph N. Chiswell Farmstead is an agricultural-residential complex centered on a circa 1852 brick dwelling with Greek Revival details and five outbuildings and structures dating from about 1875-1930, including a deteriorated windmill and pump house, a possible meathouse, a wagon shed/corn crib, a chicken house, and a frame bank barn. The farmstead is located on the west side of Buckeystown Pike (Md. 85) about 3/4 mile south of Buckeystown, Frederick County, Maryland. The farmstead is sited on open, generally flat land at the end of a driveway from Buckeystown Pike which continues westwardly past the farmstead to a secondary outbuilding group not described in this inventory form. The principal elevation of the house faces east and the outbuildings are located west of the house. Dates for the structures are based on architectural details, land records, historical maps, and local histories.

The dwelling has a three-bay east elevation with 5:1 American bond walls. The entrance is in the north bay and a one-story porch extends across the facade. The north bay second story has a three-part window with a dominant central sash and narrow sidelights. Outlines on the brick wall surface around the door show the outline of a bracketed porch which the present porch replaced in the mid-20th century. It has a concrete block base, plain posts, and a shed roof. The windows have 6/6 sash with plain wood lintels and corner blocks. The doorway has a 7-light transom with sidelights. The cornice is corbeled brick and the roof is covered with modern composition material. The four interior end chimneys have parapet walls at the gable ends. The north elevation of the house has only a single central 6/6 window at the attic level; the south elevation has the attic window and a single bay near the southwest corner. Each story has a 6/6 window. A two-story rear wing with an interior end chimney extends from the northwest corner of the house. A one-story porch is located on the north side of the wing and a two-level porch with the first story enclosed in brick and extended in size is on the south elevation. A frame extension with german siding on the first story is at the southwest corner. The second story of the porch has a somewhat deteriorated scroll-sawn balustrade and an ornamental bargeboard trim. The interior of the house was inaccessible for this survey.

Outbuildings:

Windmill and pump house and possible meathouse: The deteriorated frame of a windmill is located southwest of the house, with two square structures, at least one of which is probably a pump house, located on the east and west sides of its base. The windmill has a few of its vanes and the rudder intact. The eastern structure is a flat topped, square concrete building with a slightly battered wall plane. Logs protrude from the walls near the top. Although the interior of the structure was inaccessible, its form also suggests that it was built as a meathouse. A single board door is on the east elevation. The probable pump house is a frame structure sited at an angle to the windmill, facing northeast, with tongue-and-groove siding and a corrugated gable roof. A single tongue-and-groove door is located on the northeast side. The windmill and pump house appear to have been built about 190. The date of the possible meathouse is undetermined, but may be of the same period.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input 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 checked="" 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. 1852 - 1930 **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 Joseph N. Chiswell Farmstead has moderate significance in architecture based on the Greek Revival dwelling built about 1852 by Chiswell. It is a fair example of the side-hall plan dwelling of the period with its principal Greek Revival detail being the three-part window in the second floor. This type of window is one of the characteristic styles of the Greek Revival, growing out of the Palladian type of the Georgian and Federal styles which usually had arched frames. In the Greek Revival, the frames are almost always rectangular. The farmstead's association with Chiswell is of moderate significance. He was the first president of the Buckeystown Pike Company which was formed about 1860-1870 to promote and construct an improved public toll road from Frederick to the mouth of the Monocacy River. Buckeystown Pike, with the New Design Road, were the two main routes through the former Carrollton Manor lands which constituted most of the southern Adamstown Region. Chiswell's farm was known as "Ellerslie" and its highly visible location on one of the flatest sections of the Region underscored the importance of the public road which ran along its eastern boundary. Chiswell was also a captain in the Manor Mounted Guards, a local militia troop founded in the vicinity of Buckeystown about 1858 with members from most of the prominent landholders in the Carrollton Manor property. He was, like most of his neighbors, a strong Confederate supporter and at least one of his six sons, William T. Chiswell, served in the Confederate army. During the Civil War, Chiswell's Ellerslie was reportedly a "safe haven" for many Southern soldiers, and the then-uncut Manor Woods bordering the western edge of the farm afforded them a concealed escape route. The woods have since been considerably reduced in size and are mostly located near New Design Road.

7.1 Description (Continued)

Wagon shed/corn crib: The frame wagon shed/corn crib was built about 1890-1900 and has german siding and a corrugated metal roof. An attached concrete block shed with sliding doors is located on the east side of the shed, an alteration dating about 1920-1930.

Chicken house: The frame chicken house is a building of the period 1900-1920, based on the tongue-and-groove siding. The shed roof is covered with corrugated metal and the opening on the south elevation is screened by chicken wire.

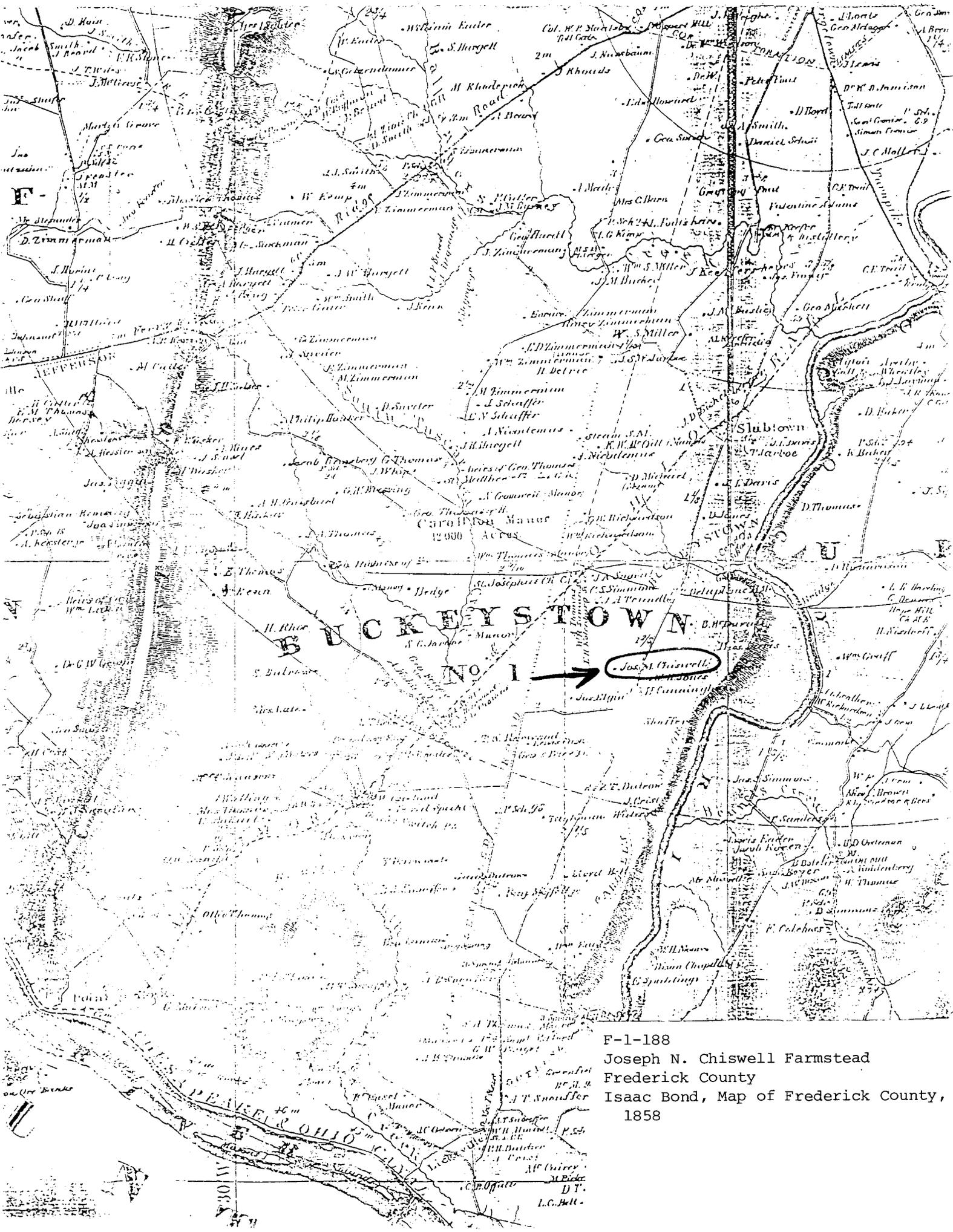
Bank barn: The bank barn is surrounded by several non-contributing loafing and other sheds which appear to have been built from about 1945 to the 1980's. The barn has board and batten siding with rectangular louvred vents. A single vent located in the gable end on the east has a Gothic arched outline. The barn, although its interior was not observed, appears to date from about 1900.

3020A Bushkeystown Pike

Lot Size, Description,
Other Information,
Original Tracts

Liber/Folio	Grantee	Grantor	Lot Size, Description, Other Information, Original Tracts	Cost	Miscellaneous
1690/77 28 Jan 91	Beattie Irene Kerr	Beattie Irene Kerr pers. rep. of estate of Wm. H. Zimmerman, Jr., dec	171.77 A.		
1604/260 14 Nov 89	Wm. H. Zimmerman memor. pt.	Beattie Irene Kerr & Wm. H. Zimmerman Jr., pers. reps. of estate of Wm. H. Zimmerman, undivided	171.77 A.		E 52/275
460/35 12 Dec 46	Wm. H. & Eliza beth H. Zimmer man	Buckingham School of Sub. Co.	Farm A., part of Lot No. 5 of "Carrollton"		
DHH 3/289 14 Jan 1899	Buckingham School	Daniel & Mary E. Baker	1st parcel 170 A. 170	\$15,000	
DHH 3/288 14 Jan 1899	Daniel & Mary E. Baker	Wm. S. & S. Ella Baker	170 A. 1st parcel	\$20,000	
DHH 3/172 23 Nov 1898	Wm. S. Baker	Joseph M. Chis- well et ux	1st parcel 170 A. 13 p.	\$14,500	
(several deeds from heirs)	Joseph M. Chiswell & Franklin W. Chiswell	Virginia Chiswell et al, widow & children of Joseph M. Chiswell Sr.			
ES 2/275 31 Mar 1852	Joseph M. Chiswell Sr.	Emily & John MacSausch			
JS 2/472 7 Feb 1821	Emily MacSausch	Charles Carroll of Carrollton			

E-1-188

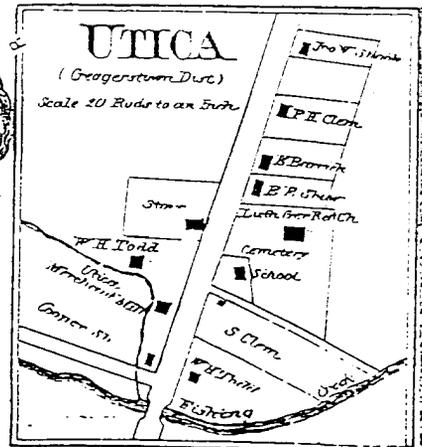
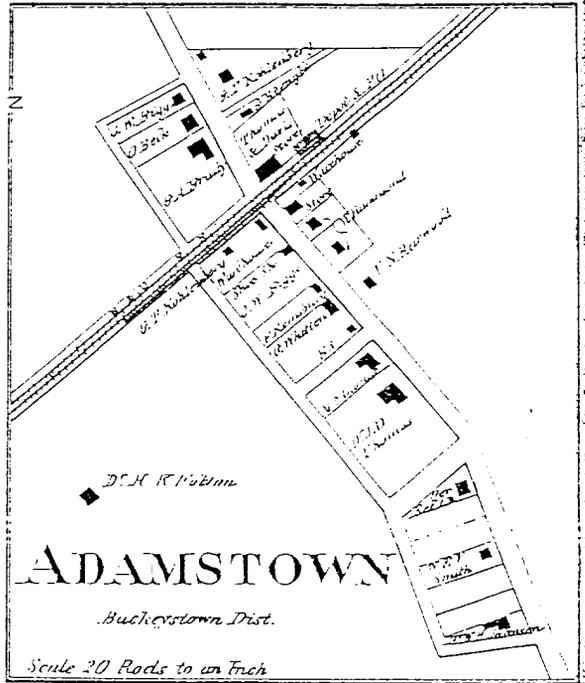
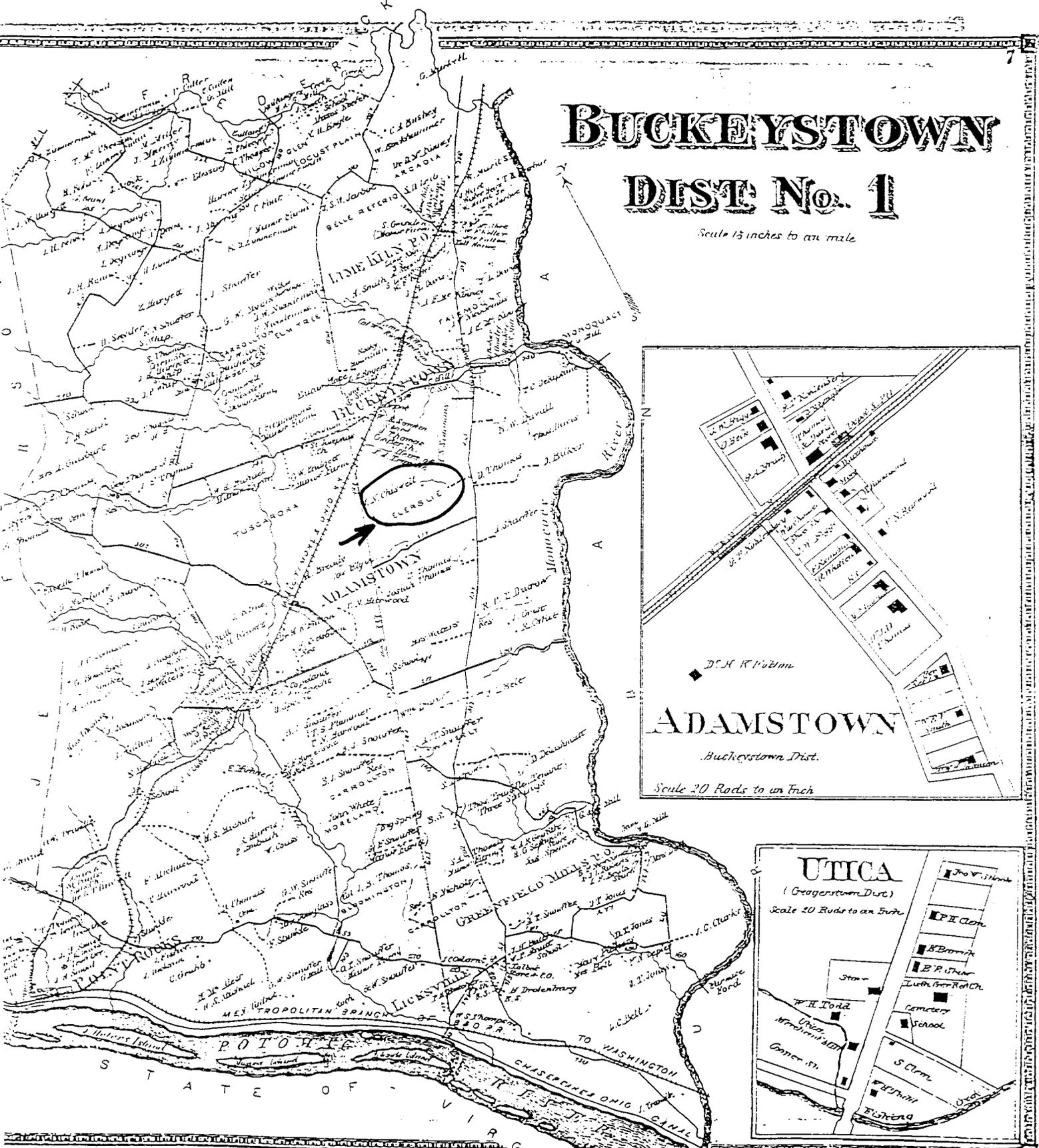


F-1-188
 Joseph N. Chiswell Farmstead
 Frederick County
 Isaac Bond, Map of Frederick County,
 1858

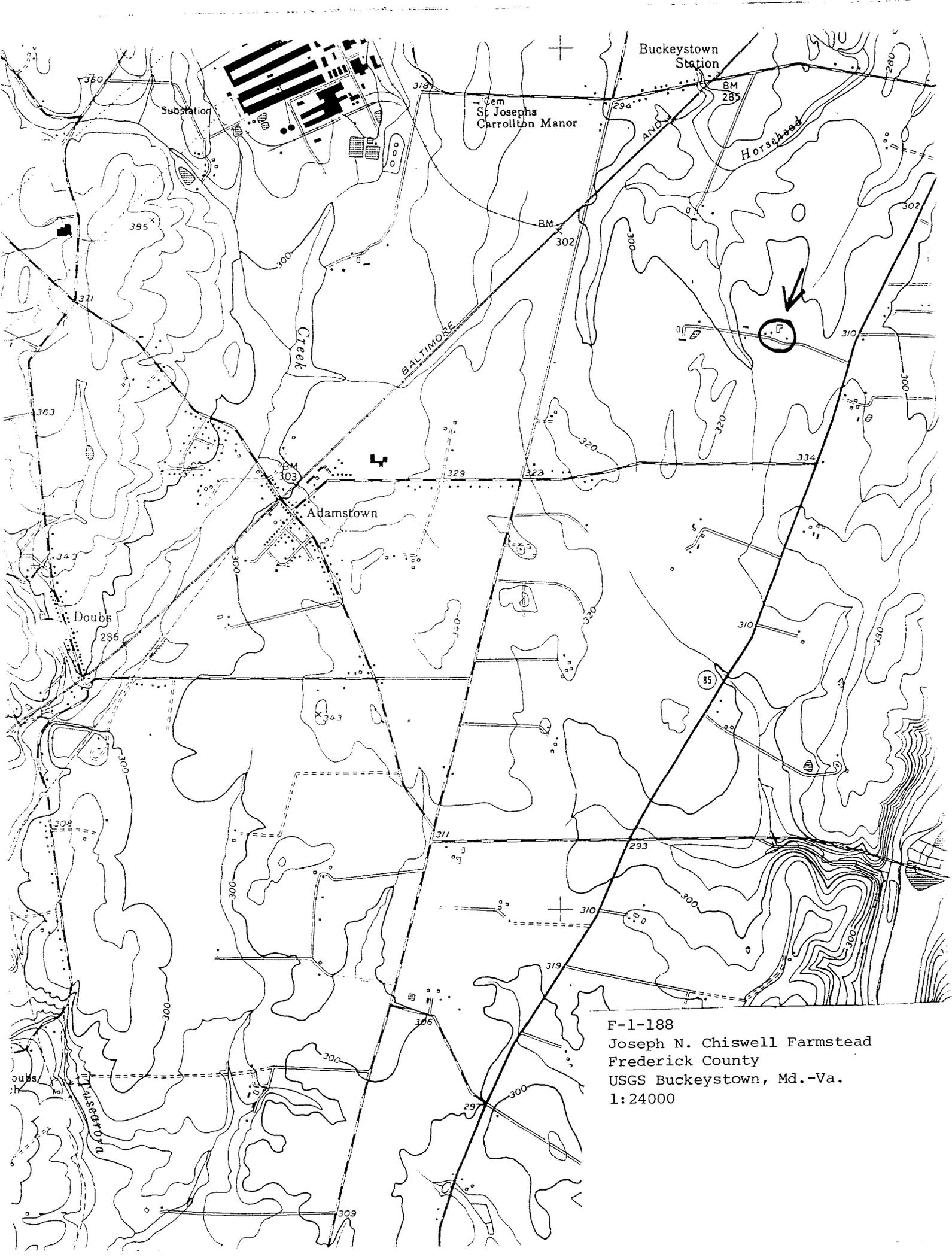
BUCKEYSTOWN

DIST No. 1

Scale 15 inches to an mile



F-1-188
Joseph N. Chiswell Farmstead
Frederick County
C.O. Titus, Atlas of Frederick
County, 1873



F-1-188
Joseph N. Chiswell Farmstead
Frederick County
USGS Buckeystown, Md.-Va.
1:24000



F-1-188

Joseph N. Chiswell Farmstead

Frederick County

Photo: Janet Davis

June 1993

Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.

Northeast corner view

1/5



F-1-188

Joseph N. Chiswell Farmstead
Frederick County

Photo: Janet Davis

June 1993

Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville Md.
Southwest corner view

2/5



F-1-188

Joseph N. Chiswell Farmstead

Frederick County

Photo: Janet Davis

June 1993

Neg. loc.: Mt. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.

Windmill + pump house + smokehouse,
view from northeast

3/5



F-1-188

Joseph N. Chiswell Farmstead

Frederick County

Photo: Janet Davis

June 1993

Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md

Bank barn, east elevation

4/5



F-1-188

Joseph N. Chiswell Farmstead
Frederick County

Photo: Janet Davis

June 1993

Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.
Wagon shed/corn crib, south elevation
5/5