

F-8-125  
Samuel Nusbaum Farmstead

Ca. 1840

Libertytown, Maryland

Frederick County, Maryland

Private

The Samuel Nusbaum Farmstead is an agricultural grouping consisting of a stone dwelling house of two stories with a rear ell built about 1840 and a circa 1840 stone springhouse, along with three other domestic outbuildings and four agricultural outbuildings dating from the period 1875-1900. It is significant for the well-preserved interior architectural features in the dwelling, including chair rails, paneled cupboards, and Greek Revival-influenced mantelpieces in the two main rooms of the first story. The farm buildings illustrate the progression of agricultural technology and government regulation in the presence of the corn crib, bank barn, and the 1940's dairy barn.

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Libertytown, Maryland vicinity  
Frederick County, Maryland

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 1815-1870 A.D.  
Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930 A.D.  
Modern Period 1930-Present A.D.

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

Resource Type:  
Category: Buildings

Environment: Rural

Function & Use:  
Domestic/Single dwelling/residence  
Domestic/secondary structure/kitchen  
Agriculture/Subsistence/storage/granary  
Agriculture/Subsistence/animal facility/barn

Known Design Source: None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND HISTORIC  
PROPERTY

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Samuel Nusbaum Farmstead

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 8215-B Chestnut Grove Road \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Libertytown ·  vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

## 3. Classification

<b>Category</b>	<b>Ownership</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Present Use</b>	
<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	<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 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 Austin M. Hamilton

street & number 8215-A Chestnut Grove 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 401

street & number 100 W. Patrick St. folio 589

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**

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

**Check one**

unaltered  
 altered

**Check one**

original site  
 moved    date of move \_\_\_\_\_

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

Contributing Resource Count: 10

(Typed on separate sheet)

# 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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<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 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** Ca. 1940 **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.

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## 7.1 Description

The Samuel Nusbaum Farmstead is an agricultural complex centered on a circa 1840 stone dwelling house with two stories, a one-story porch, and a rear ell, and four contributing domestic outbuildings, including a two-level stone springhouse of circa 1840, a square concrete block meathouse, a frame summer kitchen, and a chicken house, all of approximately the last quarter of the 19th century. The group also includes 11 agricultural buildings, of which five are contributing, principally a circa 1875 frame bank barn, a frame corn crib of the same period, a circa 1940 concrete block dairy barn, a concrete block milk house, and a concrete silo of the same period. The farmstead is located on the east side of Chestnut Grove Road about 100 yards south of Liberty Road (MD Rt. 26) approximately two miles west of Libertytown, Maryland. The domestic group is located at the end of a driveway along the south side of which the agricultural buildings are placed.

The dwelling is a two-story rubble stone building facing south. Its three-bay main elevation has a center entrance flanked by 6/9 and 6/2 windows. The second story windows are 2/2. The porch has turned columns with a dentil cornice frieze and turned spindle brackets. The door and window surrounds are plain. The door is a modern replacement with a glazed center panel and four light transom. The house has interior end chimneys and a corrugated metal gable roof. The east and west elevations of the main section have no opening, except square 2/2 attic windows and a concrete block bulkhead cellar entrance on the east elevation.

The ell extends northward from the northwest corner of the main section. It is also of stone construction and has a two-story porch on the east elevation with an enclosed lower level. The enclosure is faced with german siding, indicating the enclosure may have taken place in the last quarter of the 19th century. The second story level of the porch is open. The west elevation of the ell has a one-story enclosed porch.

The interior plan of the house has two rooms in the main section. The west room fireplace is flanked by cupboards with paneled doors and an enclosed corner stair in the southwest angle. Both the rooms have simply profiled chair rails and mantelpieces with fluted details in a Greek Revival-influenced style.

### Domestic Outbuildings:

**Summer kitchen:** This is a one-story rectangular plan building located immediately east of the east elevation of the dwelling. It has a standing seam metal roof and tongue-and-groove siding. A single door opening and a window opening are on the south elevation. The function of this building and its approximate date of about 1875 are based on its location near the house and its siding, as most of its interior features are gone. It is in very deteriorated condition.

**Springhouse:** This two-level springhouse may be contemporary with the dwelling. It is located southeast of the house with its rectangular plan at a diagonal to the plane of the house. It has a standing seam gable roof and a single door in the northwest elevation. In the west elevation is a partial 6/6 sash window. Along the lower level of the springhouse are a series of barred openings although the bars are missing. Single deteriorated window openings are on both levels in the southeast elevation. The southeast gable peak is deteriorated.

## 7.2 Description (continued)

**Meathouse:** This is a square plan concrete block building with a pyramidal composition roof. Its date is uncertain; the form indicates a late 19th century structure, but the visible materials suggest a recent rebuilding of an earlier structure. Doors in the east and south elevations are flush wood boards. The apparent function is based on its form. The building is located west of the rear ell of the main house.

**Chicken house:** The chicken house is a frame, shed-roofed structure just west of the meathouse. It has vertical siding and a standing seam metal roof. Two doors alternate with two bays of two windows each, containing 9-light windows. The main elevation faces south.

### Agricultural Outbuildings:

**Bank barn:** This circa 1875 frame barn is located southwest of the dwelling house in the center of the agricultural grouping. Sited at an angle with its drive floor entrance on the northwest, the barn has a partially enclosed forebay on the southeast elevation. The siding on the exterior of the barn is tongue-and-groove on the west, vertical on the east, and new board siding on the north. The roof is standing seam metal. The interior was inaccessible. Attached to the north end of the barn is a concrete block loafing shed which does not contribute to the significance of the complex due to recent construction.

**Corncrib/wagon shed:** North of the barn is a circa 1875 frame corn crib/wagon shed with a single granary. The gable roof is corrugated metal. The siding is vertical flush boards.

**Dairy barn:** The circa 1940 dairy barn is located west of the bank barn and is a concrete block structure with frame gables and a gambrel standing seam roof. The concrete blocks are rusticated and the siding in the gables is german. The barn's milking aisles are oriented on a north-south axis.

**Milk house:** The concrete block milk house is of the same date and material as the dairy barn. It is located just east of the barn and is connected to it by a covered walkway.

**Silo:** The circa 1940 concrete silo is located near the south end of the dairy barn.

**Non-contributing agricultural outbuildings:** The farmstead includes a concrete block garage, two additional loafing sheds, and two wire mesh circular corn cribs which do not contribute to the significance of the complex due to recent construction.

## 8.1 Significance

The Samuel Nusbaum Farmstead is an excellent example of an 1840's stone dwelling retaining its original first floor plan and some important interior features in the paneled cupboards, the chair rails, the first floor mantelpieces and the enclosed stair, as well as a largely unaltered exterior. The principal exterior changes are the porches, which appear to have been added in the last quarter of the 19th century and in themselves are typical representatives of this common alteration to dwellings. The farmstead is a good illustration of a second quarter 19th century architectural grouping with the most important features being the two-level springhouse and the bank barn. The presence of the common 1940's dairy barn is an indication of the changing agricultural farm in the mid-20th century due to government health regulation of the dairy industry.

Compared with other farmsteads of the second quarter of the 19th century that are documented, the Nusbaum Farmstead is a typical example. The main element of importance is the dwelling house and its well-preserved interior features. As most occupied farmhouses have been altered over several periods, its interior is uncommon in the Walkersville planning region.

Samuel Nusbaum purchased the farm in 1840 from his father Adam Nusbaum. Samuel Nusbaum is shown as the occupant of the farm on both the 1858 Bond Map and the 1873 Titus Atlas. He apparently died about 1891, when the farm was sold to Mary E. Valentine. In 1911, it was still described in the Land Records as "the home farm of the late Samuel Nusbaum".

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

F-5-106 Samuel A. Nusbaum Farmstead

F-8-125 Samuel Nusbaum Farmstead

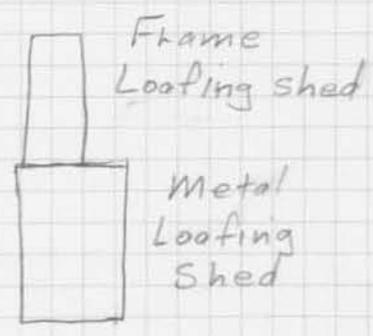
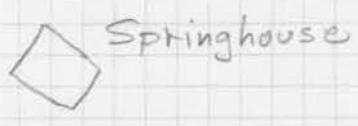
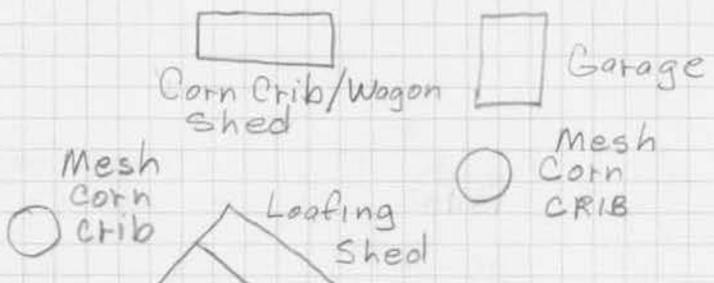
Samuel A. Nusbaum (1832-1913) of the F-5-106 farmstead  
was probably the nephew of

Samuel Nusbaum (1807-1889) of the F-8-125 farmstead.

Sources: Frederick County Land Records  
Frederick County Register of Wills  
Williams & McKinsey, History of Frederick County, 1910, p. 1546  
Holdcraft, Names in Stone, 1966.



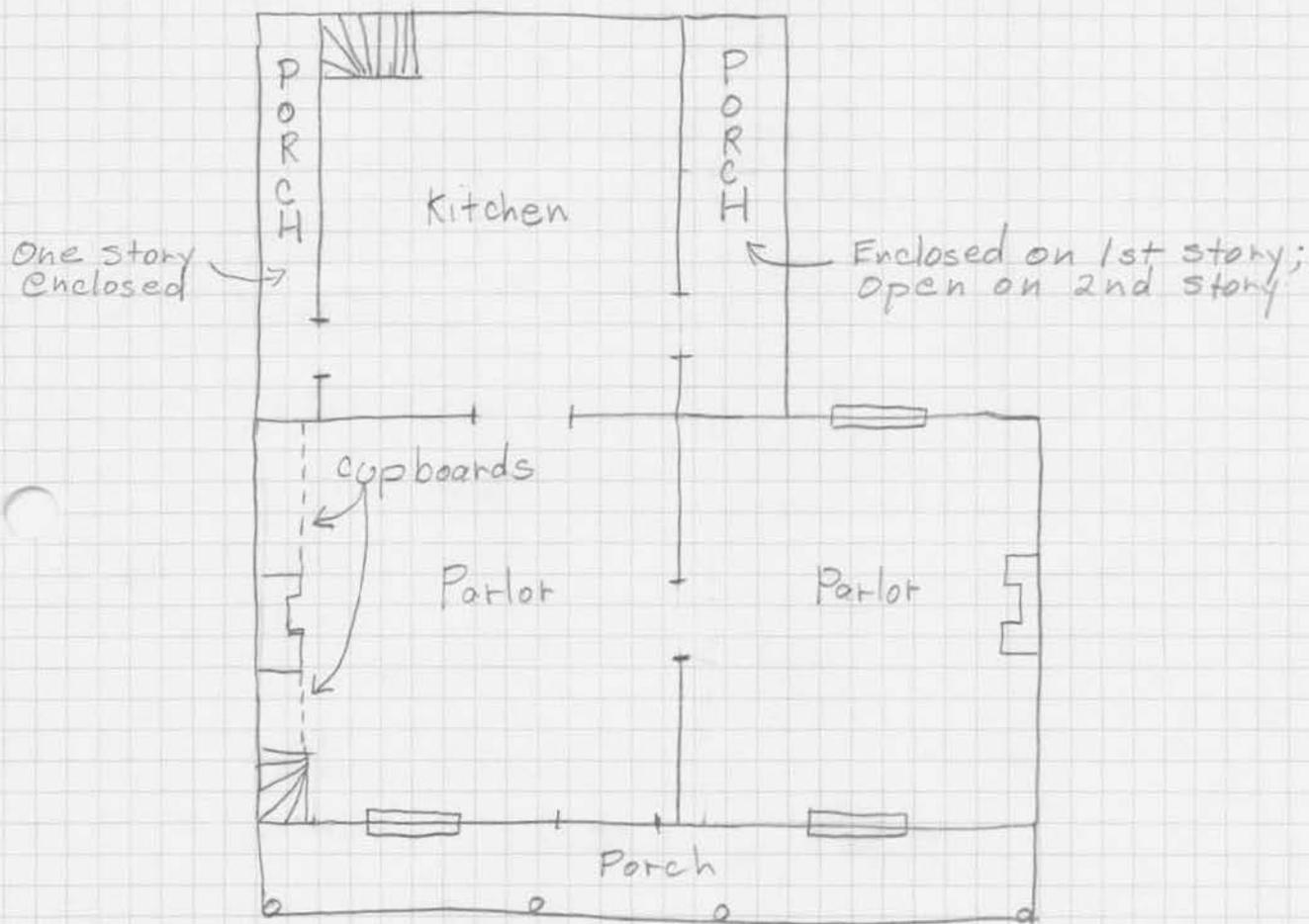
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Janet Davis  
July 11, 1991

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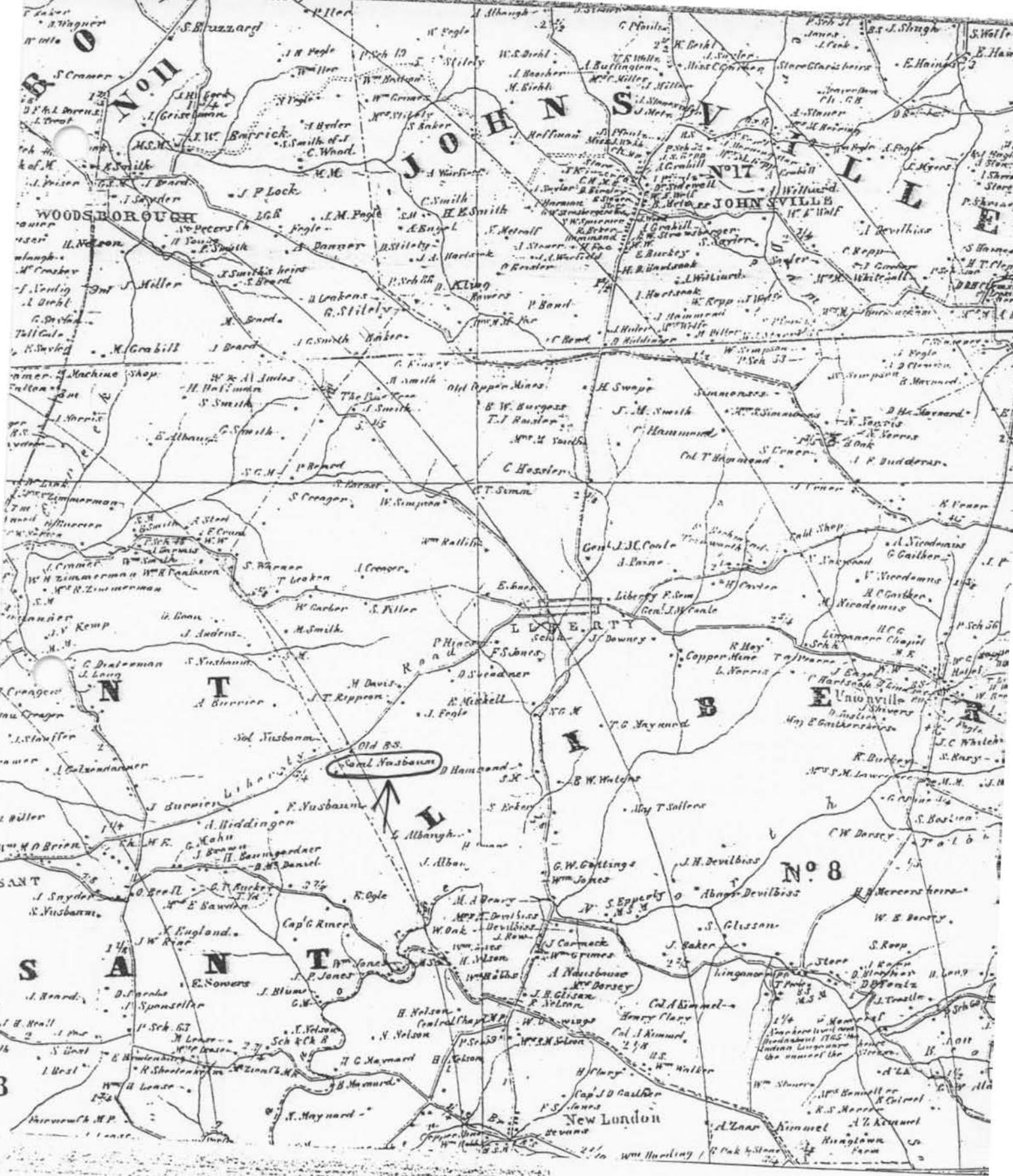
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S. Musbaum F-8-125

LIBER/FOLIO	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	ORIGINAL TRACTS	COST	DATE
401/589 15 Apr 36	Austin M. & Loretta C. Hamilton	Edward M. Hamilton	167 a.		
296/197 3 Apr 11	Edward M. Hamilton & Rosa E. Hamilton	Charles Lochner	167 a.	10,050.50	
<del>WIP</del> 296/195 1 Apr 11	Charles Lochner	Milton O. Valentine et al	167 a. Home farm of the late Samuel Mus- baum	10,050.50	
WIP 13/251 30 Mar 1891	Mary E. Valentine	Milton O. Valentine Surviving exec. of est. of Samuel Musbaum	192 a.	7,857.59	
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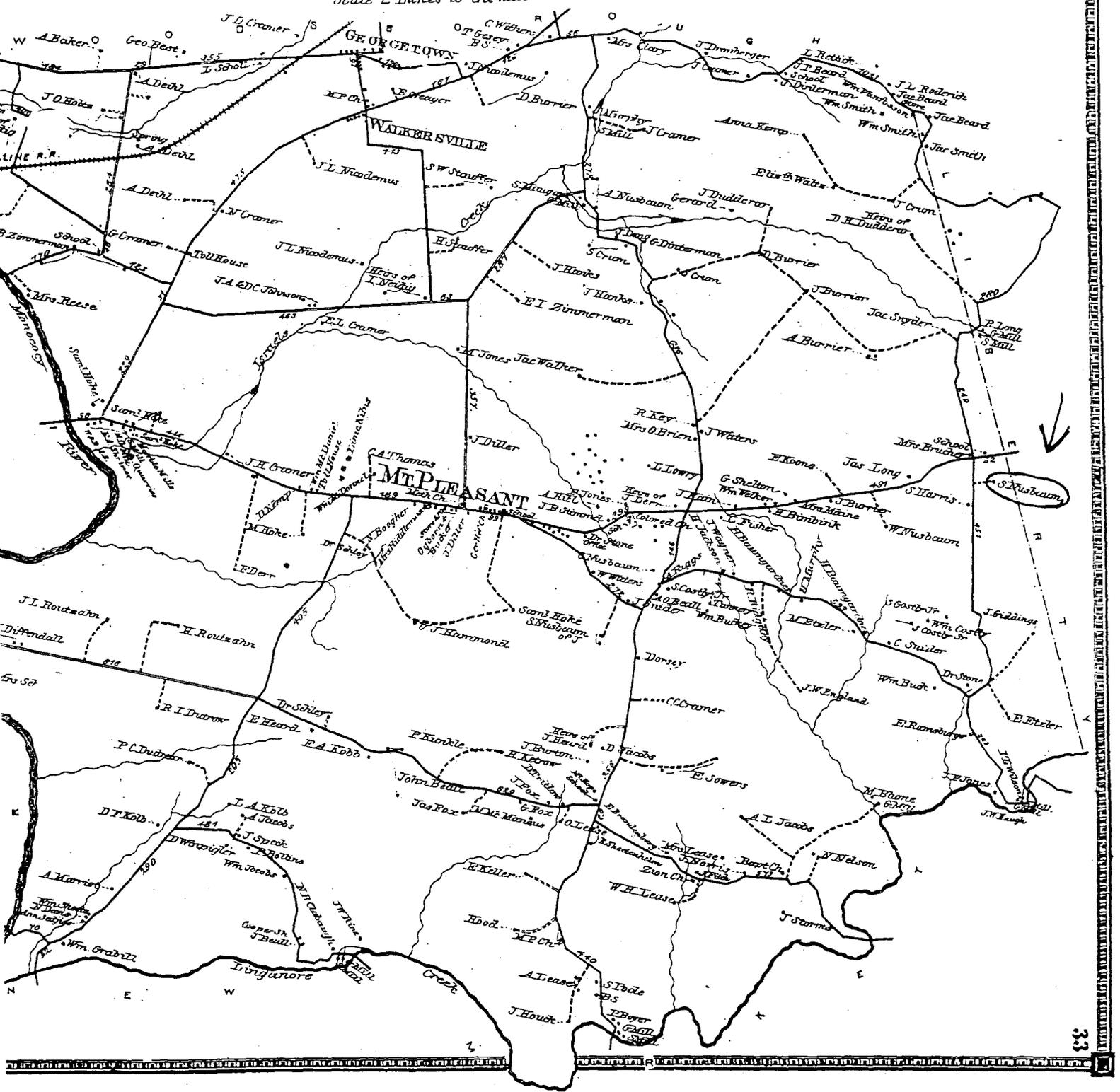
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 Isaac Bond, Map of Frederick County, 185

# MT. PLEASANT DIST. No. 13

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C.O. Titus, Atlas of Frederick County, 1873



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USGS Walkersville, Maryland  
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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.  
south elevation

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North east corner view

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Springhouse, south elevation

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Chicken house and meathouse, south elevation

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Corn crib/wagon shed, north elevation

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Bank born, north elevation

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

Dairy barn, north elevation

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