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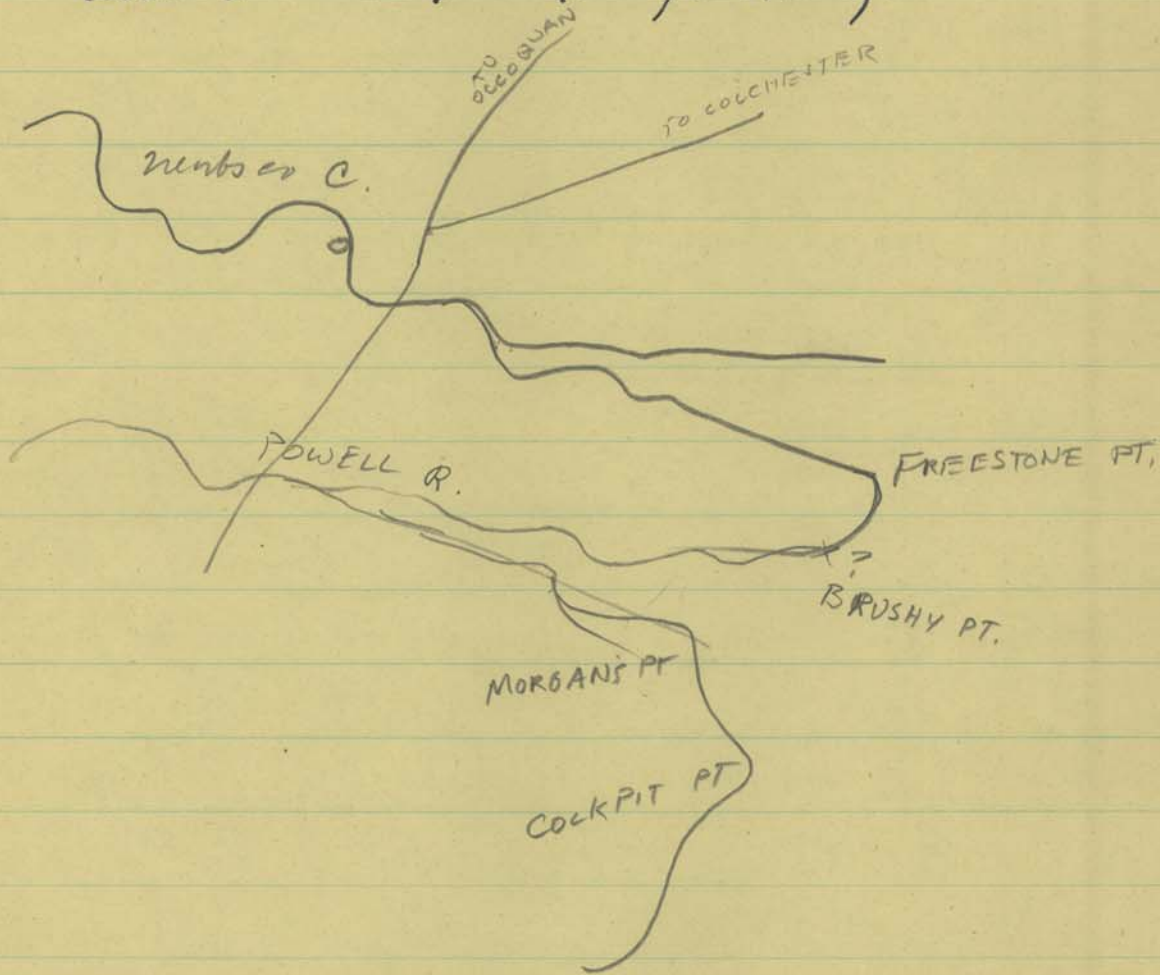
100-150 acres.

256 acres.

1872 - Resort community Potomac established at Quantico.

Neabaco Mills. Source Boyd's map
1825 rev. 1859.

South side of Neabaco Creek.
close to U.S. 1 or King's Highway.




Probably now almost dir. under I-95.

Neabasco.

.3 m. from County 610 on County 638 is a footbridge across Neabasco Creek that gives difficult access to the stone ruins of the Neabasco Iron Foundry in thickets of undergrowth. The foundry was operated here in 1734 by John Tayloe and continued by John Tayloe II, builder of Mount Airy in Richmond County. The foundry furnished equipment to the Virginia forces during the Revolution and was not closed until the end of the century. Thomas Jefferson said in 1781 that it was making "bar iron from pigs imported from Maryland."

NEABSCO. IRON WORKS.

Notes from ERC 1/4/80

need a lot of wood  5 or 10 acres just to fire
up the furnace. very labor intensive.
BRIST mill -

prob. slave labor used.

Germananna, Carolyn furnace, etc. for the iron process.
accotink? (Augustine Washington's operation)

Hamer - Ms. Resources LOL
State Lib. in Va.

Other mines - 2 gold mines in P.W.:

① one at Independent Hill. c1930s. N.B.R. QUANTICO,
one-man type operation. ITEM IN NEWSPAPER.

② Down tow. Woodbridge on a small stream.

See BOB BARRON

In Fauquier County gold, silver
pyrite copper barite,
zinc maybe.

1/4/80

Don Curtis

Neabsco Furnace -

many documents in
1700s on the furnace.

Ref. Jeffersons notes
still operating in 1781

} why furnace so close to water.
Bellows was turned by water power.

Research life of Taylor

Mt. Airy was his home
in Richmond County.

MINING, BLASTING & FORGING

Taylor

had furnaces all over area.

bought a huge tract antiquity
the high ore content

thousands of acres 1729-1730.

King Carter had a copper mine

OK Rd. Rt 123

Frying Pan Copper mine.

→ Pyrite Mine est c. WWI.

foundations of old houses

down there - remains of shafts.

found. of old buildings.

NEABSCO.

Roger Endert
4 Jan 1980.

Endert wrote up a proposal ^{*} for Hylton when
Endert & the scouts went down there. Road map +
1:125,000 TOPO MAP - QUANTICO SHEET.

John Walbins supporter of community activists
Business affairs Mgr.

marked → X in the crotch in the creek where the sulphur pit is
sulphur boils up from there.

VA. Cavalcade article on Iron Furnaces in the
Civil War - cont. no ref. to northernmost Va.
furnaces because too close to Wash.

* Endert sending map, proposal
sources, etc. on Neabco.

NEARBSCO.

DON CURTIS
1/4/79 80

Roger Endert

790-1580 x 465.

removed a mill ^{stone} ~~wheel~~ from the site. * (300 lbs. or.)
 Boy scouts spent some time there cleaning area, marking trails. } LOST IT THOUGH. PHOTOS AVAILABLE
 etc. scouts may have a map. }
 — newspaper article on it?
 photo of the troop. c 1976-77.

FURNACE - Mill RACE AREA c 100 yds up & 100 down from FURNACE SITE.
 BRIST MILL m.
 SLATE MINE BEEN ONLY ONE COAL MOUNDS. PEAT.
 ROSE PETERS MAY HAVE
 IRON MINING AREA ON HILLSIDE. ACRES?
 c2 FOOTBALL FIELDS AT THE MOST.
 200 YDS. ON THE CRK.

NEARBSCO MILLS - NW OF SAUNDERS SCHOOL ROAD ENTERS &

DWELLINGS, TOO
 BUT 75-100 YDS IN FROM CRK.,
 UP HILL
 RACE, WATER WHEELS (LATER OPERATION, MA
 PR. of millstones in basement of mill house museum.
 probably later than these stones, may have come from Nelson's Mill in POW FOREST. PK.

stone against house may have come from merchants mill.

ENTRANCES. — can come down other side but you have to cross the creek. Below 95? →

Another Road came in to the site
off Cardinal Rd. old road
near power line -
hugged slope close to road.

→ usually go in from Cardinal Drive +
down dumping grounds road.

parallel but on a lower level

173? to
operated into 1800s.

494-4161

Ed Centers
Hyfton Enterprises

Ref.

Canal

Site in Dumfries backs up to Wilkesstown
subdivision -

Town Engineer Mr. Lansing knows
about.

Call Dumfries town.

Ted Center.

c1959-1960



Bought

354 acres from

Cal) Cara - prev. owner.

Developed part of it for Pale City.

Building a K-mart on one part.

12/15/79

Neabso Iron.

" The First John Tayloe opened iron surface mines in the locality and by 1737 had in operation his Neabso Iron Furnaces whose product was being exported all up and down the Atl. seaboard

Quarries extracting 'Freestone' (easily cut w/out splitting) were active dur. the colonial period. Military Maps of 1864 note this on Brushy Point.

Powells Creek. originally Yosoocomico Indian Village, Tr. "in the middle of an Enclosure." shown on charts of 1657, but charts 1697 show it as yosockeccomocoe. in 1693 it was named Powells Crk. for owner Thos Powell

Source This Was Potomac

Frederic Tily.
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Neabsco.

P.N. article 5 Jan 1976.

When the furnace ~~was~~ went out of use? -

Shown on 1836 map but not on an 1849 one.

Navigation on the Neabsco stopped in the early 19th century. At the same time
Dunfries + Occoquan were "waning."

Furnace prob went out of blast c 1820. [Source: map Roger Endert.]

Local historians believe the stones for the furnace were removed long ago + used to build foundations of other buildings. [But how accessible was the site by car or truck?]

W^m. Flory contributed to the history of the site, along with Jesse Curtis and Robert Lehto.

Historic Occoquan.

Neabser Iron.

Roger Endert Map Packet

Some of the Va. furnaces were reactivated for the Civil War. See Iron Furnaces in Va. 1861-1865. c 40 furnaces existed then throughout Va - but mostly in S.W. Va. (Alleghata County, Rockbridge County, Amherst, Botetourt, Alleghany + further south. Neabser was not on the map, but Catherine in Spotsylvania was, along w/ Potomac, in Loudon County.

Neabco.

P.M. 5 Jan 1976.

Old stage road connected Neabco from
with Blackburn's Road to the east
and the hinterlands west toward
Minnieville.

Neabco was probably navigable
dur 18th century. - victim of
silting?

Ron Stroter, NVCC student, provided
information on the geologic formations
near the site and pointed out the presence
of low grade iron ore. He ascribed
the absence of any ancient trees to the
furnace's heavy charcoal usage in a
day when ecology was unthought of.

Taylor imported higher grades of ore and
fluxing mats. from Maryland.
Limestone flux was not always available +
shellshells were used. Bits of slag
around the site show this.