A Bryant Family Farm

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About 1890, A.G. Bryant inherited about 140 acres of mountain and farmland from his father, Nelson Bryant. Since then, it has been known as "a Bryant Family Farm". A.G. built the family home that has been owned by four generations, A.G. Bryant, Frank G. Bryant, Frank "Tinker" G. Bryant, Jr. and today Rebecca Bryant Moyer and her husband, Bruce. Six generations have lived, played and worked on the farm while enjoying the beauty of their homeplace and the mountains.

Early to the mid-1900s, the farm provided additional income through the production of apples and corn. As these crops waned in need and production, Tinker added Black Angus cattle. Today, the working farm raises cattle, chickens for farm fresh eggs and Rebecca's small batch jams and jellies.

The Victorian home is located on a beautiful hilltop with sweeping views of the valley in the community of Bryant. An outdoor kitchen, now connected to the house, has been preserved along with cherished antiques that have been passed down through generations of the family.

Nelson County Historical Homes & Properties Tour

Saturday, May 2, 2026
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

This tour features properties in the scenic Tye River Valley in the communities of Piney River, Massies Mill, Tyro and Roseland.

Tye Brook

Flat Farm

Oak Hill Baptist Church

Pharsalia

a Bryant Family Farm

Tickets

Block Tickets for $25.00 are available prior to May 2nd at Oakland Museum or online at: https://nelsonhomestour.eventbrite.com

On the day of the tour, block tickets (only) will be sold at **Tye Brook, Flat Farm, Pharsalia** and "**a Bryant Family Farm**". CASH or CHECK only. No individual property tickets will be sold for this tour.

All proceeds from the tour go the Nelson County Historical Society to further the programs and projects of the organization.

Lunch

Lunches for $15.00 suggested donation will be available from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. at Oak Hill Baptist Church.

Menu: Fried chicken or BBQ sandwich, Pasta salad, Fruit, Dessert and Beverage

Map insert and identified on the map with numbers

1 **Tye Brook**
Pat and Robert Saunders
2480 Tye Brook Hwy – Piney River

2 **Flat Farm**
Debbie and Carl Coffey
1855 Dickie Road - Massies Mill

3 **Oak Hill Baptist Church**
382 Level Green Road - Massies Mill

4 **Pharsalia**
Foxie and Dick Morgan
2333 Pharsalia Road - Tyro

5 **a Bryant Family Farm**
Rebecca and Bruce Moyer
141 Bryant Lane -Roseland

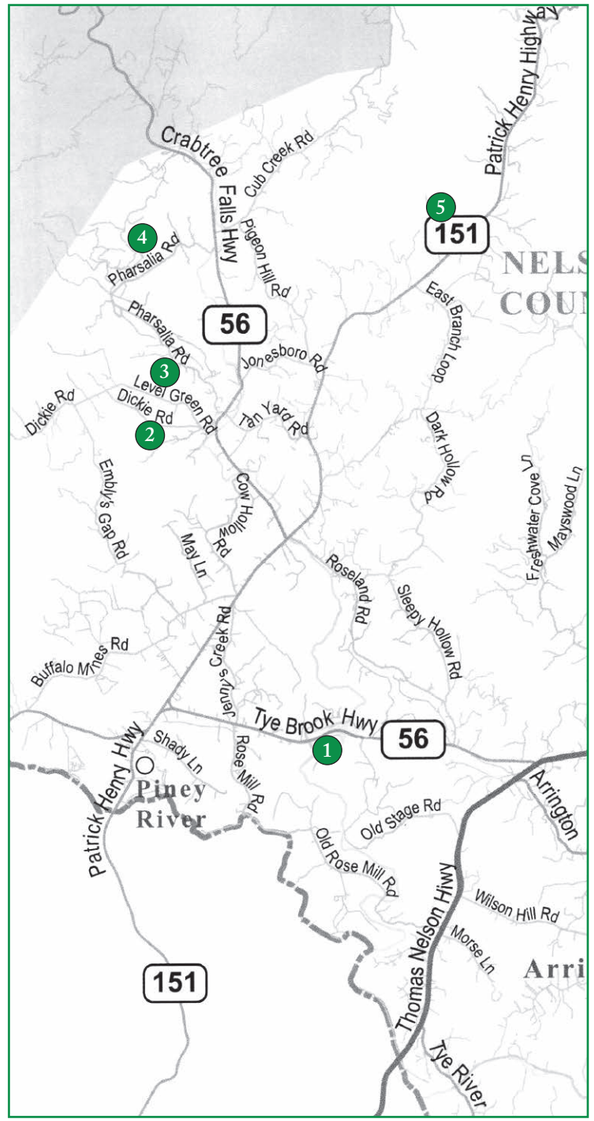
(Tour sites do not have to be visited in the order listed)

A special thank you is extended to the Nelson County Garden Club for the beautiful flower arrangements at the tour sites.

Nelson County Historical Society
Virginia

The mission of the Nelson County Historical Society is to discover, preserve and promote the rich history of Nelson County, Viriginia.

Oakland Museum, the home of the Nelson County Historical Society, is open on Wednesdays 1 – 4pm and Saturdays, 10 – 4 pm from March to December.
www.nelsonhistorical.org



Tye Brook

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The property was purchased from Nicholas Cabell by Edmund Wilcox in 1772. His grandson James L. Hubard and his wife Isaetta Randolph, great-granddaughter of Thomas Jefferson, began construction of Tye Brook in 1859.

In 1916, the home and surrounding farm was purchased from the Hubard estate by Saunders Brothers and eventually became the residence of the Sam E. Saunders family. It operated as a tourist home for passing travelers in the 1930-40's. Over the years, Tye Brook has undergone multiple renovations of the house and gardens. Tye Brook is surrounded by an extensive landscape featuring a broad array of boxwood, flowering shrubs, perennials, and a vegetable garden, as well as breathtaking views of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The home is currently owned by Robert E. Saunders, grandson of Sam E. Saunders, and his wife Pat.

Tye Brook Studio, located in the yard, features original artwork by Pat Saunders. The studio will also be open to visitors.

Flat Farm

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With a spectacular view of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Flat Farm is on a large expanse of flatland, accented by a peaceful spring fed pond. Numerous barns and outbuildings support the work of the farm.

The original home, built circa 1820 was a basic "two over two". Over the years, architecturally appropriate additions have expanded the home as ownership has changed. Thoughtful updates, beautifully styled by the owners, honor the home's heritage while adding modern comforts. Interesting collections enhance the rooms, with one room having a Civil War theme.

Near the main house is a distinctive log guesthouse. During the late 1970s the old logs were taken from a barn on the farm to build the log house. The interior displays a collection of many early American tools and kitchen items along with a comfortable setting for overnight guests. Artwork throughout the guesthouse and house showcase many local artists featuring historic buildings in the area.

The house and log guesthouse will be open for the tour.

Oak Hill Baptist Church

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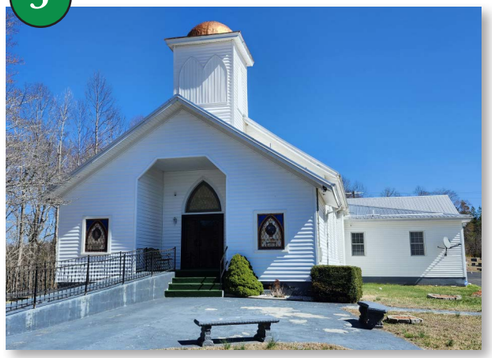

Rich in history and spirit, Oak Hill Baptist Church was founded in 1869 by African American members who separated from nearby Jonesboro Baptist Church. Located on a hill surrounded by beautiful oak trees, the original church was built of hewed logs. After twelve years of service a framed church was built. By the twentieth century, Oak Hill's membership had increased tremendously, and a larger church was built in 1923 by Fulton Ligon, a local businessman. Under the leadership of Othello Wilson, a talented musician, a choir was organized and traveled extensively.

In 1970 after the devastation of Hurricane Camille, the Concerned Members of Oak Hill was formed and organized in Washington, D.C. to provide financial aid and help to improve the facilities of the church.

The Oak Hill Memorial Library/Museum opened in 2008 exhibiting many artifacts and memorabilia to showcase the rich history of the church and its members.

For over 150 years with dedicated pastors and an active congregation the church continues to thrive under the leadership of Pastor Edward Hendricks, Jr.

Pharsalia

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Pharsalia, the historic home of the Massie Family, was built in 1814, for William Massie, the youngest son of Major Thomas Massie, a distinguished veteran of the American Revolution. Located in the Tye River Valley at the base of dePriest Mountain, his home, originally a single-story with a two-story back wing added in 1841. The one-hundred-foot-long front consists of two rooms on either side of a large entrance hall. Fireplaces with hand carved mantels, unique hinged doors along with other interesting features are throughout the house.

Through decades of ownership, the Massie Family produced many crops on the large plantation. For a period of about 60 years the property left ownership of the family and returned to the family in 1952. Now owned by Florence Flippin Morgan (5th generation descendant of William) and her husband Richard, they continue to preserve the past.

Visitors will enjoy the sweeping view of the valley, the home, and selected dependencies. Cookies and lemonade along with a plant sale will be available.