

# Historic Buckland Farm sold

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Buckland Farm, which produced the winner of the 1981 Kentucky Derby, has been sold for \$2.9 million.

William Blake, a former banker from Maryland, recently purchased the 496-acre farm that straddles the Fauquier and Prince William county line.

The house on the estate dates back to 1743, making it one of the oldest houses in Prince William County.

Originally owned by William Buckland, the house has hosted visitors as varied as George Washington and the Marquis de Lafayette to "General" Tom Thumb, who was in Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show.

In 1853 Richard Bland Lee bought the place and when the Civil War started there was considerable fighting in and around the house. Bullet holes from those engagements are still visible in the hand-cut red sandstone that were used in the outer walls.

Thomas Mellon Evans and his heirs have owned Buckland Farm since 1962, and it was he who bred the two champions that came off Buckland: Pleasant Colony



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**HISTORIC FARM:** Visitors to Buckland Farm have included George Washington and Lafayette.

who won the 1981 Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes, and Pleasant Stage, a daughter of Pleasant Colony, who was the champion 2-year-old filly in 1991.

Joe Allen, Jr. of Allen Realty in Warrenton was the

listing and selling broker. He reported that the new owner was going to keep it as a farm, but not as a thoroughbred nursery.

"I think Mr. Blake will have cattle at Buckland," Allen said.

Noting the features that the house and estate offered, Allen said that the house has a slate roof and its original hand-blown glass.

In addition, the farm has about 60 miles of fencing.

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**BUCKLAND FARM**

Circa 1743 stone Manor House, 90 stalls, 11 houses, 496 acres, six acre lake, home of 1981 Kentucky Derby & Preakness winner Pleasant Colony. Asking price was \$3,620,000. Listed and sold by Joe Allen Jr.

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