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## Historic Buckland Farm for sale

### Unspoiled 1743 home is unique

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A rare and "unspoiled" property went on the real estate market recently.

Situated on the Fauquier and Prince William County line, the 482-acre Buckland Farm is listed for \$3.5 million, said Realtor Joe Allen of Allen Real Estate in Warrenton.

Built around 1743, Buckland "is not only in good shape. It's unspoiled," said Allen.

"It's completely modern with baths, a kitchen and all that, but it still has hand-carved woodwork, the original stone and hand blown glass ... just as it was built in 1743. It's really a piece of history," he said.



The home has an impressive legacy.

Originally named Buckland Hall Plantation, the home was designed by London architect William Buckland for its owner Captain Samuel Love. Legend has it that Love was so pleased with Buckland's work that he named the estate after him, Allen said.

Love died in 1787 and is buried east of the manor house. He left the property to his son, John and in 1822 it passed to Temple Washington, a descendant of George Washington, Allen said. Buckland was sold to Major Richard Bland Lee, Robert E. Lee's uncle, in 1853.

Because of its association with the Lee family, the house did not remain neutral Civil War, as did many of the estates in the area, Allen reported. The house was the site of numerous skirmishes and evidence of the battles can be found in the house, he said. Gunshot marks can be observed on the doors of the second floor gallery and in the 3-foot-thick walls off the dining room on the ground level, Allen said.

Mitchell Harrison purchased the house in 1915, adding it to his ownership of Acorn Farm and Vint Hill Farm. Since Harrison bought the property, it has been nationally known for its livestock. Harrison bought shorthorn cattle, hunters and jumpers and eventually an Angus herd from the Duke of Argyle in Scotland, Allen said.

In the early 1960s, the farm was converted to a thoroughbred horse operation, producing such notables as Pleasant Colony, winner of the Kentucky Derby, Preakness Stakes and Woodward Stakes, Allen said. The lineages of horses such as

**MANOR HOUSE:** Built of hand-cut red sandstone, Buckland Farm has maintained its original charm.

Secretariat, Native Dance, Bold Ruler and Citation have links to Buckland, he said.

Built of hand-cut red sandstone with a slate roof, Buckland was originally comprised of nine rooms, each with a fireplace. The front porch was added in the late 1800s. Original touches, such as wide heart-pine flooring, unique curved staircases and odd shaped doors, windows and mantels have been preserved, Allen said.

Entry to the home is gained via a center hall with a "gently curving staircase to the second floor," Allen said. "The woodwork is elegant, ornate and hand-done and the ceiling is over 10 feet high."

To the right of the center hall is a living room with large windows and a fireplace.

"To the left, through a massive and unique three-panel door, is the library which best illustrates the unbelievable 250-year-old woodwork. Bookshelves and an oversized fireplace complete this room," he said.

A rear hall provides access to a full bath, a curved staircase to the lower English basement and the first floor bedroom, which has a fireplace, wainscoting and closets hidden in the paneling, Allen said.

Downstairs is a large dining room with a flagstone floor, beamed ceiling and fireplace. At ground level, the



**FIREPLACES AROUND:** Several fireplaces still provide comfort for the home.

room has a door out to the gardens and patio, Allen said.

The kitchen is fully equipped, but needs to be upgraded, he said.

Also on the lower level are a maid's bedroom, a full bath and a half bath, pantries and a mechanical room.

The upper level has three bed-

rooms, each with a fireplace, and two additional baths. A large landing at the top of the stairs provides access to a balcony over the front porch, Allen said.

Outdoor amenities include 90 stalls in 11 barns, a six-acre lake with swans, an office and miles of board fence.

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