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Historic House Is Sold

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one of Prince William's oldest but little-known homes, Moor Green Plantation, has been sold.

The house of Georgian architecture and its 325 surrounding acres lie adjacent to the Chevalle subdivision on Lucasville Road slightly southeast of the Town of Manassas. It has been designated as one of the county's historic landmarks on the Manassas Planning Map.

The new owner of the plantation is Moor Green Estates Inc. The corporation's members include William D. Wood, president of Capital Realty which is affiliated with the Century 21 chain; and N. Howar, a Washington area businessman; and his wife, Mrs. Margaret Howar, who will supervise the auction and planned restoration of the home. The plantation and its contents were sold for \$250,000.

The corporation purchased the property for investment purposes, but Wood and his family plan to live in the house after it is restored. The house is in very good condition, having been

completely restored in the early 1940's by the late Mr. and Mrs. John Watson Cox.

Little is known about Moor Green's history. The land on which it stands was part of a nearly 1,000 acre tract owned by Clement Chevalle and Lewis Renon. It was built in the late 1700's. In 1838 James Hooe left it to his sister Jane who in turn willed it to her husband, Redmon Foster.

James L. Foster, one of Brentsville's first trustees, owned it in 1860 when the land had been reduced to 568 acres.

The house is said to have been used as a hospital during the Civil War, and Wood said there are bloodstains on the floor to support this theory.

The latest owner, from whom the corporation made its purchase, was Richard Wheelock of Vermont, Mrs. Cox's brother.



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