

Alexandria Gazette 10 May 1840

VALUABLE & DESIRABLE PROPERTY FOR SALE – I offer for sale the real property I own and occupy, in and near Buckland, Prince William County, Va., 8 miles below Warrenton, Fauquier County and on the Fauquier and Alexandria Turnpike Road.

BUCKLAND MILL – Situated on Broad Run, which has never been known to fail in the driest seasons; it contains two pair of Burrs, and one pair of country stones; one pair of the Burrs can grind 30 or 40 barrels of flour in 24 hours. The Mill it is well known, has always commanded a good share of grinding for the country in which it is situated and the fertile and wheat producing region above it – attached to it is a comfortable Miller’s House, with a lot and garden, a spacious frame corn-house and 64 acres of land of good quality. Also,

THE WOOLLEN FACTORY – A spacious Stone House, covered with slate, 31 by 60 feet; it has attached to it an overshot water-wheel, and machinery adapted to driving a falling mill and carding machines. The carding machines, and some other articles necessary for the business, will be sold with the building.

ALSO the FARM on which I reside, containing 290 acres of land, having a good proportion of wood. It is generally of good quality, and easy to cultivate; an inexhaustible quantity of limestone comes within 3 miles of it, which, if burnt and applied to the improvement of the land, would no doubt much increase its capacity of producing grain and grass. The improvements are a comfortable two story frame dwelling, beautifully situated and commanding an extensive view of the surrounding country, with a substantial stone kitchen; a productive and well stocked garden, ice house, good stables, cattle shed, &c. Also a valuable field of 36 acres, principally meadows, which annually produces a great quantity of excellent hay while the upland is a very productive when cultivated in grain. It is considered by those knowing its quality equal to almost any land in Virginia.

Also 118 acres of Woodland, adjoining the farm, covered with oak of different kinds, hickory, walnut, red mulberry, and other forest trees, a good portion of the land is of first rate quality; and can be divided so as to give one part to the farm, and the other to the mill and factory.

Also – a Town Lot in Buckland having on it a frame house which was formerly occupied as a store.

Terms – One fourth in hand, the remaining three-fourths in equal payments of one, two, and three years; with interest on the deferred payments to be satisfactorily secured.

For any information respecting the premises refer to Mr. William Dean, Alexandria, DC. If the above property is not sold before the 20th day of May. It will then be ordered at Public Sale.

Thomas Smith

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VALUABLE WOOLEN FACTORY AND MERCHANT MILL FOR SALE – The undersigned, offer for sale, on accommodating terms, “the BUCKLAND WOOLEN FACTORY,” situated in the Village of Buckland, Prince William County, Virginia thirty-five miles from Alexandria, three miles from Gainesville, a depot on the Manassas Gap Railroad, and eight miles from Warrenton, the County seat of Fauquier. The main building of the Factory is 60 feet by 40 feet, and attached to this is a large and convenient Dye House, Store Room, Office &c. The machinery is all of the most approved kind, and over 60,000 yards of goods can be easily turned out per annum. The water power is a very valuable one, and the business can be largely increased with but little outlay, as the building is a large enough to hold double the amount of

machinery now used, and the water power sufficient to drive it. In addition to this they will sell their FLOUR MILL, a large FRAME BUILDING, three stories high, with three pairs of burrs, and all other necessary machinery in good order. This MILL is situated about fifty yards below, and driven by the surplus water from the Factory. Should any one purchasing the Mills desire it, they will sell about ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY ACRES of valuable land attached; also several HOUSES and LOTS in the Village. For further information apply either in person or by letter to us, or to Robert H. Hunton, Alexandria, Va. If the above property should not be sold by the 1st of August next, we will lease it for a term of years.

Hunton & Brother
Buckland, Prince William Co. Va.

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BUCKLAND WOOLEN FACTORY – The undersigned having become the owners of the “Buckland Mills,” Prince William County, Va., two and a half miles from Gainesville Station on the Manassas Gap Railroad, having put the same in thorough repair, and now prepared to fill all orders for the BEST WOOLEN FABRICS.

By the addition of new and improved machinery they hope to manufacture goods that will compete with the best, both in the texture and finish, in the markets. They have engaged as superintendent gentlemen who has had an experience of twenty years in the best woolen mills of England, and is known to be thoroughly skilled in the business. Every effort will be made to make their establishment worthy of the support and encouragement of those who desire the development of the manufacturing interest of the State, and the undersigned hope to receive a generous support in the undertaking.

The highest market price will be paid for wool, either in money or cloth.

John B. Hunton & Company
Prince William County, Va.
October 25, 1867

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THE BUCKLAND (Prince William County) WOOLEN MILLS) – We take pleasure in calling attention to the circular of Messrs. John B. Hunton & Company of the Buckland Woolen Mills, which appears to-day for the first time in our paper as an advertisement. Accompanying this circular is a communication signed “Consumer,” which was addressed originally to the editor of the Warrenton Index, and the views therein expressed are such as it seems to us should receive the endorsement of every man in this section, at least, of our State. How in this section, at least, of our State. How are we ever to become an independent people if we do not sustain our home enterprises of this character? Here is an important manufactory, established so near our city as to render it almost an Alexandria concern. It is reached in two hours from here by rail, and this proximity makes Alexandria its natural market. These gentlemen inform us that all the material used in building and establishing their factory, that could be found in Alexandria, was purchased here, and that a large amount will be expended annually by them here, for such articles as they consume in manufacturing – an additional reason why the enterprise should be fostered by our people.

As to the quality of the cloths manufactured, we refer our readers to their circular, which contains the opinions of those who are much better qualified than we are to pronounce judgment on them. For ourselves, we think we have never seen better goods of the class than they are making, and we have tested them by actual wear. We hope to see this season Buckland cloths on the shelves of all our merchants.

The following is the communication referred to: “Mr. Editor – I notice with much satisfaction an article on the “Buckland Woolen Mill,” and hope you will continue to bring this and all similar

enterprises before the public, until our people are forced to look at the matter in its true light, and act to subserve the interest of our State, and thereby promote their individual interest. If you will pardon me a line or two, I will make one or two brief suggestions, which it adopted, will do more to build up Virginia and the South, than all the political reconstruction about which we have so much senseless clamor. An independent man is the one that is courted and sought after. So with an independent people. And it our people will stop running away from home to buy a pair of breeches, and every other article they find they need, and develop our own resources, start and sustain our own manufactures of every kind, and keep our money at home, where it is so much needed just now, how long do you suppose it will be before reconstruction will come as good as we want it? What government on earth could long tamper with the rights of such a people as we would be? And yet how slow our people seem to be in learning this lesson.

“Take the example of the Buckland Factory, and see its operation on the material prosperity of the state, and especially of our own immediate section. Leaving out of view for the present, the great value to our sparsely settled country of a population of consumers for the products of our farms such as these factories aggregate, what amount of capital would be kept here in our midst that now goes abroad to pamper those who are seeking to crush us, if every man who buys cloth should purchase these Buckland fabrics? Not less, I suppose, than \$100,000 annually. And in doing this I doubt not, our people would save money directly to themselves, by purchasing a superior instead of an inferior article, for the rent in my garments bear testimony to the worthlessness of shoddy, and I see from the circular the proprietors of this establishment have issued, that they have eschewed it forever. Let me say in conclusion to the people of this section, you have the correction in your own hands. When you go to your merchants to buy a suit of clothes, ask for the “Buckland Goods.” It answered, we don’t keep them. “Go where you can find them.

“A Consumer.”

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THE BUCKLAND WOOLEN MILLS OF J. B. HUNTON & COMPANY at BUCKLAND, PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, Va. – This manufactory was established more than twenty years ago by the senior partner, whose ambition until recently appears to have been bounded by a desire to manufacture only plain and substantial fabrics. But the doors and windows of that modest establishment were wantonly smashed to pieces by Federal soldiery and all its ante bellum machinery was materially injured by exposure to wind and storm for nearly four years, and he has not means after the war of refitting the factory and pursuing the even tenor of his chosen way. In casting about as to what was most advisable under his disastrous circumstances, he resolves to associate with himself gentlemen of public spirit and capital, and with them jointly to enlarge the factory building, procure improved machinery, use the best material, and turn out goods that should successfully compete with those made at the South, or at the North. Today he experiences the realization of that purpose, and on the foundation of the old mills a statelier edifice is reared, and the whirl and busy hum of machinery, counting the threads of warp and wool and seeming almost instinct with life, greets his ear.

The goods which the firm are now turning out we are assured are superior in every particular to any heretofore manufactured in the State, have an advantage over those introduced from The Eastern cities in all save show, and are always precisely what they are represented. Their texture and finish are such, that we cannot perceive why our people should not prefer them. When purchasers have such assurances and are told that they can get the Buckland goods, acknowledged to be honest articles, for the same amount of money that they give for doubtful goods, it is surprising that these mills are not more liberally encouraged in this section of our country. The mills do not under sell the retailer; and they fill orders for suits of clothes only because the goods are not found on the shelves accessible to those who desire to buy them. If more liberally patronized by the merchants the proprietors would further utilize their almost exhaustless water privileges, give remunerative employment to a still larger number of

operatives, and keep in the country thousands upon thousands of dollars which are now sent abroad to purchase woolen fabrics and never return the products of the farm are shipped to restore a depleted circulation.

Other portions of the State and further South are sending in orders, we are informed, for these goods, and are more alive to the importance of building up enterprises that serve to render us really independent, than our own people, who are to reap the immediate benefits flowing from the accumulating gains of these industrial pioneers or the expenditures they and their employees necessarily make. The first steps toward relief is to keep capital at home; factories among which that of John B. Hunton and Company may be numbered, contribute to this end, and should be encouraged by acts, as well as kind words: WARRENTON INDEX

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THE BUCKLAND WOOLEN MILLS – in reference to the sale of the Buckland Woolen Mills, the Warrenton Index says:

“As all the fabrics turned out by Messrs. Hunton & Company were honest articles, and the demand for them always exceeded their limited ability to supply, we were as much surprised as pained to hear that their valuable property was to pass under the hammer of the auctioneer. The deep interest which we have felt in the success of their enterprise led us to inquire with unusual particularity into the causes which produced that result. In answer we were frankly told that the firm had expended the means within their control in improved machinery and buildings, which left them without a working capital to run their mills. A balance sheet which was drawn on the 1st instant shows that their goods on hand, stock in factory, and debts for cloth sold, exceed their indebtedness three fold.

Messrs. Jno B. Hunton & Co. are as sanguine as ever as to the profit there is in this business if sufficient capital could be secured to prosecute it to advantage. We are convinced of the value and importance of all such enterprises to our section, and trust there is public spirit enough among our people and men of capital not to permit this one to languish.”

Alexandria Gazette 08 Apr 1872

BUCKLAND WOOLEN MILLS – These valuable mills which are in Prince William County, Virginia, have lately passed into the possession of a company which has been incorporated by Judge James Keith. A large sum of money has been expended in enlarging the mills and adding new machinery and other facilities. Capable judges, including A. T. Stewart, H. B. Chaffin & Co., and Arnold, Constable, & Company, the largest cloth and dry goods dealers in New York, have repeatedly said that the cloth made at these mills was not surpassed by either that of English or French make, and there was no mill in this county like it. Having seen most of the cloth produced by other mills in this State and elsewhere, we believe, for excellence of quality, make, durability and finish the Buckland Mills exceed all others.

Richmond News

Alexandria Gazette 13 Sep 1884

KINSLEY BEACH, Prince William County, Va., September 9, 1884 – As I wandered by the streamlet this warm afternoon I heard what seemed to be voices bright and joyous, but when I paused on the mossy bank, and listened, ‘twas but the gurgling of the water o’re its rugged bed. How typical of life; how we are tossed; how the heart is filled with joy, then dark clouds of sorrow hang closely. How rugged the pathway; the streamlet by and by will cease from troubling

when it reaches the mighty ocean, and we, if we cling to the hope set before us, are faithful to the end, will soon be at rest.

Twenty of our pleasant company left on Saturday. 'Tis useless to say we miss them; seldom have we met with such delightful persons. "Their bright smiles haunt us still"- I was very near saying black eyes. In a few days their places will be occupied by some ladies who have been sojourning at some of the mountain resorts, and cannot resist Kinsley Beach on their way home. All who have left here have declared their intention to return next season.

On the evening of the 5th the Misses Green entertained a large number of their friends at their beautiful country place, "The Lawn", near Greenwich, Prince William County. I understand, and can readily imagine, it was a most delightful event.

On Sunday Mrs. C. kindly offered me a seat in her carriage with herself and friend, Mrs. H., to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, which I gladly accepted. We heard a good sermon from the rector, Rev. A. F. Gray. The building now occupied is the Old District Court house. Yesterday the work of remodeling it commenced. About 2,000 will be expended on the building.

The village of Buckland is half a mile distance, situated directly on Broad Run. It once was the most active business place in the country, but now does not present that appearance owing to the inactivity of the Buckland Woolen Mills.

We are sorry to learn that the Rev. A. B. Carrington, because of sickness, has had to leave his home in Buckland for the Fauquier White Sulphur Springs. We wish him a pleasant sojourn and speedy recovery from his indisposition. He is the pastor of the Greenwich Presbyterian Church.

For the last week the weather has been intensely warm. The fodder is drying up, and the streams are very low.

READER