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PUBLIC SALE – By virtue of a decree of the county court of Prince William, will be sold to the highest bidder on the 29th instant, before the Tavern of Benjamin Bronaugh at Hay Market, on a credit of six months, the purchaser giving bond and approved security for the payment. The following tracts of land belonging to the estate of Henry Dade Hooe, deceased, one tract containing about 300 acres lying in Fauquier County on the road leading from Haymarket to Fredericksburg, the quality of the land extremely good.

One other tract of land situated in Fauquier County near the Thoroughfare Mills containing 200 acres, having on it a Dwelling House, store House, and Offices, also a Merchant Mill on a never failing stream capable of being rendered extremely valuable. The soil of this land is extremely fertile, and about one fourth of it good meadow land.

The decree under which this land is to be sold is on the will of said H. D. Hooe ordering the same to be sold for the payment of his debts.

John H. Peyton, com'r
Wm. A. G. Dade, com'r
October 5, 1807

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LAND FOR SALE – A Tract of Land, containing 400 acres; the Farm on which I live, in the county of Prince William, known by the name of WALNUT FARM, adjoining the Thoroughfare Mills. One fourth of the land is heavily timbered, the residue is in clover and meadow, the buildings are good, a very fine apple orchard, a good garden with every kind of shrub and fruit. It is useless to give a further description of this land, as no one will purchase without viewing it.

W. J. Washington
November 26, 1817

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AUCTION SALES – Thoroughfare Mill for Sale – On Thursday, the 6th day of October, 1870, by virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court of Prince William County, pronounced at the October term, 1867, in the suit of Horner et al vs Chapman, the undersigned, as commissioners of sale, will offer to the highest bidder, at Manassas Station, at twelve m., that splendid Mill Building and Water Power; also the Saw Mill Building and Water Power, known as the THOROUGHFARE MILL, lately the property of John Chapman, deceased. Said property is situated at THOROUGHFARE GAP, immediately upon the Manassas Gap Railroad, with switch, &c. for loading and unloading cars, forty-two miles from the city of Alexandria, and in direct communication by railroad with the cities of Washington & Baltimore. The building is five stories high, with a basement, and can be easily converted into a factory for cotton and woolen goods, and is surrounded by a large wool growing country. The stream is never failing, and the whole is considered one of the most eligibly situated and desirable pieces of property in the State of Virginia. The attention of persons desiring either a factory or merchant mill is particularly called to it.

TERMS – Ten percent cash, and the residue in three equal annual installments; the credit payments to bear interest, and to be secured to the satisfaction of the commissioners; title to be retained until the last payment is made; the property subject to be resold under an order of court, in event of the failure to meet the payments.

At the same time and place, and upon the same terms, will be offered for sale TWO TRACTS OF LAND, about three hundred acres each, one adjoining the described Mills, and lying on the south side of the Manassas Gap Railroad, partly in Fauquier and partly in Prince William Counties, said land being also the property of the late John Chapman, divided into two tracts to suit purchasers. Each tract has a small DWELLING HOUSE upon it, and other buildings, with a sufficiency of water and timber and is partially enclosed.

The mill and the land can be purchased together if desired, or the two tracts of land can be purchased as one.

For further information apply to John S. Chapman, No. 68 Prince Street, Alexandria, Va. – John S. Chapman, Rice W. Payne, Eppa Hunton, J. V. Brooke, commissioners, Prince William County, September 9, 1870