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“BEN LOMOND FARM WILL GO ON BLOCK”

1,900 Acre Estate Along Bull Run River Subdivided Into Tracts  
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Manassas, Va., Oct. 29. – Another of the few remaining great Virginia estates is to pass out of existence. The 1,900 acres of the “Ben Lomond Farm,” held intact for generations by a long list of distinguished and wealthy owners, has been subdivided into small farms and put up for sale.

Lying along both banks of the Bull Run River and adjoining the famous battlefield, the estate has been a show place as far back as the day when slaves built its imposing mansion of stone, with walls two feet thick. Southern troops, on forced march, hurried through this farm on their way to stop the Federal troops at the first battle of Bull Run. The mansion was turned into a hospital after the battle and the names of many of the wounded are written on the walls.

During the present century, Admiral P. M. Rixey, personal physician to Presidents Roosevelt and McKinley bought the property and frequently entertained Roosevelt there. Ten years ago, F. W. Bruch, multimillionaire manufacturer of Cleveland, bought the property and spent many thousands of dollars making it a fine dairy and horse-breeding estate. He recently sold to George B. Harris, Cleveland lawyer, who announced its sale to the highest bidders in small tracts.